

## Antarctica - Spirit of Antarctica 27/28 | Sylvia Earle

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ACAESESA  
Departure



### Introduction

This classic Antarctic voyage begins in Ushuaia, where you'll meet fellow travellers before embarking and sailing south through the Beagle Channel. A crossing of the Drake Passage follows, with time to settle into ship life, attend engaging briefings and watch albatross and petrels glide effortlessly alongside the vessel as anticipation builds.

Arrival along the Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands feels like stepping into another world. Days are shaped by conditions, with regular Zodiac cruises and guided shore landings that bring you close to penguin colonies, seals resting on the ice and whales moving through sheltered bays. You might wander along snowy ridgelines, visit historic huts or, if you're feeling brave, take part in a polar plunge. Between excursions, there's space to warm up, swap stories and scan the horizon from the deck or bridge. The return across the Drake offers time to reflect before arriving back into Ushuaia, carrying memories that tend to stay with you long after the ice fades from view.

### Itinerary

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~~12/01/2028~~ 12/01/2028 Ushuaia

Duration

11 Days  
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 - 10.00 am. The remainder of your time is at leisure. All meals today are at your own expense. Assigned accommodation: To be advised



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Embarkation

at 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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12/01/2028 ~~12/03/2028~~ Drake Passage Crossing - Day 3 & 4

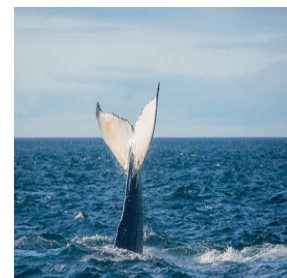
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Locations

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As we commence the Drake Passage crossing, we 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 may enjoy the facilities on board the vessel including the gym, wellness centre or the relaxing 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 is 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. 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 watch for whales, seals and porpoising penguins. Zodiacs will also transport 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 watch whales travelling or feeding. 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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Duration

10 Days Drake Passage Crossing - Day 9 &

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Locations

Antarctica, Antarctic Peninsula

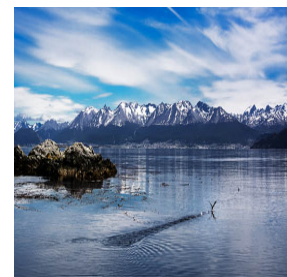
Enjoy a final morning landing in the South Shetland Islands before we re-enter the Drake Passage for our return journey to South America. With lectures and film presentations to complete our Antarctic experience, there is still plenty of time to enjoy the magic of the Southern Ocean and the life that 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 11: Disembarkation

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.



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Accommodation Hotel & Cabin On board a Ship

### Locations

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### Inclusions

All airport transfers mentioned in the itinerary  
1 Night hotel accommodation including breakfast in Ushuaia, pre-cruise Day 1  
Half-day tour of Ushuaia on Day 2, prior to embarkation.  
Cabin accommodation on board Sylvia Earle  
All meals whilst on board ship  
All scheduled landings & excursions  
Guiding and lectures by English-speaking expedition leader and team  
All port fees  
All landing fees  
Expedition jacket provided (yours to keep)  
A pair of expedition boots for use during voyage  
Group arrival and departure transfer in Ushuaia

### Inclusions

### Exclusions

Airfares to and from embarkation/disembarkation city  
Visa fees (if applicable)  
Travel insurance  
Beverages (other than tea and coffee)  
Personal expenses such as laundry, on board communication (telephone calls, email)  
Pre or post cruise travel expenses  
Optional activities  
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. A supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please [contact us](#) for more information.

### 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