

## **Antarctica** - Antarctica's Whale Season | Ocean Nova

Trip Code

ACONNAWS

Departure



### Introduction

**Embark on a journey of discovery on this 11-day journey designed for wildlife lovers; set sail towards the location where whales gather in their most significant numbers on the Antarctic Peninsula. As you enter the frozen wilderness of the White Continent, sculptured icebergs, thunderous calving glaciers, imposing mountain ranges and ice-strewn waters all lie in wait.**

While sailing on the nimble and ice-strengthened Ocean Nova and exploring by Zodiac, scan the icy waters for the silhouettes of these mighty marine mammals as they glide through ice floes or break the Antarctic silence with spectacular acrobatics.

Add encounters with curious penguins, basking seals, and many fascinating seabirds, and you'll be on track for a journey you'll never forget.

### Itinerary

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10/03/2027 - 12/03/2028

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11 Days to Ushuaia, the gateway to

Antarctica. On arrival at Ushuaia Airport, ~~Antarctic Peninsula, Antarctica~~ the airport

to our joining hotel. Learn more about the journey ahead and the details for

tomorrow's embarkation during our 'icebreaker' at your hotel tonight. If you

have some time to spare before the icebreaker, we suggest you head downtown

to do some souvenir shopping or taste some classic Argentinian flavours at one of

Ushuaia'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: Embark in Ushuaia, Argentina

Enjoy a leisurely morning before your coach transfer to the port of Ushuaia, where you'll

board the Ocean Nova, your home for the next nine nights. Downtown Ushuaia is

compact and perfect for exploring on foot, offering a beautiful start to your day. Don't

forget your camera to capture the stunning snow-capped Andes Mountains backdrop.

After meeting your Expedition Team on board and settling into your cabin, head to

the outer decks as the Ocean Nova sails through the historic Beagle Channel

towards Antarctica. Then, join the

excitement inside to learn more about the upcoming days.



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Spends two days travelling across the

legendary waters of the Drake Passage,

Antarctic Peninsula, British Antarctic

Drake, towards the Antarctic Peninsula and

the South Shetland Islands. If conditions

allow, there will be a chance to enjoy the

outer deck spaces, scouting for dolphins,

whales and various seabirds passing by,

including the iconic wandering albatross

with its enormous three-meter wingspan.

Our comprehensive lecture program will

also get underway for you to join at your

leisure, with our team of polar experts

sharing fascinating insights into Antarctic

history, geology, biology, and everything in

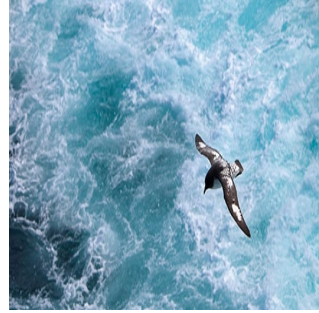
between. If the weather is on our side, you

should reach the Islands of the Antarctic

Peninsula by early evening on day four - the

first sighting of land always builds great

anticipation on any expedition south.



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Destination

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The Antarctic Peninsula is known for many

with life sightings from Antarctica

backdrops of mountains, icy landscapes and

water. These provide incredible scenes as

you search for whales migrating along the

coast. The peak of the migration season

(February and March) is the best

opportunity to see these majestic ocean

dwellers, as all Antarctic whale species

migrate long distances, feeding in the cold,

nutrient-rich Southern Ocean during the

southern summer. The most common

species found in the region are humpback,

minke and fin whales, and orcas. As whale

season is in full swing, you have the unique

opportunity to participate in one of our

exciting onboard Citizen Science projects,

the Happy Whale Project. Here, you can

upload photos of whale's tails (flukes)

online, along with details of where the

images are taken, which are then used to

analyse and identify the individual whale

and track its movement across the oceans.

Your contribution could make a real

difference in understanding and conserving

these magnificent creatures. Sightings can

happen from the outer decks of the ship,

during a Zodiac excursion, or on the ship's

bridge with your Captain, where our open

bridge policy allows you into the command

centre of the Ocean Nova for a look at the

inner workings of your expedition and

access to the best place to spot whales. A

typical expedition day begins with a wake-

up call from your Expedition Leader around

7.00 am, giving you time to prepare for the

day before joining your fellow travellers for

breakfast in the Dining Room. Weather

permitting, you can look forward to at least

two excursions each day, offering plenty of

chances to immerse yourself in the stunning

Antarctic landscape. For those who crave

even more adventure, treat yourself to an

optional paddling excursion that offers a

new perspective of this frozen expanse.

You'll also be able to take a polar plunge off

the Ocean Nova. There's nothing like a

quick dip in the Antarctic's icy depths to

invigorate you!



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11 Days At Sea, Drake Passage - Day 9 & 10

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As the Ocean Nova begins its journey back to our home port of Ushuaia, now is your time to reflect on your fantastic journey.

We're scheduled to reach the relatively calm waters of the Beagle Channel by the evening of day 10, marking the beginning of our return journey. This evening, enjoy 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. Your final meal in the Dining Room is often a highlight of our Antarctic adventures, so live it up and enjoy it as you celebrate an incredible adventure with your fellow travellers and Expedition Team.



DAY 11: Disembark in Ushuaia, Argentina

After breakfast, disembark the Ocean Nova as your Antarctic expedition ends, and the memories of a fantastic adventure begin. 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)

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

(exclusions apply - see below)

Group arrival transfer from Ushuaia Airport to Albatros Hotel (Day One)

Pre-night (Day One) stay at the Albatross Hotel in Ushuaia, including breakfast (based on your cabin configuration)

Transfer from the Albatross 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

- 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

### EXCLUSIONS

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

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)

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.

Single Surcharge

Classic Twin cabins will have a Single Supplement for Solo Use, at a rate of 1.8 x Twin rate

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Price Dependent upon

Sustainability

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

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