

ANTARCTIC CIRCLE - SOUTHERN EXPEDITION: CROSSING THE CIRCLE | WORLD EXPLORER



TRIP CODE

ACQESX

DEPARTURE

04/02/2023, 16/02/2023

DURATION

14 Days

LOCATIONS

Antarctic Circle



INTRODUCTION

Undertake an incredible journey to the sights of dramatic ice formations, magnificent icebergs and crackling ice. The Southern Expedition is a true Antarctic expedition that will take you across the legendary Antarctic Circle. From the South Shetland Islands to the Antarctic Peninsula you will encounter curious penguins, resting leopard seals and sightings of humpback whales.

**Offers are correct at the time of publishing and are available for sale on selected cabins and departure until 03 April 2023 or sold out.. Discounts are subject to change, availability will be confirmed at time of booking. Only combinable with Shackleton Club Past Passenger offers. 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. Excludes Triple and Single Cabins. The below prices may also include a 'Pay in full at time of booking' which is a 5-10% early payment bonus. Further conditions may apply, [contact us](#) for more information.*

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrive in Ushuaia, Argentina

You will begin your journey in Ushuaia, a small but bustling port town at the tip of South America. This Argentine town is an ideal gateway for you to explore the southern extent of Patagonia while preparing for your adventure ahead. Get active in the mountains or enjoy handcrafted chocolate at a café in town.



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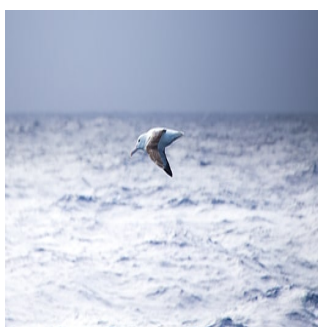
DAY 2: Embarkation Day

As the ship sets sail in the late afternoon, you will begin your Antarctic journey, passing through the Beagle Channel. Named after the famed ship on which Charles Darwin voyaged, the channel presents great photo opportunities of landscapes and seabirds. Eventually the channel opens up to the Southern Ocean, and onwards to Antarctica.



DAY 3: Crossing the Drake Passage - Day 3 & 4

Your days at sea are filled with presentations and lectures led by your Expedition Team, who will prepare you for the wildlife that will greet you upon your arrival. In between presentations, spend time chatting with your shipmates over a drink at the bar, or enjoy the fresh air and views on the outer decks.



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DAY 5: South Shetlands & Antarctica - Day 5 to 7

The most common reaction upon reaching the White Continent is a sense of reverence and awe. The experience is beyond words, since few places are as untouched and enduring as Antarctica. You will begin to appreciate why this region has long captivated the attention of explorers and travelers alike. Every visit to Antarctica, we witness something new or unexpected, which means that your expedition will be unlike any other—creating 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. Your Expedition Team will take care of you at each landing, whether you are exploring the Antarctic terrain, visiting a research station or consorting with penguin colonies. Chinstrap, Adélie and gentoo penguins are found here, along with four different species of seals. Zodiac cruising can offer opportunities to view some of the larger local marine mammals more intimately, such as Antarctic minke and humpback whales. Each day and each excursion will present a new collection of creatures to delight you and keep your camera busy. Your days will be busy spotting wildlife and being mesmerized by the astounding beauty of Antarctica. Listening to the crackling and crumbling of icebergs and glaciers and watching penguins waddling on the beach will become your daily entertainment, while sea kayaking, paddle excursions, or camping are optional activities available on select voyages (at an extra cost).



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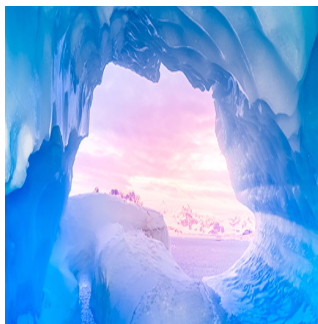
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DAY 8: Antarctic Circle - Day 8 & 9

Crossing the Antarctic Circle is an impressive achievement, as most expeditions to the Antarctic Peninsula do not reach this far south — 66°33' S. If conditions allow us to cross this famed line at 66°33' S, you and your shipmates will celebrate in style with a well-earned glass of sparkling wine! Make a toast and take pride in knowing you've made it to a part of the world visited by very few people. This is raw Antarctica, home of the midnight sun, Adélie penguins and some of the most awe-inspiring ice formations you'll see anywhere on the planet.



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DAY 10: Northbound Along the Peninsula - Day 10 & 11

By now, your knowledge of Adélie, chinstrap and gentoo penguins will be matched by your ability to differentiate between a leopard, fur and Weddell seal. Terms like 'bergy bits' and 'pancake ice' will become part of your vocabulary, yet there are still many tales to be told. As you head north, Zodiac excursions will fill your days, and your Expedition Team will continue looking out for species of seabirds, seals and whales that may have eluded you on your journey south.



DAY 12: Crossing the Drake Passage - Day 12 & 13

As you recross the Drake, Antarctica fades away, leaving you with a collection of memories to last a lifetime. Excited conversations with your newfound friends will make the crossing fly by, regardless of weather and sea conditions. Your Expedition Team will round up its series of presentations as well, with a slideshow of the great landing sites and wildlife you've witnessed over the course of your voyage. Be sure to take some time to reflect on everything you've experienced so far.



DAY 14: Disembarkation in Ushuaia

Today, you'll say goodbye to your Expedition Team and fellow travelers, disembarking in the morning to catch your homeward flights or continue your travels on your own.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Cabin on board ship

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Inclusions	Cabin accommodation on board vessel All meals whilst on board All scheduled landings and excursions Complimentary use of rubber boots during course of voyage Expedition parka (yours to keep) All luggage handling on board ship All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges Group arrival transfer in Ushuaia from airport to pre-expedition hotel on Day 1 Group transfer hotel to ship on embarkation day Group transfer Ship to local airport/luggage facility on disembarkation day
	EXCLUSIONS International flights Passport and Visa fees (if applicable) Excess baggage fees on international flights Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac landings and excursions Laundry, bar, spa services and other personal charges, unless specified Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for expedition staff and shipboard crew Any additional overnight accommodation Arrival and departure transfers, except where explicitly stated
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request, contact us for more details.
Notes	Please note this itinerary may be subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, seasonality and availability.

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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

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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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