

Argentina - Journey to Austral Lands and Valdes Peninsula 26/27 | L'Austral

Trip Code
ACPOAVLA
Departure



Introduction

Embark on a 19-day polar expedition cruise through the Southern Ocean, visiting the Valdes Peninsula, Falkland Islands, South Georgia, and Antarctica. Experience Antarctica's icy shores with its diverse wildlife, relive historic expeditions, and explore South Georgia's glaciers and black-sand beaches. Sail to the Falkland Islands, home to sei whales and dramatic landscapes, and finally, discover Patagonia's Valdes Peninsula, a wildlife haven with orcas, guanacos, and Magellanic penguins amidst striking arid steppes.

Itinerary

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DAY 1: Arrive Buenos Aires

Duration

20 Days

Your cruise includes a pre-embarkation

location in Buenos Aires. You can check in in

Argentina, Falkland Islands, South Georgia, Antarctic Peninsula, Antarctica

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

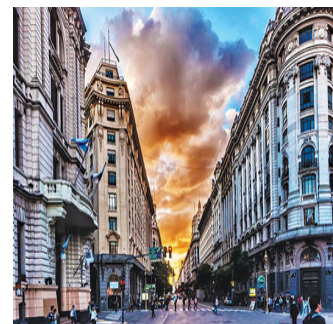
including the colourful and lively La Boca,

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

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,

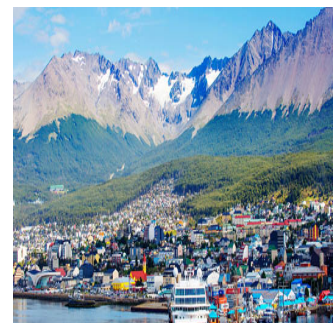
where the Andes plunge straight into the

sea, Ushuaia is one of the most fascinating

places on earth, its very name evocative of

journeys to the unlikely and the

inaccessible...



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27/02/2027 At Sea - Day 3 & 4

Duration

20 Days

Use your days spent in the Drake Passage to

enrich yourself with your ship and

landings Argentina, Falkland Islands, South Georgia, Antarctic Peninsula, Antarctica

Deepen your knowledge of the Antarctic

The Expedition Leader will first present the

IAATO rules of conduct that must be

observed during landings in the region and

will explain everything you need to know

about the zodiac outings. Lectures about the

history and wildlife of the Antarctic will be

an opportunity for you to learn more about

this magical region, where every cruise is a

unique experience. You will experience

exceptional sailing moments on board and

join the naturalist-guides on your ship's

exterior decks to look out for albatrosses,

cape petrels, and other seabirds flying over

the Drake Passage.



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EA 25 - The Weddel Sea Exploration

Duration

20 Days

Impassable, extreme and captivating: this is

the best way to describe the Weddell Sea,

Argentina, Falkland Islands, South Georgia, Antarctic Peninsula, Antarctica

much of which is covered by a layer of thick,

densely packed ice. It is a challenge and a

privilege to sail upon this sea. Polar

exploration finds its full meaning here.

Heading towards the South is a real quest,

with the promise of highly-charged

encounters with the continent's endemic

fauna. This is the kingdom of the emperor

penguin, the largest penguin in the world,

renowned for its elegance. Unlike other

penguins that live on the rocks, the emperor

rests on the ice floe which it needs for its

reproductive cycle. It is therefore on the ice

floe that you will be able to observe it

walking around with its characteristic gait.

In this southern sea, where the ice changes

and is transformed constantly, there is

never any monotony. The new reliefs and

new colours ensure never-ending

wonderment. You will sail into the heart of

the immaculate ice floe, which is dislocated

or densely packed, into an alley of icebergs.

Among them are immense blocks of ice,

tabular icebergs, that drift and illuminate

the ocean with their cerulean blue haloes.

Aboard, on shore, on the ice, you will be as

close as possible to the colonies of Adelie

penguins, Weddell seals, Mink whales,

orcas, snow petrels.... With a little luck, you

will get a glimpse of a rare Ross seal with

its silver pelage or of emperor penguins,

waddling along the edge of the ice floe. A

sight that is as fascinating as it is emotional.



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25/02 - Antarctic Peninsula

Duration

20 Days

Succumb to the magic of a place unlike any

location. On this day, the mythical Antarctic

Peninsula still 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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DAY 7: At Sea - Day 7 & 8

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of the many services and activities on board.

