

# ANTARCTIC CIRCLE & SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS | OCEAN VICTORY



## INTRODUCTION

On this 11-day inspiring cruise, we explore the Great White Continent's magnificent landscapes, glacial mountains, and incredible wildlife before reaching 66°33' S the Antarctic Circle. Your voyage departs from the southernmost city in the world, leaving through the Beagle Channel and out into the Drake Passage (or Shake). The Ocean Victory has purpose-built with stabilizers, powerful engines, and the patented reclining bow, which ensures stability and comfort in the rough seas of the Drake Passage.

Once you reach Antarctica, we enjoy the calming silence and alluring beauty of the Antarctic mainland during hikes and Zodiac excursions. Spread in isolation along the coast, we also see a number of manned and unmanned research stations, which we aim to visit before accomplishing our goal of crossing the Antarctic Circle at 66°33' S. Here, the sun is up for 24-hours a day during the austral summer. Our expedition may include visits to sites such as Pleneau and Petermann Islands, Crystal Sound and Fish Island.


Dense pack ice forbids many ordinary vessels from reaching this far south, but with a high ice-class rating, Ocean Victory moves swiftly carrying us on an adventure for life.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: Embarkation Ushuaia - Day 1

Arrive in Ushuaia, Argentina - the world's southernmost town. Explore the quaint city or local countryside. Alternatively, consider a day trip off the beaten path to the raw, natural archipelago of Tierra del Fuego. It's a hiker's paradise with rugged snow-capped mountains, glaciers, flower-filled meadows and boggy quagmires. In the afternoon, we board our ship, Ocean Victory. Our journey begins as we navigate through the calms of Beagle Channel, a strait in the Tierra del Fuego Archipelago.

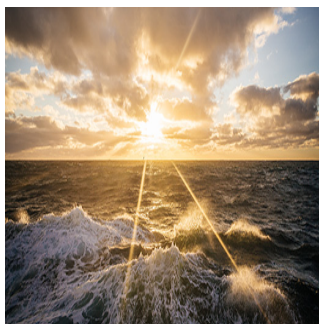


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## DAY 2: At Sea - Cross Drake Passage - Day 2-3

In the Drake, the excitement builds as Antarctic wildlife comes into view with our first sight of seals, penguins, and albatrosses. As well as the first icebergs as we approach the South Shetland chain of islands. With the unique X-BOW design, the Ocean Victory will offer you a smoother sailing across the Drake passage than conventional expedition vessels - and with a far less carbon emission.



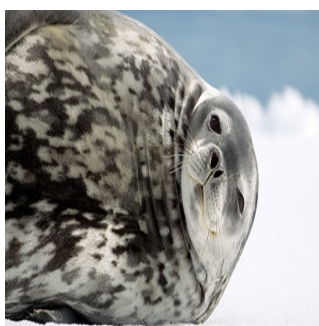
## DAY 4: South Shetland Islands - Day 4-5

Over the next two days, we will explore to the sub-Antarctic islands of the South Shetland chain. Projected landfalls could include: King George Island; Deception Island, an extinct volcano; Half Moon Island with nesting Wilson's storm petrels and chinstrap penguins. The itinerary and activities over the next few days depend on weather and ice conditions. The route and shore landings will be determined by the captain and expedition leader and communicated to guests through regularly scheduled briefings.



## DAY 6: Antarctic Peninsula - Day 6-8

As the white shimmer of Antarctica looms on our horizon, the presence of wildlife multiples by tens of thousands with many species of lively penguins, inquisitive seals, nesting birds and the spray of marine mammals. Wildlife abounds on the Antarctic Peninsula: leopard, fur and Weddell seals of Cuverville Island; humpback whales of Gerlache Strait; Paradise Bay; the dramatic Lemaire Channel's orcas. Explore as far south as possible towards the Antarctic Circle at c. 66 deg 33 minutes south of the Equator. Possible landfall in this wild and seldom visited area could be Pleneau and Petermann Islands, Crystal Sound and Detaille Island. We will also visit research stations if ice conditions allow us. The itinerary and activities over the next few days depend on weather, swell and ice. The route and shore landings will be determined by the captain and expedition leader and communicated to guests through regularly scheduled briefings.



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## DAY 9: Depart Antarctica - At Sea - Day 9-10


Today, we depart Antarctica and spend two days at sea on our way back to the calms of Beagle Channel and Ushuaia, Argentina. En-route, we will cross Drake Passage and cruise past Cape Horn, a legendary maritime landmark and the southern tip of South America. During our time at sea, a variety of activities will be arranged on board, and it provides the perfect opportunity to socialize with fellow travellers.



## DAY 11: Disembarkation in Ushuaia - Day 11

This morning, we arrive back in Ushuaia where our tour ends.




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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

<b>Accommodation</b>	Superior
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<b>Inclusions</b>	<p>11-days/10 nights cruise with accommodation in a shared double cabin featuring ensuite facilities</p> <p>All Zodiac landings and excursions as per itinerary</p> <p>Expedition parka</p> <p>Rubber boot rentals</p> <p>Guiding and lectures by our expedition leader and team</p> <p>Special Photo Workshop</p> <p>English-speaking expedition team</p> <p>Visual Journal link after voyage including voyage log, gallery, maps, species list and more!</p> <p>Full board on the ship - breakfast, lunch, dinner and afternoon snacks</p> <p>Port and authority fees and taxes</p> <p><b>EXCLUSIONS</b></p> <p>Extra excursions and activities not mentioned in the itinerary</p> <p>Single room supplement and cabin upgrades</p> <p>Meals not on board the ship</p> <p>Beverages (other than coffee and tea)</p> <p>Tips for the crew (we recommend USD 14 per person per day)</p> <p>Personal expenses</p> <p>Anything not mentioned under 'Inclusions'</p>
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	Not Available
<b>Single Surcharge</b>	Record Not Available
<b>Notes</b>	Not Available
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	Not Available

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