



#### TRIP CODE

**ACOEUP** 

#### **DEPARTURE**

29/10/2023

#### DURATION

16 Days

#### **LOCATIONS**

Antarctic Peninsula and South Georgia



# INTRODUCTION

Departing from Ushuaia you will embark on an incredible journey to Antarctica and the seldom visited South Georgia. Set foot on beaches teaming with elephant seals and the largest colonies of king penguins on Earth before setting out for the legendary frozen white continent. Experience this incredible journey on the Ultramarine, a purpose-built vessel pushing the boundaries of polar expeditions and including a flight-seeing tour that will let you experience these remote locations from an entirely new perspective.

\*Discounts are correct at the time of publishing and are available for sale on selected cabins and departure dates until 27 Sep 2023 or sold out. Discounts are subject to change, availability will be confirmed at time of booking. Current in market offers may be combinable and Shackleton Club Past Passenger and multi trip discounts may be applied subject to confirmation at the time of booking. Prices are subject to change based on currency fluctuations, fuel surcharges, and other external factors. No discount applies to any transfer packages, additional activities or pre/post services. Please enquire for Single and Triple Cabin promotions. The advertised prices may also include a 'Pay in full at time of booking' which is a 5-10% early payment bonus. Further conditions may apply, <u>contact us</u> for more information.

# **ITINERARY**



#### DAY 1: Arrive 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 Embark

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. Expect an air of anticipation as you depart!



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## DAY 3: At Sea - Day 3 to 6

There are many activities to keep you engaged while you are at sea. Learn to identify seabirds that glide alongside the ship, or attend dynamic presentations by your Expedition Team. You will be prepped on safety procedures for Zodiac cruises and shore landings, and also be given instructions for getting the most out of your optional sea kayaking adventures (extra cost), a truly intimate way to experience Antarctica. If conditions are right, the first indication that you are approaching South Georgia is the sight of birds around a group of rocky spires called Shag Rocks. Have your binoculars and cameras ready to capture these rocks rising out of the icy ocean waters. Shags and prions often rest here, and due to nutrient rich upwellings around the rocks it can be a good place to keep a lookout for whales.





DAY 7: South Georgia - Day 7 to 8

After enjoying South Georgia from a distance, we'll head toward its numerable beaches to find a bay for your first land excursion. Landing sites are varied, largely determined by the weather conditions of your voyage. Whichever sites we visit, they'll provide you with wildlife encounters unrivalled anywhere else on earth. You'll find that South Georgia, once a popular base for whalers and sealers, is also scattered with abandoned relics and evidence of human activity from centuries gone by. Your Expedition Team will help bring those days to life while you visit old whaling stations and enjoy presentations on the South Georgia of then and now. One of the most significant sites you will visit on the island is Grytviken. This settlement is one of the first whaling stations established in sub-Antarctic waters. Many travelers find that this place has a special appeal, as it is home to the remains of Sir Ernest Shackleton, one of the most famous Antarctic explorers.



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DAY 9: At Sea - Day 9 to 10

Say goodbye to the king penguins, as your next destination is Antarctica! Your days at sea are filled with presentations and workshops led by your Expedition Team, who will prepare you for the wildlife and landscapes that will surround you upon your arrival.





#### DAY 11: Antarctic Peninsula - Day 11 to 13

The most common reaction upon reaching the White Continent is a sense of reverence and awe. The experience is hard to put into words, since few places are as untouched and enduring as Antarctica. 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 at the next moment 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. Your Expedition Team will take care of you at each excursion, whether you are Zodiac cruising, visiting a historical site or consorting with penguin colonies. Chinstrap, Adélie and gentoo penguins are found here, along with Weddell, fur, crabeater and leopard seals. Keep a lookout for Antarctic whales, such as minkes, while on a Zodiac cruise. Each day and each excursion will present a new collection of creatures to delight you and keep your camera busy. As exciting as the Zodiac excursions and landings are, perhaps you'll treat yourself to an extra-special Antarctic experience by partaking in an optional paddling excursion (at an extra cost) or cast reason aside and jump into Antarctic waters for the polar plunge!



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### DAY 14: Crossing The Drake - Day 14 to 15

After more than a dozen days of unique wildlife encounters and remarkable landscapes, your journey home begins. Crossing the Drake is your unofficial rite of passage. Spend time on deck watching for seabirds and whales, enjoy presentations by your Expedition Team, or simply relax and reminisce about your experiences.



#### DAY 16: Disembark in Ushuaia 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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Accommodation	Cabin on board a ship & hotel
Inclusions	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 MANDATORY TRANSFER PACKAGE (INCLUDED) 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 EXCLUSIONS 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
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request, contact us for more details.

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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.

Notes 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

**Price Dependent upon**Departure dates, seasonality, availability & currency fluctuation

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