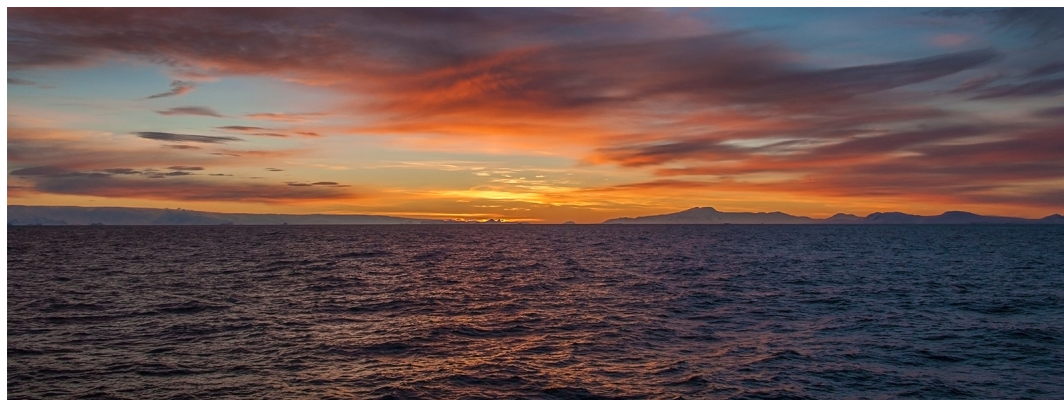


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INTRODUCTION

Undertake a truly unique Antarctic journey as your voyage crosses into the path of the full solar eclipse. Experience the cosmopolitan Chilean capital of Santiago before flying to Punta Arenas and boarding the hybrid-powered Roald Amundsen. The journey to Antarctica offers a plethora of incredible sights, from massive icebergs to snow capped peaks and crystal glaciers. You will have the unique opportunity to see this realm of ice, penguins, whales and seals magically illuminated under the surreal astronomical event of the full eclipse

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival in Santiago

Your adventure starts with an overnight stay in Santiago, the exciting and diverse capital of Chile. There is much to discover here, from Andean glaciers at the city borders, to skyscrapers in the centre, to lovely colonial architecture, to the shores of the fast-flowing Mapacho River.



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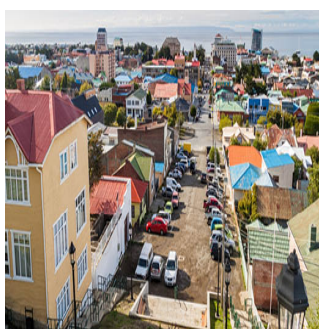
DAY 2: Santiago Free Day

Enjoy a day in Santiago de Chile exploring on your own. There is much to discover here, from Andean glaciers at the city borders, to skyscrapers in the centre, to lovely colonial architecture, to the shores of the fast-flowing Mapacho River. Why not extend your expedition by adding an optional Pre-Programme adventure to the amazing Atacama Desert or Chilean Patagonia?



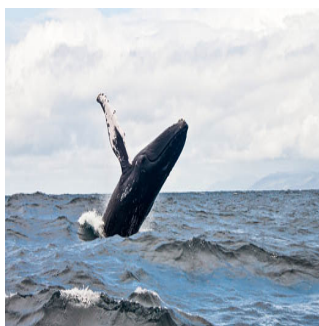
DAY 3: Santiago to Punta Arenas

You will take a morning flight to Punta Arenas where the hybrid-powered MS Roald Amundsen awaits. You will board your vessel and embark on your incredible journey to the frozen white continent.



DAY 4: The Drake Passage - Day 4 to 5

You begin the day sailing through the scenic Beagle Channel and over the legendary Drake Passage. On board, the Expedition Team starts the lecture programme, giving you information about Antarctica's fantastic animals, geology and history. You will also learn what it takes to be an Antarctic Ambassador in our mandatory briefing and join the Citizen Science programme to learn more about the wildlife and ecosystems of Antarctica. The time at sea is also great time to enjoy all the amenities of our advanced hybrid powered expedition ship



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DAY 6: Antarctic Peninsula - Day 6 to 10

With white horizons above oceans full of icebergs and whales, Antarctica never fails to inspire awe and wonder. Perhaps even more awe-inspiring will be your first encounter with the huge colonies of penguins. Your Expedition Team will lead ice-cruising and landings at every opportunity to come ashore and explore the impressive Antarctic scenery. From deck, there are great chances to spot whales. Of course, this is true wilderness, so nature is in charge, but your experienced captain will work with the elements to create the best possible itinerary for your adventure. You will have the opportunity to landings at several sites in the South Shetlands and on the Antarctic Peninsula and aim to bring you to the incredible diversity of landscapes and rich wildlife on display in this pristine wilderness.



