

# ANTARCTIC CIRCLE - SOUTHERN EXPEDITION: CROSSING THE CIRCLE | ULTRAMARINE



## INTRODUCTION

Undertake an incredible journey to the sights of dramatic ice formations, magnificent icebergs and crackling ice. The Southern Expedition is a true Antarctic expedition that will take you across the legendary Antarctic Circle. From the South Shetland Islands to the Antarctic Peninsula you will encounter curious penguins, resting leopard seals and sightings of humpback whales.

*\*Current Discounts, promotions and pricing are available until 30 Apr 2024, however discounts may be withdrawn or changed at any time and are subject to availability on selected cabins and departure dates. Some current in market offers may be combinable and Shackleton Club Past Passenger and multi trip discounts may be applied subject to confirmation at the time of booking. Prices are subject to change based on currency fluctuations, fuel surcharges, and other external factors. No discount applies to any transfer packages, additional activities or pre/post services. The advertised prices may also include a 'Pay in full at time of booking' which is a 5-10% early payment discount, which requires the full balance to be paid at the time of booking to apply. Further conditions may apply, [contact us](#) for more information.*

## ITINERARY

### TRIP CODE

ACQEUS

### DEPARTURE

6/01/2025, 07/02/2025,  
01/03/2025, 06/01/2026,  
28/02/2026

### DURATION

14 Days

### LOCATIONS

Argentina, Antarctic Peninsula and Antarctic Circle



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## DAY 1: Arrival in Buenos Aires

You may arrive in Buenos Aires at any time during Day 1 of your itinerary. Upon arriving in this splendid city, known for its architecture and rich European heritage, you will independently transfer to your group hotel (pre-expedition hotel night included in mandatory transfer package).



## DAY 2: Fly to Ushuaia and Embark

After an early breakfast at the hotel, the group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Ushuaia, Argentina. Upon arrival, you will be transferred from the airport to a central downtown location to have some time on your own to explore this quaint port town before making your way to the pier. As the ship sets sail in the late afternoon, you will begin your Antarctic journey, passing through the Beagle Channel. Named after the famed ship on which Charles Darwin voyaged, the channel presents great photo opportunities of landscapes and seabirds. Eventually the channel opens up to the Southern Ocean, and onwards to Antarctica.



## DAY 3: Crossing The Drake - Day 3 & 4

Your days at sea are filled with presentations and lectures led by your Expedition Team, who will prepare you for the wildlife that will greet you upon your arrival. In between presentations, spend time chatting with your shipmates over a drink at the bar, or enjoy the fresh air and views on the outer decks.



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## DAY 5: South Shetland and Peninsula - Day 5 to 7

The most common reaction upon reaching the White Continent is a sense of reverence and awe. The experience is beyond words, since few places are as untouched and enduring as Antarctica. You will begin to appreciate why this region has long captivated the attention of explorers and travelers alike. Every visit to Antarctica, we witness something new or unexpected, which means that your expedition will be unlike any other—creating a unique, personal experience. Each day, you will take Zodiac excursions from the ship to explore local bays, channels and landing sites. With wildlife always at the forefront of our minds, you will visit penguin rookeries, scout for humpback and minke whales, and search for a number of southern seal species, including the cunning leopard seal. Your days will be busy spotting wildlife and being mesmerized by the astounding beauty of Antarctica. Listening to the crackling and crumbling of icebergs and glaciers and watching penguins waddling on the beach will become your daily entertainment, while sea kayaking, paddle excursions, or camping are optional activities available on select voyages (at an extra cost).



## DAY 8: Antarctic Circle - Day 8 to 9

Crossing the Antarctic Circle is an impressive achievement, as most expeditions to the Antarctic Peninsula do not reach this far south — 66°33' S. If conditions allow us to cross this famed line at 66°33' S, you and your shipmates will celebrate in style with a well-earned glass of sparkling wine! Make a toast and take pride in knowing you've made it to a part of the world visited by very few people. This is raw Antarctica, home of the midnight sun, Adelie penguins and some of the most awe-inspiring ice formations you'll see anywhere on the planet.



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## DAY 10: Northbound Along The Peninsula - Day 10 to 11

By now, your knowledge of Adélie, chinstrap and gentoo penguins will be matched by your ability to differentiate between a leopard, fur and Weddell seal. Terms like 'bergy bits' and 'pancake ice' will become part of your vocabulary, yet there are still many tales to be told. As you head north, Zodiac excursions will fill your days, and your Expedition Team will continue looking out for species of seabirds, seals and whales that may have eluded you on your journey south.



## DAY 12: Crossing The Drake - Day 12 to 13

As you recross the Drake, Antarctica fades away, leaving you with a collection of memories to last a lifetime. Excited conversations with your newfound friends will make the crossing fly by, regardless of weather and sea conditions. Your Expedition Team will round up its series of presentations as well, with a slideshow of the great landing sites and wildlife you've witnessed over the course of your voyage. Be sure to take some time to reflect on everything you've experienced so far.



## DAY 14: Disembarkation in Ushuaia and Fly to Buenos Aires

You will arrive in Ushuaia in the morning and disembark after breakfast. The mandatory transfer package includes a little taste of Patagonia with a Tierra del Fuego National Park tour before transferring to the airport for the return group charter flight to Buenos Aires.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

### Accommodation

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Cabin accommodation on board ship  
 All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage  
 Beer, standard wines & spirits, & cocktails during pre-dinner bar service, dinner & evenings  
 Coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock  
 All scheduled landings and excursions  
 Guiding and lectures by experienced expedition team  
 Expedition parka (yours to keep)  
 A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions  
 One 10 to 15 minute helicopter flight-seeing excursion (weather permitting)  
 Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person  
 Free WiFi

**MANDATORY TRANSFER PACKAGE**

One night pre transfer accommodation in a hotel in Buenos Aires with breakfast  
 Group flights from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia on a return basis  
 Transfers from the hotel to the airport in Buenos Aires  
 Airport transfer and express bus tour of Tierra Del Fuego National Park after disembarkation in Ushuaia

**EXCLUSIONS**

International flights  
 Any other pre or post land arrangements not mentioned above  
 Passport and visa expenses  
 Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned above  
 Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended  
 Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned  
 Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew  
 Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic flights  
 Laundry, bar and other personal charges unless specified  
 Optional Adventure Activities

**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.

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<b>Notes</b>	<p>Prices are based on per person, and vary from single, quad, triple, and twin cabins.          Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.          All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.          Please note this itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.          Includes charter flights from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia on a return basis.          Arrival transfer to Buenos Aires hotel on Day 1 is NOT included.</p>
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	<p>Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.</p>

## SUSTAINABILITY

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