

ANTARCTICA - CHARTER | SEA SPIRIT | FROZEN FRONTIER | TRIPLE

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INTRODUCTION

Starting from Ushuaia, the world’s most southerly city, set sail across the infamous Drake Passage to the wild and untamed Frozen Frontier of Antarctica. Breathtaking scenery awaits you - snow-capped mountain ranges, ice-filled channels, immense yet beautifully-shaped icebergs and spectacular glaciers. Not to mention the plethora of wildlife - from whales, seals and a huge variety of seabirds to vast penguin colonies.

On board this exclusive Chimu Charter there will be a special guest; he is an incredible author, a formidable Australian personality and someone who knows Antarctica well, for he penned the best seller [Mawson And the Ice Men of the Heroic Age: Scott, Shackleton and Amundsen](#), he is Peter FitzSimons. Peter will spice up the normal events of a typical journey to Antarctica with special lectures and be host to our well known trivia nights whilst we travel together to this bucket list destination. Proceeds from berth sales will benefit the [MAD Project](#) a fundraising project for lesser known reputable charities working hard to make a difference with a limited voice.

This trip to Antarctica will be the experience of a lifetime, so [contact us](#) now and ensure you don’t miss out.

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DEPARTURE

24-Feb-2018

DURATION

11 Days

LOCATIONS

Antarctica

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\$6,990	US\$7,790	SOLD OUT	US\$9,795	US\$11,995	US\$13,995	SOLDOUT
DISCOUNTED PRICE	US\$6490 SAVE US\$500				US\$9,595 SAVE US\$2,400	US\$11,195 SAVE US\$2,800	

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DAY 1: Arrival into Ushuaia

On arrival into Ushuaia, transfer to the Hotel Arakur. The city of Ushuaia lies at the southern tip of Tierra del Fuego on the shores of the Beagle Channel, with the Martial Mountains rising up behind and creating a spectacular backdrop. Ushuaia is the capital of Tierra del Fuego (Land of Fire) and the main starting point for voyages to the White Continent of Antarctica. Hotel Arakur The Hotel Arakur is set on a spectacular natural balcony inside the Reserva Natural Cerro Alarken, 800 feet above sea level and surrounded by stunning panoramic views, native forests and natural terraces. The hotel features a lobby with large windows, fireplaces and a decor that focuses on wood, stone and natural fabrics. Facilities include a heated pool, gym, Wi-Fi and a shuttle service to Ushuaia city centre.



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DAY 2: Embarkation in Ushuaia

Enjoy a free morning in Ushuaia to explore the city or pick up some last minute supplies. You may like to visit the award-winning Museo Marítimo y del Presidio de Ushuaia, (Maritime & Prison of Ushuaia Museum), located in Ushuaia's former prison buildings, or nearby Tierra del Fuego National Park that can be reached by the "End of the World Train". The main street of Ushuaia, Avenida San Martin, is lined with cafes, shops and restaurants. Embarkation begins in the afternoon at the port in Ushuaia. Enjoy a welcome drink and an introduction to the crew and expedition staff and settle into your cabins. In the early evening the ship sets sail along the famous Beagle Channel and the scenic Mackinlay Pass towards the Drake Passage.



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

Spanning nearly 1000kms, the infamous Drake Passage lies between South America and Antarctica and connects the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Named after the English explorer Sir Francis Drake, the Passage also marks the Antarctic Convergence. This biological barrier, where cold polar water sinks beneath the warmer northern waters, produces krill-rich waters and is a feeding ground for sea mammals, albatrosses and petrels. As we sail across the Drake Passage, watch out for marine life and enjoy the expansive views of the open ocean, either from inside the ship or out on deck. Albatrosses, prions and petrels frequently follow the ship and whales and dolphins can often be spotted. There will also be a series of lectures on the geology, history and wildlife of Antarctica and the Southern Ocean, preparing you for what lies ahead. If conditions are favourable, we may reach the South Shetlands on the evening of Day 4. The first sightings of icebergs and snow-capped mountains will herald your arrival. The islands are home to vast penguin rookeries, Antarctic fur and Southern elephant seals.



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DAY 5: Exploring the Antarctic Peninsula - Day 5 to 8

Over the next few days we explore the spectacular landscapes of the Antarctic Peninsula and discover the unique wildlife, cruising waterways in the Zodiacs and making shore landings. The itinerary will depend on weather and ice conditions. We hope to sail through Neptune’s Bellows into the flooded caldera of Deception Island, one of the most incredible islands on the planet and one of the only places in the world where ships can sail directly into the centre of an active volcano. Much of the island is covered by glaciers, there are remains of the old structures at Whalers Bay including rusting tanks and boilers, an aircraft hangar and Biscoe House (the British scientific station house), and the island is home to several chinstrap penguin colonies. We also hope to navigate along some of the most beautiful waterways of the region including the Gerlache Strait, Neumayer Channel and Lemaire Channel. The Neumayer and Lemaire Channels are narrow passages between immense towering rock faces and spectacular glaciers. It will be easy to see why Lemaire Channel is known as “Kodak Alley”. For the more adventurous, there may be the opportunity to take a “Polar Plunge” perhaps at Neko Harbour. Other possible landing sites include Paulet Island, Melchior Island, Cuverville Island and Pleneau Island. We plan to make at least two landings a day, giving you as many opportunities as possible to explore the pristine Antarctic wilderness of snow, ice, mountains, glaciers and icebergs with their cracks and crevices reflecting an amazing spectrum of blue colours, and to marvel at its wildlife. This Frozen Frontier is home to an incredible variety of wildlife. Penguin species include Adélie, chinstrap, macaroni and gentoo. You should encounter Weddell, crabeater and leopard seals as well as minke, orca (killer) and humpback whales, Antarctic fur seals and Southern elephant seals. Then of course there is the huge variety of seabirds including kelp gulls, blue-eyed cormorants, Antarctic terns, Southern giant petrels, shearwaters and the wandering albatross with a wing span reaching up to 3 metres.



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DAY 9: Depart the Antarctic Peninsula

As we leave Antarctica behind, we head north back across the Drake Passage towards Ushuaia. Continue your search for seabirds and whales and take in a few final lectures.



DAY 10: Drake Passage

We return across the fabled Drake Passage, with Ushuaia in our sights.



DAY 11: Disembarkation in Ushuaia

We arrive into Ushuaia in the early morning and disembark the ship after breakfast. *** Important - Please be sure not to book flights out of Ushuaia before 12PM (Noon) on the day of disembarkation from your cruise ship



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

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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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SUSTAINABILITY

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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