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Introduction

This Antarctic expedition is suited to travellers seeking an active and adaptable way to explore the continent. Included activities such as kayaking, snowshoeing, snorkelling and optional ice camping enhance daily Zodiac cruises and guided shore landings, providing multiple perspectives of Antarctica's environment.

Daily plans are shaped by ice, weather and wildlife conditions to maximise each opportunity. Guests may experience iceberg-filled waterways, striking mountain scenery, penguin colonies and potential whale sightings, with the journey supported by experienced expedition leaders and comfortable expedition-style cruising.

Itinerary

DAY 1: Arrive Ushuaia

Arrive in Ushuaia, where you will be met by a representative of Aurora Expeditions and transferred with your fellow expeditioners to your assigned pre-voyage hotel. If you are already in Ushuaia, we ask you to make your way to your hotel. Check-in is from 3.00 pm. This afternoon, visit the Aurora Expeditions hospitality desk in the hotel lobby, between 3.00 pm and 7.00 pm, to collect your luggage tags, and confirm if you wish to join our Lake Escondido pre-embarkation tour tomorrow. Our team will confirm details regarding your embarkation day, answer any questions and provide you with information on where to dine or purchase last minute items. Expeditioners arriving after 7.00 pm will find a welcome pack waiting for them at check-in. We ask you to visit our hospitality desk tomorrow between 8.00 am - 8.45 am. The remainder of your time is at leisure. All meals today are at your own expense..



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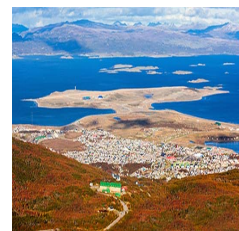
14 Days

Locations

Antarctica, Antarctic Peninsula

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This morning, enjoy breakfast and check-out. Please ensure your cabin luggage is fitted with bin tags clearly labelled with your name and cabin number. Take your cabin luggage to hotel reception, prior to check-out. Your luggage will be stored and transferred directly to the port for clearance, to be placed in your cabin ahead of your arrival on board. Please keep any valuables or personal items with you throughout the day. Those wishing to join our Lake Escondido tour today, please meet in the hotel lobby at 8.45 am. This tour offers us an unforgettable panoramic drive through big valleys of glacial origin, evergreen and deciduous forests, waterfalls and rivers, in the vastness of the Andes Mountain Range. We will leave Ushuaia city to the northeast of Tierra del Fuego, driving through peat bog valleys to reach Garibaldi Pass, only accessible by a winding road that will take us to a panoramic point. From here we will have amazing panoramic views of Lake Escondido and, if weather conditions allow, of Fagnano Lake. We will start our descent towards the northeast to reach Fagnano Lake's shore where we will visit a local ranch. After appreciating the landscape, you will have the chance to enjoy the typical Fuegian Lamb barbecue. Enjoy some free time there before returning to Ushuaia for ship embarkation. Alternatively, enjoy your day at leisure and meet at your hotel lobby or from the meeting point at the parking lot near the pier (details will be given by our ground staff at the hotel), to be transferred to the pier for embarkation. Once onboard, you'll have time to settle into your cabin before our important mandatory briefings. As the ship pulls away from port, we'll gather on the deck to commence our adventure with spectacular views over Ushuaia and Tierra del Fuego. This evening get to know your fellow expeditioners and friendly expedition team and crew at a welcome dinner to celebrate the start of a thrilling adventure to Antarctica.



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As we commence the Drake Passage
crossing, make the most of our time
getting comfortable with the motions of the
sea. Our expedition team prepare you for

our first landing with important wildlife

guidelines and biosecurity procedures and

start our lecture program to help you learn

more about Antarctica's history, wildlife and

environment. Our wildlife experiences begin

as we enjoy watching and photographing

the many seabirds, including majestic

albatrosses and giant petrels following our

vessel. On sea days, you can enjoy the

facilities on board the vessel including the

gym, sauna and jacuzzis or relax in one of

the observation lounges. Nearing the South

Shetland Islands and the tip of the Antarctic

Peninsula on the afternoon of day four, the

excitement is palpable with everyone

converging on one of the observation decks

watching for our first iceberg. The ocean

takes on a whole new perspective once we

are below the Antarctic Convergence and

are surrounded by the surreal presence of

floating ice sculptures. The memory of your

first big iceberg sighting is likely to remain

with you for a lifetime. Time and weather

permitting, we may attempt our first

landing in Antarctica by late afternoon.



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It's almost impossible to describe the feeling of arriving in Antarctica. Spotting your first iceberg and taking a deep breath of some of the most fresh, crisp air on earth is an experience that will stay with you forever.

