

Antarctica - Best of Antarctica: Frozen Chapters | Ocean Nova

Trip Code
ACONBAFC
Departure

A Literary Retreat to Antarctica



Introduction

Many a traveller returns from Antarctica exclaiming 'I just cant put it into words'. The experience is so powerful, it frequently leaves people speechless.

Frozen Chapters: A Literary Retreat to Antarctica, is a 13-day journey, deep into the beauty of the Antarctic Peninsula that will help you unlock your thoughts. As you discover epic wildlife, pristine landscapes, and spectacular icebergs, you'll be joined by three of Australia's most esteemed authors, Jane Caro AM, Jock Serong and Hilde Hinton, who will help guide your experience through words and impressions.

Together, this literary trio will lead a hands-on writing workshop, host a 'Writers on Writing' panel exploring the journey from pen to publication, and guide a dynamic book club that delves into our selected title *The Art of Breaking Ice* by Rachael Mead – a fascinating book that explores Nel Law's story, the first Australian woman to step foot on the Antarctic Continent!

There's nowhere more inspiring than Antarctica, making it a dream setting for literature enthusiasts seeking an expedition cruise of a lifetime to the icy white continent, accompanied by book lovers, writers, and artists.

Pack your pen and diary, this is set to be flowing prose in the floes with pros!

Itinerary

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25/11/2026 in Ushuaia, Argentina

Duration

Welcome to Ushuaia, the gateway to

Antarctica! Upon arrival at Ushuaia Airport,

enjoy the included transfer to your hotel.

This evening, join your local team and fellow

travellers for an 'icebreaker' at your hotel to

learn more about the journey ahead and the

details for tomorrow's embarkation. If you

have free time before the icebreaker,

consider exploring downtown Ushuaia for

souvenir shopping or savouring classic

Argentinian flavours at one of the city's

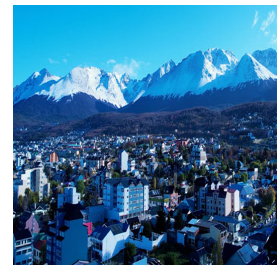
fantastic local restaurants. SPECIAL

INFORMATION: If you arrive in Ushuaia on

Day 1, an arrival transfer from Ushuaia

Airport to the hotel is included. Your travel

documents will provide full details.



DAY 2: Best of Antarctica: Frozen Frontier -

Day 1

Spend your morning leisurely before your

coach transfers to the port of Ushuaia,

where you'll board the Ocean Nova, your

home for the next 11 nights. Take

advantage of the opportunity to explore

downtown Ushuaia on foot - it's compact,

charming, and set against the stunning

backdrop of the snow-capped Andes

Mountains, so be sure to bring your camera!

Once aboard, meet your fellow travellers

and Expedition Team, settle into your cabin,

and head to the outer decks as the Ocean

Nova journeys through the historic Beagle

Channel en route to Antarctica. Later, join

the excitement inside to learn more about

the incredible days ahead.



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25/11/2026, Drake Passage - Day 3 & 4

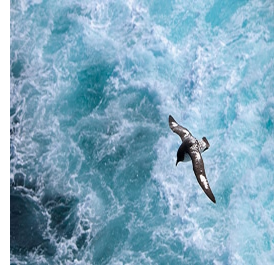
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Locations

Antarctic Peninsula, Antarctica

Renowned for its untamed nature, the Drake Passage is ever-changing and unpredictable. Take time to step onto one of Ocean Nova's outer decks, where you can breathe in the fresh sea air and experience the powerful winds of the roaring forties and furious fifties. Your Expedition Team will share fascinating insights into the incredible adventure that awaits you. Over these two days at sea, enjoy gazing out at the vast Southern Ocean and capturing photos of seabirds gracefully circling the ship. Use this time to connect with your fellow travellers and get to know the Expedition Team. Visit the ship's bridge and experience our open bridge policy, where our Captain welcomes you into Ocean Nova's command center. Here, you can witness the expedition in motion while enjoying the prime vantage point for spotting wildlife and your very first iceberg. Excitement builds on board as everyone eagerly anticipates the first sighting of the land, which, with favourable sea and weather conditions, may come by early evening on day four.



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25/11/2026 Shetland Islands & Antarctica

Duration

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Your Antarctic adventure begins once you

