

## ANTARCTICA - ANTARCTICA EMPOWERED



### INTRODUCTION

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Join us on this once-in-a lifetime journey to Antarctica with one of Australia's greats, Kurt Fearnley AO, as our special guest.

Three times Paralympic gold medalist and the holder of a plethora of other international medals and achievements, including Gold at the recent Commonwealth Games in Australia, and successfully crawling the Kokoda Track, Kurt truly knows what it feels like to be on top of the world.



Now, on this unique fundraising journey, Kurt will travel to the incredible beauty found at the end of the earth, on a quest to raise funds supporting education for people with disabilities, living marginalised areas. Antarctica is a place where no society exists, where barriers don't box people in and being is all that matters. It is the perfect stage to springboard awareness and support for the abilities of people with disabilities.

My education instilled in me the value of expectation. Expectation which I treasure to this day. When travelling internationally, I've seen a life without expectation and without

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education and that can be more disabling than any disability. I hope to play a small part to increase the participation of people with disabilities in marginalised communities around the world. And I look forward to you joining me win that journey.â Kurt Fearnley.

Departing from Ushuaia, this unique and exclusive fundraising journey will cross the formidable Drake Passage before spending time engulfed in the serene and ethereal surroundings of the Antarctic Peninsula, where silence is so profound you will hear your neck creak as you take in the majestic vistas of this âotherworldly' locale.

To be a part of this exciting fundraiser all you need do is book and travel on the journey, proceeds from berth sales will be donated to the [MAD project](#) where, working directly with Kurt Fearnley, the funds will reach the Kurt Fearnley Centre which operates in the Ruben Centre in Nairobi providing education programs for people with disabilities in marginalised locations.

There will also be money-can't-buy auction items up for grabs at the end of trip celebration, with proceeds also donated to the cause.

So, if travel with purpose ticks a box, if experiencing this planet's last frontier is something you have always wanted to do then join us on this exclusive cruise and experience a journey you will never forget in the company of true greatness.

Learn more about [Kurt Fearnley](#)

### GREEN POINTS!

Single use plastics are being eliminated, no disposable cups, stirrers or straws are available on this cruise

Only sustainable seafood is served on board, all seafood is caught or farmed promoting long term vitality

Biodegradable phosphate free laundry and cleaning chemicals only on board

All amenities are provided in refillable containers, no throw away products used.

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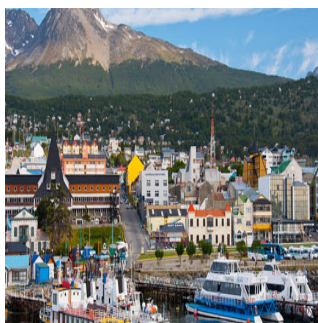


## ITINERARY

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### DAY 1: Arrival in Ushuaia, Argentina

On arrival, please make your way through to the Arrivals Hall where our representative will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it. Should you not be able to locate them, please refer to the front of your itinerary for emergency contact details of our representative office. There will be an evening briefing at 7:30pm to run through details of embarkation the following day. Ushuaia is the most southerly city in the world and the capital of Tierra del Fuego, with a dramatic setting overlooking the Beagle Channel, surrounded by mountains. It is a major port for Antarctic bound vessels and an interesting city to explore.



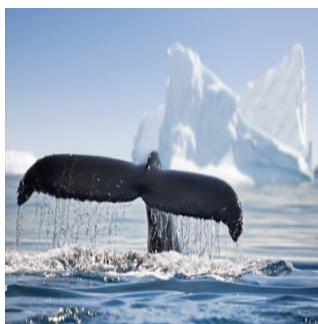
### DAY 2: Depart Ushuaia

This afternoon we will meet with your Chimu escort in a central location, before heading to the ship. We board our vessel in the world's southernmost city, Ushuaia. After meeting our fellow passengers and finding our way around our new home we set sail through the famed Beagle Channel. Passing incredible scenery we glimpse our last sight of land as we head due south towards Antarctica.



