

ANTARCTIC PENINSULA - PRIME SEASON ANTARCTICA | OCEAN VICTORY



INTRODUCTION

Legendary and pursued for ages, the vast White Continent entices adventurous contemporary adventurers from throughout the globe. On this unique journey to the Antarctic Peninsula during the height of the southern summer, witness amazing wildlife, breathtaking landscapes, and enormous icebergs!

This trip leaves in the height of the short southern summer and arrives in Antarctica during the busiest time of year for animal viewing. As hundreds of other penguins come and go carrying food for their young, you may expect to see cute newly hatched penguin chicks being lovingly cared for by a parent. Observe these amazing birds as they fiercely protect their territories and look out for skuas that are circling overhead. While orcas patrol the waters on their never-ending hunt for prey, humpback whales feast on the abundant summer krill in the cold but productive sea, following their lengthy voyage south. The South Shetland Islands, a rocky line of breathtaking islands rich in wildlife located off the northernmost tip of the Antarctic Peninsula, is our first destination. From this point on, we will go more into the Antarctic Peninsula's inlets and bays before crossing the well-known Gerlache Strait, which is home to towering peaks and shimmering ice cliffs that drop sharply into the frigid ocean. This exquisitely gorgeous extraterrestrial terrain is characterised by icebergs, glaciers, mountains, and untamed snowfields. We will make Zodiac landings to allow guests to set foot on land and experience penguin rookeries, spectacular landscapes, and historical sites; however, wind, sea, and ice conditions will determine the precise locations we visit. Additionally, we aim to Zodiac cruise in breathtaking areas filled with enormous icebergs, whales, and seals. We constantly try to show our guests the best of the White Continent, even if wildlife sightings are naturally dependent on Mother Nature's whims. Amazing views and topography are certain!

**Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change based on availability, currency exchange, and other factors. Please [contact us](#) for live availability and prices.*

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DURATION

9 Days

LOCATIONS

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ITINERARY

DAY 1: Embarkation in Ushuaia

Arrive in Ushuaia, Argentina - the world’s southernmost city. Explore this vibrant Patagonian city, or stretch your legs in the surrounding forests. Alternatively, consider a day trip off the beaten path into the raw nature of Tierra del Fuego. The island of Tierra del Fuego is a hiker's paradise with rugged snow-capped mountains, glaciers, flower-filled meadows and rich boggy wetlands. In the afternoon, we board our vessel, waiting to welcome us in port. After our mandatory safety drill, our expedition begins as we navigate through the calm waters of the famous Beagle Channel (named for Charles Darwin's legendary ship). This steep-sided strait divides southern Tierra del Fuego between Chile and Argentina, and has been the jumping-off point for thousands of expeditions into the unknown of the deep South. Watch out for whales and dolphins as we sail off the edge of the map into the tempestuous Drake Passage.



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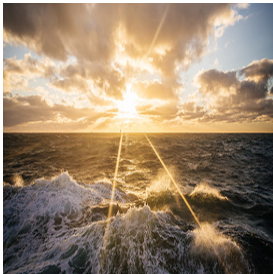
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DAY 2: At sea: Crossing the Drake passage - Day 2 & 3

Sailing onward, we cross the famed Drake Passage - the body of water separating Patagonia and the Antarctic Peninsula. The Drake Passage is known for rollicking conditions and strong westerly winds, nicknamed the Roaring Fifties. While this passage may be challenging, you can rest comfortably aboard our expedition vessels, which are purpose-built with stabilizers, powerful engines and manned by a highly-qualified crew. The most spirited sailors consider Drake Passage a lifetime achievement - and you will complete the crossing twice! Our days in the Drake Passage will be put to good use preparing for our arrival in Antarctica - your Expedition Leader will brief you comprehensively on how to stay safe and minimise your impact on this precious wilderness, as well as briefing you thoroughly on our plans for our time spent exploring, including hints and tips for wildlife watching. Our dedicated Expedition Team will assist you to biosecure your clothing and equipment (a vital process to protect Antarctica's delicate ecology), as well as sharing tailored lectures on Antarctic exploration history, wildlife, geology, glaciology and more! We will cross into the Antarctic Convergence on the third day of our voyage - watch the mercury plummet as we sail southwards into Antarctic waters, an abrupt cooling that marks the intersection of Antarctic waters with the warmer waters of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. As the sea cools, wildlife multiplies; these are some of the most biologically productive water on Earth, so expect to see petrels, albatrosses and potentially penguins, seals and whales in abundance. Weather permitting, we may be able to make landfall in the South Shetland Islands (a small but spectacular archipelago to the north of the Antarctic Peninsula) on the afternoon of our second day in the Drake Passage, marking the start of our exploration on the Last Continent.



