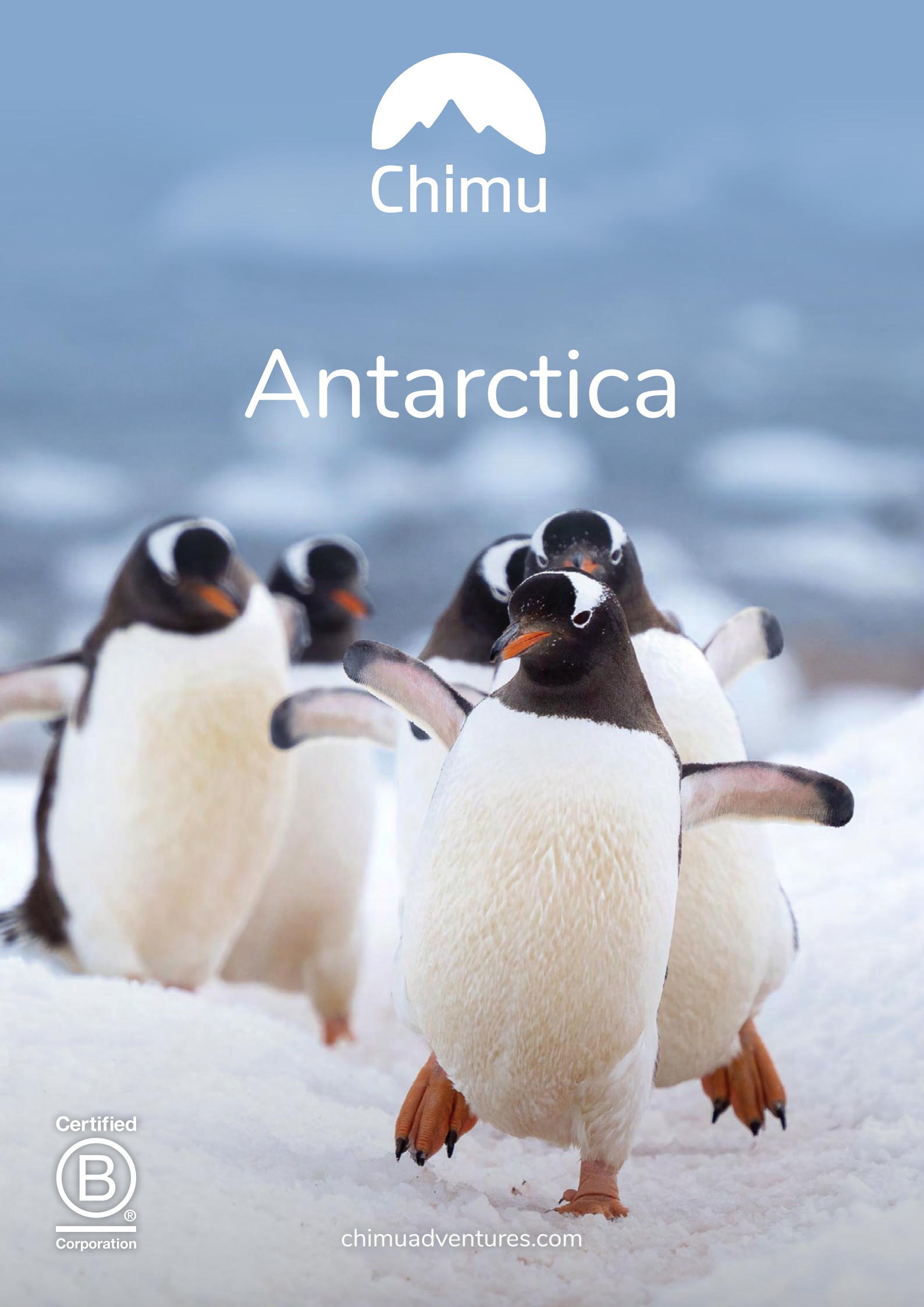
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Antarctica



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We create life changing experiences in South & Central America and the Polar regions that leave a positive impact on our travelers and communities.

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We are proud to be a Certified B Corporation™, part of a global community of businesses meeting high standards of social and environmental performance, transparency, and accountability. This certification means your travels with us help support a more sustainable and responsible way of exploring the world.

ACCESS TO OVER 30 POLAR EXPEDITION SHIPS

Chimu offers the largest range of world-class vessels and experiences to the White Continent. We only recommend the highest quality of ships for our clients, whether it's on the basis of service, expertize, knowledge or sustainability - we have you covered!

WE WORK AROUND YOU

Tell us your ideas, and how you like to travel, and we'll piece it together using our first-hand knowledge. Your itinerary is as you want it to be - we work around you.

OFFICES IN SOUTH AMERICA

Chimu have operations in Peru, Argentina, Chile and Brazil, directly employing local guides and local support staff. This way we ensure that our quality standard is always carried out. We are constantly sourcing new properties, routes, experiences and new ways to visit locations, to make every journey memorable.

POLAR FLEET

We have a Polar fleet of ships that are operated by our sister company, Polar Latitudes Expeditions.

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Popular Locations

Learn more about these unique locations and why you should consider them when planning your expedition.



ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

The Antarctic Peninsula is the largest and most prominent peninsula on the continent, extending 800 miles (1300km) between Cape Adams (Weddell Sea) and a mainland point south of Eklund Islands.

Because it is so close to mainland South America, the Antarctic Peninsula remains very popular with tourists, who are drawn by its stunning scenery and wildlife.

Every day on the Antarctic Peninsula brings varied landscapes—sculptural glaciers, sparkling sea ice, and dramatic mountains. Gentoo and chinstrap penguins abound, whales are frequently seen, and fur, leopard, and Weddell seals are often sunning themselves on the ice. Guests may also visit historic huts or research stations, a powerful reminder of Antarctica's unique history.

WHY GO:

- Easy access from South America
- Abundant wildlife
- Varied landscapes, including glaciers, icebergs, and mountain ranges



ANTARCTIC CIRCLE

Only a handful of ships make the long journey beyond the circle into a latitude of 66° 33' south. For travelers who choose an Antarctica Circle expedition, the knowledge of finally joining a very elite community of people who've ever sailed this far south brings an overwhelming feeling of accomplishment.

WHY GO:

- A true immersion into the remote beauty of Antarctica
- Dramatic scenery, tabular icebergs, and sparkling blue icebergs
- Increased opportunities to spot orcas, penguin colonies, and seals



EAST ANTARCTICA

An expedition to East Antarctica and the Ross Sea follows in the footsteps of famed explorers like Robert Falcon Scott and Sir Ernest Shackleton. This region of Antarctica is far less visited than the Antarctic Peninsula and offers a more remote wilderness than many can imagine - some of the largest seabird colonies, historic huts dating back to the Heroic Age, and isolated glacial landscapes await.

WHY GO:

- Whales, seals, and the epic Commonwealth Bay and Ross Sea Shelf mean that each day will bring completely unique scenery and adventures.
- Many East Antarctica cruises also visit Australia and New Zealand's Sub-Antarctic Islands, known for their endemic species, biodiversity, and unique landscapes.







FALKLAND ISLANDS

Set 435 miles north of Antarctica, the Falklands are sparsely inhabited, dramatic and immensely fascinating. Home to five distinct species of penguins, a large colony of Albatross, an abundance of elephant seals, Sea lions and plenty of migrating whales and dolphins, these South Atlantic islands are a sub-Antarctic haven.

HISTORY OF THE FALKLANDS

There have been French, British, Spanish and Argentine settlements during its history, and while Britain re-established its rule in 1833, the islands continue to be claimed by Argentina, which refers to them as Islas Malvinas. Argentina invaded the islands in 1982, resulting in the two-month-long undeclared Falklands War between both countries. It resulted in the surrender of all Argentine forces and the return of the islands to British administration.

WHY GO:

- Unique wildlife and penguin species
- A dream for photography
- British heritage in a rugged, windswept environment





WEDDELL SEA

The Weddell Sea is known for its massive tabular icebergs.

The sea is fringed by numerous ice shelves, including the Filchner-Ronne Ice Shelf. The Weddell Sea is notable for its designation by scientists as having the clearest water of any sea and is home to huge colonies of Adelie penguins, plus crabeater seals, minke whales, and orcas.

The region is also renowned for its Weddell seals. These remarkable animals are able to remain submerged for more than an hour and rasp through the ice using their teeth to maintain breathing holes. A visit to the Weddell Sea is a true privilege few have ever experienced and those who make the effort are rewarded with vast, unique ice formations, beautiful isolation, and ample wildlife.

WHY GO:

- Huge tabular icebergs
- Chance of emperor penguins
- More time cruising Antarctica



SOUTH GEORGIA

South Georgia is truly the penguin, seal and seabird headquarters of the far south, an island that figuratively bursts at the seams with Antarctic wildlife.

WILDLIFE

Over three-quarters of the fur seals living in Antarctica are found here, as well as several of the world's largest rookeries of king penguins, South Georgia is the southern wildlife crèche everyone needs to experience.

Salisbury Plain and St Andrew's Bay are the two most popular landing sites for king penguin spotting whilst over on the other side of the island, you can see huge numbers of chinstrap, gentoos and glorious macaroni penguins.

GRYTVIKEN

South Georgia's largest settlement is a former whaling station and also the last resting place of Sir Ernest Shackleton. Visiting his grave is an absolute bucket-list dream for so many visitors.

WHY GO:

- One of the world's best destinations for wildlife
- Follow in the footsteps of acclaimed explorer, Sir Ernest Shackleton
- Experience a unique side of Antarctica

Antarctica Itineraries

It can be a bit overwhelming to decide which itinerary to choose. Depending on your interests, availability, and budget, we can help you find the one that's right for you.



ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

(10-12 day cruise) $$

Best value for money
Most popular affordable Antarctic itinerary.

Introduction to Antarctica
Experience the incredible Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands.

Iconic Wildlife
Discover amazing wildlife such as whales, seals, penguins and more.

