

## **Antarctica** - Antarctica Springs To Life | Ocean Victory

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ACABHSP  
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### Introduction

The legendary White Continent has fascinated explorers for centuries, attracting modern adventurers with its breathtaking landscapes, colossal icebergs, and incredible wildlife. Embark on an exhilarating 10-day journey to the Antarctic Peninsula to witness the Last Continent's vibrant springtime days up close.

Begin an unforgettable journey from Ushuaia, Argentina, through the Drake Passage to the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula. Explore stunning inlets, bays, and the Gerlache Strait, with its towering peaks and glittering ice cliffs. Experience Zodiac landings to see penguin rookeries, breathtaking landscapes, and set foot on historical sites. Cruise among massive icebergs, whales, and seals in scenic areas. Early spring offers unique sights like penguins building nests and engaging in mating behavior, along with pristine, snow-covered scenery and beautiful springtime sunsets over the ice mountains. The expedition leader and captain will work tirelessly around wind, sea, and ice conditions will determine the precise locations we visit to maximize every opportunity to explore the White Continent, making this a truly remarkable adventure.

### Itinerary

#### DAY 1: Arrive Ushuaia

After a friendly welcome at the airport and a transfer to your included hotel, take some time to unwind or explore the southernmost city in the world, Ushuaia. Our optional evening briefing is your opportunity to ask questions and meet some of your fellow explorers.



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DAY 1 - Embarkation in Ushuaia

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Spend your morning relaxing at the hotel,

visiting a museum, or exploring the shops in

Ushuaia, before our mid-afternoon escort to

the ship. Our Expedition Team and ship

staff will welcome you on board and get you

settled in, followed by a safety and

orientation briefing and our Captain's

welcome dinner. We're on our way to

Antarctica!



DAY 3: Crossing the Drake passage - Day 3

& 4

Join our Polar Experts as they share their

vast knowledge of Antarctica, from its

enchancing wildlife to its bold history.

Participate in our pioneering Citizen

Science program or sit back and take in this

fabled journey while catching glimpses of

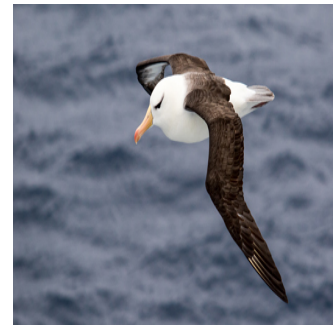
rarely seen wildlife. Keep your binoculars

handy to identify the many seabirds that

escort our ship as we cross the Antarctic

Convergence into Antarctica's waters and

noticeably cooler temperatures.



DAY 5: South Shetland Islands

Over time, the volcanic activity of the South

Shetland Islands has created a geology

unlike any other. Here, you can expect a

rugged display of mountains, glaciers, and

wildlife returning to their busy daily activity

after the long winter break. Chinstrap and

Gentoo penguins will be a common sight,

and it's not uncommon to share the water's

edge with Elephant and Fur seals. Whales

are often spotted as well. So, we'll settle

into our Zodiacs and spend most of our day

exploring, perhaps stopping for a walk

along the black sands of Deception Island.

Whether on land or sea, in a Zodiac or

kayak, be prepared for a fully immersive

introduction to this incomparable part of the

world.



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DAY 6 - Antarctic Peninsula - Day 6 & 7

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Welcome to Antarctica in all its just-waking-up winter glory. Untouched. Pristine.

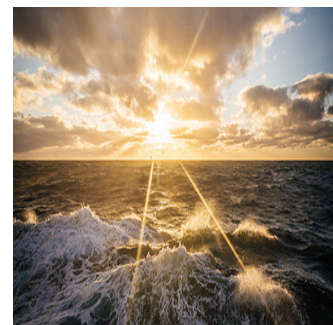
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Getting busy. For the next couple of days, prepare to be amazed as we observe numerous species of penguins coming ashore and getting acquainted, building nests, and tending their eggs. Marvel at the winter sea ice that mantles these frigid seas, feast your eyes on glorious icebergs beginning the springtime march, and, as always, be on the lookout for seals and whales in the water. At day's end, take in the miraculous sunsets that are a special treat this time of year. Visits to active scientific bases and historic landing sites may also be on the agenda.



DAY 8: Crossing the Drake Passage - Day 8 & 9

We leave this magical place and make our way north, once again crossing the legendary Drake Passage. We have one last hurrah as we celebrate the conclusion of our expedition with a special slideshow and a final meal together.



DAY 10: Disembark in Ushuaia

With huge smiles on weary, content faces, we disembark in the morning, letting you catch a flight to Buenos Aires or stay in Ushuaia for more sights and adventure. Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation

Cabin on board ship

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## INCLUSIONS

Group transfer from Ushuaia airport to hotel (on arrival in Ushuaia if arriving on Day 1 of itinerary, and providing we have your confirmed air itinerary at least 15 days prior to departure)  
1 night pre night cruise accommodation in Ushuaia including breakfast  
Transfer from Ushuaia hotel accommodation to the ship for embarkation  
Accommodation onboard the Ocean Victory in booked cabin category  
All meals onboard the Ocean Victory  
"Welcome" and "Farewell" receptions with sparkling wine and soft drinks  
Beer, wine and soft drinks with lunch and dinner onboard the ship; 24/7 tea, coffee & hot cocoa  
500MB WiFi card for use on your personal devices  
Insulated inner jacket, yours to keep  
Complimentary use of rubber Muck boots and outer Expedition Parka, on loan for the duration of your expedition  
All scheduled landings and excursions  
Citizen Science program  
Photography Coach available throughout the voyage  
Participation in the Polar Plunge  
Access to onboard medical clinics  
Access to onboard fitness centres  
All port taxes and landing fees  
Digital Voyage Log  
Group transfer to Ushuaia airport or city centre on return to port

Inclusions

### INCLUDED ON BALCONY SUITE (A) AND ABOVE

Wine and fruit on arrival  
In-room mini-bar refilled once daily with non-alcoholic beverages  
Complimentary laundry service  
In-room espresso machine

## EXCLUSIONS

International or internal flights other than specified  
Airport transfers, taxes and excess baggage charges unless specified  
Meals other than those specified in the pre-departure information  
Pre or post cruise travel expenses other than specified  
Visa (if applicable) and passport fees  
Travel insurance (compulsory)  
Fuel surcharge may be applied to all bookings  
Paid adventure options and all personal expenses  
Tobacco, or selected premium beverages  
Miscellaneous extras  
Laundry and communication charges on board, except as listed in inclusions  
Gratuities for Expedition team and crew  
For minors under 16 years of age at time of travel; life jackets, waterproof outer shell jacket, and boots  
For guests who require larger sizing; Waterproof outer shell jacket and rubber boots

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

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Price Dependent upon

Sustainability

Available on request. No single supplement if willing to share (select cabins only). Contact us for more details.

Prices are based on per person, and may be based off quad/triple/ or twin share cabins\* (please contact us for more details)

Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.

Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.

Departure Date, Fuel Surcharges, Cabin Category, Currency Fluctuations, Seasonality & Availability.