

## ANTARCTICA - ANTARCTIC CIRCLE | SEA SPIRIT



### INTRODUCTION

## SAVE UP TO 20% OFF WITH A SUPER EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT FOR 25/26 SEASON\*

Join us on this 15 days in-depth expedition of the Antarctic continent that very few travelers have ever been so far south. Cross the Antarctic Circle, and explore seldom visited iceberg graveyards and scientific bases, spend great times communing with penguins and visiting less-frequented landing sites. Antarctica is a spectacular destination, truly like no other place on earth; we invite you to enjoy the abundant wildlife, including Orcas, Humpback and Minke whales, in addition to Weddell, Leopard, and Crab-Eater seals and a wide variety of birds.

*\*Super Early Bird discount (15% off on Triple, Main Deck, Single, and Classic Suites; 20% off on Superior, Deluxe, Premium, and Owner's Suites) is available for new bookings confirmed by 30 June 2024. Available on select departures in the 25/26 Antarctica season. Prices are subject to change and subject to availability. Please contact us for more details.*

### ITINERARY

#### TRIP CODE

ACTSWA

#### DEPARTURE

24/01/2025, 25/01/2026

#### DURATION

15 Days

#### LOCATIONS

Antarctic Peninsula, Antarctic Circle



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## DAY 1: Arrive Ushuaia

Welcome to Ushuaia, the world’s southernmost city and starting point of our Antarctic expedition! Upon your arrival at the airport, you will be greeted by our staff and transferred to a quality hotel, which has been arranged by us and is included in the price of the itinerary. For the rest of the day, you are free to explore this vibrant port city and adventure hub. For an introduction to local history and wildlife, the interesting Museo del Fin del Mundo is worth a visit. If you have time to spare, a variety of nature activities can be arranged to suit all interests and fitness levels, from hiking in nearby Tierra del Fuego National Park to wildlife viewing in the Beagle Channel. For dinner, Ushuaia offers a wide range of restaurants featuring Patagonian lamb and delectable Fuegian seafood.



## DAY 2: Embarkation in Ushuaia

After breakfast at your hotel, the morning is yours to enjoy Ushuaia. Explore the delightful waterfront and savor views of the snowcapped Martial Range, the southernmost peaks of the Andes. Take advantage of shopping for souvenirs or some last-minute necessities such as cold-weather gear. Just remember, you will soon receive your very own parka to keep and waterproof boots to borrow on board the ship. For lunch, the many cafés, parrillas and gelato shops on Avenida San Martín will be sure to satisfy any appetite. In the afternoon, you will be transferred to the pier where we will warmly welcome you aboard the deluxe expedition vessel M/V Sea Spirit. Get settled in your spacious suite and explore the ship that will be your comfortable home during the extraordinary adventure to come. After getting underway, a full schedule of events kicks off with informative briefings and introductions from your expedition staff. After the first of many delicious dinners on board, step out onto the open decks to admire the scenery and gorgeous evening light as we pass through the Beagle Channel.



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## DAY 3: Across the Drake Passage - Day 3 & 4

After passing the islands of Tierra del Fuego, we turn south to begin our crossing of the Drake Passage. We watch for humpback and fin whales along the way. The majestic wandering albatross and other graceful subantarctic seabirds are common in these waters and can readily be viewed from panoramic open decks and balconies. We also cross the Antarctic Convergence, the biological boundary of the Southern Ocean. The ship's stabilizing fins provide comfort in the event of rough seas. Briefings, bio-security procedures and presentations by our lecture staff prepare you for our arrival in Antarctica. We hope to arrive in the South Shetland Islands on the evening of our second day at sea.



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DAY 5: South Shetland & Antarctic Peninsula -  
Day 5 to 12