Extensive Ship Range
Choose from over 30 world class vessels.



FALKLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA & ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

(18-23 day cruise) $$$$

Longer Itinerary
Enjoy more time discovering the region.

Extensive Wildlife Exploration
Including king penguins, elephant seals, macaroni penguins and wandering albatross.

Historic Landmarks
Walk in the footsteps of Shackleton, visit his grave and Stromness whaling station.

Natural Biodiversity
Discover the flora and fauna of the Sub Antarctic Islands and Antarctica.



EAST ANTARCTICA

(22-25+ day cruise) $$$$$

Exploration Style
Travel deep into the Antarctic Circle to the lesser visited Ross Sea or Commonwealth Bay

Untouched Territory
Limited departures each season. The variety of landscapes, as well as wildlife of the Sub Antarctic Islands and Antarctica make for a spectacular journey.

Unique Wildlife
Discover rarely seen wildlife such as the Ross seal which lives in thick pack ice.

Historic Landmarks
Many of the most famous moments in Antarctic exploration history took place in East Antarctica



FLY CRUISE

(6-14 day cruise) $$$$

Skip the Drake Passage
The Drake Passage is legendary for rough seas. Flying from Punta Arenas lets you bypass the two-day crossing entirely.

Maximise Time
Instead of spending days at sea, you land directly at King George Island and board your expedition ship right there.

Ideal for Tight Schedules
A fly-cruise compresses the Antarctic experience into a shorter, more efficient itinerary.

Fly in/out or both
You can skip the Drake Passsage all together or sail in & fly out or vice versa.



WEDDELL SEA

(14 day cruise) $$$

See enormous tabular icebergs and follow in the path of historic Antarctic Explorers to the rarely visited landscapes where you may even spot a rare emperor penguin.



ANTARCTIC CIRCLE

(14-22 day cruise) $$$

Cross the fabled Antarctic Circle to the land of the midnight sun. Home to desolate, beautiful landscapes, continually shifting ice, and hardy Weddell seals.



SUB ANTARCTIC ISLANDS

(8-12 day cruise) $$

These unique, beautiful, and biodiverse islands are rarely visited by travelers and are ideal for anyone seeking a rugged and remote adventure!



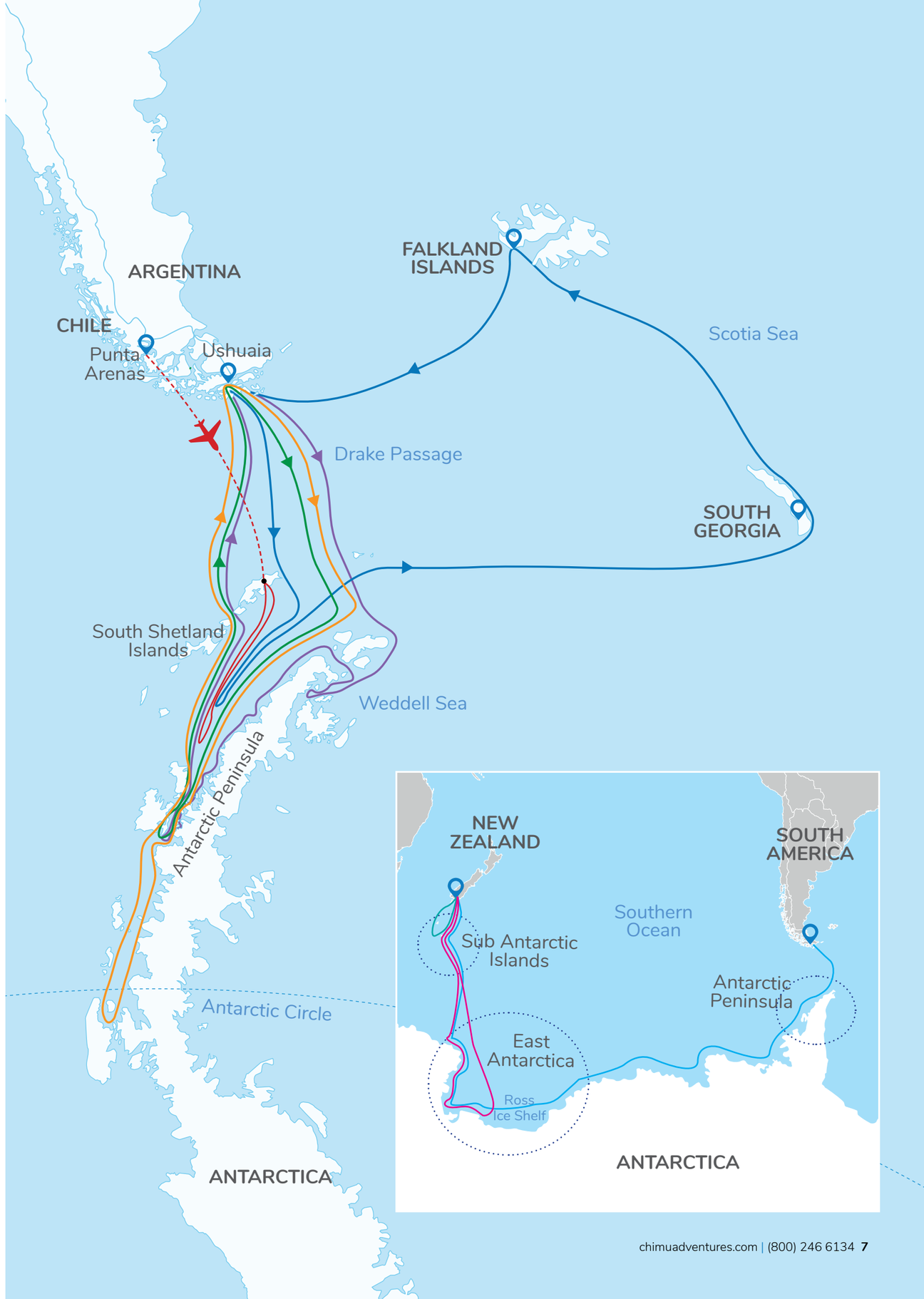
SEMI CIRCUMNAVIGATION

(25+ day cruise) $$$$

Cruise from New Zealand to South America along the coast of Antarctica. This is a completely unique way of exploring the great white continent.

There is a wide range of unique itineraries available that include Antarctica.

If you would like more information please contact our Destination Specialists on (800) 246 6134.



Wildlife in Antarctica

GENTOO PENGUINS
Gentoo penguins have a distinctive bright orange beak and a white patch around and behind the eye.

CHINSTRAP PENGUINS
Chinstraps are one of the most distinguishable of all penguins. They have a thin black line running across their cheeks making them look like chin straps.

ADÉLIE PENGUINS
Adélies are found around the entire coast and small islands of Antarctica.

CRABEATER SEALS
Crabeater seals are the most abundant of all seal species. They have slender bodies, long snouts and their fur ranges from dark brown in winter to blonde.

LEOPARD SEALS
With the exception of orcas, leopard seals are pretty much at the top of the Antarctic food chain. Their name comes from their spotted fur, which resembles that of a leopard skin.

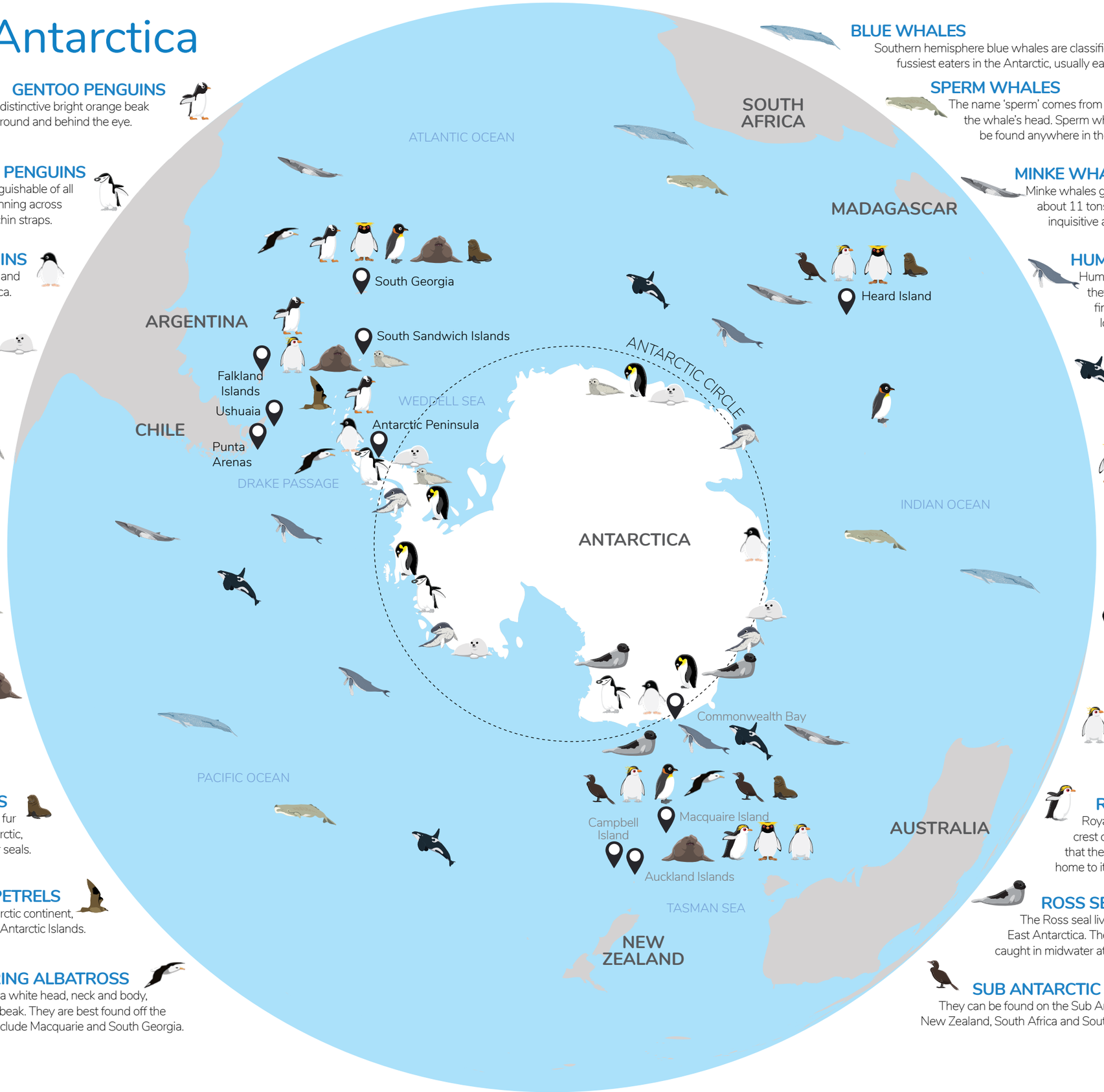
WEDDELL SEALS
Named after British Whaler James Weddell, this seal is in fact found all over Antarctica.

