



INTRODUCTION

Antarctica has been inspiring explorers for centuries. And this expedition offers you the chance to discover why, with an unforgettable journey through the spectacular wilderness of the South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula. You'll encounter a world where nature creates the rules, her unpredictable temperament making each trip unique, exciting and personal.

Imagine cruising in a Zodiac through crackling sea ice like shattered glass, witnessing penguins building their nests, or navigating through a maze of icebergs, each one uniquely shaped by its journey through the sea. You'll enjoy iconic Antarctic highlights, exhilarating adventures and be rewarded with memories to last a lifetime.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Ushuaia, Argentina

With a population of more than 63,000 people, Ushuaia is the southernmost city in the world. The city has grown over the past few years, yet it has retained an easy going and accessible feel. With the sea to the south and mountains to the north, Ushuaia is a spectacular departure point for your Antarctic cruise.



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DEPARTURE

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DURATION

12 Days

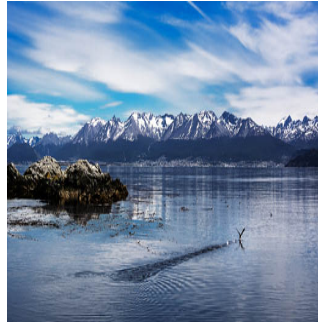
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DAY 2: Embarkation Day

Embarkation will occur in the late afternoon, after which your vessel will sail down the historic Beagle Channel. This famous channel transects the Tierra del Fuego archipelago in the extreme south of South America.



DAY 3: Crossing the Drake - Day 3 & 4

Prepare yourself for potentially rough water, but hope for a smooth sailing as the Drake is unpredictable and always changing.



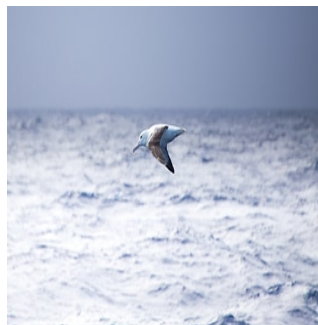
DAY 5: South Shetlands & Antarctic Peninsula - Day 5 to 9

When the Antarctic Convergence is left in our wake, you will truly begin your Antarctic adventure. It is perhaps the first sight of land itself that is embraced as the true beginning of any Antarctic expedition.



DAY 10: Drake Passage to Ushuaia - Day 10 & 11

The journey back across the Drake Passage provides you with some final opportunities to enjoy the crisp Antarctic air.



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DAY 12: Disembarkation in Ushuaia

You will arrive in Ushuaia in the morning allowing for you to continue your adventure on land or catch your flights home.



INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Standard
Inclusions	Not Available
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request
Notes	Contact us for more details
Price Dependent upon	Season 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

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.

Quark Expeditions undertake a number of initiatives committed toward sustainable travel. Quark sponsor 'Penguin Lifelines' a project dedicated to study the changing populations of penguin species. All Quark vessels use marine Gas Oil, a cleaner, low-emission factor alternative to heavy fuels. On board the vessel passengers will be provided with reusable water bottles, minimising single-use plastic, sustainable seafood is served, paper-use is also minimised.

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