



TRIP CODE

MCAEBAA

DEPARTURE

SOLD OUT

DURATION

15 Days

LOCATIONS

Argentina, Antarctic Peninsula



INTRODUCTION

SOLD OUT!!

PRICE INCLUDES INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS + 4 DAY BUENOS AIRES STOP OVER + ANTARCTICA CRUISE!

Fly from Australia, then explore the colourful streets of Buenos Aires before embarking on the ULTIMATE Antarctic Peninsula cruise!

Spend some time discovering Buenos Aires, the â∏Paris of the South', with activities that showcase the city's European elegance and Latin energy. Take a private tour that will delve into the city's colourful history and explore some of the must-see sights Buenos Aires has to offer including La Boca and Recoleta Cemetery. Board a catamaran on a trip through the Tigre Delta, offering one of the best views of the city skyline and an insight into some of Buenos Aires' more unique neighbourhoods. Of course you will have chance to experience what makes Buenos Aires world-famous as you enjoy a traditional tango show with dinner.

Then, head down to Ushuaia to begin your expedition towards Antarctica! This expedition explores the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula where you will be swathed in the beauty of the most enigmatic place on earth. Departing Ushuaia in Argentina, we cross the mighty Drake Passage, the endless seascape will give way to great white ethereal vistas, sculpted by ice and weathered by isolation. First stop is the South Shetland Islands, making Zodiac landings at penguin rookeries, research stations and fascinating lookuots along the way. Continuing southward, deep into the inlets of Antarctica, we pass the famous Gerlache Strait, where 3000-ft ice cliffs rise straight out of the still water. On no other journey can you experience so much pristine nature and varied wildlife in so few days! When Ocean Atlantic returns to Tierra del Fuego and



Ushuaia, we pass close to the mythical Cape Horn - the southernmost point on South America and a celebrated maritime landmark.

* Please note, this package is based off flights departing from Sydney on 2nd Nov, to join an Antarctic voyage on 5th Nov 2022. There are other voyages available (please see notes below for more dates) and we are also able to quote packages from other cities. Please let us know if you you would like a quote for another voyage and/or flights from another city. Package price difference will be payable. Subject to availability at the time of booking. Limited availability, on sale until 31 Jul 2022 unless sold out prior.

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DAY 1: Arrival Transfer in Buenos Aires

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. This service includes a driver and local English speaking guide, who will provide you with any useful information needed for your stay. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it.



DAY 1: Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires, Argentina's elegant, historic and cosmopolitan capital, is known as the "Paris of the South" due to its European atmosphere with glamorous avenues lined with fashionable shops and Parisian-style restaurants and cafes. Located on the western shore of the estuary of the Río de la Plata, Buenos Aires has many fascinating neighbourhoods to explore including the colourful and lively La Boca, home to art galleries and tango shows; San Telmo with its restored mansions and antique stores and Recoleta, the city's most exclusive area.



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DAY 2: Morning Highlights of Buenos Aires City Tour

You will be collected from your hotel for your three-hour morning tour visiting the most important highlights of the city of Buenos Aires. Discover the history of the Plaza de Mayo Square, the site of Argentina's most important historical events - see its surroundings and the most emblematic buildings and learn all about them. Then enjoy Mayo Avenue and wonder in awe at the oldest residential neighbourhood in Buenos Aires: San Telmo. Live and feel the original Tango in the neighbourhood of La Boca: walk along Caminito Street and enjoy the Dancers and souvenir shops. See the mythical Boca Juniors soccer stadium. Contemplate the modernization of the city whilst traveling along Puerto Madero and its exclusive docks, full of excellent restaurants and large offices. Pass through the Retiro neighbourhood and move on to see Palermo and its most exclusive residential area before finally arriving at Recoleta. The tour comes to an end near the Recoleta Cemetery. Here you can choose to be taken back to the hotel with the group, or to continue unguided into the cemetery, where you can find the final resting place of Eva Peron, "Evita." Please note: This is a small group tour. If you wish to stay behind and visit the Recoleta Cemetery, there is an entrance fee of approximately \$15 USD, payable locally, you would then need to make your own way back to the hotel.



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DAY 3: San Isidro & Tigre Delta Tour

Travel from the heart of Buenos Aires to the Tigre Delta in a catamaran, offering one of the best views of the city skyline (a view that surprisingly few people see, even locals). You will be collected from your hotel and taken to the city's port to board a modern catamaran which will take you to the Tigre Delta. During the one-and-a-half-hour cruise you will be able to admire Buenos Aires from the Rio de la Plata (River Plate), its northern areas and the channels of the Delta, whilst enjoying refreshments on board. After the cruise, disembark at Tigre Pier and visit by vehicle Paseo Victoria, the most important neighbourhood in Tigre and then the Puerto de Frutos. You will soon find yourself in San Isidro where you will visit the town's historical centre and Cathedral on foot while having a snack, and then finally you will see the city's northern areas and the Presidential Residence in Olivos, before returning to the city.



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DAY 3: Aljibe Tango Show and Dinner

This evening you will be collected from your hotel to experience a Tango Show with dinner at Aljibe Tango. Located in San Telmo, the venue is a restored conventillo (boarding house) and offers an intimate show featuring professional dancers and musicians. The show is accompanied by a traditional menu and Argentine wines. Due to the show commencing earlier than other venues, this is an ideal venue for families or those who want a taste of tango but not a late evening. Dinner will be served from 7.00pm followed by the show commencing from 8.00pm. Please note timings are subject to change and will be confirmed directly to you. On completion of the show, you will be taken to your hotel. Please note this is a small group tour. Transfers are provided by Aljibe and they do not include these from Palermo, however we can add transfers to/from Palermo at an additional cost if you are staying here.