SOUTHERN ELEPHANT SEALS
The largest of all seals, the male southern elephant seal can weigh up to five tonnes. They are mostly found on the Sub Antarctic Islands like South Georgia.

ANTARCTIC FUR SEALS
One of the smallest of all seals, the Antarctic fur seal is the common name given to the Antarctic, Sub Antarctic and New Zealand fur seals.

GIANT PETRELS
Southern giant petrels breed on the Antarctic continent, Antarctic Peninsula and on Sub Antarctic Islands.

WANDERING ALBATROSS
Wandering albatrosses have a white head, neck and body, a wedge-shaped tail and a large pink beak. They are best found off the Sub Antarctic Islands which include Macquarie and South Georgia.



BLUE WHALES
Southern hemisphere blue whales are classified as endangered. They are one of the fussiest eaters in the Antarctic, usually eating only Antarctic krill.

SPERM WHALES
The name 'sperm' comes from the liquid wax called spermaceti located in the whale's head. Sperm whales are the largest toothed whale and can be found anywhere in the open ocean.

MINKE WHALES
Minke whales grow to nearly 30ft (9m) long and are about 11 tons (10 tonnes) in weight. They are also very inquisitive animals and are seen approaching ships.

HUMPBACK WHALES
Humpbacks are one of the most active whales, they frequently breach, slapping their tails and fins on the water surface. They also have the longest annual migration of all mammals.

ORCAS
Orca whales are found almost everywhere throughout the earth's oceans.

MACARONI PENGUINS
Macaroni penguins are mostly found on the Sub Antarctic Islands.

KING PENGUINS
King penguins stand about 33-37in (85–95cm) tall. They have no nests and their eggs are incubated on the adults' feet.

EMPEROR PENGUINS
At 3.6ft (1.1m) tall, the emperor penguin towers above any other living penguin on Earth. They are mainly found on the Antarctic mainland.

ROCKHOPPER PENGUINS
Their eyes are red and at 1.6ft (50cm) are considerably shorter than other penguin species.

ROYAL PENGUINS
Royal penguins get their name from the yellow crest on their heads. The only place in the world that they breed is Macquarie Island which is also home to its largest colony.

ROSS SEALS
The Ross seal lives almost exclusively in heavy pack ice in East Antarctica. They are solitary animals and their prey are caught in midwater at depths below the pack ice.

SUB ANTARCTIC SKUA
They can be found on the Sub Antarctic Islands off the coasts of Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and South America.

Small Ship Expeditions

Antarctica is the ultimate journey, the most comprehensive, unforgettable and breathtaking trip you could ever take to the end of the world. As well as being the most mesmerising travel destination on the planet, it is also one of the most interactive.

WHAT IS EXPEDITION CRUISING?

Expedition cruising is a more in depth and interactive way to explore everything Antarctica has to offer. Expedition ships are smaller in size with Zodiacs on board to facilitate easy access to explore the wilderness led by a highly trained expedition team.

Expedition guests are usually more interested in exploring a place rather than going on a traditional cruise where the focus is mainly on the onboard experience.

Every expedition is different, which is what makes the experience so unique and exciting!

EXPERT GUIDES

An Antarctic expedition is nothing without passionate and experienced guides. They play such an important part in delivering the experience and are not just experts in fields like marine biology, geology, and environmental science but are also just as excited and passionate about Antarctica as you are!

Your expedition guides will interpret the wildlife you see, operate Zodiacs, assist you on excursions, and interpret the wildlife you see on excursions. They'll also lead presentations and workshops onboard to help you learn more about the Antarctic environment.

SHIP SIZE & PASSENGER NUMBERS

When it comes to booking an Antarctic expedition, passenger numbers make a huge difference! This is due to strict governing rules on Antarctic ships by the International Association of Antarctic Tour Operators, or IAATO, put in place to protect the pristine Antarctic environment.

WHY UNDER 200 PASSENGERS IS BEST

Ships with 200 and under passengers allow for the most opportunities to get off the ship and explore. Only 100 passengers per ship can be on shore at once, so you alternate between zodiac cruising and passengers on land allowing two excursions per day.

On ships with 200-500 passengers, the crew will need to alternate passenger groups and you may only have the chance to go on land once per day or once every other day. With time limits strictly in place for shore excursions, this means you're limited in your ability to explore.

Large ships with over 500 passengers are not permitted to make landings on Antarctica and have limited access due to their size.



How To Choose The Right Ship

Your choice of expedition vessel will play an essential role in your overall Antarctic experience. As genuine Antarctica specialists, we have the knowledge and experience to help you get this decision just right.

DURATION

You may not yet know where you want to go in Antarctica and how much you can budget for your trip but you probably will know how much time you have to travel.

DESTINATION

If you have a particular destination, like South Georgia, in mind, check that the ship visits that location.

SHIP SIZE

Ship size does matter!

Remember, 500+ passenger ships are not allowed to make landings in Antarctica, and have restricted access to certain areas.

Imagine going all that way and not being able to get off the ship and get amongst the penguins!

EXPEDITION STYLE

Excursions and landings vary by operator. The frequency of landings, duration, and guide ratio all shape your Antarctic experience. It's worth getting right, and our specialists can help.

COST

It really depends on the duration of your cruise, size of the ship and the comfort levels you desire.

Many ships offer early bird discounts, so it pays to plan ahead.

ACTIVITIES

Ships offer a variety of optional adventure activities like kayaking, camping, snowshoeing and paddleboarding.

These vary by ship and departure, so make sure you pick a ship that offers the activities you want to take part in, and if they are available when you want to take your trip.

Remember to book activities early as popular ones, like kayaking, can sell out!

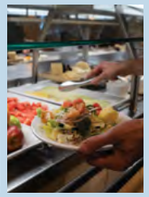
COMFORT LEVELS

Whether you prefer five-star dining, the use of a private butler or just the basics, tell us what is important to you and we can find the right ship to suit your needs.



A Typical Day In Antarctica*

There's truly no such thing as a typical day in Antarctica. Individual excursion locations are different and are decided by ever-changing conditions like weather, ice formations, ocean currents, and light conditions. Seasonal timing plays a significant role too, influencing not only the landscape but also the behavior and presence of wildlife.

5:00am Enjoy an early coffee or wander to the open decks to set eyes on the morning's new location for the first time.

7:00am -8:00am Breakfast is served. Once you've had your breakfast you return to your cabin and get ready for your first excursion.




8:00am - 11:30am Once instructed, you walk down to the mud room where you get dressed in your expedition gear, put on your boots and then jump on a Zodiac to spot some penguins and explore the white continent.



11:30am - 1:30pm After a cup of tea to warm up, lunch is called and the expedition crew prepare a BBQ lunch on the back deck. The ship begins to move along slowly to your next excursion site.





1:30pm - 3:30pm After lunch you may arrive at a research base. Your host shows you through the base's living areas and you get a feel for the life of a scientist at this base. You cruise around on the zodiacs spotting wildlife, then head back to the ship once more.

3:30pm - 7:00pm Back on board the ship, you can choose to read or sit on the deck with a drink and some snacks as the ship moves again. The expedition team present a recap on the day and inform the passengers about what is planned for the following day.



7:00pm - 8:30pm Dinner is called. While waiting for your meal, trade images on your camera with your fellow passengers and talk about everything that you've seen during the day. Afterwards head to the lounge bar for some drinks or watch a movie in your cabin and relax after an amazing day.

** for a small ship with less than 200 passengers*

WHAT IS INCLUDED ON AN EXPEDITION CRUISE



Meals

Breakfast lunch and dinner is included as well as some snacks.



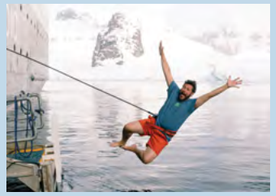
Onboard Lectures

Learn all about the wildlife, landscapes and history of Antarctica from your expedition team.



Zodiac Cruising & Landings

Cruise around the bays on a zodiac and set foot on Antarctica to walk amoungst the penguins.



Polar Plunge

Taking the polar plunge in Antarctica is an exhilarating dive into icy adventure. Would you dare to take the plunge?

EXTRA OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Participating in optional adventure activities offers an exciting opportunity to elevate your experience. These usually come at an extra cost. Activities vary based on which ship you are traveling, so if a particular activity interests you, make sure your ship offers this.



Kayaking & Day Paddle



Camping



Snowshoeing



Stand-Up Paddleboarding



Diving/Snorkelling

Select ships only



Helicopter Flightseeing/Landings

Select ships only

Seasons in Antarctica

The best time to travel to Antarctica will depend on the type of experience you are after. Wildlife highlights, length of daylight hours, and the overall feel of your expedition will change dramatically throughout the Antarctic summer season (October to March).

