



INTRODUCTION

Sail through the heart of the Antarctic Peninsula into an enchanting polar desert, a final frontier surrounded by a gigantic ice sheet. Set in the most spectacular scenery of imposing mountain ranges, ice-filled channels, awe-inspiring glaciers and beautifully sculptured icebergs, this is a fascinating journey to the heart of this remote land. Penguins live in their thousands, waddling on the shores, whilst humpback whales and seals swim in the ship's wake.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival Transfer in Ushuaia

On arrival, please make your way through to the Arrivals Hall where our representative will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it. Please note this service is with driver only.



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DURATION

12 Days

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DAY 2: Transfer to ship for onward destination

You will be collected from your hotel at the appropriate time and transferred to the pier in time for embarkation of your cruise. Please note this service is with a driver only.



DAY 2: Embarkation in Ushuaia

Despite its small size, the city of Ushuaia is the world's southernmost city, the capital of Tierra del Fuego and the main starting point for voyages to Antarctica. Embarkation begins in the afternoon at the port in Ushuaia. Embarkation time is between 4:00pm and 5.00pm, at which time cabins and suites will be ready to check in to. The ship sets sail this evening along the famous Beagle Channel towards the Drake Passage.





DAY 3: Crossing The Drake - Day 3 to 4

Use your days spent in the Drake Passage to familiarise yourself with your ship and deepen your knowledge of the Antarctic. The Expedition Leader will first present the IAATO rules of conduct that must be observed during landings in the region and will explain everything you need to know about the Zodiac outings. Lectures about the history and wildlife of the Antarctic will be an opportunity for you to learn more about this magical region, where every cruise is a unique experience. From the ship's bridge, you will experience exceptional sailing moments before joining the naturalist guides on your ship's exterior decks to look out for albatrosses, cape petrels, and other seabirds flying over the Drake Passage.



DAY 5: Antarctic Peninsula - Day 5 to 9

Succumb to the magic of a place unlike any other. To this day, the mythical Antarctic Peninsula still holds real fascination and promises its visitors unforgettable moments. Throughout your adventure in this icy realm, you will find yourself in the heart of a spectacular decor in subtle shades of blue and white, surrounded by exceptional wildlife. Penguins, humpback whales, seals and giant petrels are at home here, as are elephant seals, fur seals, Antarctic minke whales, and orcas. Depending on which sites you will be lucky enough to visit, you may get the chance to observe them and share with them the beauty of these extreme parts. Each day, based on ice conditions, the Captain and the Expedition Leader will suggest Zodiac outings or landings to discover the infinite riches of the Antarctic Peninsula. Glaciers, ice floe, tabletop icebergs, mountain peaks that plunge straight into the sea, volcanic beaches, research stations, enchanting bays, and vestiges of the whaling industry: these are the faces of the Antarctic that will likely reveal themselves to you, in a hushed and surreal atmosphere. You will sail in the wake of Jean-Baptiste Charcot, Adrien de Gerlache and Sir Ernest Shackleton, great Antarctic explorers who, from the 19th century, set out to conquer these remote and uninhabited lands.



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DAY 10: Crossing The Drake - Day 10 to 11

If there is one place, one sea, one waterway dreaded by tourists, researchers and hardened seafarers alike, it is undoubtedly Drake Passage. Situated at the latitude of the infamous Furious Fifties winds, between Cape Horn and the South Shetland Islands, it is the shortest route to connect Antarctica to South America. Seasoned navigators will tell you that you must earn your visit to the White Continent! As the Antarctic convergence zone where cold currents rising up from the South Pole meet warmer equatorial water masses, Drake Passage harbours a very diverse marine fauna. Don't forget to look to the sky to catch a glimpse of elegant albatross and Cape petrels, playfully floating about in the wind around your ship.



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DAY 12: Disembarkation in Ushuaia

Today comes the end of your magnificent journey. You will disembark in Ushuaia at approximately 8AM.



INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Cabin on board ship



Inclusions	Cabin accommodation whilst on board Le Boreal All meals whilst on board Open bar (no premium brands) Mini bar in your stateroom (Champagne additional fee) All scheduled landings and excursions Guiding and lectures by expedition team Complimentary Polar expedition jacket Free use of rubber boots for shore excursions All port taxes Comprehensive pre and post voyage informational material Free WIFI Exclusions Airfares to and from embarkation/disembarkation city Visa fees (if applicable) Travel and medical insurance Beverages (other than tea and coffee) Personal expenses such as laundry, on board communication (telephone calls, faxes, email) Gratuities for the crew Pre or post cruise travel expenses Optional activities
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Please note there is no single supplement on select voyages. Please contact us for more information.
Notes	Please note that itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, season and availability.

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SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures is passionate and dedicated to sustainbility 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 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 <u>sustainability page</u>.

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