leave the Drake Passage behind and the

South Shetland Islands come into view. This

region has long fascinated explorers. Every

visit to Antarctica offers something

unexpected and new, ensuring your

expedition is unique. During your time

aboard the Ocean Nova, your Expedition

Team and Captain will constantly look for

whales and seabirds, alerting you to

exciting sightings as they occur. Engage

with in-depth lectures from your team of

onboard experts on the region's glaciology,

history, and unique wildlife as you journey

through this awe-inspiring wilderness. The

highlight for many will be their first land

excursion - a moment that is nothing short

of unforgettable! Daily Zodiac cruises and

shore excursions will take you to explore

local bays, channels, and landing sites,

always focusing on maximising wildlife

encounters. Visit bustling rookeries and

search for seals, including the formidable

leopard seal, known for its penguin-eating

habits. Each day brings fresh experiences

and photo opportunities, and you quickly

learn to distinguish between Adelie, gentoo,

and chinstrap penguins. One day, you might

hike to a penguin rookery; the next, you

could find yourself cruising in a Zodiac

among towering icebergs. From locking

eyes with a curious humpback whale to

hearing the thunderous crack of a calving

glacier, you'll wake each day eager to

continue exploring this icy wonderland. For

those who crave even more adventure, treat

yourself to optional activities such as an

overnight camping experience on the ice, a

snowshoeing trek into untouched terrain, or

a paddling excursion that offers a new

perspective of this frozen expanse. You'll

also have the opportunity to take a polar

plunge off the Ocean Nova - a brisk dip into

Antarctica's frigid waters guaranteed to

leave you feeling revitalised and energised!

A typical expedition day begins with a wake-

up call from your Expedition Leader around

7.00 am, followed by breakfast with fellow

travellers in the ship's dining room.

Weather permitting, you can anticipate at

least two excursions daily, providing ample

opportunities to take in the breathtaking

Antarctic landscape. Onboard the Ocean

Nova, enjoy hearty meals prepared by

skilled chefs and stay engaged with daily

lectures and briefings from our expert team,

ensuring every moment of your journey is

enriching and unforgettable.



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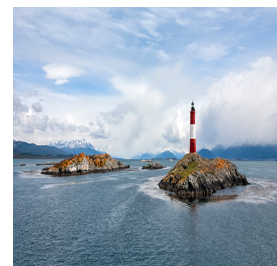
Antarctic Peninsula, Antarctica

As the Ocean Nova begins its voyage back to Ushuaia, take this time to reflect on the remarkable journey you've experienced. Participate in more onboard lectures and watch a slideshow of stunning images taken by our Expedition Photographer during your voyage - yours to cherish as a lasting memento of your unforgettable Antarctic adventure. By the evening of Day 12, you'll enter the relatively calm waters of the Beagle Channel, signalling the start of your return home. That evening, savour a special farewell dinner - a true highlight of the expedition. Celebrate the incredible adventure you've shared with your fellow travellers and Expedition Team, creating memories to last a lifetime.



DAY 13: Disembark in Ushuaia, Argentina

After breakfast, it's time to disembark the Ocean Nova as your unforgettable Antarctic expedition comes to an end, leaving you with memories of a truly remarkable adventure. A morning transfer to Ushuaia Airport or downtown is included. SPECIAL INFORMATION: If you would like to stay longer in Ushuaia beyond today or would like to explore South America, please speak to your booking agent to discuss options. If you are flying out today, please book your flight to depart Ushuaia after midday in case of any delays caused by unfavourable weather conditions.



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation Hotel & Cabin Onboard a Ship

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INCLUSIONS

All meals onboard the Ocean Nova, including snacks and 24-hour tea and coffee
Onboard lecture program led by our expert Expedition Team
All shore excursions and Zodiac cruises (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 (exclusions apply - see below)
Group arrival transfer from Ushuaia Airport to Pre Voyage Hotel (Day One)
Pre-night (Day One) stay at the Pre Voyage hotel in Ushuaia, including breakfast (based on your cabin configuration)
Transfer from the Pre Voyage Hotel to the Ocean Nova for embarkation (Day Two)
Group departure transfer from the ship to either Ushuaia airport (selected times only) or downtown Ushuaia (luggage storage available)
Full access to the onboard gym
500mb free internet usage
All port taxes

Inclusions

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International or domestic flights, unless specified
Airport transfers, taxes, and excess baggage charges, unless specified
Meals other than those specified in the pre-departure information
Visa and passport fees
Mandatory travel insurance with a minimum required coverage
A fuel surcharge may be applied to all bookings
Optional paid adventure activities - Please let your booking agent know if you would like to add these
Alcoholic or other selected beverages
Laundry and communication services including Wi-fi (over and above complimentary allotment and where available) on board
Gratuities for the Expedition Team and crew
Miscellaneous extras and all personal expenses
Smaller size Inner Jacket, Expedition Parka and Muck boots **may not be available** for minors depending on size requirements. Additionally, a lifejacket that meets our safety standards is mandatory for all minors 15 years and under and **must be provided by the parent/guardian**. Please contact your booking agent for details.
Some larger-sized insulated Inner Jacket, Expedition Parka and Muck boots. Please contact your booking agent for more information.

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

Single Surcharge

Available on request. No single supplement if willing to share with other guest/s of the same gender in Triple and Explorer Twin cabin categories (subject to availability). [Contact Us](#) for more details.

Notes

Classic Twin cabins will have a Single Supplement for Solo Use, at a rate of 1.8 x Twin rate
Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated for triple/quad cabins)
Prices and availability 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

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Price Dependent upon Departure Date, Fuel Surcharges, Cabin Category, Currency Fluctuations, Seasonality & Availability.

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Sustainability

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