Month	Daylight	Avg Temp	Sea Ice	Penguins	Best time to see
Spring OCTOBER	16 HOURS	MIN 23°F (-5°C) MAX 34°F (-1°C		Courting	seals, elephant seals, snow/frozen, sea birds
Spring NOVEMBER	18 HOURS	MIN 26°F (-3°C) MAX 35°F (2°C)		Nesting	seals, elephant seals, snow/frozen, sea birds
Summer DECEMBER	21 HOURS	MIN 30°F (-1°C) MAX 39°F (4°C)		Hatching	seals, whales, sea birds
Summer JANUARY	20 HOURS	MIN 32°F (0°C) MAX 41°F (5°C)		Penguin chicks	seals, whales, sea birds
Summer FEBRUARY	16 HOURS	MIN 32°F (0°C) MAX 39°F (4°C)		Penguin chicks	seals, whales, sea birds
Autumn/Fall MARCH	13 HOURS	MIN 32°F (0°C) MAX 37°F (3°C)		Penguin chicks	seals, whales, fur seals, sea birds



What To Wear On Excursions





OCEAN ALBATROS

WHY WE LOVE THE OCEAN ALBATROS

- Patented X-Bow technology increases stability, creating a smoother sailing across the Drake Passage.
- It's ideal for solo travelers, with six dedicated cabins with no single supplement.
- Built with sustainability at front of mind, the Ocean Albatros boasts 50% less emissions, compared to traditional Polar vessels.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Length: 42ft (104.4m)
Breadth: 60ft (18.4m)
Speed: 16 Knots
Passengers: 189
Expedition Staff to Pax Ratio: 1:7
Ice Class: 1A

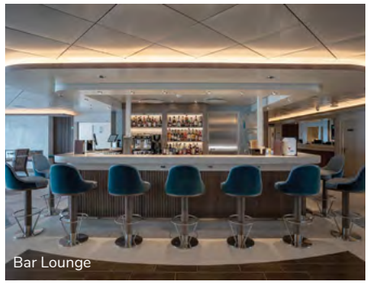
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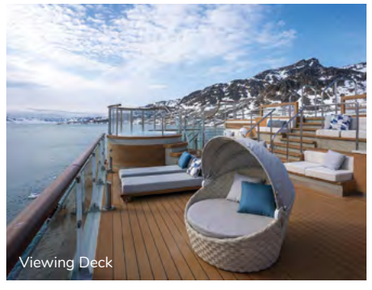
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COMMON AREAS


Panorama Restaurant

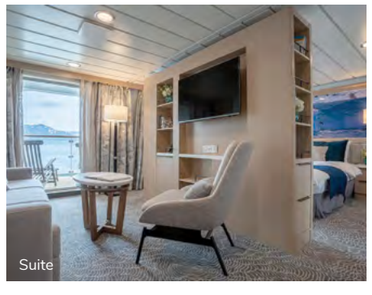

Observation Lounge


Bar Lounge


Viewing Deck

CABINS


Balcony Cabin


Suite



OCEAN VICTORY

WHY WE LOVE THE OCEAN VICTORY

- This modern ship was designed to minimize fuel consumption and operate with a focus on sustainability.
- Almost all cabins have a private balcony, a luxury not seen on all ships.
- Built with X-Bow technology, you'll enjoy increased stability in rough water conditions.

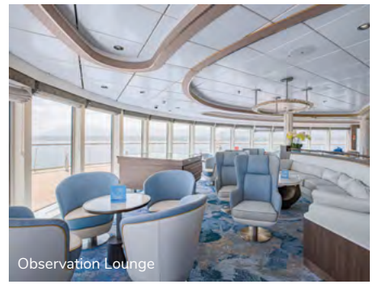
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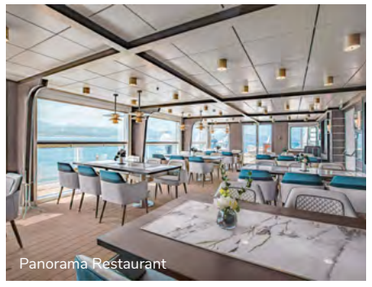
Length: 342ft (104m)
Breadth: 59ft (18m)
Speed: 16 Knots
Passengers: 146-200
Expedition Staff to Pax Ratio: 1:7
Ice Class: 1A

ALSO TRAVELS TO THE ARCTIC

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COMMON AREAS


Observation Lounge

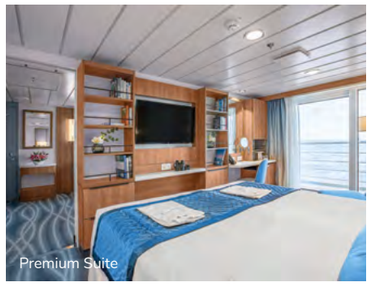

Panorama Restaurant


Nordic Bar


Shackleton Lecture Room

CABINS


Balcony Stateroom


Premium Suite



OCEAN NOVA

WHY WE LOVE THE OCEAN NOVA

- With only 80 passengers, the Ocean Nova is one of the few ships to still offer a classic Antarctic expedition experience.
- The ship's small size makes it more agile, allowing it to enter bays and coves that larger ships cannot.
- Thanks to efficient design and low fuel consumption, the Ocean Nova offers one of the lowest emission levels within the Antarctic cruising industry.

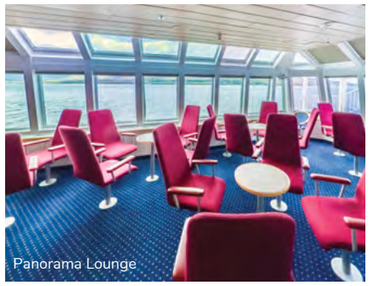
TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Length: 239ft (73m)
Breadth: 36ft (11m)
Speed: 11 Knots
Passengers: 80
Expedition Staff to Pax Ratio: 1:8
Ice Class: 1B (Hull Ice A)

ALSO TRAVELS TO THE ARCTIC

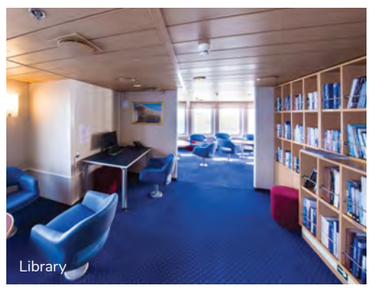
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COMMON AREAS


Panorama Lounge


Aft Saloon


Restaurant


Library

CABINS


Explorer Double


Comfort Twin



DISCOVERER

WHY WE LOVE THE DISCOVERER

- **Small-ship experience**
  Just 140 guests for a more intimate and immersive Antarctic adventure.
- **Built for polar exploration**
  Ice Class 1A hull, Zodiacs and expansive viewing decks designed for wildlife encounters and landings.
- **Expedition meets comfort**
  Contemporary cabins, panoramic lounges, spa, sauna and outdoor jacuzzis to relax in after a day exploring.

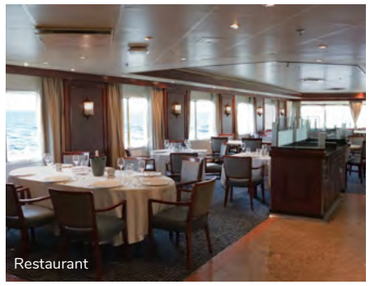
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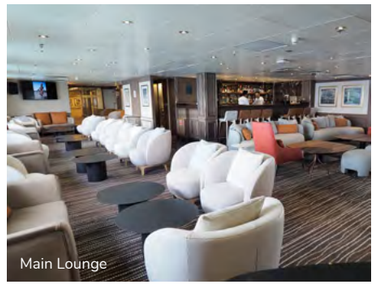
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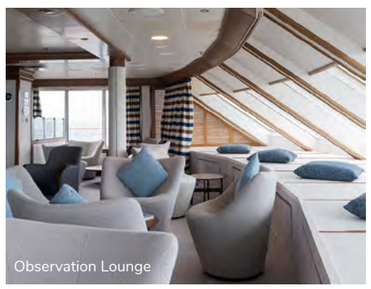
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COMMON AREAS

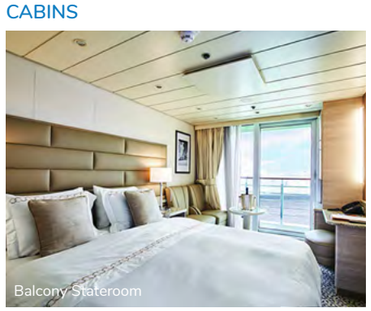

Restaurant


Main Lounge


Observation Lounge


Lecture Theatre

CABINS


Balcony Stateroom


Discovery Suite



LE COMMANDANT CHARCOT

WHY WE LOVE THE LE COMMANDANT CHARCOT

- The world's only luxury icebreaker, capable of reaching the most remote Polar regions including the Emperor Penguin colonies of the Weddell Sea.
- Hybrid polar exploration vessel powered by LNG, designed with sustainability in mind.
- Offers intimate service, gourmet dining, and indulgent amenities like a spa, snow cabin, and heated outdoor pool.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

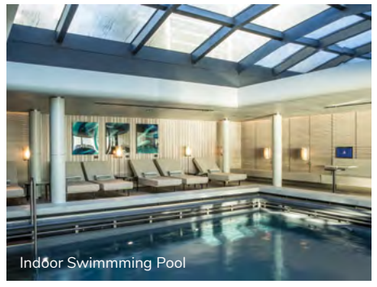
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Breadth: 92ft (287m)
Speed: 15 Knots
Passengers: 200
Ice Class: PC 2

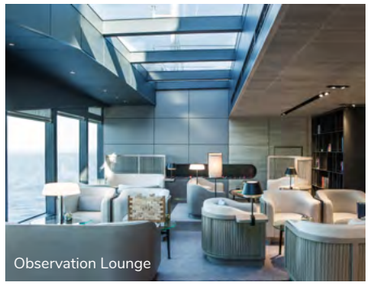
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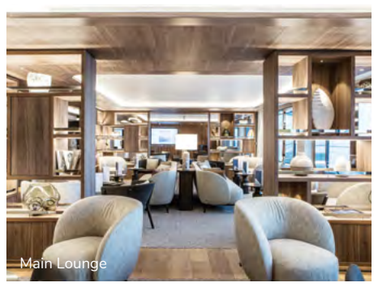
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COMMON AREAS