DAY 11: At Sea

Relax in the tranquillity of a day at sea, sharing experiences and exchanging stories with your fellow adventurers. Enjoy the amenities of your innovative expedition ship and look out for wildlife from our outside decks.



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DAY 12: South Orkney Islands and Solar Eclipse

The South Orkney Islands consist of four islands situated in the Scotia Sea about 600 km northeast of the Antarctic Peninsula. You arrive here in the very early morning to experience the Solar Eclipse, weather permitting. Your Expedition Team will be on deck to give out special-purpose solar filters which will protect your eyes while you observe the extraordinary occurrence. If your cabin faces the right direction, you can enjoy the event through the window, without even having to change out of your pyjamas. A professional astronomer will also be part of the Expedition Team for the full duration of the voyage, delivering a series of in-depth lectures and providing insights during the Solar Eclipse. After observing the Solar Eclipse, we plan to explore the South Orkney Islands themselves. 85% of the islands' surface is made up of glaciers, which make it the perfect home for various species of penguins and seals. We will do our best to navigate a route through the area's icebergs, sea ice, and frequent mist.



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DAY 13: At Sea - Day 13 to 14

After exploring this unforgettable continent, you will set course for the Falkland Islands. Your Expedition Team will brief you about the history and biology of the Islands, point out wildlife from our outer decks and scout for the Albatrosses that often guide your way. Using the state-of-the-art microscopes in the ship's Science Center, you can analyse samples taken during the expedition cruise to see another kind of 'wildlife' at the cellular level.



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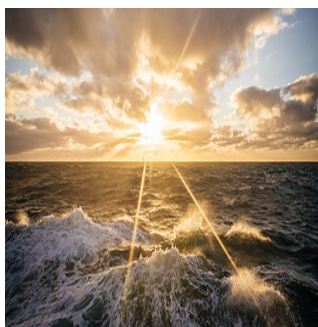
DAY 15: The Falkland Islands - Day 15 to 17

After the wilderness of Antarctica, enjoy the contrast provided by Stanley, with red phone boxes, red buses and old pubs. The capital is a good size for roaming the streets on foot, or you can join an excursion to explore the wilderness and wildlife in the surrounding area. We will be docked here throughout the day. The Falklands are teeming with wonders of nature, with fantastically clear blue skies, seamless horizons and stunning white sand beaches. As we reach the westernmost outposts in the Falklands, you will see remote farms that have been family-owned for generations. Penguins waddle along the beaches here, often coming close to you to take a look out of curiosity, and even posing for photos! We plan to go ashore to explore the area on hikes and to spot some of the many bird species that live here.



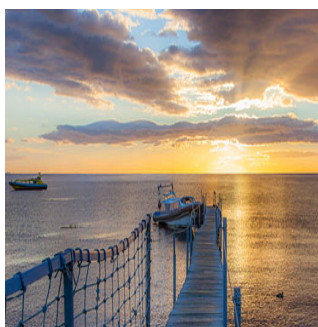
DAY 18: At Sea - Magellan Strait

As you complete the loop of the Magellan Strait, you will have a recap of everything we have experienced on this expedition cruise in the Science Center. Make sure you also spend some time on deck looking for wildlife.



DAY 19: Punta Arenas - Santiago de Chile

You will arrive back in Punta Arenas in the morning. After the flight back to Santiago de Chile, you can extend your vacation with a Post Programme to Easter Island, famous for its mysterious statues of giant heads and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



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DAY 20: Santiago Departure

Enjoy a day at leisure in Santiago de Chile before being transferred to the airport for your return flight.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin on board ship
Inclusions	<p>Inclusion</p> <p>Cabin accommodation on board ship. All meals whilst on board. Overnight in Santiago hotel pre voyage. Return economy flights Santiago - Punta Arenas. Transfer Santiago hotel - airport. Transfer Punta Arenas airport - ship. Punta Arenas City Tour prior to embarkation Wind and water-resistant jacket. Landings with small boats and activities on board and ashore. Professional English speaking Expedition team that gives lectures as well as accompanying landings and activities. Loan of boots, trekking poles, and equipment needed for optional and included activities. All meals including beverages (house beer and wine, sodas and mineral water) Coffee and tea included throughout the day. Gym, hot tubs and panoramic sauna. Free Wi-fi on board for all guests. Be aware that we sail in remote areas with limited connection. Use of the ships Science Centre.</p> <p>Exclusions</p> <p>International flights. Travel insurance. Luggage handling. Optional excursions and gratuities.</p>
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request, contact us for more details.
Notes	Please note the itinerary is subject to weather and ice conditions

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Price Dependent upon Departure date, seasonality and availability

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 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 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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