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INTRODUCTION

In this exclusive charter, unique to Chimu Adventures, we will be trailing in the wake of the legendary polar explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton, who led three expeditions to the Antarctic and has become well known for his formidable rescue effort of his crew, who were stranded on Elephant island after losing their ship to the wrath of the Antarctic sea ice, back in 1917.

As we journey to the white continent, our planet's last frontier, we'll explore the Falkland Islands and South Georgia, the place for both the final stages of Shackleton's quest to find help back in 1917 and his the final resting place in 1922.

Set amidst awe-inspiring scenery of imposing mountain ranges, beautifully carved icebergs, ice-filled channels and spectacular glaciers, you will be greeted by vast penguin colonies, seals, whales and an abundance of seabirds. Join us on the trip of a lifetime!

Just by going on this voyage you will be supporting Australia's unique Antarctic heritage, a portion of the profits from berth sales will directly benefit the [Mawsons Huts Foundation](#) who fund conservation expeditions to the huts built by another Hero of the Antarctic Age, Sir Douglas Mawson.

Pricing guide is per person. Single travellers can be matched with other travellers of the same sex.

PRICING	Triple Suite	Main Deck Suite	Classic Suite	Superior Suite	Deluxe Suite (w/balcony)	Premium Suite (w/balcony)	Owners Suite (w/balcony)
RETAIL PRICE	US\$12,995	US\$13,995	SOLD OUT	US\$15,995	SOLD OUT	US\$17,995	SOLD OUT
SAVE UP TO 20%	US\$12,495 SAVE US\$500	US\$13,495 LIMITED SPACES		US\$12,796 SAVE US\$3,199		US\$14,396 SAVE US\$3,599	

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DAY 1: Arrival in Ushuaia, Argentina

On arrival into Ushuaia, you will be met and transferred to Hotel Arakur where you will meet up with your fellow expeditioners. There will be an evening briefing at 7:30pm to run through details of embarkation the following day. Ushuaia is the most southerly city in the world and the capital of Tierra del Fuego, 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.



DAY 2: Embarkation

This morning is free for you to explore Ushuaia and pick up any essential supplies before boarding the ship in the mid-afternoon. Highlights of Ushuaia include the award-winning Museo Marítimo y del Presidio de Ushuaia, (Maritime & Prison of Ushuaia Museum), located in Ushuaia's former prison, in buildings dating back to 1906, and nearby Tierra del Fuego National Park that can be reached by the "End of the World Train". Stroll along the main street of Avenida San Martin with its many cafes, shops and restaurants, explore the Argentinean leather markets and maybe taste a succulent lamb dish for which Patagonia is famous. On embarkation you will meet the expedition crew and be shown to your suite. In the early evening we sail down the majestic Beagle Channel past magellanic penguin, rock cormorant and sea lion colonies as we head towards Antarctica. We will enter the legendary Drake Passage just after midnight.



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DAY 3: At Sea: Drake Passage - Day 3 & 4

We cross this famous stretch of water which sits between the Antarctic continent and South America and which takes its name from the 16th century English explorer Sir Francis Drake. Our on board lecture program will commence today with our Antarctic experts giving you a fascinating insight into the continent with presentations on the wildlife, history and geology of Antarctica, preparing us for what lies ahead. On the second day we cross the Antarctic Convergence, a meeting of cold polar water flowing north and warmer equatorial water moving in the opposite direction. This mixing pushes nutrient rich waters to the surface, attracting a variety of seabirds, whales and other species. You will notice a distinct drop in temperature as we enter the icy waters of the Antarctic Ocean. If weather permits, head out on deck to look for whales, dolphins and trailing sea birds such as albatrosses, prions and petrels. Depending on sea conditions we may reach the South Shetland Islands by nightfall of day 4.



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DAY 5: Antarctic Peninsula - Day 5 to 8

Experience some of the most unique wildlife viewing and awe-inspiring scenery in the world as you set foot on the Antarctic continent. Over the next four days we will explore the islands and waterways of the Antarctic Peninsula. Making use of our on board Zodiacs, we will cruise amongst ice-filled bays, looking out for wildlife as well as making shore landings. Here we will be greeted by a host of animals and may encounter Weddell, crabeater and leopard seals; gentoo, Adelie and chinstrap penguins as well as elephant seals. The scenery will take your breath away as you gaze at majestic mountains, incredible glaciers and vast beautifully sculptured icebergs.



DAY 9: Elephant Island

Departing the Antarctic Peninsula we head towards Elephant Island, where weather permitting we will attempt to make a landing. Elephant Island is the desolate island where Sir Ernest Shackleton left 24 of his men for months while he embarked on one of the greatest survival stories of all time, on a mission to South Georgia in the hope of returning and saving them all.



