

## Antarctica - Weddell Sea Explorer | Plancius

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### Introduction

Journey through the Weddell Sea aboard the expedition ship, Plancius . Explore sites visited by the historic adventurer, Ernest Shackleton, where you'll see massive icebergs. This expedition promises a blend of exploration and education as you observe seals, several penguin species, and whales with hopes of encountering the elusive emperor penguin. This itinerary is designed to show off the stunning landscapes and unique wildlife in one of the world's most remote and captivating destinations.

### Itinerary

#### DAY 1: Embarkation in Ushuaia

Your voyage begins where the world drops off. Ushuaia, Argentina, reputed to be the southernmost city on the planet, is located on the far southern tip of South America. Starting in the afternoon, you embark from this small resort town on Tierra del Fuego, nicknamed "The End of the World," and sail the mountain-fringed Beagle Channel for the remainder of the evening.



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DAY 2 - Drake Passage - Day 2 to 3

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Over the next two days on the Drake Passage, you enjoy some of the same experiences encountered by the great polar

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explorers who first charted these regions:

cool salt breezes, rolling seas, maybe even a

fin whale spouting up sea spray. After

passing the Antarctic Convergence -

Antarctica's natural boundary, formed when

north-flowing cold waters collide with

warmer sub-Antarctic seas - you are in the

circum-Antarctic upwelling zone. Not only

does the marine life change, the avian life

changes too. Wandering albatrosses, grey-

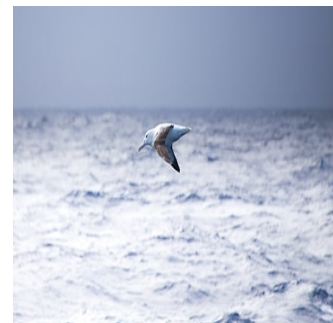
headed albatrosses, black-browed

albatrosses, light-mantled sooty albatrosses,

cape pigeons, southern fulmars, Wilson's

storm petrels, blue petrels, and Antarctic

petrels are a few of the birds you might see.



### DAY 4: Elephant Island

We will arrive early to the famous Point

Wild, Elephant Island, where Shackleton's

crew made their first landing after the loss

of their ship, Endurance. This inhospitable

spit of land is a favorite among our guests,

and if conditions permit, we will offer

activities around the point before setting off

for the Weddell Sea.



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The great Weddell Sea features massive tabular icebergs, wildly dramatic landscapes, and fascinating historical sites.

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It is also one of the best places in Antarctica for viewing iconic wildlife like whales, seals, and rarely seen seabirds. We may visit the following locations, depending on local conditions:

Antarctic Sound - Antarctic Sound is nicknamed "Iceberg Alley," as we often see enormous tabular icebergs here.

Brown Bluff - Possibly the most scenic location in the northern Antarctic

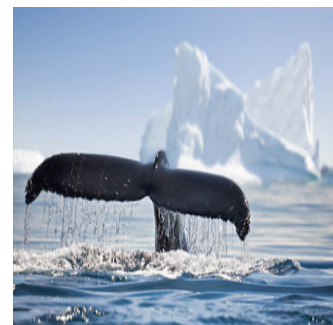
Continent, Brown Bluff is characterized by sheer canyon walls, fallen boulders, and beautiful volcanic creations capped with ice.

Herbert Sound - We will focus our attention on the visually impressive areas of Naze Peninsula and Comb Ridge.

Devil Island - This island offers a magnificent vantage point for hikers willing to foot it to the top of the hill.

Melting ice sometimes forms a waterfall dropping from the cliffs close to Cape Well-met.

Erebus and Terror Gulf - Here we look for new activity opportunities and may visit Vega Island, experiencing the wilderness of Antarctica in its most remote places.



### Inclusions & Details

Accommodation      Cabin on board a ship

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Cabin Accommodation on board MV Plancius  
All meals throughout the voyage aboard the ship including snacks, coffee and tea  
All shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage by Zodiac  
Program of lectures by noted naturalists and leadership by experienced expedition staff  
Free use of rubber boots and snowshoes  
Group departure transfers in Ushuaia (directly after disembarkation)  
All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the programme  
Comprehensive pre-departure material

Inclusions

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Airfares to/from disembarkation city  
Visa & passport fees (if applicable)  
Travel insurance  
Beverages (other than tea & coffee)  
Meals ashore  
Personal expenses such as laundry, bar, & on-board communication  
Gratuities for the crew (guidelines will be provided)  
Pre and post land arrangements  
Government arrival or departure taxes (if applicable)  
Additional optional activities  
2 (light adventure)  
Available upon request. Please contact us for more details. No single supplement will apply if willing to share in selected cabins.  
Prices are based on per person, and may be based on quad/triple/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.  
Departure Date, Fuel Surcharges, Cabin Category, Currency Fluctuations, Seasonality & Availability.

Difficulty Rating

Single Surcharge

Notes

Price Dependent upon

Sustainability