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the spa or stay in shape in the fitness

centre. Depending on the season, let

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enough to observe marine species. A truly

enchanted interlude, combining comfort,

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DAY 9: South Georgia - Day 9 to 11

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

recognise 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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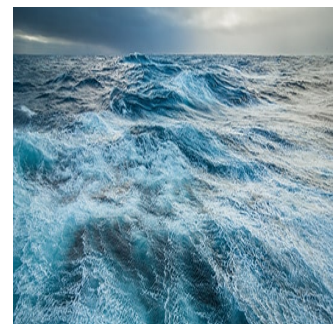
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26/02/2027 At Sea - Day 12 & 13

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DAY 14: Port Stanley

Situated at the far eastern end of the Falklands' largest island, Port Stanley, is the capital of this remote archipelago in the South Atlantic, composed of nearly 700 islands and islets. In 1764, Louis Antoine de Bougainville settled the first pioneers here and the port grew rapidly. Placed under the Spanish crown in 1767, then under British sovereignty since 1833, the town has retained some South American features fused with the Victorian style that punctuate the city, and the houses with their colourful roofs brighten the moorland landscapes with their windy and harsh climate reminiscent of the Scottish islands of Orkneys or Shetland. In front of the Cathedral, built in 1933, an arch made of whale jaw bones reminds us that Port Stanley was once a whaling port.



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DAY 13: At Sea - Day 15 & 16

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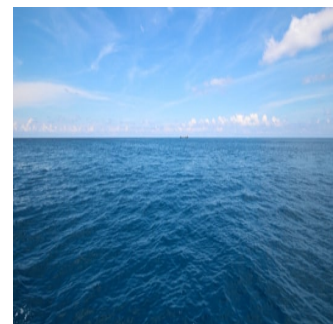
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DAY 17: Puerto Madryn

On the shores of the Atlantic Ocean, in the

Argentinian province of Chubut, stands the

city of Puerto Madryn nestling in the Golfo

Nuevo and surrounded by wild and

abundant nature. You will be able to follow

the narrow strip of land formed by the

isthmus for a few kilometres, to reach the

Valdes Peninsula nature reserve, a UNESCO

World Heritage Site. Its microclimate,

protected from the extreme conditions of

the Southern Atlantic, makes this an ideal

breeding ground for southern right whales

in winter, but also for southern elephant

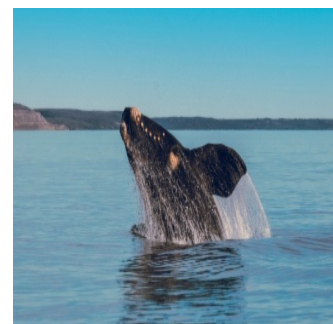
seals, southern sea lions, and orcas. You

may get the chance to spot numerous birds,

Magellanic penguins, guanacos and

Patagonian maras living in this desert

steppe.



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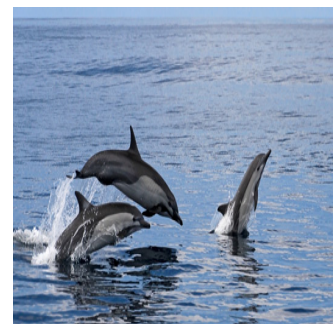
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DAY 18: At Sea -Day 18 & 19

Duration

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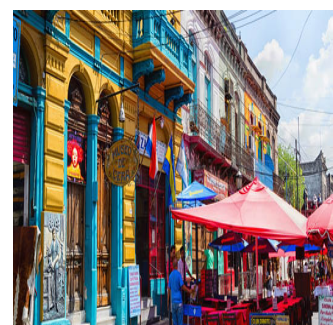
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DAY 20: Disembark in Buenos Aires

A port city built on the south-western shore of the Rio de la Plata, between the Atlantic Ocean and the vast Argentine Pampas, Buenos Aires is a unique city in Latin America. Nicknamed "the Little Paris of South America", the Argentine capital is a clever blend of architecture with European influences and a joyful Latin American atmosphere. Designed on an orthogonal grid plan, it has 48 districts, all of which are as charming as they are different, with a range of styles such as Belle Époque, gothic and baroque. With its markets overflowing with treasures, its legendary cultural and architectural heritage, and tango providing its background music, the Argentine capital will delight you on every street corner. Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.



Inclusions & Details

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| Departure 25/02/2027 | Hotel & Cabin On Board Ship |
| Accommodation Duration 20 Days | INCLUSIONS |
| Locations Argentina, Falkland Islands, South Georgia, Antarctic Peninsula, Antarctica | Group airport/hotel transfers on arrival in Buenos Aires Dinner on Day 1 Breakfast on Day 2 |
| Inclusions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One way flight Buenos Aires/Ushuaia in economy class Group transfers in Ushuaia Cabin accommodation whilst on board L'Austral 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 |
| Difficulty Rating | <p>EXCLUSIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Airfares other than specified Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel Insurance Personal expenses such as laundry Gratuities for the crew Optional Activities not mentioned in itinerary Other expenses not mentioned |
| Single Surcharge | <p>2 (Light Adventure)</p> <p>Available upon request. A supplement surcharge may apply and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.</p> <p>Prices are based on per person, twin share.</p> <p>Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.</p> <p>Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.</p> |
| Notes | <p>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.</p> |
| Price Dependent upon | <p>Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.</p> |
| Sustainability | |