Within the next days, we undertake an in-depth exploration of the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula. This region contains some of the world's most impressive scenery and the best wildlife viewing in Antarctica. Sheltered bays and channels sparkle with ice and reflect towering mountain peaks coated in permanent snow and immense glaciers. Icebergs of every size and description complete an image of incomparable beauty. Waters rich with krill are home to huge numbers of marine mammals and seabirds. The whole area is alive with penguins foraging at sea and forming large rookeries at special places on land. Here we also find Antarctic research bases of various nationalities. The South Shetland Islands are the northernmost islands in Antarctica and will likely be our first area of exploration. This wildly beautiful island chain contains many landing sites with historical significance and abundant wildlife. We will also explore the supremely picturesque Gerlache Strait area of the Antarctic Peninsula, a pristine wilderness of spectacular white landscapes, colossal icebergs, obliging marine mammals and bustling penguin colonies. We plan to pass through the famous Lemaire Channel, also known as "Kodak Gap" because of the photogenic way the narrow channel reflects the image of sheer snowy mountains. On this special voyage, we have additional days devoted to pushing even farther south in our attempt to cross the Antarctic Circle. The sublime icescapes in Crystal Sound and beyond are particularly austere, the weather is especially wild, and the waters are full of constantly shifting ice. Very few people have ventured this far south. This is a true expedition. Throughout the islands and on the mainland, we find large colonies of gentoo, chinstrap and Adélie penguins, sometimes side by side. It is a dramatic time at the colonies. While some parents remain at the nest to guard against skua attack, others go fishing in seas patrolled by predatory leopard seals and killer whales. Meanwhile, fluffy chicks are starting to explore away from their nests. Also at this time, humpback and minke whales have arrived in great numbers and the feeding frenzy is in full swing. Crabeater and Weddell seals abound in these highly productive waters. In this rugged yet accessible environment, superb wildlife viewing is best complemented by active adventure. For sea kayakers, the wildlife-rich waters of Antarctica offer many chances to paddle with seals and penguins in some of the world's most scenic waterways. To make the most of your time on the White Continent, you can also spend a night camping ashore, surrounded by untamed Antarctic nature. This is expedition cruising at its most authentic. Our precise route and exploration opportunities will be shaped by weather and ice. Our experienced captain and expedition leader will continually adjust plans to take maximum advantage of the conditions in this challenging polar environment.



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DAY 13: Back across the Drake Passage - Day 13 & 14

It is now time to head back across the Drake Passage toward South America, but the adventure is not quite over. Seabirds are our constant companions and there is always the possibility of whale encounters in these wild waters. This is also the time for festivities such as the Captain’s Farewell Cocktail and the end-of-voyage slideshow. Finally, as we enter the calm Beagle Channel, we enjoy a night of smooth sailing toward Ushuaia.



DAY 15: Disembarkation in Ushuaia

After yet another delicious breakfast on board, we bid you a fond farewell in Ushuaia. We provide a group transfer to the airport or to the city center if you wish to spend more time here. As you look back on your wonderful experience in Antarctica, you may already be looking forward to your next polar adventure! \*Important - Please be sure not to book flights out of Ushuaia before 12PM (Noon) on the day of disembarkation from your cruise ship.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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1 pre-voyage hotel night on Day 1 in Ushuaia including breakfast  
 Group transfer from the airport to the hotel on the day prior to embarkation  
 Group transfer to the ship for embarkation on Day 2  
 Cabin on board the Sea Spirit  
 IAATO fees and governmental taxes.  
 All meals on board throughout the voyage  
 Tea and coffee station 24 hours daily  
 All scheduled landings/excursions (subject to weather and ice conditions)  
 Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Leader & Expedition Team  
 Branded Poseidon Expeditions parka (to keep)  
 Rubber boots for shore landings for the time of the cruise  
 Welcome and Farewell cocktails  
 All port fees  
 Group transfer to airport or central location right after disembarkation  
 Pre-departure materials  
 Digital Voyage Log  
 Wi-Fi on board

#### EXCLUSIONS

International or internal flights unless specified  
 Transfers from the airport to the hotel if arriving prior to Day 1 of the program  
 Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages other than those for special events and celebrations  
 Airport transfers, taxes and excess baggage charges unless specified  
 Visa, passport and reciprocity fees (if applicable)  
 Travel Insurance - Mandatory Emergency Evacuation Insurance to a minimum benefit of US\$ 200,000 per person  
 Personal expenses such as laundry  
 Gratuities for the crew (recommend US\$15 per person per day)  
 Optional Activities such as kayaking and camping  
 Fuel surcharge may be applied for all bookings  
 Pre or post cruise travel expenses  
 Any meals not mentioned

### Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

### Single Surcharge

Available upon request, contact us for more details. Sharing is available in Triple, Main Deck, Classic, and Superior Suites. If you prefer a cabin for yourself, the following categories are available with the single supplement at:  
 x1.7 for Main Deck, Classic, and Superior Suites  
 x2 for Deluxe, Premium, and Owner's Suite

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Notes	Prices are based on per person, and may be based off triple/or twin share cabins* (please contact us for more details).
	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

As a member of IAATO we follow guidelines appointed by the Antarctic Treaty System to go above and beyond in support of minimizing negative impacts on this pristine landscape. We also encourage clients to look to book pre-and post- accommodation with us, where local businesses will be supported. Our clients also receive restaurant recommendations which support locally owned restaurants

We carefully select all ships we work with and choose smaller sized vessels to create less impact. We use a highly regulated, licensed vessel which is well equipped to operate in the Antarctic’s delicate ecosystem. We view the voyage to the Antarctic as an expedition, not a sightseeing trip. Smaller boats such as ours can navigate narrow waterways and are far less polluting than the larger ships in Antarctic waters. By carrying less passengers, we have far less waste. The waste is carried back to the home port to allow for environmentally conscious waste management and disposal.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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