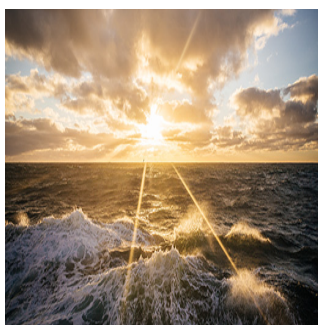
### DAY 3: Crossing the Drake

We spend the day at sea, through the legendary waters of the Drake passage that is named after famous English seafarer, Sir Frances Drake. If conditions allow, enjoy the ample outer deck space to look for dolphins, whales and orcas as well as seabirds including the mighty Albatross following the ship. A comprehensive optional lecture program will also get under way, with some fascinating insights into Antarctic history, geology, biology and everything in between.



### DAY 4: Drake Passage, arrival to South Shetland Island

Today we continue crossing the Drake passage and hope to make landfall by early evening if conditions are favourable. The first sighting of land always brings great excitement on any expedition south.



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### DAY 5: Antarctic Peninsula - Day 5 to 8

For the next four days we explore the Antarctic Peninsula that is famed for its majestic mountains, glaciers, calm waters and abundance of wildlife. Our lecture program continues during our voyage and sightseeing during this period is at its most spectacular off the ship's outer decks. We hope to visit an active research station during our time on the peninsula (subject to approval) as well as explore well known sites such as the Lemaire Channel, Deception Island, Paradise bay and Neko harbour. Whilst on the Peninsula we will have our famous Antarctica quiz as well as a host of interesting night time activities.



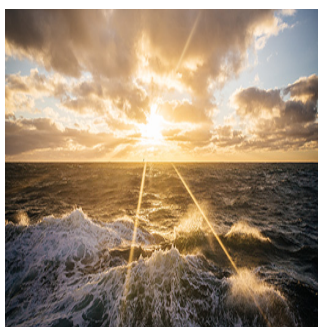
### DAY 9: Crossing the Drake

Leaving Antarctica behind we sail north to our home port of Ushuaia. We have time to reflect on our amazing journey and hear more wonderful talks on Antarctica.



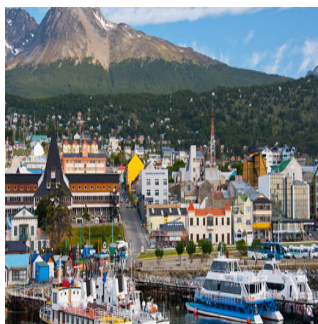
### DAY 10: Crossing the Drake

By the evening we hope to be back in the tranquil surrounds of the Beagle, ensuring a restful nights sleep. Our last meal together is often a highlight of any Chimu trip.



### DAY 11: Arrival in Ushuaia

After breakfast we disembark the ship. We wave goodbye to our new friends and continue on our journey or home. Transfer to the airport is included.



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### INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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1 night hotel accommodation in Ushuaia, pre cruise (Day One of itinerary)  
Cabin accommodation on board the ship  
All meals whilst on ship  
All scheduled landings/excursions  
Guiding and lectures by English-speaking expedition leader and team  
All port fees  
All landing fees  
A pair of expedition boots for use during your voyage  
Group arrival and departure transfers in Ushuaia

#### EXCLUSIONS:

Airfares to/from embarkation and disembarkation city  
Visa fees (if applicable)  
Travel insurance (compulsory)  
Beverages (other than coffee and tea)  
Personal expenses such as laundry, onboard communication (telephone calls, faxes, email service)  
Gratuities for the crew (recommended US\$15 per person per day)  
Pre or post cruise travel expenses  
Optional activities, refer optional activities section for details

**Difficulty Rating** 2 (light adventure)

**Single Surcharge** Available on request. No single supplement if willing to share. Contact us for more details.

**Notes** Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.

**Price Dependent upon** Departure date, seasonality and availability.

### SUSTAINABILITY

As a member of IAATO we follow guidelines appointed by the Antarctic Treaty System to go above and beyond in support of minimizing negative impacts on this pristine landscape. We also encourage clients to look to book pre-and post- accommodation with us, where local businesses will be supported. Our clients also receive restaurant recommendations which support locally owned restaurants

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We carefully select all ships we work with and choose smaller sized vessels to create less impact. We use a highly regulated, licensed vessel which is well equipped to operate in the Antarctic's delicate ecosystem. 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. The waste is carried back to the home port to allow for environmentally conscious waste management and disposal.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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