

Antarctica - Great Austral Loop | Le Lyrial

Trip Code

ACPOAGLL

Departure



Introduction

Set sail on an extraordinary adventure to the southern polar regions, beginning with the captivating Falkland Islands. Here, sei whales will escort your vessel through a network of 200 islands, where you can immerse yourself in the untamed beauty of white sandy beaches, rugged cliffs, and windswept moors. Discover the awe-inspiring landscapes and mountains that marked the conclusion of Sir Ernest Shackleton's historic Endurance Odyssey in 1916. Encounter king penguins, elephant seals, and fur seals on black-sand beaches framed by the majestic Scotia Arc. Finally, journey to Antarctica's untouched frozen landscapes, where icebergs, glaciers, and frozen seas are enveloped in an ethereal white. Join the select few who witness this legendary land, home to diverse penguin species, seals, whales, and seabirds, on an unforgettable expedition into the heart of the White Continent.

Itinerary

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16/11/2026 - 03/12/2026

Duration

18 Days

Your cruise includes a pre-embarkation

location in Buenos Aires. You can check in in

Falkland Islands, South Georgia, Antarctic Peninsula, Antarctica

the late morning, where you will be met at

the hotel by our local representative. The

rest of the afternoon will be spent at your

leisure. Buenos Aires, Argentina's elegant,

historic and cosmopolitan capital, is known

as the "Paris of the South" due to its

European atmosphere with glamorous

avenues lined with fashionable shops and

Parisian-style restaurants and cafes.

Located on the western shore of the estuary

of the Río de la Plata, Buenos Aires has

many fascinating neighbourhoods to explore

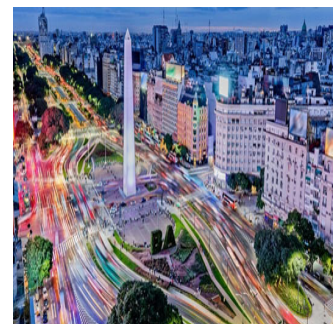
including the colourful and lively La Boca,

home to art galleries and tango shows; San

Telmo with its restored mansions and

antique stores and Recoleta, the city's most

exclusive area.



DAY 2: Fly to Ushuaia - Embarkation

After an early morning breakfast you will be

transferred to the airport for your flight to

Ushuaia. (Flight to Ushuaia is approximately

3 and a half hours) Capital of Argentina's

Tierra del Fuego province, Ushuaia is

considered the gateway to the White

Continent and the South Pole. Nicknamed

"El fin del mundo" by the Argentinian

people, this city at the end of the world

nestles in the shelter of mountains

surrounded by fertile plains that the wildlife

seem to have chosen as the ultimate

sanctuary. With its exceptional site, where

the Andes plunge straight into the sea,

Ushuaia is one of the most fascinating

places on earth, its very name is evocative

of journeys to the unlikely and the

inaccessible. Embarkation begins in the

afternoon at the port in Ushuaia.

Embarkation time is between 4:00pm and

5.00pm, at which time cabins and suites will

be ready to check in to. The ship sets sail

this evening along the famous Beagle

Channel towards the Drake Passage.



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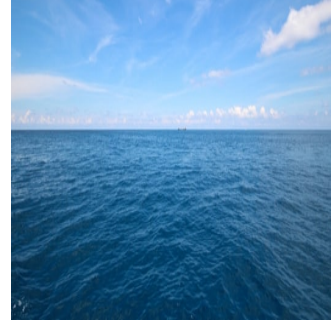
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19 Days At Sea

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Locations: During your journey at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Falkland Islands, South Georgia, Antarctic Peninsula, Antarctica

Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This journey without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, depending on the activities offered, or to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the local photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.



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DAY 4 - Grave Cove & New Island

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Grave Cove. Located in the northern edge

of the Falkland Islands, this bay owes its

name to the vestiges of whalers' graves that

overlook the beach. As you step off the boat

and onto the white-sand beach, you might

find yourself escorted by a few hospitable

Commerson's dolphins, elegantly adorned in

black and white. A stroll along the grassy

dunes will lead you to a vast plain of lush

green grass, tended by a few sheep. On the

other side of the island you'll find one of the

largest gentoo penguin colonies in the area.

With some luck, you'll also glimpse a sea

lion scouring the waves for his next meal.

New Island has a distinctive jagged relief is

located on the western edge of the Falkland

Islands and is home to a tiny village of two

families. Step onto the golden sand of its

flower-lined beaches, beside which an old

stone house still stands, and you'll feel like

you've entered a natural paradise. A narrow

pathway weaves around typical Falkland

moorlands. Follow it and in under 20

minutes you'll find yourself at the heart of a

colony of southern rockhopper penguins,

black-browed albatross and imperial shags.