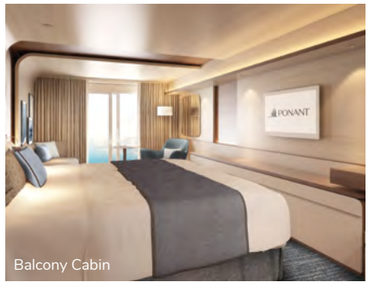

Polar Restaurant

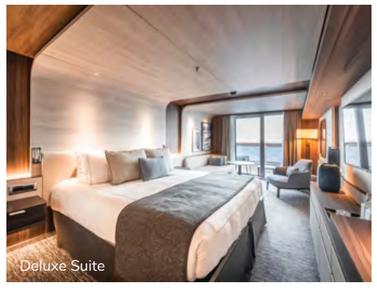

Indoor Swimmming Pool


Observation Lounge


Main Lounge

CABINS


Balcony Cabin


Deluxe Suite





L'AUSTRAL

The French ship L'Austral is a sleek mega-yacht that offers a luxury experience. This is paired with an elegant ambience and refined personalised service combined with gastronomic cuisine. Chic yet casual, L'Austral accommodates up to 200 guests in 132 outside cabins ranging from staterooms to suites.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Length: 413ft (126m)
Breadth: 62ft (19m)
Speed: 16 Knots
Passengers: 172
Ice Class: 1B

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LE BOREAL

Le Boréal is a superb mega-yacht that was built in Italy with a sophisticated French design. With its tasteful décor and discreet elegance, the ship blends luxury and intimacy with well-being in a unique atmosphere. The ship offers 132 cabins comprising staterooms and suites. It's the ideal choice for a luxury Antarctic expedition.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Length: 466ft (142m)
Breadth: 59ft (18m)
Speed: 14 Knots
Passengers: 200
Ice Class: 1C

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LE LYRIAL

A modern yacht-style expedition vessel Its interiors blend contemporary design with refined French elegance. Built for both comfort and adventure, the ship offers a spa, gym, library, and pool, while guests enjoy gourmet dining, daily afternoon tea, and enriching lectures from naturalist guides. With Ice Class 1C certification and advanced safety systems, Le Lyrial delivers a luxurious yet intimate experience in some of the planet's most remote regions.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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Breadth: 59ft (18m)
Speed: 14 Knots
Passengers: 200
Ice Class: 1C

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LE SOLEAL

An elegant, chic yacht with a sleek silhouette with a sophisticated French design. Accommodating up to 200 guests in Antarctica, the ship features 132 elegant staterooms and suites—most with private balconies—alongside premium amenities like a spa, hammam, fitness studio, theatre, and panoramic lounge. Guests enjoy gourmet dining, daily afternoon tea, and enriching lectures from naturalist guides.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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Breadth: 59ft (18m)
Speed: 14 Knots
Passengers: 200
Ice Class: 1C

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SH VEGA

WHY WE LOVE THE SH VEGA

- **Luxury expedition experience**
  Explore Antarctica aboard the SH Vega with elegant interiors, premium amenities and unobstructed views
- **Exceptional dining & service**
  Enjoy award-winning cuisine, 24-hour room service and attentive, personalised hospitality.
- **Intimate polar exploration**
  With just 152 passengers and a fleet of Zodiacs, enjoy an immersive expedition experience without sacrificing comfort.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Length: 372.3ft (113.5m)
Breadth: 79.7ft (24.3m)
Speed: 12 Knots
Passengers: 152
Ice Class: PC5

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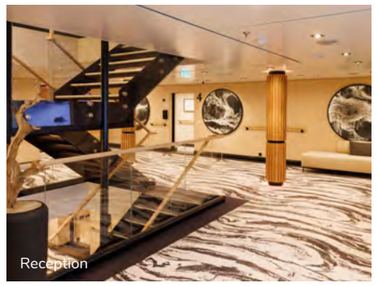
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COMMON AREAS


Swan Restaurant


Observation Lounge


Club Lounge


Reception

CABINS


Ocean View Suite


Premium Suite



SH MINERVA

WHY WE LOVE THE SH MINERVA

- **Small-ship luxury**
  With just 152 passengers, SH Minerva offers an intimate expedition experience with stylish interiors and premium amenities.
- **Designed for polar exploration**
  Purpose-built for remote polar regions, with unobstructed views and a fleet of Zodiacs for adventure off the ship.
- **Exceptional comfort & dining**
  Enjoy award-winning cuisine, 24-hour room service, welcoming spaces and attentive service throughout your voyage.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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COMMON AREAS


Restaurant

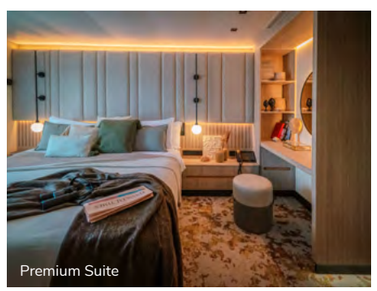

Club Lounge


Observation Lounge


Main Lounge

CABINS


Balcony Stateroom


Premium Suite



ULTRAMARINE

WHY WE LOVE THE ULTRAMARINE

- With two twin-engine helicopters onboard, Ultramarine unlocks flight-seeing experiences that let you explore remote polar landscapes from above.
- Featuring a water-level Zodiac hangar and four embarkation points, means guests can get off the ship and into the wild in half the time.
- From its ice-strengthened hull to GPS wristbands for safety, Ultramarine is purpose-built for polar regions.

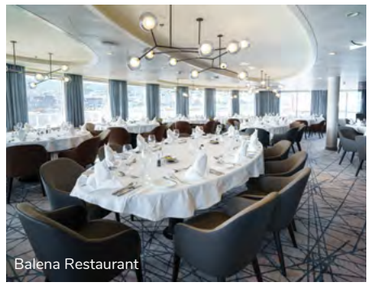
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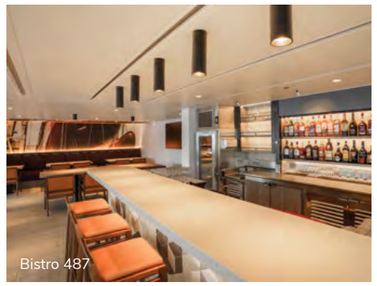
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Breadth: 70ft (21.5m)
Speed: 16 Knots
Passengers: 199
Ice Class: 1A+, PC6

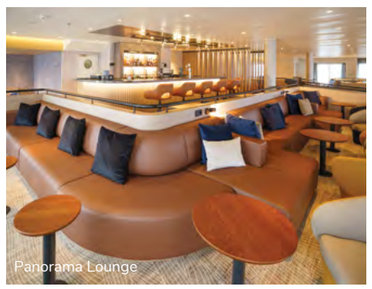
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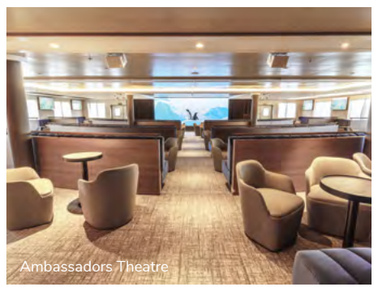
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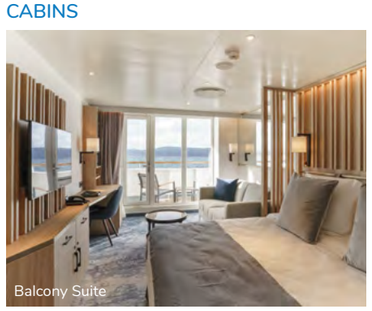

Balena Restaurant

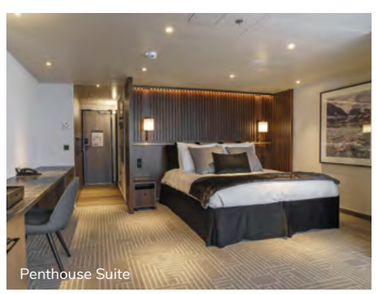

Bistro 487


Panorama Lounge


Ambassadors Theatre

CABINS


Balcony Suite


Penthouse Suite



OCEAN EXPLORER

WHY WE LOVE THE OCEAN EXPLORER

- The ship's innovative Ulstein X-Bow design ensures smoother sailing through rough polar seas, reducing noise and vibration for a more comfortable ride.
- Equipped with fuel-efficient Rolls-Royce engines and a revolutionary waste-to-energy system (MAGS), it minimizes environmental impact while exploring pristine regions.
- With 15 Zodiacs, multiple embarkation points, and options like kayaking, you'll enjoy close-up encounters with Antarctica's wildlife and landscapes.


Grand Verandah Stateroom


Latitude Bar

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Length: 342 ft (104.4 m)
Breadth: 60.3 ft (18.4 m)
Speed: 15.5 knots
Passengers: 138
Ice Class: 1A, PC6

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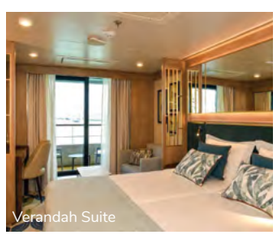
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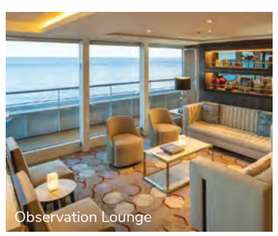


WORLD VOYAGER

WHY WE LOVE THE WORLD VOYAGER

- Every design element, from the deluxe, all-balcony suites—with direct views into the surrounding polar wilderness—to the presentation theater and Science Hub, embody the spirit of discovery.
- Join onboard research programs and engage with real scientific exploration while journeying through Antarctica's pristine wilderness.
- Built to Polar Class 6 standards, the ship is ice-strengthened for safe navigation through remote, icy waters—giving you access to places few vessels can reach.


