

Antarctica - Ultimate Antarctic Circle Crossing | Discoverer

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Introduction

Embark on an extraordinary journey from Ushuaia to Antarctica and beyond to the ultimate goal of exploring the Antarctic Circle. Enjoy your **Antarctica expedition cruise** onboard the well-appointed **Discoverer** which takes just **140 passengers**, which means a more intimate experience and allows maximum time off the ship experiencing the wonders of the white continent, with twice-daily shore excursions and landings.

As you navigate through the Drake Passage and along the Antarctic Peninsula, the aim to join the elite group of explorers who have crossed the Antarctic Circle at $66^{\circ}33'S$. Encounter dramatic sea ice, pristine landscapes, and incredible wildlife, including whales, penguins, seals, and seabirds. Celebrate this rare achievement and uncover the secrets of this remote region.

Itinerary

DAY 1: Arrive Ushuaia

After a friendly welcome at the airport and a transfer to the luxurious Arakur Resort & Spa (or another of Ushuaia's top luxury hotels), take some time to unwind or explore the southernmost city in the world, Ushuaia. Our evening briefing is your opportunity to ask questions and meet some of your fellow explorers.



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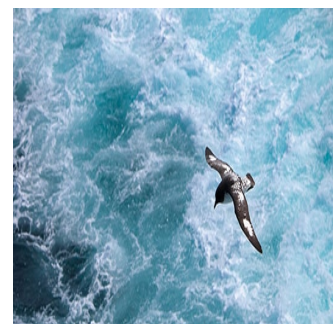
15 Days

Spend your morning relaxing at the hotel, or visit a museum or the Argentinean leather markets in Ushuaia, before or just relaxing at the hotel until 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 enchanting 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 spectacular display of mountains, glaciers, and wildlife including Chinstrap and Gentoo penguins; 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 kayaks, and spend most of our day exploring. Whether on land or sea, in Zodiac or kayak, be prepared for a fully immersive introduction to this incomparable part of the world.



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Heading south across the Bransfield Strait, we begin to see the breathtaking outline of the Antarctic Peninsula. Wildlife sightings, including penguins, whales, and fur seals, become more frequent, as do dramatic ice sculptures. Should Antarctica's unpredictable weather and ice permit, you will be among the lucky few to cross the Antarctic Circle, where the sun remains in the sky for 20 hours a day. Following a tradition first established by sailors crossing the equator, we'll celebrate the occasion by... (Sorry, you just have to be there), before heading onward toward any number of historic and rarely visited British survey bases, after which we turn back north.



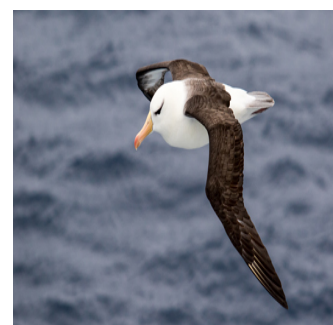
DAY 10: Antarctic Peninsula - Day 10 to 12

Heading north, we'll explore all the Antarctic Peninsula has to offer, including any number of spectacular bays and famed harbors, maneuvering through dramatic channels as we traverse the wildlife-rich waters, encountering a wide variety of lively penguins, seals, and whales along the rugged coastlines and in the sea. There are always great opportunities to stop at several active scientific bases and historic landing sites along the way, as we leave no opportunity unseized-upon in our quest to explore the very best of this magical place.



DAY 13: Crossing the Drake Passage - Day 13 & 14

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



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we disembark in the morning, letting you

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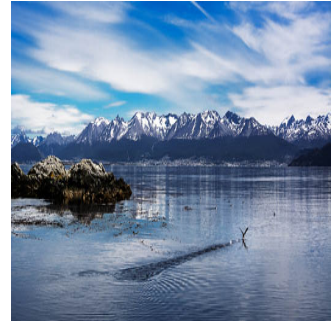
catch a flight to Buenos Aires or stay in

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 & Hotel

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INCLUSIONS

- 1 night pre night cruise accommodation in Ushuaia including breakfast
- All meals onboard the Discoverer including snacks
- Beer & Wine with lunch & dinner and 24/7 tea, coffee & hot cocoa
- In-room mini-bar refilled once daily with non-alcoholic beverages
- Accommodation onboard the Discoverer in booked cabin category
- Onboard lecture program from Expeditions Team and Naturalist Guides.
- All shore excursions and Zodiac cruising (except paid adventure options with cost)
- Insulated inner jacket, yours to keep
- Complimentary use of rubber Muck boots and outer Expedition Parka, on loan for the duration of your expedition
- 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)
- Transfer from Ushuaia hotel accommodation to the ship for embarkation
- Transports to Ushuaia airport or city centre on return to port
- All port taxes
- All landing fees
- Use of onboard gym, sauna, pool and jacuzzi

Inclusions

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
- 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)
[Contact Us](#) for details. Single occupancy cabins are available with a surcharge or for those willing to share you can be matched with someone of the same gender in selected cabins and pay the twin share price. Subject to availability.

Single Surcharge

Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated for single, triple cabins)

Notes

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

Price Dependent upon

Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.
Departure Date, Fuel Surcharges, Cabin Category, Currency Fluctuations, Seasonality & Availability.

Sustainability