DAY 4: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

You will be collected from your hotel at the appropriate time and transferred to the airport for your onward flight. This service includes a driver only.



DAY 4: Arrival Transfer in Ushuaia

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DAY 4: Ushuaia

Ushuaia is the most southerly city in the world with a dramatic setting overlooking the Beagle Channel, surrounded by mountains. It is a major port for Antarctic bound vessels and an interesting city to explore. The Museo Marítimo y del Presidio de Ushuaia, (Maritime & the Prison of Ushuaia Museum), located in the former prison of Ushuaia in buildings dating back to 1906, is well worth a visit. Tierra del Fuego National Park, a short bus ride from Ushuaia was the first shoreline National Park to be established in Argentina. It is a rugged, mountainous park with great views of Lapataia Bay and dramatic scenery with waterfalls, mountains, glaciers and lakes including parts of Fagnano and Roca Lakes. There are many hiking trails within the park including the Coastal Path (Senda Costera) that connects Ensenada Bay to Lapataia Bay on Lago Roca and the park is home to many species of birds and animals.



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DAY 5: 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.



Arrive in Ushuaia, Argentina - the world's navigate through the calms of Beagle Channel, a



DAY 5: Fly Buenos Aires to Ushuaia & Embark

southernmost town. In the afternoon, you will board your vessel. Our journey begins as we strait in the Tierra del Fuego Archipelago.

DAY 6: At Sea - Drake Passage: Days 5-6

Sailing onward, we cross the famed Drake Passage - a body of water that marks the intersection of the cold Antarctic with the warmer Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Drake Passage is known for rollicking conditions and strong westerly winds, called the Roaring Fifties. While this passage may be challenging, you can rest confidently aboard our expedition vessel, Ocean Atlantic, which is purpose-built with stabilizers, powerful engines and a highly-qualified crew. The most spirited sailors consider Drake Passage a lifetime achievement, and you will complete the crossing twice! In the Drake, the excitement builds as Antarctic wildlife comes into view. Weather permitting, we will catch our first sight of seals and penguins! The area is also well-know for its abundance of birds.



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DAY 8: South Shetland Islands: Days 7-8

Over the next two days, we will explore to the sub-Antarctic islands of the South Shetland chain. Projected landfalls include: King George Island; Deception Island, an extinct volcano with waters warm enough for a polar swim; and 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.



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DAY 10: Antarctic Peninsula: Days 9-10

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 along our projected route along the Antarctic Peninsula: leopard, fur and Weddell seals of Cuverville Island; humpback whales of Gerlache Strait; Paradise Bay; the dramatic Lemaire Channel's orcas. 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 12: Depart Antarctica - At Sea: Days 11-12

Now we will depart Antarctica and spend two days at sea on our way back to the calms of Beagle Channel and Ushuaia, Argentina. Enroute, 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 socialise with fellow travellers.





DAY 14: Disembark in Ushuaia & fly to Buenos Aires

This morning, we arrive back in Ushuaia where the expedition ends.



DAY 14: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

You will be collected from the Port at the appropriate time and transferred to the airport for your onward flight.



DAY 14: Arrival transfer in Buenos Aires

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DAY 15: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS



Accommodation	Hotel & Cabin onboard Ship
Inclusions	International (ex Sydney, Australia) and internal flights (Buenos Aires to Ushuaia return) Private airport transfers (arrival and departure) for all flights English speaking guide on arrival into Buenos Aires airport on Day 1 Accommodation with breakfast daily in Buenos Aires (4 nights total) Accommodation with breakfast in Ushuaia (1 night) Sightseeing with local English-speaking guide as detailed in the itinerary 10-day cruise with accommodation in a double stateroom featuring ensuite facilities All Zodiac landings and excursions as per itinerary Expedition parka to keep Rubber boot on loan Guiding and lectures by the expedition leader and team English-speaking expedition team Full board on the ship - breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks Free tea and coffee 24 hours daily Taxes Guiding and lectures by our experienced expedition leader and team Special photo workshop Welcome and farewell cocktails Digital visual journal link after voyage, including voyage log, gallery, species list and more! Exclusions Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel Insurance Beverages Personal expenses Gratuities for tour guides/drivers Any items not mentioned as included
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available on request. Contact us for more details.





Notes

ANTARCTIC PENINSULA - ALL INCLUSIVE BUENOS AIRES & ANTARCTICA | OCEAN ATLANTIC

Please note you will be travelling in some very remote regions and the captain may adjust the intended itinerary based on weather and other factors.

Prices are based on per person, twin share.

The package price of \$13,999 is including flights from Sydney, Australia. We are able to provide packages from other cities, please contact us for check pricing.

The package price of \$13,999 is based on the Antarctic voyage departure of 5th November 2022. There are other voyage departures available, contact us for a quote. ** alternate voyage departure dates: 14th Nov 2022, 23rd Nov 2022, 2nd Dec 2022, 11th Dec 2022, 18th Jan 2022.

Package price difference payable.

Price Dependent upon Availability at time of booking.

SUSTAINABILITY

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is currently striving towards using less paper, taking several initiatives to do so and tracking our progress along the way. Our goal: A paperless organisation. For this reason, all information given to you will be sent electronically. We encourage those who choose to travel with us to support our aspirations and actions and ask that you reconsider printing out documentation. To view these documents, you can download them to your iPad or portable computer before and during your trip.

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

We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as much back as possible to the communities we work in.

While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore remain culturally aware and sensitive. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click **HERE**

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