



# INTRODUCTION

You will set off to explore the last frontier on this expedition, the Antarctic continent.

Spend a night pre-cruise in Buenos Aires, the Paris of the South before taking a plane to Ushuaia, which is situated on the banks of the Beagle Channel and affectionately known as the 'End of the World',

Here you will embark on your expedition vessel, Seabourn Pursuit. Savour all that this opulent, 264-passenger ship has to offer. The vessel is equipped with all the necessities for a premium sailing experience, with a PC6 Polar Ice Class that permits you to venture into areas inaccessible to larger vessels. There are 136 suites on the ship, each having a large sitting room and a separate balcony. There are five Michelin-starred restaurants, a spa, sauna, fitness facility, pool, and bars on board and in-room dining and minibar are included in your cruising fare.

You will spend several days exploring the Antarctic peninsula during this cruise, where you will witness icebergs, tabular glaciers, and a variety of species including seals, whales, dolphins, and penguins. From here, you'll set sail for South Georgia, one of the world's most famous wildlife hotspots, which is home to colonies of tens of thousands of King penguins. This area boasts a diverse scenery that is a photographer's and animal enthusiast's paradise. Sail on to the Falkland Islands, a place rich in history and legend surrounding the great explorers who initially found this area. You will witness Ernest Shackleton's last resting place and learn more about him by visiting the Stanley settlement. See numerous sizable colonies of different species and observe a plethora of birdlife.

You will enjoy lectures onboard, regular landings (subject to weather/conditions), and zodiac cruising with the knowledgeable expedition crew. Two cutting-edge, specially constructed submarines are also installed on the ship to facilitate underwater exploration. Kayaking and submarine expeditions are available as optional adventure activities on selected voyages; a surcharge will apply.

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#### DURATION

22 Days

#### LOCATIONS





Please note that pricing may change and is subject to availability and currency fluctuation. Pricing is correct as per the date of publishing (08 Apr 24) but may change at any time due to dynamic nature. Please contact us for the latest availability and to confirm pricing for your preferred voyage.

## **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: Arrive Buenos Aires

Referred to as the 'Paris of South America', Buenos Aires is considered as one of the most livable cities in South America. Although the bustling capital city has just under 3,000,000 inhabitants and a population density of 13,680 inhabitants per square kilometer (34,800 per square mile), it was rated in 2018 as one of the top cities on the continent for its 'quality of life'. Twinned with world cities such as Moscow and Miami, Buenos Aires displays through its architecture, a cultural past rooted in both the Old and New Worlds. A vibrancy for life can be seen everywhere. Crowded public markets, street performers dancing the tango, colorful graffitistyle street art, ultra-modern buildings, a dramatic skyline and a bustling port. Culturally, Buenos Aires has the busiest live theatre industry on Earth, outperforming New York, London and Paris. Every weekend, over 300 theatres are active with plays and productions. \*Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors



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## DAY 2: Fly to Ushuaia & Embarkation

Start your day by flying from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia. Upon landing, our team will be ready to pick you up at the airport and ensure a seamless transfer to the ship for embarkation. Once deemed too harsh for European settlement, Ushuaia's rugged beauty was the realm of its native inhabitants - the Yahgan People. Today, it holds the distinctive title of being the southernmost city on Earth, often referred to as 'the end of the world.' Situated along the banks of the Beagle Channel, Ushuaia unveils itself like an artist's masterpiece. A mosaic of vibrant houses adds a splash of color against the dramatic backdrop of snow-capped mountains. Dominating this breathtaking panorama is Monte Olivia, its jagged peaks soaring 4,530 feet above the landscape.





DAY 3: At Sea - Day 3 & 4

Embark on the thrilling Drake Passage, where the Pacific, Atlantic, and Southern oceans converge, creating an adventure like no other. Our skilled onboard staff and expedition team ensure your well-being, providing ample opportunities to marvel at the vast ocean expanse. Capture stunning moments as seabirds gracefully dance around the ship, and forge connections with both the Expedition Team and fellow travelers. This unique journey promises not only excitement in navigating the passage but also the chance to immerse yourself in the beauty of the open sea.



DAY 5: Exploring the Antarctic Peninsula - Day 5 to 9

Your captain and the skilled expedition team will plan your exploration and adventure in Antarctica based on weather, ice conditions, and reported wildlife distribution during the expedition. This adaptable approach guarantees that you can maximize the benefits of favorable conditions, enriching your experience as you uncover the awe-inspiring landscapes and distinctive wildlife of this pristine continent.



DAY 11: At Sea - Day 11 & 12

Having immersed yourself in the pristine beauty of Antarctica, set sail towards South Georgia and the Falklands. During these days at sea, ample free time will be at your disposal to luxuriate in the ship's amenities and delve into the geography and wildlife of the region.



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### DAY 13: South Georgia Experience

The South Georgia Islands Group is one of the least visited destinations on earth. It consists of South Georgia Island and smaller surrounding islands and rocks. Largely untouched and blessed with a sub-Antarctic climate and nutrient-rich seas, it represents a sort of Lost Eden of unspoiled wildlife habitat. Although ice and snow are present, they are strikingly green with vegetation as compared with Antarctica. They teem with wildlife, including massive populations of king and other penguin species, fur seals, elephant seals, albatrosses, giant petrels, and other seabirds. Whales, orcas and dolphins abound offshore in the most diverse marine ecosystem on earth. Your captain and expedition leader plan your days in South Georgia to offer you a variety of experiences in this remote and enchanting destination, based on conditions and wildlife reports. These will certainly include visits to historic communities such as Grytviken, with its memorial to Ernest Shackleton, the immense breeding colony of king penguins on the Salisbury Plain and other highlights, along with less wellknown, but equally unforgettable sites. Your veteran expedition team members enrich your experience during presentations and in casual conversations and interpret passing sights during time spent cruising. They will also accompany you on landings at the various sites and excursions in Zodiacs and kayaks.



