

## Antarctica - Crossing the Antarctic Circle | Ocean Victory

Trip Code  
ACABUEV  
Departure



### Introduction

Traversing the Antarctic Circle, the last frontier of Earth! We leave Ushuaia, the southernmost city in Argentina, and travel south across the formidable Drake Passage. We will travel farther south from the South Shetland Islands into the Antarctic Peninsula's inlets and bays before crossing the well-known Gerlache Strait, which is home to towering peaks and glittering ice cliffs that rise straight out of the freezing ocean. This exquisitely stunning extraterrestrial terrain is characterized by icebergs, glaciers, mountains, and untamed snowfields. Our knowledgeable Captain and Expedition Leader will put out great effort to maximize the chances for White Continent exploration. We will make Zodiac landings to allow guests to set foot on land and experience penguin rookeries, breathtaking landscapes, and historical sites; however, wind, sea, and ice conditions will determine the precise locations we visit. Additionally, we aim to Zodiac cruise in scenic areas filled with enormous icebergs, whales, and seals. Our days will be spent exploring the area outside the ship, and our experienced onboard Expedition Team will be available to assist you at every turn to make the most out of your time on land, in addition to providing a variety of carefully designed lectures to improve your unparalleled expedition experience.

We journey further south from the Peninsula's "mainland," hoping to reach the Antarctic Circle at 66°33' South—a destination that has evaded many of the great and ambitious explorers of the past. The greatest places to see the finest of Antarctica are always our goal, but our precise departure time from the Antarctic Circle will depend on the weather and ice conditions. Stunning views and landscapes are certain, no matter where Mother Nature leads us!

### Itinerary

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12/02/2027 - 01/03/2028

Duration

13 Days

Locations

Antarctic Peninsula, Antarctic Circle

Time to unwind or explore the southernmost

city in the world, Ushuaia. Our evening

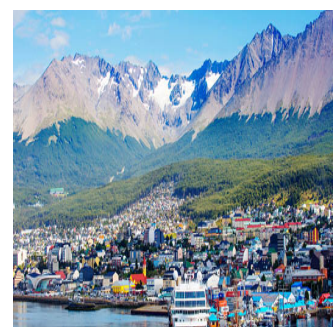
briefing is your opportunity to ask questions

and meet some of your fellow explorers.



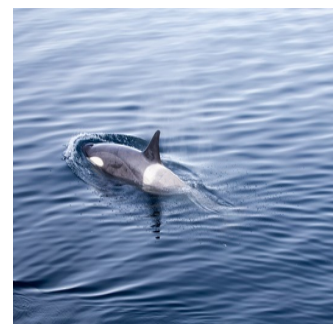
### DAY 2: Embarkation

Spend your morning relaxing at the hotel, visiting a museum, or exploring the shops in Ushuaia, before 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: 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.



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Heading south across the Bransfield Strait, Antarctic Peninsula, Antarctic Circle, 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 sculptural icebergs. With an extra day to explore, possibilities abound. We'll look to visit historic sites like the huts at Damoy Point, keep an eye out for humpback whales in Wilhelmina Bay, and continue our twice-daily outings until we reach the crown jewel of this expedition, hoping to enter the jaw-dropping Lemaire Channel by New Year's Eve. Weather permitting, we'll cross the Antarctic Circle at 66°33'S, an achievement that will put you in rare company. We'll raise a glass of bubbly to celebrate the achievement, before heading onward toward any number of historic and rarely visited British Survey bases, after which we turn back north.



### DAY 10: South Shetland Islands - Day 10

This archipelago represents the northernmost tip of Antarctica, standing proud against the relentless force of the Southern Ocean. The ice-capped peaks of Livingstone, Greenwich, and King George Islands offer a stunning backdrop to explore. And despite the furious elements, the islands boast a remarkable richness of wildlife, with numerous colonies of Gentoo and Chinstrap Penguins dotting the island shores, accompanied by an array of formidable seabirds like the predatory Giant Petrels. Weather permitting, we'll explore the eerie landscape of Deception Island, an active volcanic crater with black steaming sands and rusting ruins, and immerse ourselves in the history of Yankee Harbour, once a vital anchorage for sealers.



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DAY 11: Crossing the Drake Passage

Duration - Day 11&12

13 Days

Locations this magical place and make our

Antarctic Peninsula, Antarctic Circle

way north, one again crossing the

legendary Drake Passage. We have one last

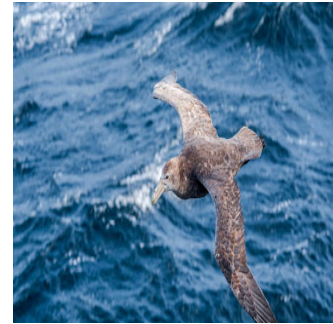
hurrah as we celebrate the conclusion of

our expedition with a special slideshow,

passenger photo contest, and a final

celebratory meal together. Congratulations,

explorers!



### DAY 13: Disembarkation in Ushuaia

With huge smiles on weary, content faces,

we disembark in the morning, letting you

catch a flight to Buenos Aires or stay in

Ushuaia for more sights and adventure.



### Inclusions & Details

Accommodation Cabin on board ship & Hotel

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### **INCLUSIONS**

Group 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)

1 night pre night cruise accommodation in Ushuaia including breakfast

Transfer from Ushuaia hotel accommodation to the ship for embarkation

Accommodation onboard the Ocean Victory in booked cabin category

All meals onboard the Ocean Victory

"Welcome" and "Farewell" receptions with sparkling wine and soft drinks

Beer, wine and soft drinks with lunch and dinner onboard the ship; 24/7 tea, coffee & hot cocoa

500MB WiFi card for use on your personal devices

Complimentary use of rubber Muck boots on loan for the duration of your expedition

All scheduled landings and excursions

Snowshoes for use during landings (subject to availability)

Citizen Science program

Photography Coach available throughout the voyage

Participation in the Polar Plunge

Access to onboard medical clinics

Access to onboard fitness centres

All port taxes and landing fees

Digital Voyage Log

Group transfer to Ushuaia airport or city centre on return to port

- 2026/2027 season - Insulated inner jacket for you to keep. Expedition Parka on loan for the voyage

- 2027/2028 season onwards - New outer shell expedition jacket for you to keep

Inclusions

### **INCLUDED ON BALCONY SUITE (A) AND ABOVE**

Wine and fruit on arrival

In-room mini-bar refilled once daily with non-alcoholic beverages

Complimentary laundry service

In-room espresso machine

### **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, except as listed in inclusions

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

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Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Duration	<a href="#">Contact Us</a> 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.
13 Days	
Single Surchage	
Locations	Antarctic Peninsula, Antarctic Circle
Antarctic Peninsula, Antarctic Circle	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. Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.
Price Dependent upon	Departure Date, Fuel Surcharges, Cabin Category, Currency Fluctuations, Seasonality & Availability.
Sustainability	