



INTRODUCTION

Depart from Ushuaia on this incredible journey below the Antarctic Circle. On board the Sylvia Earle you will enter a realm of true wilderness and untouched serenity, as an endless sea of ice and frozen mountain vistas await. Zodiac cruise through narrow channels of majestic floating icebergs, encounter leopard seals resting on the floating ice floe, search for the misty spray of a orca or blue whale. Antarctica is truly the realm of unforgettable and indescribable natural experiences.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival in Ushuaia

Arrive in Ushuaia, a lively seaport at the base of ice-clad mountains and filled with great cafes and restaurants. You'll be met at the airport by a representative from Aurora Expeditions and transferred to our group hotel. This evening, meet your fellow expeditioners at a welcome briefing

DAY 2: Embarkation and depart Ushuaia

After check out, enjoy some free time before discovering a few of Ushuaia's attractions on an afternoon excursion. Afterwards, you'll be transferred to the pier ready for embarkation and an early evening departure along the Beagle Channel to set sail for Antarctica.

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DAY 3: Crossing the Drake Passage

Photograph seabirds during the Drake Passage crossing and listen to informative wildlife lectures. Spot your first iceberg as we approach Antarctica, enjoying our first landing in South Shetland Islands.

DAY 5: Crossing the Antarctic Circle - Antarctic Peninsul

The western side of the Antarctic Peninsula is ours to explore and our flexible itinerary allows us to make the most of local conditions to Zodiac-cruise or kayak* among the ice, hoping to see whales feeding or breaching. Set foot on the white continent and its offshore islands to visit penguin rookeries, seal haulouts, historic sites and spectacular viewpoints. Weaving through pack ice and narrow channels, scenes of ice-clad mountains and abundant wildlife in its natural habitat will be etched in your memory for years to come. Raise a toast to mark the occasion as you join a lucky group of adventurers to cross 66° 34' south (approx), below the Antarctic Circle.

DAY 11: Cross the Drake Passage

It's time to farewell Antarctica as we re-enter the Drake Passage on our return sailing to Ushuaia. Attend final lectures, reminisce on a remarkable adventure with new friends.

DAY 13: Arrival back to Ushuaia - Disembarkation

Enjoy a delicious breakfast, bid farewell to friends and the expedition team before disembarking in Ushuaia. Continue home, or on to your next adventure - a trek in Patagonia perhaps?

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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Cabin on board ship

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Inclusions	<p>Cabin accommodation on board vessel One night's hotel accommodation with breakfast in Ushuaia on day 1 Half day city tour in Ushuaia on day 2 prior to embarkation Luggage transfer from your hotel in Ushuaia to ship on day 2 All meals whilst on board (including snacks, tea and coffee) Beer, house wine and soft drinks with dinner Captain's Welcome and 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 from expedition team Complimentary access to onboard expedition doctor and medical clinic (initial consult) A 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 Gratuities for ship crew All airport transfers</p> <p>EXCLUSIONS International or domestic flights to or within South America, unless specified Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel insurance Any pre or post land arrangements not mentioned in the itinerary</p>
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available on request. Please contact us for more information.
Notes	Please note this itinerary may be subject to change depending on weather ice and sea conditions.
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, seasonality and availability.

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SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

A trip to the Antarctic is a completely different experience and quite unlike any other trip you have probably been on. We use a highly regulated, licensed vessel which is well equipped to operate in this vulnerable ecosystem. We are fully compliant with all rules

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set down by the IAATO and all activities are governed by the Antarctic Treaty System. We carefully select all ships we work with and choose them for their small size as this creates far less impact on shore landings with wildlife. 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, and all waste is carried back to the home port to allow for environmentally conscious waste management and disposal, unlike some of the larger ships which do not facilitate this. This trip begins in Ushuaia where you will have time to sample local food and shop at local boutiques which we encourage individuals to take part in for experience and in support of the local community. We also try to create opportunity to see research and historical sites including the former research station/now museum of Port Lockroy and engage with local history. We discourage the buying of souvenirs made from endangered species or wrongfully taken from the environment i.e. shells. Our pre-departure pack provides you with all the information required for your tour, from what to take with you to practical advice about how to minimise your impact on the Antarctic environment. This pack highlights initiatives such as waste reduction, and how to appropriately engage with wildlife and the environment around you.

For more information visit our [sustainability page](#).

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