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DAY 10: At Sea - Day 10 & 11

We set sail again for the open seas and retrace Shackleton's path to South Georgia. Spend time looking out for seabirds, whales and other wildlife, listening to expedition lectures from our on board Antarctic experts and soaking up the ice-swept seascape.



DAY 12: South Georgia - Day 12 to 14

South Georgia has been a British Overseas Territory since 1775. At 3,755 square kilometres, it is the largest island in the territory and one of the wildest and most remote places on earth with dramatic scenery of snow-capped mountains and huge glaciers. The island is home to tens of millions of breeding penguins, seals and seabirds. In the 19th century South Georgia was a prominent whaling base, but whaling ceased in the 1960's and the only remnants are museums and well-preserved buildings. South Georgia teems with wildlife due to the currents that bring nutrients to the island from the Atlantic. Huge numbers of penguins and seals breed here and it is also home to many fascinating sites, including Shackleton's Grave. Over the next few days we will explore the wonderful island of South Georgia and see why the island is known as the "Galapagos of the South". With enormous quantities of sea birds, penguin colonies numbering in the hundreds of thousands, sea lion pups and a wealth of history, this promises to be the highlight of any trip. We will visit the old whaling settlement of Gritviken and pay a visit to the grave of the legend himself - Sir Ernest Shackleton.



DAY 15: At Sea

We leave South Georgia and chart a course for the Falkland Islands. Spend time out on deck scanning the horizon for seabirds and other wildlife and maybe take in an expedition lecture on the dramatic history and rich wildlife of the Falkland Islands.



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DAY 16: Falkland Islands

The Falkland Islands, a British Overseas Territory, is an archipelago that lies 490kms east of Patagonia in the South Atlantic Ocean. Surrounded by decades of controversy, the Falkland Islands (or Islas Malvinas as they are known in Argentina) have been settled and claimed by France, Spain, Britain and Argentina. The islands have much to offer and provide a rare opportunity to witness the biological diversity, extraordinary scenery and history of the southern islands. The Falklands have the largest black-browed albatross colony in the world and five species of penguin breed on the islands (gentoo, king, macaroni, magellanic and rockhopper). Port Stanley, the capital, offers an opportunity to meet the hardy local inhabitants whose colourful houses provide contrast to the long dark winters. We explore Stanley, chosen as the capital for its sheltered harbour and access to abundant fresh water and peat for fuel. Take a historical walking tour of the town to learn more about Stanley's rich and colourful history. If time permits we will also visit nearby bird and penguin colonies. We depart in the afternoon setting a course for Puerto Madryn.



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DAY 17: At Sea

As we sail towards Puerto Madryn, there is time to reflect on the spectacular scenery and prolific wildlife encountered during the voyage, and the endeavours of explorers such as the legendary Shackleton.



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DAY 18: Disembark in Puerto Madryn

This morning we explore the wildlife oasis of Puerto Madryn on the Patagonian coast before returning to the ship for lunch. Puerto Madryn is the gateway to Península Valdés. It is the second largest fishing port in Argentina and home to the country's first aluminium plant, built in 1974. Puerto Madryn was founded by Welsh settlers in 1886, and along the shoreline statues of immigrants and Teheulche pay tribute to the history of the town. Between July and September the migrating southern right whales sometimes come so close that they can be viewed from the town pier. We disembark the ship late afternoon and transfer to the airport. Why not consider adding on a couple of days at the end of the tour to explore the Valdes Peninsula, one of the best places on the planet to spot orcas hunting their prey on the beaches.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation Superior

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Inclusions	<p>INCLUDED: 1 pre-voyage hotel night at Arakur Hotel in Ushuaia Group transfer to the ship on day of embarkation Group transfer to airport or central location on disembarkation in Ushuaia Accommodation on board ship All scheduled landings/excursions Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Leader & Expedition Team All meals on board throughout the voyage Tea and coffee station 24 hours daily Welcome and Farewell cocktails A pair of rubber boots on loan for shore landings Expedition jacket (yours to keep) All port fees Pre-departure material Digital Voyage Log</p>
	<p>NOT INCLUDED: Transfer from the airport to the hotel in Ushuaia on a day prior to departure Airfares Visa and passport fees (if applicable) Travel insurance Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages other than those for special events and celebrations Personal expenses such as laundry and on board communication (telephone calls, faxes, and e-mail service) Fuel surcharge may be applied for all bookings Emergency Evacuation Insurance to a minimum benefit of USD 150,000 Staff gratuities Pre or post-cruise travel expenses</p>
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request. No single supplement if willing to share.
Notes	Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions. Kayaking and camping may be available at extra cost. Contact us for more details.
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

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GUIDANCE FOR VISITORS TO THE ANTARCTIC

RECOMMENDATION XVIII-1, ADOPTED AT THE ANTARCTIC TREATY MEETING, KYOTO, 1994

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Activities in the Antarctic are governed by the Antarctic Treaty of 1959 and associated agreements, referred to collectively as the Antarctic Treaty System. The Treaty established Antarctica as a zone of peace and science.