Verandah Suite


Observation Lounge

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Length: 413ft (126m)
Breadth: 62ft (19m)
Speed: 16 Knots
Passengers: 168
Ice Class: 1B

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DOUGLAS MAWSON

WHY WE LOVE THE DOUGLAS MAWSON

- With its revolutionary Ulstein X-BOW® design, the Douglas Mawson slices through waves for smoother, faster voyages—even in rough seas.
- This ship is a floating research hub. Perfect for travelers who want to contribute to real-world research.
- After a day of icy exploration, unwind in the heated outdoor pool, soak in one of two Jacuzzis, or relax in the sauna. With stylish staterooms, two restaurants, and panoramic lounges, it's expedition meets indulgence.

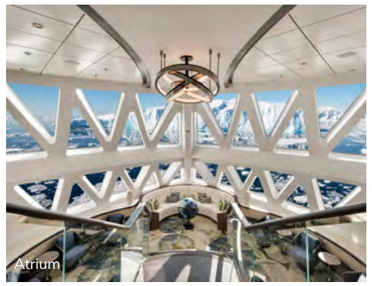
TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Length: 341ft (104.4m)
Breadth: 60ft (18.4m)
Speed: 15.5 Knots
Passengers: 130
Ice Class: A1

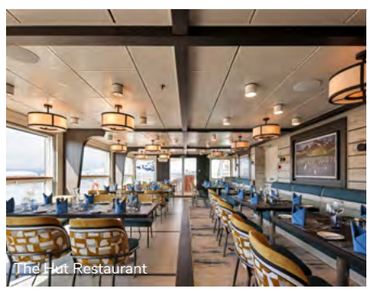
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COMMON AREAS

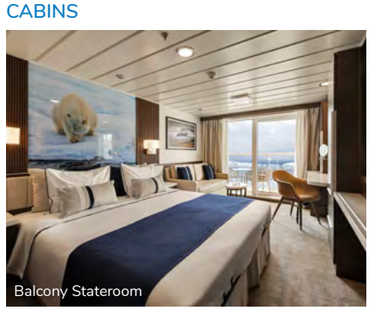

Atrium


Main Dining Room


The Hot Restaurant


Observation Lounge

CABINS


Balcony Stateroom

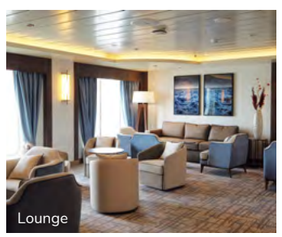

Junior Suite

GREG MORTIMER

WHY WE LOVE THE GREG MORTIMER

- **Smooth & comfortable sailing.** Greg Mortimer's innovative X-BOW technology provides greater stability in rough seas, including across the Drake Passage
- **Made for adventure.** 15 Zodiacs, fast shore access and optional activities like kayaking, diving, climbing and ski touring make exploring easy.
- **Small ship, big views.** With around 120 passengers in polar regions and unique fold-out viewing platforms, you'll enjoy an intimate experience with incredible Antarctic views.


Balcony Stateroom


Lounge

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Length: 341ft (104m)
Breadth: 60ft (18.4m)
Speed: 15.5 Knots
Passengers: 130
Ice Class: 1A

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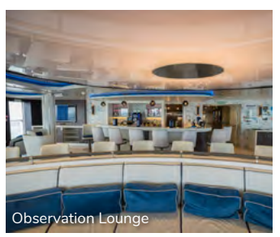
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SYLVIA EARLE

WHY WE LOVE THE SYLVIA EARLE

- **Modern & sustainable.** Sylvia Earle combines advanced polar technology with fuel-efficient systems designed to significantly reduce emissions.
- **Small-ship exploration.** Carrying around 130 passengers, the ship offers an intimate expedition experience with efficient sea-level Zodiac launching platforms.
- **Comfort with purpose.** Spacious cabins, a gym, sauna and wellness centre are complemented by expert lectures and hands-on Citizen Science programs.


Balcony Stateroom


Observation Lounge

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Length: 341ft (104m)
Breadth: 60ft (18.4m)
Speed: 10-12 Knots
Passengers: 130
Ice Class: 1A

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MS EXPEDITION

WHY WE LOVE THE MS EXPEDITION

- With an ice-strengthened hull, modern stabilizers, and a smooth propulsion system, the ship is engineered to handle the toughest conditions.
- With a 10:1 guest-to-expert ratio, the ship offers lectures and guided excursions led by seasoned naturalists, scientists, and expedition leaders.
- Extensively refurbished with new engines, upgraded common areas, and refreshed cabins.

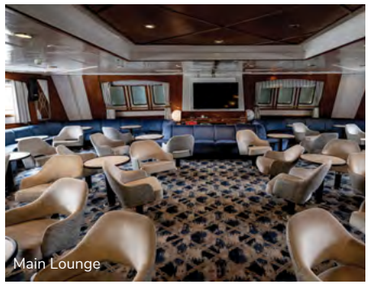
TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Length: 334ft (102m)
Breadth: 53ft (16.2m)
Speed: 12 Knots
Passengers: 128
Expedition Staff to Pax Ratio: 10:1
Ice Class: 1A

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COMMON AREAS

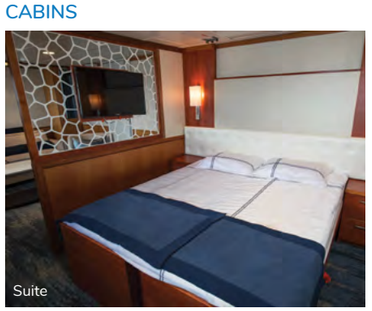

Main Lounge


Dining Room


Library


Clipper Club

CABINS


Suite


Twin Window Cabin



HERITAGE ADVENTURER

WHY WE LOVE THE HERITAGE ADVENTURER

- Each voyage on board the Adventurer is entirely unique. Your expedition crew will meticulously plan and design each exploration in true expedition style.
- A fleet of 14 zodiacs ensures that every guest can maximize their expedition experience once on board.
- Guests will enjoy a personalized experience on one of the industry's most iconic Polar vessels.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Length: 406ft (124m)
Breadth: 59ft (18m)
Speed: 15 Knots
Passengers: 140
Ice Class: 1A

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COMMON AREAS

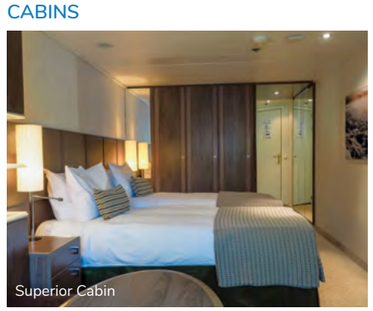

Observation Lounge

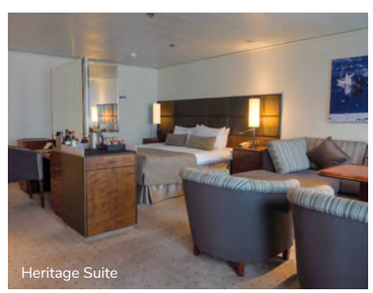

Bistro


Library


Pool

CABINS


Superior Cabin


Heritage Suite



SEA SPIRIT

Explore the Polar Regions in style and comfort

aboard the all-suite Sea Spirit. Providing spacious suites and social areas for 114 guests the Sea Spirit at the same time features manoeuvrability and friendly atmosphere of small ships. In 2017, she was renovated to offer a unique mixture of adventure and comfort, so your surroundings while aboard will be the perfect cosy complement to the icy landscapes outside.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Length: 297ft (90.6m)
Breadth: 50.19685t (15.3m)
Speed: 15 Knots
Passengers: 114
Ice Class: 1D

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MV HONDIUS

A cutting-edge expedition vessel that blends

hotel-style comfort with serious ice-crushing capability. As one of the first ships built to Polar Class 6 standards, Hondius is designed for safe and sustainable travel through the most remote corners of the Arctic and Antarctic.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Length: 353ft (107.5m)
Breadth: 57ft (17.6m)
Speed: 15 Knots
Passengers: 174
Ice Class: 1A Super

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MV ORTELIUS

A rugged, ice-strengthened expedition vessel

designed for true Polar exploration. Named after the cartographer who created the first modern atlas, this ship is built to navigate solid sea ice and reach remote destinations like the Ross Sea.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Length: 298ft (90.95m)
Breadth: 56ft (17.2m)
Speed: 14.5 Knots
Passengers: 166
Ice Class: 1A

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MV PLANCIUS

Originally built for the Royal Dutch Navy

the M/V Plancius has been transformed into a comfortable, ice-strengthened expedition vessel designed for immersive Polar adventures.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Length: 292ft (89m)
Breadth: 47ft (14.5m)
Speed: 12 Knots
Passengers: 108
Ice Class: 1D

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Solo Travel to Antarctica

We know it can be tough when you're the most adventurous one in the family, but if you're thinking of traveling solo to the Antarctic, we have all the tips to get you there.
An Antarctic cruise is an incredible experience unlike any other, but for single travelers, the friendly, communal, and welcoming nature of cruising means you'll make new friends before your ship has even left the port!

BENEFITS OF TRAVELING SOLO

MEET OTHER INTERESTING SOLO TRAVELERS.
When you travel with your partner, friends or family, you often stick together and don't always meet new people. When you travel solo, you will definitely meet new people— you are never alone on a cruise ship. In fact, there are usually a lot of solo/single travelers on Antarctica cruises. All these solo travelers have one thing in common – they're there to explore Antarctica and to have a good time. This includes meeting new people, sharing stories and the most mind blowing trip of your lives.

From a welcome reception to a casual chat in the lounge before dinner, there are plenty of opportunities to meet other travelers and share your adventures with newfound friends.