It's the perfect opportunity to watch the

albatross swoop down from the cliffs and

skim the waves that crash against the rocks

on the exposed side of the island.



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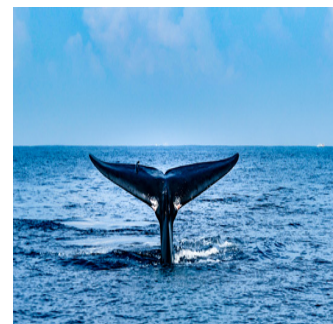
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DAY 8: South Georgia - Day 8 to 10

Aboard your ship, discover South Georgia, a region formed by an underwater mountain chain that extends from the Andes to the Antarctic Peninsula. All the wildlife of the Far South can be found there: king and Gentoo penguins, elephant seals, fur seals... You might get the chance to discover the majestic glaciers of Gold Harbour and the vast plains of Fortuna Bay. If you are fortunate enough to land at Salisbury Plain, you can expect a wonderful spectacle: more than 300,000 king penguins, which you will recognize by the bright orange mark on their head and neck, have taken up residence there. Please note: All passengers entering South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands from the 1st August 2025 will require an e-visa to disembark in the territory. The E-visa is pre-paid and must be applied for and approved prior to embarking on your expedition. Please ask your booking agent for more details.



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location. On this day, the mythical Antarctic

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Peninsula and holds real fascination and

promises its visitors unforgettable moments.

Throughout your adventure in this icy

realm, you will find yourself in the heart of a

spectacular decor in subtle shades of blue

and white, surrounded by exceptional

wildlife. Penguins, humpback whales, seals

and giant petrels are at home here, as are

elephant seals, fur seals, Antarctic minke

whales, and orcas. Depending on which

sites you will be lucky enough to visit, you

may get the chance to observe them and

share with them the beauty of these

extreme parts. Each day, based on ice

conditions, the Captain and the Expedition

Leader will suggest zodiac outings or

landings to discover the infinite riches of

the Antarctic Peninsula. Glaciers, ice floe,

tabletop icebergs, mountain peaks that

plunge straight into the sea, volcanic

beaches, research stations, enchanting

bays, and vestiges of the whaling industry:

these are the faces of the Antarctic that will

likely reveal themselves to you, in a hushed

and surreal atmosphere. You will sail in the

wake of Jean-Baptiste Charcot, Adrien de

Gerlache and Sir Ernest Shackleton, great

Antarctic explorers who, from the 19th

century, set out to conquer these remote

and uninhabited lands.



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Hardened seafarers alike, it is undoubtedly the infamous Furious Fifties winds, between Cape Horn and the South Shetland Islands, it is the shortest route to connect Antarctica to South America. Seasoned navigators will tell you that you must earn your visit to the White Continent! As the Antarctic convergence zone where cold currents rising up from the South Pole meet warmer equatorial water masses, Drake Passage harbours a very diverse marine fauna. Don't forget to look to the sky to catch a glimpse of elegant albatross and Cape petrels, playfully floating about in the wind around your ship.



DAY 19: Disembarkation

After an extensive journey in Antarctica, say your goodbyes to the crew and fellow travelers as you disembark in Ushuaia. From there, you'll be met at the port and transferred to the airport in time for onward included charter flight from Ushuaia to Buenos Aires (Approximate flight duration is 3 and a half hours). Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation Hotel & Cabin Onboard a Ship

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Cabin accommodation whilst on board Le Boreal
1-night hotel accommodation the night before embarkation
Arrival Shuttle Transfer from Airport to Hotel in Buenos Aires
Group Transfer from Hotel to Airport on Day of Embarkation
Return flights from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia in economy class
Group Arrival & Departure Transfers in Ushuaia
All meals whilst on board
Open bar (no premium brands)
Mini bar in your stateroom (Champagne additional fee)
Scheduled landings and excursions, conditions permitting
Guiding and lectures by expedition team
Complimentary Polar expedition jacket
Free use of rubber boots for shore excursions
All port taxes
Comprehensive pre and post voyage informational material
Free WIFI

Inclusions

EXCLUSIONS

Airfares other than specified
Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable)
Travel Insurance
Personal expenses such as laundry
Gratuities for the crew (recommend US\$15 per person per day)
Optional Activities not mentioned in itinerary
2 (light adventure)

Available upon request. A supplement surcharge may apply and is subject to availability. Please [contact us](#) for more information.
Prices are based on per person, twin share.
Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.
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Difficulty Rating

Single Surcharge

Notes

An arrival transfer will be provided on arrival in Buenos Aires if arriving as part of the pre-cruise package the day before embarkation ONLY. Transfers are available from Ministro Pistarini International Airport (EZE) or Aeroparque Jorge Newbery (AEP) and will take you to the pre-departure hotel.

Price Dependent upon

Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

Sustainability