The Antarctic Peninsula is a bustling metropolis of wildlife in late spring, but despite the frenetic pace of life for the locals, you have ample time to immerse yourself in the wonders of surrounding environment. Over the next eight days you will settle into the natural rhythms of life in the Antarctic Peninsula. With extra time for exploration, we plan to show you our favourite spots along the peninsula and possibly discover new future favourites along the way. Once we arrive, the western side of the Antarctic Peninsula and the South Shetland Islands are ours to explore, and we have a host of choices available to us. Because we are so far south, we will experience approximately 18-24 hours of daylight and the days can be as busy as you wish. Your experienced expedition team, who have made countless journeys to this area, will use their expertise to design your voyage from day to day, choosing the best options based on the prevailing weather, ice conditions and wildlife opportunities. We generally make landings or Zodiac excursions twice a day. You will want to rug up before joining Zodiac cruises along spectacular ice cliffs or among grounded icebergs, keeping a close watch for whales, seals and porpoising penguins. Zodiacs will also shuttle you from the ship to land, where you can visit penguin rookeries, discover historic huts and explore some of our favourite spots along the peninsula. While ashore we aim to stretch our legs, wandering along pebbly beaches or perhaps up snow-covered ridgelines to vantage points with mountains towering overhead and ice-speckled oceans below. If you have chosen an optional activity, you will have the option to do participate in the activity whenever conditions allow, and of course keen polar plungers will have the chance to fully immerse themselves in polar waters - conditions permitting! The polar plunge can take place at any time during the voyage, so listen out for the announcement from the expedition team and get ready for the most exhilarating dip of your life! In addition to Zodiac cruises and shore excursions, we may ship cruise some of the narrow, dramatic straits separating offshore islands from the mainland, or linger in scenic bays to marvel at sculptural icebergs and photograph spectacular scenery. This is a great time to enjoy the observation lounge or make your way to the bridge (open at the captain's discretion) for uninterrupted views of Antarctica in all its splendour. Listen out for the creak and deep rumble of glaciers as they carve into sea. Take a quiet moment to experience the wonder of the pristine paradise of the splendid white continent.

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DAY 12: Crossing the Drake Passage - Day

12 Days

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Enjoy a final morning landing in the South
Shetland Islands before we re-enter the

Drake Passage for our return journey to
South America. With lectures and film
presentations to complete our Antarctic
experience, there is still plenty of time to
enjoy the magic of the Southern Ocean and
the life that calls it home. There is time for
reflection and discussion about what we
have seen and experienced. We hope you
become ambassadors for Antarctica telling
your family, friends and colleagues about
your journey to this magical place,
advocating for its conservation and
preservation so that they might one day visit
the region to experience what you have
been lucky to see and do here. As we
approach the tip of South America, our
Captain may sail close to legendary Cape
Horn, weather and time permitting.



DAY 14: Disembark in Ushuaia

During the early morning, we cruise up the
Beagle Channel, before quietly slipping into
dock in Ushuaia, where we will be free to
disembark around 8.00 am. Farewell your
expedition team and fellow passengers as
we all continue our onward journeys,
hopefully with a newfound sense of the
immense power of nature. Upon
disembarkation, for those continuing their
travels in the region, transportation to the
hotel will be arranged exclusively for guests
who have booked their accommodations
through Aurora or for those staying in
downtown areas near the port.

Expeditioners departing on flights prior to
12:30 pm will be directly transferred to
Ushuaia Airport, those with flights after
12:30 pm will have the opportunity to
explore Ushuaia before an afternoon airport
transfer, and the transfer procedures and
details will be communicated onboard
before disembarkation. Note: At the
conclusion of the voyage, we do not
recommend booking flights departing
Ushuaia prior to 12.00 pm on the day of
disembarkation in case there are delays.



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation

Hotel & Cabin on board a ship

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INCLUSIONS

All airport transfers mentioned in the itinerary.
One night's hotel accommodation including breakfast, in Ushuaia on Day 1.
Lake Escondido tour in Ushuaia on Day 2, prior to embarkation.
Onboard accommodation during voyage, including daily cabin service.
All meals, snacks, tea and coffee during voyage.
Beer, house wine and soft drinks with dinner.
Captain's Farewell reception including four-course dinner, house cocktails, house beer and wine, non-alcoholic beverages. All shore excursions and Zodiac cruises.
Educational lectures and guiding services provided by Expedition Team.
One 3-in-1 waterproof, polar expedition jacket.
Complimentary use of Muck Boots during the voyage.
Comprehensive pre-departure information.
Port surcharges, permits and landing fees.
Wi-Fi (Please note we travel to remote regions and therefore the connection can be unreliable)

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International or domestic flights, unless specified
Transfers not mentioned in the itinerary
Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable)
Airport arrival or departure taxes
Travel insurance
Hotels and meals not included in itinerary
Optional excursions not included in the itinerary
Optional activity surcharges
All items of a personal nature, including but not limited to alcoholic beverages and soft drinks (outside of dinner service), laundry services, personal clothing, medical expenses, wi-fi, email or phone charges.
Gratuities for ship's crew - *(A \$15 USD per person per day gratuity for the crew is automatically added to your onboard account. It is at your discretion if you would like to remove the tip (or adjust the amount) when you settle your bill. It is not necessary to tip the expedition team members. This gratuity amount is included for suites as part of their 'Suite Benefits'.)*

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

Single Surcharge

Available upon request. Single occupancy cabins may be available with a surcharge. Subject to availability, contact us for more details.

Notes

Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated for triple/quad cabins)
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 and availability.

Sustainability