

# ANTARCTICA - BEST OF ANTARCTICA: PRISTINE WILDERNESS | OCEAN ENDEAVOUR



## INTRODUCTION


Discover the raw, untouched beauty of the Great White Continent on this 11-day expedition to the Antarctic Peninsula. During this magical time, landscapes are at their most pristine as the thawing of sea ice invites you into an unspoiled polar wilderness. Keep your camera ready as you cruise in a zodiac in search of whales, seals, seabirds and astounding icebergs displaying a palette of snow white and deep aquamarine. Watch penguins squabbling over pebbles for their nests as they begin to court and scan for Leopard seals on ice floes. While the *Ocean Endeavour* edges its way through the fractured ice, perhaps entering the narrow, sheer-sided Lemaire Channel, you are invited onto the bow as we follow the continent's inhabitants further south into the untouched snowscapes of pristine Antarctica.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: Ushuaia, Argentina

Your adventure begins in Ushuaia, Argentina. You will be transferred from the airport today and met by a representative who will be holding a sign with the ship's name on it. If you cannot locate the representative, please refer to your final itinerary for contact information. Ushuaia is nestled within the Tierra del Fuego archipelago, Ushuaia boasts many shops, museums, restaurants and cafes that you can enjoy before your voyage. This Argentine town is the ideal gateway for you to explore the southern extent of Patagonia while preparing for your adventure ahead. If you feel adventurous, the nearby Tierra del Fuego National Park offers plenty of outdoor activities.



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11 Days
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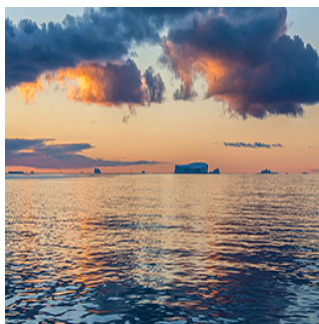
## DAY 2: Embarkation In Ushuaia

Following your embarkation onto the Ocean Endeavour in the late afternoon, you begin your Antarctic journey south, passing through the infamous Beagle Channel. Named after the famed ship on which Charles Darwin voyaged, the channel presents great photo opportunities of landscapes and seabirds.



## DAY 3: At Sea, Drake Passage - Days 3 & 4

The infamous Drake Passage is wild and unpredictable. Soak up some fresh air on one of the Ocean Endeavour's many outer decks while you feel the breeze of the roaring forties and furious fifties - waters not yet tamed even by the most intrepid of explorers. The Expedition Team will provide insights into the adventures ahead and offer educational lectures on everything from history and geology to photography and ornithology. During these two days at sea, you'll witness plenty of seabirds crossing the Southern Ocean. With favourable sea and weather conditions, the first sighting of land will appear on day four.



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### DAY 5: South Shetland Islands & Antarctica - Days 5 to 8

This is when your Antarctic adventures truly begin. The South Shetland Islands come into view – a region that has long captivated the attention of many explorers alike. The Expedition Team and Captain will scout for whales and seabirds and alert you to any new sightings. Enjoy in-depth explanations and more lectures on the glaciology, history, and wildlife of the region as we explore them. Even more exciting will be your first land excursion. Daily Zodiac cruises and shore excursions take you to explore local bays, channels, and landing sites with wildlife opportunities always at the forefront of your Expedition Team's mind. Walk on beaches dotted with penguins, visit penguin rookeries, and search for southern seal species, including the fearless penguin eater, the Leopard seal. No two days or landings are the same, with each day presenting new photo opportunities and sightings. But it won't take long for you to spot the difference between an Adelie, Gentoo and Chinstrap penguin. You might hike to a penguin rookery one day and take a Zodiac cruise among towering icebergs the next. From coming eye to eye with a Humpback whale to the sound of a calving glacier, you will wake up excited each day with a desire to explore this icy wilderness. You also have the option to treat yourself to an overnight ice camping experience on land, a snowshoeing excursion to explore further afield, or hit the water for a day paddle excursion giving you a more intimate Antarctic experience. An average day onboard begins with a wake-up call from your Expedition Leader around 7am, giving you time to prepare for the day before joining your fellow expeditioners for breakfast in the Polaris restaurant. You will usually have two excursions per day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, with a delicious lunch served on the Ocean Endeavour in between excursions.



### DAY 9: At Sea, Drake Passage - Days 9 & 10

Your journey back across the Drake Passage provides a final opportunity to enjoy the Antarctic air. So make sure to spend some time on the outer decks scouting for whales, watching seabirds or enjoying a presentation by your Expedition Team. Celebrate the unforgettable experiences you have shared with your fellow passengers exploring the remarkable world of Antarctica.



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## DAY 11: Disembarkation In Ushuaia, Argentina

Your Antarctic adventure draws to a close as you disembark the Ocean Endeavour following breakfast. Farewell your fellow guests and your Expedition Team and join a transfer to Ushuaia airport for your onward journey (included for selected flight departures today) or to the city centre of Ushuaia, where you can make your way to your hotel if you are extending your stay and want to spend some more time exploring this incredible part of the world. With much to see and do in this quaint 'End of the World' town, including the Museo Maritimo, Avenida San Martin or even an adventurous hike to the Martial Glacier, your adventure doesn't have to end here. If you would like to stay additional nights in Ushuaia, please speak to your booking agent. Please note: A transfer to the city centre after disembarkation OR a transfer to the airport for onward flights (for selected departures today only) is included. If you are extending your stay or do not meet the requirements for the included transfers then we can arrange transportation at an additional cost, please discuss this with your booking agent. You are advised not to book a flight out of Ushuaia before midday on disembarkation day, in case of delays caused by unfavourable weather conditions. Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.




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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

<b>Accommodation</b>	Hotel & Cabin Onboard a Ship
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<b>Inclusions</b>	<p><b>INCLUSIONS</b></p> <p>All meals onboard the Ocean Endeavour including snacks          Accommodation onboard the Ocean Endeavour in booked cabin category          Onboard lecture program from Expeditions Team and Naturalists          All applicable shore excursions and Zodiac cruising (except paid adventure options with cost)          Use of rubber boots on land and use of waterproof outer shell jacket          Insulated inner jacket, yours to keep at the end of the voyage          Transfer from Ushuaia airport to hotel (Day 1) and pre-night hotel with breakfast          Transfer from Ushuaia hotel accommodation to the Ocean Endeavour for embarkation          Transports to Ushuaia airport on return to port          All port taxes          All landing fees          Use of onboard gym, sauna, pool and jacuzzi and onboard yoga</p>
	<p><b>EXCLUSIONS</b></p> <p>International or internal flights unless specified          Airport transfers, taxes and excess baggage charges unless specified          Meals other than those specified in the pre-departure information          Pre or post cruise travel expenses          Visa (if applicable) and passport fees          Travel insurance (compulsory)          Fuel surcharge may be applied to all bookings          Paid adventure options and all personal expenses          Tobacco, alcoholic or beverages (other than coffee and tea)          Miscellaneous extras          Laundry and communication charges on board          Gratuities for Expedition team and crew (recommended US\$15 per person per day)          For minors under 16 years of age at time of travel; life jackets, waterproof outer shell jacket, insulated inner jacket and boots          For guests who require larger sizing; Waterproof outer shell jacket, insulated inner jacket and rubber boots</p>
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	2 (light adventure)
<b>Single Surcharge</b>	Available on request. No single supplement if willing to share. Contact us for more details.

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<b>Notes</b>	Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated for triple/quad cabins) Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	Departure Date, Fuel Surcharges, Cabin Category, Currency Fluctuations, Seasonality & Availability.

## SUSTAINABILITY

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