

## ANTARCTICA - SEA SPIRIT



### INTRODUCTION

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Our Classic Antarctica expedition offers the essential experiences of one of the wildest and most spectacular places on Earth. Setting sail from the city of Ushuaia – the southernmost city in the world, we cross the Drake Passage on our way to the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula. The scenery is stunning with snow-capped mountain ranges, glaciers, ice-filled channels and beautifully-carved icebergs at every turn. Add to that an abundance of seals, whales, seabirds and vast penguin colonies, and you have the makings of a journey of a lifetime!

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#### DEPARTURE

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#### DURATION

12 Days

#### LOCATIONS

Antarctic Peninsula



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### DAY 1: Ushuaia, Argentina

Despite its small size, the city of Ushuaia is the world's southernmost city, the capital of Tierra del Fuego and the main starting point for voyages to Antarctica. Explore the city and admire the views of the Beagle Channel and the Andes Mountains surrounding Ushuaia. Highlights of Ushuaia include the award-winning Museo Marítimo y del Presidio de Ushuaia, (Maritime & Prison of Ushuaia Museum), located in Ushuaia's former prison in buildings dating back to 1906, and nearby Tierra del Fuego National Park that can be reached by the "End of the World Train". Stroll along the main street of Avenida San Martin with its many cafes, shops and restaurants, explore the Argentinean leather markets and maybe taste a succulent lamb dish for which Patagonia is famous.



### DAY 2: Embarkation

Embarkation on the Sea Spirit begins in the afternoon at the port in Ushuaia. You will be greeted by our Expedition Team and ship's officers at a safety and orientation briefing followed by the Captain's welcome dinner. After dinner, relax and take in the mountainous scenery on our early evening sail down the Beagle Channel past magellanic penguin, rock cormorant, and sea lion colonies.



### DAY 3: Crossing the Drake Passage - Day 3 & 4

The Drake Passage spans 965 kilometres (600 miles) from the top of South America to the South Shetland Islands. The Sea Spirit's stabilizer fins will help to make the crossing comfortable. Among the wildlife spotting opportunities as we sail south are the albatrosses, prions, and petrels that frequently follow the ship. Our Expedition Team will be out on deck looking for the whales and dolphins that may also be seen in the area. Our experts will hold informative and entertaining presentations on the wildlife, history, and geology of Antarctica, preparing us for what lies ahead. Helpful briefings on environmental regulations and expedition safety will also be held in the comfortable lounge. The length of our journey depends on sea conditions but we should approach the South Shetland Islands of the Antarctic Peninsula in the evening of Day 4.



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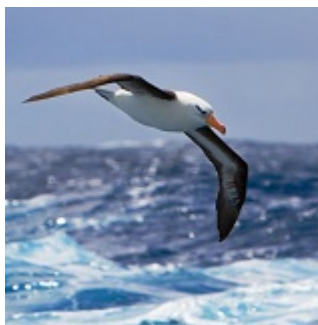
### DAY 5: South Shetland & Antarctic Peninsula - Day 5 to 9

The land of superlatives, Antarctica! Our Expedition Leader and Captain will create a flexible itinerary based on weather, ice, and opportunity. The route will highlight the most scenic bays and channels of the Peninsula with stops at penguin rookeries, seal wallows, bird colonies and whale feeding areas as well as sites of historic and scientific interest. The trip may include picturesque Neko Harbour, sheltered Paradise Harbour, the humpback whale favoured Wilhelmina Bay, the striking Lemaire Channel, the wildlife-filled Penola Channel, or the majestic Neumayer Channel. We may stop at an active scientific base such as Poland's Arctowski or Ukraine's Vernadskiy as well as a historic base such as U.K.'s Port Lockroy or Wordie House. Adélie, chinstrap and gentoo penguins abound, and Weddell, crabeater and elephant seals are often found hauled out to rest along with predatory leopard seals and the aggressive Antarctic fur seal. Minke and humpback whales are frequent visitors in the late season and orca sightings are also common.



### DAY 10: Drake Passage - Day 10 & 11

We will continue our presentation series and wildlife spotting as we sail back to Ushuaia and reflect on beautiful Antarctica and its fragile future. We arrive into Ushuaia in the early hours of Day 12.



### DAY 12: Disembarkation in Ushuaia, Argentina

We disembark the ship in the morning. Morning disembarkation allows you to catch a flight to Buenos Aires or stay in Ushuaia to explore further. \*\*\* 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

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<b>Accommodation</b>	Standard
<b>Inclusions</b>	<p>1 Pre-Voyage hotel night in Ushuaia          Group transfer to the ship on day of embarkation          Group transfer to airport or central location upon disembarkation in Ushuaia          Shipboard accommodation          All scheduled landings &amp; excursions          Leadership throughout voyage by our experienced Expedition leader &amp; Expedition team          All meals on board throughout the voyage          Complimentary expedition jacket          All port fees          Complimentary rental of rubber boots for duration of voyage          Digital voyage log</p> <p><b>Exclusions</b>          Airfare to and from embarkation/disembarkation city          Visa and passport fees (if applicable)          Travel insurance          Personal expenses such as laundry and on board communication (telephone calls, faxes, email service)          Fuel surcharge may be applied to all bookings          Gratuities for crew/staff</p>
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	2 (light adventure)
<b>Single Surcharge</b>	Available upon request
<b>Notes</b>	Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	Season and availability

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## SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

A trip to the Antarctic is a completely different experience and quite unlike any other trip you have probably been on. We use a highly regulated, licensed vessel which is well equipped to operate in this vulnerable ecosystem. We are fully compliant with all rules set down by the IAATO and all activities are governed by the Antarctic Treaty System. We carefully select all ships we work with and choose them for their small size as this creates far less impact on shore landings with wildlife. 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, and all waste is carried back to the home port to allow for environmentally conscious waste management and disposal, unlike some of the

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larger ships which do not facilitate this. This trip begins in Ushuaia where you will have time to sample local food and shop at local boutiques which we encourage individuals to take part in for experience and in support of the local community. We also try to create opportunity to see research and historical sites including the former research station/now museum of Port Lockroy and engage with local history. We discourage the buying of souvenirs made from endangered species or wrongfully taken from the environment i.e. shells. Our pre-departure pack provides you with all the information required for your tour, from what to take with you to practical advice about how to minimise your impact on the Antarctic environment. This pack highlights initiatives such as waste reduction, and how to appropriately engage with wildlife and the environment around you.

For more information visit our [sustainability page](#).

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