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DEPARTURE

07/03/2020, 22/10/2020, 05/03/2021

DURATION

13 Days

LOCATIONS

Argentina, Chile, Patagonia

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INTRODUCTION

EARLY BIRDS: Book and save up to 25% off select voyages.

Cruise through glaciers, fjords and winding channels as you explore the best of Chile & Argentina. On board Le Soleal, you will undertake a 13 day voyage and witness the incredible scenery of Patagonia. Embarking in Ushuaia, you will cross the mythical Cape Horn to discover the wonders of the Chilean fjords, from narrow channels, fjords and incredible glaciers the likes of Agostini, Garibaldi and El Brujo glaciers. At Tortel you will observe quaint stilt houses connected with a a maze of wooden footbridges before making a port of call at Quemchi a unique spot for encountering sea lions and porpoises.

Ponant and National Geographic voyage will operate on 22 October 2020. On this exclusive voyage a National Geographic expert and photographer will join you to share their knowledge and insights.

Please note the following date 07/03/2020 is undertaken onboard <u>Le Boreal</u> & 22/10/2020 operates in reverse.

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DAY 1: Embarkation in Ushuaia

Flight from Buenos Aires to Ushuai is included in your cruise price. Capital of Argentina's Tierra del Fuego province, Ushuaia is considered the gateway to the "Great White" and the South Pole. Nicknamed "El fin del mundo" by the Argentinian people, this city at the end of the world nestles in the shelter of mountains surrounded by fertile plains that the wildlife seem to have chosen as the ultimate sanctuary. With its exceptional site, where the Andes plunge straight into the sea, Ushuaia is one of the most fascinating places on earth, its very name evocative of journeys to the unlikely and the inaccessible.

DAY 2: Sailing Around Cape Horn

It's at the meeting point between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans that you enter Chilean Patagonia where you head for the Tierra del Fuego archipelago and its famous Cape Horn. From the top of its impressive 425-metre high cliff, South America's southernmost tip has, for many centuries, seen merchant ships from the world over passing by. Because of its legendary storms and rough seas, getting round this cape has gone down in history as a challenge for all seafarers.

DAY 3: Puerto Williams

Located on Navarino Island a few kilometres from the Argentinian border, the city of Puerto Williams is, according to Chileans, the southernmost city in the world. It is first and foremost, a charming fishing port whose calm and isolation will delight you. You can stroll around a few little streets and admire the dark silhouette of the Patagonian Andes, surmounted by eternally white peaks. The Martin Gusinde museum of anthropology gives an aperçu of the living conditions of the ancient indigenous people, the Yámanas, while the surrounding areas propose hiking paths across wild, unspoiled nature.



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DAY 4: Garibaldi Glacier

Cruise along the narrow arm of Garibaldi Fjord and marvel at its stunning landscapes: thick green vegetation adorns steep mountains, rivalling the beauty of surrounding ice and snow. Further on, Garibaldi Glacier unveils itself: a towering ice titan looming at the end of the fjord that shares its name. Don't be surprised if sea lions and numerous birds accompany you on your enchanting journey into the heart of one of Chile's most beautiful glaciers.

DAY 5: Agostini Glacier

In the Tierra del Fuego archipelago, the Agostini Glacier sits at the back of the eponymous fjord, framed by the Cordillera Darwin. Named after the Italian missionary and explorer Alberto Maria De Agostini, this imposing blue-tinged glacier offers a stunning view over the fjord.

DAY 6: Sailing The Magellan Strait

This mythical strait situated in the south of Chile and separating South America from Tierra del Fuego, awakens our imagination, stirring up a longing for adventure. For the first time, follow in the footsteps of the famous Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan, known for having organised the first circumnavigation of the globe in the 16th century. Aboard your ship, cruise along the 600 km separating the Atlantic Ocean from the Pacific and, before arriving in Ushuaia, discover the sea route which was long nicknamed "Strait of All Saints" because Magellan's ships first entered it on All Saints' Day. A fascinating adventure.

DAY 7: El Brujo Glacier

At the heart of Bernardo O'Higgings National Park, the largest protected area in Chile, discover El Brujo Glacier. Located at the end of the Asia Fjord, this huge wall of ice sculpted by the wind is fascinating and impressive. This magical, natural and grandiose décor that changes as the light plays upon it will be an unforgettable sight.





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DAY 8: Pie Xi Glacier & English Passage

The Brüggen Glacier, a coastal glacier in southern Chile also known as Pio XI, is astonishing for its almost surreal dimensions. With a surface area exceeding 1,200 km2, it is the largest of the glaciers making up the Southern Patagonian Ice Field. This gigantic ice field is the third largest ice mass in the world. Straddling the southern Andes Mountains, its breathtaking natural setting inspires sheer wonder and awe. Between green hills rising from the water and snow-capped peaks, the English Passage is one of the main Patagonian channels. Situated off the south-western coast of Chile, at the end of the Messier Channel, this narrow waterway with a width of just 180 metres offers a unique sailing experience due to its exceptional dimensions and its magnificent natural setting.

DAY 9: Tortel

A picturesque, colourful fishing village, Tortel boasts a splendid location in the heart of southern Patagonia, halfway between Puerto Montt and Cape Horn. From the little streets made up of small walkways, you'll love the grand panorama of rounded mountains, dense forest, the clear waters of the Pacific. If you walk out onto one the many wooden pontoons, you can admire the views as you stand suspended a few metres above the water. The village is scattered with sculptures made by local artists, an excellent introduction to this friendly community

DAY 10: At Sea

During your day at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat vourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.



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DAY 11: Quemchi, Chiloe Island

In southern Chile, in the Lake District, discover the small fishing port of Quemchi on the east coast of Chiloé Island. With its authentic charm, its pretty wooden houses, its narrow streets lined with small shops, and its fish market, this faraway village is sure to win you over. Be sure to visit the museum dedicated to Francisco Coloane, the famous Chilean author and adventurer born on this southern land. Not far from there, the small island called Isla Aucar, accessible via a wooden footbridge, will be a chance to observe a wide variety of birds and discover a magnificent botanical garden, home to many of the region's endemic plants.

DAY 12: At Sea

This day at sea is spent at your own leisure. Take this time to reflect on the incredible memories you have made so far and enjoy the company of your fellow passengers.



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DAY 13: Disembarkation in Talcahuano

Disembarkation is scheduled at 7AM Use this time to say farewell to your fellow passengers and crew, reflect on the memories you have made so far and prepare for your enxt adventure.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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Inclusions	Cabin accommodation on board Le Soleal All meals whilst on board All drinks (excluding premium brands) All scheduled landings/excursions Guiding and lectures by English speaking expedition leader and team All port fees All landing fees Expedition jacket provided (yours to keep) A pair of expedition boots for use during your voyage Flight from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia on Day 1 Flight from Talcahuano to Santiago on Day 13 Exclusions Airfare to embarkation Visa fees (if applicable) Travel insurance Personal expenses Gratuities for the crew Pre or post cruise travel expenses Optional activities, refer to optional activities section for details
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request, contact us for more details.
Notes	Please note your cruise price includes a flight from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia on embarkation day & flight from Talcahuano to Santiago on disembarkation day
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, season and availability.

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We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally

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