

Antarctica - Great Austral Loop | Le Boreal

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Introduction

Join the few adventurers who witness Antarctica, home to diverse penguin species, seals, whales, and seabirds, on an unforgettable expedition into the heart of the White Continent.

Begin your extraordinary adventure in the southern polar regions by sailing to the captivating Falkland Islands, where sei whales guide your vessel through an archipelago of 200 islands. Enjoy the wild beauty of white sandy beaches, rugged cliffs, and windswept moors. Then discover the stunning landscapes and mountains where Sir Ernest Shackleton's historic Endurance Odyssey concluded in 1916. Encounter king penguins, elephant seals, and fur seals on black-sand beaches framed by the majestic Scotia Arc. Finally, venture to Antarctica's pristine frozen landscapes, where icebergs, glaciers, and frozen seas are cloaked in ethereal white.

Itinerary

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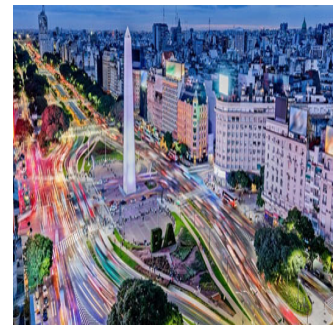
Duration

18 Days

Your cruise includes a pre-embarkation location in Buenos Aires. You can check in in 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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19 Days At Sea

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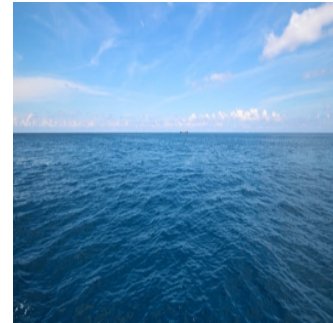
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Make your way through the turbulent

Woolly Cut strait and emerge in the stillness

Falkland Islands, South Georgia, Antarctica

of 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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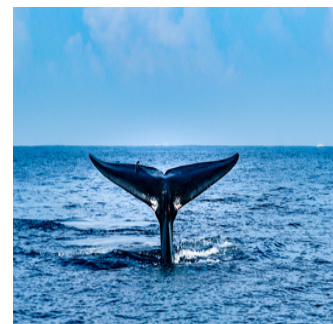
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DAY 8: South Georgia - Day 8 to 10

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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Succumb to the magic of a place unlike any
other. On this day, the mythical Antarctic
Falkland Islands, South Georgia, Antarctica
Peninsula will hold 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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If there is one place, one sea, one waterway
located by tourists, researchers and
hardened seafarers alike, it is undoubtedly

Drake Passage. Situated at the latitude of
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 on board a ship

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INCLUSIONS

- 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

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

Single Surcharge

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.

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

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