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DAY 16: At Sea - Day 16 & 17

Following the exploration of the breathtaking South Georgia Island, embark on the journey towards the Falkland Islands. Utilize these two days at sea to relax and indulge in the upscale amenities offered by the cruise ship.





DAY 18: Stanley Island, Falkland Islands

The Falkland Islands are a world unto themselves. This remote archipelago are wind-swept and bathed in stunning natural beauty, magnificent wildlife, and are home to a gregarious mix of people. More than 200 islands dot the waters around the two mainlands of East and West Falkland, presenting landscapes that are breathtakingly pure and stark, yet vibrantly detailed. Here, the shores are devoid of trees but teem with an impressive variety of bird species including albatross, penguins, caracaras, and geese. The Islands are also steeped in maritime and military history, with over three hundred shipwrecks scattered along their coasts. The serene white crosses marking the final resting places of British and Argentine soldiers serve as silent testaments to the war of 1982. Through the course of their history, many have laid claim to these islands, but today, they stand proud as a self-governing British Overseas Territory. In Stanley, the extraordinary wildlife of the Falklands is always close at hand. Dolphins often dance at its harbor, while steamer ducks, kelp gulls, and other birds thrive on its shores. Southern sea lions bask in the sun, and Southern giant petrels glide through town, seemingly unfazed by human activity. Established in the 1840s, Stanley was named after Edward Smith-Stanley, Earl of Derby, who never actually set foot on these islands.



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#### DAY 19: Saunders Island & Carcass Island

Explore Saunders Island, a remote gem in the Falkland Islands with rich history dating back to 1765. The island, marked by Port Egmont where the first British settlers left their legacy, continues its tradition of sheep farming with descendants of the early pioneers still residing here. Beyond its historical significance, Saunders Island is a thriving wildlife sanctuary. Five penguin species, including king, macaroni, gentoo, rockhopper, and occasional magellanic, contribute to the island's biodiversity. The population also includes 500 steamer ducks, white-bridled finches, and an impressive 22,000 black-browed albatrosses. Keep an eye on the sea for playful dolphins and distant Southern right whales. Next, visit Carcass Island, an unspoiled haven blending scenic beauty and captivating wildlife. Named after HMS Carcass, which surveyed the area in the 18th century, the island boasts diverse bird species like Magellanic penguins, Black-browed albatrosses, Striated caracaras, and numerous songbirds. With minimal human presence, nature takes the spotlight, offering close encounters with fearless wildlife. The charming settlement warmly welcomes visitors to this vibrant sanctuary.



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## DAY 20: West Point Island & New Island

Explore West Point Island, where a summer colony of black-browed albatrosses and rockhopper penguins thrive among rocky ledges and tussock grass. The island is also home to fur seals, sea lions, and frequent visits from dolphins. Visit Cliff Mountain, reaching 1,250 feet, and meet the Napier family, descendants of original farmers, who operate the traditional sheep farm. Experience the island's breathtaking scenery, abundant wildlife, and the warm hospitality of its two inhabitants, Lily and Roddy Napier. Head to New Island, one of the world's most remote inhabited islands, featuring gentle eastern shores with sandy bays and turquoise waters. The landscape transforms into rugged cliffs on the western side, hosting over forty species of nesting birds. Discover a diverse wildlife population, including 13,000 gentoo penguins, 26,000 Southern rockhopper penguins, and an impressive 60,000 black-browed albatrosses soaring along the cliffs. Immerse yourself in the rich history of New Island, dating back to the late 1700s, with many whaling ships seeking refuge in its coves and bays from tempestuous weather.





DAY 21: At Sea

After nearly three weeks of thrilling adventures, take a moment to rest and reflect on your experiences before setting foot in Ushuaia.



#### DAY 22: Disembarkation

Today, as you disembark in Ushuaia, bid farewell to your fellow expedition members and crew before being transported to the airport for a return flight to Buenos Aires. Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.



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# **INCLUSIONS & DETAILS**

Accommodation

Hotel & Cabin Onboard a Ship



**Inclusions** 

Notes

## ANTARCTICA - ANTARCTICA, SOUTH GEORGIA & THE FALKLAND ISLANDS | PURSUIT

## INCLUSIONS

One night of accommodation in Buenos Aires in a 5\* Hotel

Accommodation onboard the Pursuit in booked cabin category

Group transfers to/from the airport and to/from the ship\* (subject to date/time restrictions\*)

Charter flight from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia return in economy class

All meals onboard the Venture including snacks and 24/7 in room dining

Complimentary spirits and wine available on board at all times - full open bar including premium beverages & in room minibar

Inspiring enrichment program and special guest speakers on board

All applicable shore excursions and zodiac cruising (except paid adventure options with cost)

Digital photography workshops

Complimentary expedition-grade parka and day pack All port taxes & landing fees

## **EXCLUSIONS**

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 Miscellaneous extras

Laundry and communication charges on board

Tipping onboard (optional) - We recommend \$15USD per

person per day

**Difficulty Rating** 2 (light adventure)

Available on request. A Single Supplement may be applied. Subject to availability. Please note 'willing to **Single Surcharge** share' option is not available. Contact us for more details.

Prices are based on per person, twin share\*

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Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, Price Dependent upon currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability. TRIP CODE

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