

ANTARCTICA - DISCOVER ANTARCTICA CRUISE 2020



INTRODUCTION

SOLD OUT!

This 11-day cruise takes you from Ushuaia, across the legendary Drake Passage to discover the wonders of the Antarctic Peninsula, the northernmost region of Antarctica. Spectacular pristine ice landscapes await as you sail past glaciers and amongst vast and beautifully sculptured icebergs. Scan the waters for seals and whales and the skies for albatrosses and other seabirds. Marvel at the antics of penguins in their rookeries, explore sites such as Deception Island, the Lemaire Channel, Paradise Bay and Neko Harbour, and maybe even visit an active research station. This voyage will leave you with memories to last a lifetime.

GREEN POINTS!

Single use plastics are being eliminated, no disposable cups, stirrers or straws are available on this cruise

Only sustainable seafood is served on board, all seafood is caught or farmed promoting long term vitality

Biodegradable phosphate free laundry and cleaning chemicals only on board

All amenities are provided in refillable containers, no throw away products used.

ITINERARY

TRIP CODE

ACTSDAC4

DEPARTURE

21/02/2020

DURATION

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LOCATIONS

Antarctic Peninsula



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DAY 1: Arrival in Ushuaia, Argentina

On arrival, please make your way through to the Arrivals Hall where our representative will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it. Should you not be able to locate them, please refer to the front of your itinerary for emergency contact details of our representative office. There will be an evening a briefing at 7:30pm to run through details of embarkation the following day. Ushuaia is the most southerly city in the world and the capital of Tierra del Fuego, with a dramatic setting overlooking the Beagle Channel, surrounded by mountains. It is a major port for Antarctic bound vessels and an interesting city to explore.



DAY 2: Depart Ushuaia

This afternoon we will meet with your Chimu escort in a central location, before heading to the ship. We board our vessel in the world's southernmost city, Ushuaia. After meeting our fellow passengers and finding our way around our new home we set sail through the famed beagle channel. Passing incredible scenery we glimpse our last sight of land as we head due south towards Antarctica.



DAY 3: Crossing the Drake

We spend the day at sea, through the legendary waters of the Drake passage that is named after famous English seafarer, Sir Frances Drake. If conditions allow, enjoy the ample outer deck space to look for dolphins, whales and orcas as well as seabirds including the mighty Albatross following the ship. A comprehensive optional lecture program will also get under way, with some fascinating insights into Antarctic history, geology, biology and everything in between.



DAY 4: Drake Passage, arrival to South Shetland Island

Today we continue crossing the Drake passage and hope to make landfall by early evening if conditions are favourable. The first sighting of land always brings great excitement on any expedition south.



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DAY 5: Antarctic Peninsula - Day 5 to 8

For the next four days we explore the Antarctic Peninsula that is famed for its majestic mountains, glaciers, calm waters and abundance of wildlife. Our lecture program continues during our voyage and sightseeing during this period is at its most spectacular off the ship's outer decks. We hope to visit an active research station during our time on the peninsula (subject to approval) as well as explore well known sites such as the Lemaire Channel, Deception Island, Paradise bay and Neko harbour. Whilst on the Peninsula we will have our famous Antarctica quiz as well as a host of interesting night time activities.



DAY 9: Crossing the Drake

Leaving Antarctica behind we sail north to our home port of Ushuaia. We have time to reflect on our amazing journey and hear more wonderful talks on Antarctica.



DAY 10: Crossing the Drake

By the evening we hope to be back in the tranquil surrounds of the Beagle, ensuring a restful nights sleep. Our last meal together is often a highlight of any Chimu trip.



DAY 11: Arrival in Ushuaia

After breakfast we disembark the ship. We wave goodbye to our new friends and continue on our journey or home. Transfer to the airport is included.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation Hotel and ship cabin accommodation

INCLUSIONS:

1 night hotel accommodation in Ushuaia, pre cruise
 Cabin accommodation on board the ship
 All meals whilst on ship
 All scheduled landings/excursions
 Guiding and lectures by English-speaking expedition leader and team
 All port fees
 All landing fees
 A pair of expedition boots for use during your voyage
 Group arrival and departure transfers in Ushuaia

Inclusions

EXCLUSIONS:

Airfares to/from embarkation and disembarkation city
 Visa fees (if applicable)
 Travel insurance (compulsory)
 Beverages (other than coffee and tea)
 Personal expenses such as laundry, onboard communication (telephone calls, faxes, email service)
 Gratuities for the crew (recommended US\$15 per person per day)
 Pre or post cruise travel expenses
 Optional activities, refer optional activities section for details

Difficulty Rating 2 (light adventure)

Single Surcharge Available on request. No single supplement if willing to share. Contact us for more details.

Notes Please note that itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.

The following activity is available on this voyage, please contact us for more details:
 Kayaking (US\$750 per person)
 Previous kayaking experience is required.

Minimum age for children for this cruise is 12 years accompanied by a responsible guardian.

Price Dependent upon Departure date, seasonality and availability.

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As a member of IAATO we follow guidelines appointed by the Antarctic Treaty System to go above and beyond in support of minimizing negative impacts on this pristine landscape. We also encourage clients to look to book pre-and post- accommodation with us, where local businesses will be supported. Our clients also receive restaurant recommendations which support locally owned restaurants

We carefully select all ships we work with and choose smaller sized vessels to create less impact. We use a highly regulated, licensed vessel which is well equipped to operate in the Antarctic's delicate ecosystem. We view the voyage to the Antarctic as an expedition, not a sightseeing trip. Smaller boats such as ours can navigate narrow waterways and are far less polluting than the larger ships in Antarctic waters. By carrying less passengers, we have far less waste. The waste is carried back to the home port to allow for environmentally conscious waste management and disposal.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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