YOU CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURES
When traveling with others you often have to compromise, planning activities that suit the majority of your group. Well, when you travel solo, you're in the driver's seat! Most ships offer on and offshore activities such as kayaking, hiking and snowshoeing. There might not be enough time to do all activities, which means you would have to choose. No problem! Choose whatever you want. No one will argue about the decisions you make and you'll get to experience everything you wanted to try in Antarctica!

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

DEDICATED SINGLE CABINS
Some ships have dedicated single cabins. They are usually a little more expensive than the share option, but much cheaper than paying the single supplement. Some travelers may prefer this option to have the privacy of their own space.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
Generally, the cost of a cabin is divided between the number of travelers using the room (that is, per person twin share). A single supplement is paying for the cost of the room. So if you are looking at a higher cabin category, you will need to pay a single supplement.
*Can vary depending on ship

SHARE CABINS
Some ships have an option to share a cabin with other single traveler/s which will mean you pay for your share of that cabin. This is the most cost-effective option for single travelers and our Destination Specialists will do their best to pair you up with like-minded travelers, so you can form instant friendships with your cabin mate before the cruise even begins!

HOW DO I REQUEST A SHARE CABIN?
Contact your Destination Specialist and we can inform you on the best ship that offers guaranteed share and allocate you a same gender share.

Chimu Adventures pride ourselves on being able to match all our passengers with the best ship option possible. Just let us know what is important to you and we will provide options tailored to your needs.



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Expedition Cruises in The Arctic

The Arctic is one of the world's most extraordinary regions famous for its incredible wildlife experiences, Indigenous culture, and spectacular landscapes of tundra, glaciers, and dramatic mountains and fjords.

Every day in the Arctic brings unforgettable adventures. In the home of the midnight sun, kayak through epic fjord systems, connect with local communities, or admire nesting puffins on jagged cliffs. On an Arctic expedition cruise, grand icebergs, diverse wildlife (including the elusive polar bear), and the magical aurora borealis will introduce you to the grandeur of the northern Polar region.

SOME OF THE MOST POPULAR DESTINATIONS:



CANADIAN ARCTIC

- Spot polar bears, musk oxen, walrus, arctic foxes and watch out for Beluga whales, narwals
- Sail through a maze of over 36,000 islands
- Witness towering glaciers, fjords, and surreal ice formations under the midnight sun.
- Trace the legendary Northwest Passage, following the routes of explorers like Franklin and Amundsen.



GREENLAND

- The world's largest non-continental island, with 80% of its surface covered by a dramatic ice cap.
- Its coastline is carved with fjords and dotted with sculpted icebergs, offering breathtaking Arctic scenery.
- Local communities and ancient archaeological sites reveal a deep history and a resilient way of life tied to the ocean.



ICELAND

- From September to April, Iceland offers front-row seats to one of nature's most dazzling shows, the aurora borealis.
- Experience epic landscapes and adventure - think volcanoes, glaciers, waterfalls, and geothermal springs.
- Iceland is home to over 60% of the world's Atlantic puffin population.



SVALBARD

- A remote Arctic archipelago known for its dramatic landscapes of glaciers, fjords, and snow-capped peaks.
- It's a wildlife haven, home to polar bears, Arctic foxes, walruses, whales, and thousands of migratory seabirds.
- A launch point for North Pole expeditions dating back to the 16th century.
- Longyearbyen offers epic scenery where reindeer roam the streets.

Seasons in The Arctic

Month	Daylight	Avg Temp	Sea Ice	Best time to see				
Spring **MAY**	16 HOURS	MIN 26°F (-3°C) MAX 37°F (3°C)		polar bears	seals	snow/icebergs		
Summer **JUNE**	18 HOURS	MIN 35°F (2°C) MAX 46°F (8°C)		polar bears	seals	snow/icebergs		
Summer **JULY**	21 HOURS	MIN 41°F (5°C) MAX 52°F (11°C)		polar bears	seals	whales	sea birds	
Summer **AUGUST**	20 HOURS	MIN 39°F (4°C) MAX 50°F (10°C)		northern lights	seals	whales	sea birds	
Autumn **SEPTEMBER**	16 HOURS	MIN 32°F (0°C) MAX 41°F (5°C)		northern lights	seals	whales	sea birds	
Autumn/Fall **OCTOBER**	13 HOURS	MIN 30°F (-1°C) MAX 45°F (7°C)		northern lights	seals	sea birds		

Popular Locations in The Arctic

Learn more about these unique locations and why you should consider them when planning your cruise.



THE CANADIAN ARCTIC (NORTHWEST PASSAGE)

Magnificent scenery, exceptional wildlife, and world-renowned hospitality by its Indigenous peoples of the Arctic. With tens of thousands of islands to meander around, dodging icebergs, polar bears and vertiginous ice-capped peaks, the Canadian Arctic region is Mother Nature at her most impressive. Boasting a rich history in seafaring exploration, along the coveted Northwest Passage. Best destination if you want to get a great mix of cultural and wildlife experiences.

Getting there: Depart from selected Canadian cities where you will board a charter flight to a regional disembarkation point within the Canadian Arctic to your cruise.



GREENLAND

The world's largest island, which also happens to be the least populated by humans. Greenland is home to spectacular icebergs, breathtaking fjords, and a remarkably vibrant Nordic culture. Everything about Greenland is colossal and grandiose and should be on everyone's must-visit list.

Getting there: Greenland is more accessible than you might think. Many cruises will include charter flights from select mainland European cities, Reykjavik or start from Greenland's two major airports in Kangerlussuaq and Nuuk.



SVALBARD

Located within the Arctic Circle, Spitsbergen is the most visited Arctic destination in Europe and a brilliant introduction to Arctic explorations. Featuring breath-taking scenery it is the best place to search for the elusive polar bear.

Getting there: Longyearbyen is the major thoroughfare for Arctic cruises visiting the Spitsbergen area. It is also the departure point for most cruises to the North Pole. Fly via Oslo or Tromso to Longyearbyen. Many operators include or offer the option of adding charter flights from mainland Europe. Contact us for more details on these flights.



ICELAND

Iceland is truly sensational, a country revered for its incredible glaciers, dramatic fjords, jaw-dropping volcanoes, thermal springs, stupendous waterfalls, and an amazing array of outdoor pursuits in striking wilderness that's as lush and enticing as any you'll ever see. Iceland speaks to the thrill-seeker and the nature lover, one who wants to indulge in both passions simultaneously.

Getting there: Fly into the nation's capital, Reykjavik, the departure points for many Icelandic itineraries.

North Pole

SVALBARD

Longyearbyen

GREENLAND

Kangerlussuaq

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South America Circle



21 DAYS

DAY 1-2	Santiago, Chile
DAY 3	Valparaiso and the Casablanca Valley, Chile
DAY 4-6	Buenos Aires, Argentina
DAY 7-9	Iguazu Falls, Argentina & Brazil
DAY 10-12	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
DAY 12-13	Lima, Peru
DAY 14-15	Sacred Valley, Peru
DAY 16	Machu Picchu, Peru
DAY 17-19	Cusco, Peru
DAY 20-21	Santiago, Chile



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Peru



9 DAYS

DAY 1-2	Lima, Peru *Enjoy a walking food tour.*
DAY 3-4	Sacred Valley, Peru *Sacred Valley of the Incas full day tour.*
DAY 5-6	Machu Picchu, Peru *Scenic train ride and guided Machu Picchu tour.*
DAY 6-9	Cusco, Peru *Half Day Tour Sacred Valley* *Maras & Moray* *Half Day Walking Tour* *Cusco with Sacsayhuaman.*



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Patagonia



9 DAYS

DAY 1-2	Santiago, Chile *Half day tour + Local Dinner in Santiago.*
DAY 3-6	Torres del Paine, Chile *Stay in an all-inclusive lodge of your choice and explore Patagonia with activities including hiking, horse riding and bike riding.*
DAY 7-9	El Calafate, Argentina *Perito Moreno Glacier boat cruise.*

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Buenos Aires to Rio



9 DAYS

DAY 1-3	Buenos Aires, Argentina *Half day city tour, Half day walking tour with local guide, Asado dinner with wine pairing.*
DAY 4	Iguazu Falls, Argentina *Full day tour.*
DAY 5	Iguazu Falls, Brazil *Half day tour.*
DAY 6-9	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil *City tour including cable car up Sugarloaf mountain, Christ the Redeemer and half day historical tour.*



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Salt Flats



11 DAYS

DAY 1-3	San Pedro de Atacama, Chile
DAY 4	Bolivian Altiplano, Bolivia
DAY 5-6	Uyuni Salt Flats, Bolivia
DAY 7	La Paz, Bolivia
DAY 8	Puno, Peru
DAY 9	Lake Titicaca, Peru
DAY 10-11	Puno, Peru



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Peru Inca Trail



10 DAYS

DAY 1-2	Lima, Peru
DAY 3-4	Cusco, Peru *Walking tour & Sacsayhuaman.*
DAY 5-8	Inca Trail *Premium camping equipment, gourmet meals, and private guide for a comfortable yet adventurous experience.*
DAY 9	Machu Picchu, Peru *Guided tour of Machu Picchu then take a train ride back to Ollantaytambo*
DAY 10	Cusco, Peru





Galapagos Islands

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Galapagos Cruises

SMALL SHIP ISLAND CRUISING

Nestled in the Pacific Ocean, about 600 miles (965.606 m)off the coast of Ecuador, the Galápagos Islands are a living museum of evolutionary wonders—home to giant tortoises, marine iguanas, and blue-footed boobies, all thriving in pristine, otherworldly landscapes.

WHY VISIT THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS?

Unmatched Biodiversity.

The Galápagos are home to species found nowhere else on Earth—like giant tortoises, marine iguanas, and Darwin's finches. You'll witness evolution in action and explore ecosystems untouched by time.

Unique Wildlife Encounters.

Swim with sea lions, snorkel alongside sea turtles and penguins, dive with hammerhead sharks and spot blue-footed boobies in their natural habitat. The animals here are famously unafraid of humans, offering close-up encounters unlike anywhere else.

