

# ANTARCTIC PENINSULA - ANTARCTIC EXPLORER VIA CAPE HORN & DIEGO RAMIREZ | ULTRAMARINE



## INTRODUCTION

Experience the very best of the Antarctic peninsula on the newest of polar expedition vessels, the Ultramarine. From the historical landmark of Cape Horn to the fabled Drake Passage and finally to the incredible sights of the vast white landscapes of Antarctica. You will also have the unique opportunity to visit the Diego Ramirez Islands, renown for their large albatross nesting grounds.

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## ITINERARY

<b>TRIP CODE</b>
ACQEARC
<b>DEPARTURE</b>
06/12/2023
<b>DURATION</b>
13 Days
<b>LOCATIONS</b>
Argentina, Antarctic Peninsula



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## DAY 1: Arrival in Buenos Aires

You may arrive in Buenos Aires at any time during Day 1 of your itinerary. Upon arriving in this splendid city, known for its architecture and rich European heritage, you will independently transfer to your group hotel (pre-expedition hotel night included in mandatory transfer package).



## DAY 2: Fly to Ushuaia and Embarkation

After an early breakfast at the hotel, the group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Ushuaia, Argentina. Upon arrival, you will be transferred from the airport to a central downtown location to have some time on your own to explore this quaint port town before making your way to the pier. After a late afternoon embarkation, you will sail along the historic Beagle Channel, which transects the Tierra del Fuego archipelago in the extreme south of South America.



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### DAY 3: Cape Horn and Diego Ramirez

Depending on conditions, we aim to start our journey to the “edge of the earth” with a visit to historic Cape Horn (Cabo de Hornos). At the southernmost point of the Tierra del Fuego (“Land of Fire”) archipelago, the most isolated place in the Americas, this steep, rocky headland on Hornos Island marks the northern boundary of the famous Drake Passage, where the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans meet. From the 1700s to the early 1900s, prior to the opening of the Panama Canal, this cape was part of a major global trade route. If sea and weather conditions allow, you may go ashore for a hike out to the lighthouse, the tiny Stella Maris (“Star of the Sea”) Chapel, and the albatross-shaped monument honoring the many mariners who lost their lives attempting to “round the Horn.” Atop the 1,394-foot (425 meter)-high windswept promontory, pause for a moment to take in the panoramic view and to enjoy the peaceful solitude that can only be found at one of the most southern stretches of land in the world. Your ship will then continue cruising farther south, to the Diego Ramírez Islands, the most southern point of South America and one of the least-explored places on the planet. This small archipelago was actually thought to be the southernmost land mass in the world when it was discovered in 1619 by the Spanish Garcia de Nodal expedition. Named after the expedition’s cosmographer, the archipelago held this distinction for 156 years, until Captain James Cook’s discovery of the South Sandwich Islands in 1775. Weather-permitting, we’ll Zodiac cruise around these tussock grass-covered islands to admire the abundant birdlife. A designated Important Bird Area, and part of the recently-designated Diego Ramirez Islands and Drake Passage Marine Park, the archipelago is home to millions of breeding seabirds, and an exceptional place for birdwatching. PLEASE NOTE: If conditions look more promising toward the end of your expedition, this itinerary day may take place after your Antarctic Peninsula exploration.



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### DAY 4: Crossing The Drake - Day 4 and 5

The unpredictable and exciting Drake Passage is an adventure unto itself. While being well taken care of by our expert onboard staff and leaders, you'll have plenty of time to gaze out at the ocean, take pictures of seabirds swooping around the ship, and get to know your Expedition Team and fellow travelers.



### DAY 6: Antarctic Peninsula - Day 6 to 10

Once the Drake Passage is left in our wake and the South Shetland Islands come into view, your Antarctic adventure truly begins. You will begin to appreciate why this region has long captivated the attention of explorers and travelers alike. On every visit to Antarctica, we witness something new or unexpected, which means your expedition will be unlike any other—a unique, personal experience. Each day, you will take Zodiac excursions from the ship to explore local bays, channels and landing sites. With wildlife always at the forefront of our minds, you will visit penguin rookeries, scout for humpback and minke whales, and search for a number of southern seal species, including the cunning leopard seal. The majesty of the Antarctic Peninsula's mountains will enchant as you hike snowy pathways to vantage points offering panoramic views of your surroundings. You will discover that Antarctica is a land of extremes. At one moment you'll be overcome with a feeling of complete isolation and silence, and the next you'll be inspired by nature as a calving glacier crashes into a brilliant blue sea or a penguin waddles by to inspect your footwear.



### DAY 11: Crossing The Drake - Day 11 to 12

The journey back across the Drake Passage provides a final opportunity to enjoy the invigorating Antarctic air. Spend time on the deck, watching for seabirds and scouting for whales, enjoy presentations by your Expedition Team and celebrate the experiences you've shared exploring the remarkable world of Antarctica.



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## DAY 13: Disembarkation and Fly To Buenos Aires

You will arrive in Ushuaia in the morning and disembark after breakfast. The mandatory transfer package includes a little taste of Patagonia with a Tierra del Fuego National Park tour before transferring to the airport for the return group charter flight to Buenos Aires.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

<b>Accommodation</b>	Cabin on board ship & Hotel
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<b>Inclusions</b>	<p><b>INCLUSIONS</b>            Cabin accommodation on board ship            All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage            Select beer and wine during dinner; and coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock            All scheduled landings and excursions            Guiding and lectures by experienced expedition team            Expedition parka (yours to keep)            A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions            One 10 to 15 minute helicopter flight-seeing excursion (weather permitting)            Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person  <b>MANDATORY TRANSFER PACKAGE (INCLUDED)</b>            One night pre transfer accommodation in a hotel in Buenos Aires with breakfast            Group flights from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia on a return basis            Transfers from the hotel to the airport in Buenos Aires            Airport transfer and express bus tour of Tierra Del Fuego national Park after disembarkation in Ushuaia</p> <p><b>EXCLUSIONS</b>            International flights            Any other pre or post land arrangements not mentioned above            Passport and visa expenses            Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned above            Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended            Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned            Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew            Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic flights            Laundry, bar and other personal charges unless specified            Optional Adventure Activities</p>
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	2 (light adventure)
<b>Single Surcharge</b>	Available upon request, contact us for more details.

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<p><b>Notes</b></p>	<p>Prices are based on per person, and vary from single, quad, triple, and twin cabins.          Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.          All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.          Please note this itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.          Includes charter flights from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia on a return basis</p>
<p><b>Price Dependent upon</b></p>	<p>Departure dates, seasonality, availability &amp; currency fluctuation</p>

## SUSTAINABILITY

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