In 1991, the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties adopted the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty, which designates the Antarctic as a natural reserve. The Protocol sets out environmental principles, procedures and obligations for the comprehensive protection of the Antarctic environment, and its dependent and associated ecosystems. The Consultative Parties have agreed that as far as possible and in accordance with their legal system, the provisions of the Protocol should be applied as appropriate. The Environmental Protocol was ratified in January 1998.

The Environmental Protocol applies to tourism and non-governmental activities, as well as governmental activities in the Antarctic Treaty Area. It is intended to ensure that these activities, do not have adverse impacts on the Antarctic environment, or on its scientific and aesthetic values.

This Guidance for Visitors to the Antarctic is intended to ensure that all visitors are aware of, and are therefore able to comply with, the Treaty and the Protocol. Visitors are, of course, bound by national laws and regulations applicable to activities in the Antarctic.

PROTECT ANTARCTIC WILDLIFE

Taking or harmful interference with Antarctic wildlife is prohibited except in accordance with a permit issued by a national authority.

Do not use aircraft, vessels, small boats, or other means of transport in ways that disturb wildlife, either at sea or on land.

Do not feed, touch, or handle birds or seals, or approach or photograph them in ways that cause them to alter their behavior. Special care is needed when animals are breeding or molting.

Do not damage plants, for example by walking, driving, or landing on extensive moss beds or lichen-covered scree slopes.

Do not use guns or explosives. Keep noise to the minimum to avoid frightening wildlife.

Do not bring non-native plants or animals into the Antarctic, such as live poultry, pet dogs and cats, or house plants.

RESPECT PROTECTED AREAS

A variety of areas in the Antarctic have been afforded special protection because of their particular ecological, scientific, historic, or other values. Entry into certain areas may be prohibited except in accordance with a permit issued by an appropriate national authority.

Activities in and near designated Historic Sites and Monuments and certain other areas may be subject to special restrictions.

Know the locations of areas that have been afforded special protection and any restrictions regarding entry and activities that can be carried out in and near them.

Observe applicable restrictions.

Do not damage, remove, or destroy Historic Sites or Monuments or any artifacts associated with them.

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RESPECT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

Do not interfere with scientific research, facilities or equipment.

Obtain permission before visiting Antarctic science and support facilities; reconfirm arrangements 24-72 hours before arrival; and comply with the rules regarding such visits. Do not interfere with, or remove, scientific equipment or marker posts, and do not disturb experimental study sites, field camps, or supplies.

BE SAFE

Be prepared for severe and changeable weather and ensure that your equipment and clothing meet Antarctic standards. Remember that the Antarctic environment is inhospitable, unpredictable, and potentially dangerous.

Know your capabilities and the dangers posed by the Antarctic environment, and act accordingly. Plan activities with safety in mind at all times.

Keep a safe distance from all wildlife, both on land and at sea.

Take note of, and act on, the advice and instructions from your leaders; do not stray from your group.

Do not walk onto glaciers or large snow fields without the proper equipment and experience; there is a real danger of falling into hidden crevasses.

Do not expect a rescue service. Self-sufficiency is increased and risks reduced by sound planning, quality equipment, and trained personnel.

Do not enter emergency refuges (except in emergencies). If you use equipment or food from a refuge, inform the nearest research station or national authority once the emergency is over.

Respect any smoking restrictions, particularly around buildings, and take great care to safeguard against the danger of fire. This is a real hazard in the dry environment of Antarctica.

KEEP ANTARCTICA PRISTINE

Antarctica remains relatively pristine, the largest wilderness area on Earth. It has not yet been subjected to large-scale human perturbations. Please keep it that way.

Do not dispose of litter or garbage on land. Open burning is prohibited.

Do not disturb or pollute lakes or streams. Any materials discarded at sea must be disposed of properly.

Do not paint or engrave names or graffiti on rocks or buildings.

Do not collect or take away biological or geological specimens or man-made artifacts as a souvenir, including rocks, bones, eggs, fossils, and parts or contents of buildings.

Do not deface or vandalize buildings or emergency refuges, whether occupied, abandoned, or unoccupied.

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