Stunning Natural Landscapes.

From volcanic craters and lava fields to pristine beaches and lush highlands, each island has its own dramatic terrain. Whether hiking Sierra Negra or relaxing on Tortuga Bay, the scenery is unforgettable.

Adventure activities.

Snorkeling or diving, kayaking, hiking, and island-hopping are just the beginning.

Year-round travel destination.

Two distinct seasons (wet and dry) offer different wildlife viewing opportunities, from nesting birds to migrating sea turtles



VESSELS IN THE GALAPAGOS

With over 20 years of expertise, Chimu Adventures is your trusted aggregator for Galápagos cruising, offering access to a curated selection of vessels from luxury yachts to eco-friendly catamarans. Whether you're seeking intimate wildlife encounters or indulgent onboard comfort, our seasoned team will match you with the perfect ship to suit your travel style, budget, and sense of adventure.

These are just some of the vessels we work with in the Galapagos.



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TREASURE



NATURAL PARADISE



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MONTSERRAT



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Galapagos Islands Locations

Learn more about these unique islands and why you should consider them when planning your cruise.



FERNANDINA ISLAND

Fernandina is the main westernmost island in the Galápagos Islands, the third largest and youngest of the islands, less than one million years old. It is the most volcanically active and sits at the center of the hot spot that created the Galápagos Islands.

Wildlife found here includes Galápagos hawks and penguins, pelicans, marine iguanas, sea lions, fur seals and the flightless cormorant -
the only flightless cormorant in the world.

WHY GO

- It is the most pristine island with the most active volcanoes in the of the Galápagos.
- Home to a large population of marine iguanas.



SANTIAGO ISLAND

Also known as Isla San Salvador or James Island, this is one of the more popular Galápagos Islands to visit, with a number of excellent tourist sites. Centrally located between Santa Cruz and Isabela Islands, this island is the fourth largest in the archipelago at 363 sq. miles (585sq.km). It was the second island to be visited by Charles Darwin aboard the Beagle.

WHY GO

- Puerto Egas on James Bay to see lava pools as well as caves and inlets that are home to an amazing variety of wildlife.
- Sugar Loaf Volcano, with some spectacular views of the surrounding landscape.



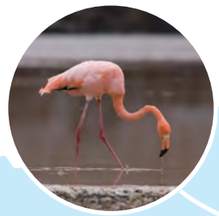
ISABELA ISLAND

The largest and one of the younger islands, Isabela Island was formed by the joining of six shield volcanoes, all apart from one are still active!

The west coast of Isabela is known as the best place to see whales in the Galápagos. Some 16 species of whales have been identified in the area including humpbacks, sperms, sei, minkes and orcas.

WHY GO

- Sierra Negra Volcano is one of the most impressive volcanos and is considered to be the second largest caldera in the world.
- Endless wildlife sites including Elizabeth Bay, Moreno Point, Urbina Bay and more.
- Dive sites - Four Brothers, Tortuga Island, Urbina Bay, Tagus Cove, Punta Vicente Roca, Roca Redondo, and Cape Marshall.
- The west coast of Isabela is known as being one of the best places to swim with penguins.



FLOREANA ISLAND

Floreana Island is the site of the first “post office”, established in 1793 by whalers. It was the first island to be colonised by Ecuadorians in 1832 as a penal colony that didn’t last long because of the lack of fresh water.

WHY GO

- See two contrasting beaches, one that consists of olive-green sand and the other known as Flour Beach, made up of fine, pulverized coral.
- ‘Devil’s Crown’, a volcanic crater is the premier snorkelling spot in the Galápagos.



BALTRA ISLAND

Home to one of two airports connecting Galápagos with mainland Ecuador, this is the point of arrival for most travelers to Galápagos. After clearing the immigration desk at the airport, travelers are transported by bus to the cruise ships anchored at Aeolian Bay or to the dock at the Itabaca Canal, where a ferry service connects Baltra with the island of Santa Cruz.

WHY GO

- Arrival point for most Galápagos cruises.



GENOVESA ISLAND

Genovesa Island is a horseshoe shaped island located in the northeastern region of the Galápagos Archipelago. Its distinct shape was formed from the eruption of a shield volcano and the eventual collapse of one side of the caldera. The resulting submerged crater formed Darwin Bay, which is surrounded by steep cliffs that provide homes for many seabirds.

Genovesa has developed a reputation as “The Bird Island” because of the numerous and varied bird species that nest there.

WHY GO

- Unique wildlife and bird species.
- One of the few places in the Islands where red-footed boobies are found en masse.



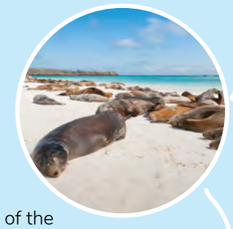
SANTA CRUZ ISLAND

Santa Cruz is the main tourism hub for all of the Galápagos, given its proximity to the airport on Baltra.

Puerto Ayora is the heart and soul of the Galápagos Islands’ human population and is the main tourism hub in the archipelago.

WHY GO

- Lava tubes -enormous tunnels created by lava flows leaving only their shell behind.
- Visit the Charles Darwin Research Station.
- The Fausto Llerena Tortoise Center.



ESPAÑOLA ISLAND

Española is the southernmost of the Galápagos Islands and is also one of the oldest. Geologists estimate it is about four million years old.

Because Española is one of the most isolated islands, it has a large number of endemic species — the Española mockingbird, the Española lava lizard, and the waved albatross.

WHY GO

- Punta Suarez for it’s variety and quantity of wildlife.
- Gardner Bay - This expansive white sand beach attracts napping sea lions.



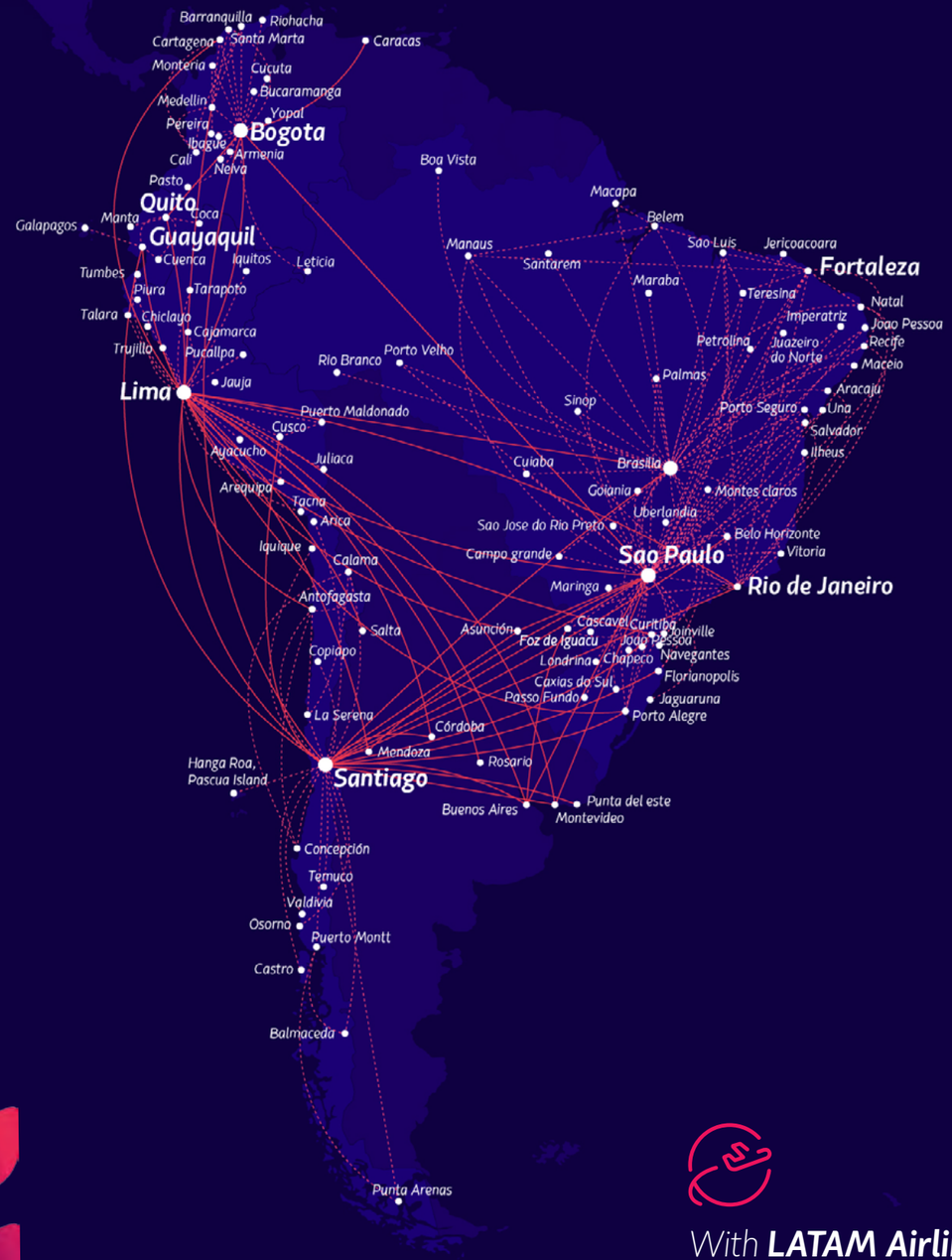
SAN CRISTÓBAL ISLAND

San Cristóbal is the fifth largest and easternmost island of the Galápagos. It is comprised of three or four fused volcanoes, all extinct. Its name comes from the Patron Saint of seafarers, St. Christopher.

The town of Puerto Baquerizo Moreno is the capital of the Galápagos province. It is home to an Ecuadorian Navy facility, and an airport with daily flights to the mainland.

WHY GO

- A large number of sea lions, crabs, tortoises and birds can be seen.
- Famous for Kicker Rock - one of the most popular photograph opportunities in the archipelago.



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