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DAY 4: South Shetland Islands & Antarctica - Day 4 to 6

Arriving in Antarctica in the height of summer is an unparalleled experience. Enter a world where the mountains themselves are bright glittering white, and wildlife has no fear of humans. We will begin our time on Antarctica in the South Shetland Islands. This chain of rugged rocks marks the northernmost point of Antarctica, and the most exposed to the fury of the Southern Ocean. Because of this, it is also one of the richest in terms of wildlife, with large Gentoo and Chinstrap Penguin colonies, and an abundance of large seabirds such as predatory Giant Petrels. The ice-clad mountains of Livingstone, Greenwich and King George Islands give us a glimpse of what is to come as we venture further south. The following days will be spent exploring further south on the Antarctic Peninsula in the Gerlache Strait region. This region is typically icy, so our exact route will be subject to careful planning by the Expedition Leader and Captain - however we will aim to visit a range of sites which showcase the best of this staggeringly beautiful region. Consisting of the 'spine' of the Antarctic Peninsula and a large number of glaciated and mountainous islands, the Gerlache Strait is what comes to mind when most people think of Antarctica. Arriving at the peak of the brief southern summer, wildlife activity is at its most frenetic. Watch gentoo penguins squabble over the tiny pebbles used to build their nests, scamper up snowy hills to their partners and feeding their tiny freshly hatched chicks. Marvel at the tender care these birds take over their offspring, carefully guarding them against frigid Antarctic winds and the predatory skuas which patrol overhead. As the ocean warms during the fleeting summer, gentle giants arrive from warmer climes. Pods of elegant humpback whales frolic in the crystalline waters of the Antarctic peninsula, feasting on the krill which blooms in these waters each summer. And where there are whales, hunters are not far behind - pods of orcas, intelligent and cunning, patrol these waters on their never-ending search for prey. These krill-rich waters also attract throngs of seals. Weddell seals can often be seen hauled out on the snow, snoozing after diving deep in search of prey. Groups of crabeater seals gambol in the shallows, gorging on krill, while serpentine leopard seals patrol the shoreline of penguin colonies, waiting for prey to venture nearby. At this point in the summer, there is no true night; spectacular sunsets merge into breathtaking sunrises, and the weather is as kind as it gets in Antarctica, offering superlative opportunities to explore. While wind, ice and sea conditions will dictate our precise destinations and timings, our plans will be explained to guests during regularly scheduled evening briefings with your Expedition Leader; these nightly sessions are also an excellent opportunity to hear from your knowledgeable Expedition Team, who will explain and expand on our experiences to ensure guests get the most from their voyage.



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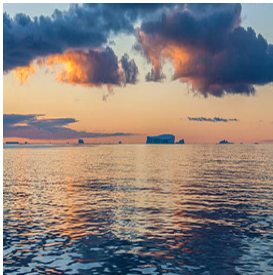
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DAY 7: At sea: Crossing the Drake passage - Day 7 & 8

We eventually depart Antarctica, and spend two days at sea on our way northwards back across the infamous Drake Passage towards the more welcoming shores of the Beagle Channel and Ushuaia, Argentina. During our time at sea, a variety of activities will be arranged on board to provide our guests with the chance to reflect on their voyage. Relax with an expertly crafted cocktail in the Nordic Bar in the company of new friends, soak up the knowledge and passion of our Expedition Team during lectures in the Shackleton Lounge, or simply enjoy the flight of the albatross which accompany us northwards. During your last evening onboard, join the Captain and Officers for the Farewell Cocktail Party, followed by a presentation of photos and video by our onboard photographer - the ideal opportunity to re-live your Antarctic adventure.



DAY 9: Disembarkation in Ushuaia

On the morning of the final day of our voyage, we will arrive back at the pier of Ushuaia, Argentina. Trees, grass and a busy city may seem strange to you after the white wilderness of Antarctica! After a hearty breakfast, it is time to bid a fond farewell to the Crew and Albatros Expedition Team, and descend the gangway back to dry land with memories of the voyage of a lifetime.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Cabin on board ship

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Inclusions	INCLUSIONS Stateroom accommodation on board during your voyage Embarkation shuttle transfer to the vessel from Ushuaia city centre Shuttle transfer after disembarkation from the ship to Ushuaia city centre or airport All Zodiac excursions, as per itinerary, guided by our Expedition Team Expedition parka Rubber boots loan scheme Briefings and lectures by our Expedition Leader and Team English-speaking Expedition Team Full board on the ship - breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks Complimentary house wine, beer and soda at dinner (selected labels and brands, served at our a-la-carte dinners) Free tea and coffee available 24 hours Taxes and landing fees Special photo workshops Welcome and Farewell Cocktail Parties Digital visual journal link distributed after the voyage, including voyage log, gallery, species list and more!
	EXCLUSIONS International or internal flights flights Extra excursions and optional activities not mentioned in the itinerary Single room supplement and stateroom upgrades Meals not on board the ship Beverages (other than coffee and tea) Tips for the crew (we recommend USD 16 per person per day) Personal expenses (e.g. Albatros Polar Spa services, Albatros Ocean Boutique purchases) Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac landings and excursions Laundry, bar, and other personal charges, unless specified Travel and medical insurance (compulsory) Pre or post cruise travel expenses Visa (if applicable) and passport fees Fuel surcharge may be applied to all bookings Anything not mentioned under 'Inclusions'
	Difficulty Rating 2 (light adventure)
	Single Surcharge Available on request. No single supplement if willing to share (select cabins only). Contact us for more details.

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Notes	<p>Prices are based on per person, and may be based off quad/triple/ or twin share cabins* (please contact us for more details)</p> <p>Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.</p> <p>Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.</p>
Price Dependent upon	<p>Departure Date, Fuel Surcharges, Cabin Category, Currency Fluctuations, Seasonality & Availability.</p>

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