



## INTRODUCTION

Antarctica is a world unto itself and this trip, similar to the 11 day Antarctic Classic expedition, introduces you to the magic of the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula, but gives you two extra days to explore its majesty. Encounter leopard seals hauled out on ice floes and vast rookeries of penguins surrounded by towering glaciers. Gaze at immense icebergs and witness dramatic glaciers from the open deck. The MS Expedition will bring you safely and comfortably through the stunningly beautiful South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula while its expert guides and lecturers offer knowledgeable insights that will bring the natural history of the region to life and create an adventure of a lifetime.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: Arrival in Ushuaia

Check into your pre-cruise hotel and enjoy the evening at leisure.



### DAY 2: Ushuaia - Embark on ship

Embarkation on the M/S Expedition begins in the afternoon at the port in Ushuaia. Embarkation time is set for 4:00 pm. The morning is free for any last minute shopping, an optional excursion to Tierra del Fuego National Park or a hike up to the Marshall Glacier. The evening is spent on board watching the sunset over the Beagle Channel. On the first day on-board, your Expedition Leader will give you an expedition overview.



### TRIP CODE

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### DEPARTURE

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## DAY 3: Crossing the Drake Passage - Days 3 & 4

Our adventure begins with an 800km (497 mile) crossing of the passage that bears the name of the 16th century English explorer Sir Francis Drake. On the second day we cross the Antarctic Convergence, a meeting of cold polar water flowing north and warmer equatorial water moving in the opposite direction. This mixing pushes nutrient rich waters to the surface, attracting a variety of seabirds, whales and other species. As we make the passage you have time to become acquainted with the ship and frequent the common areas that include the lounge, dining hall, library and lecture hall where you meet your guides, ship's crew and expedition staff. We also begin the lecture and information sessions to learn the extraordinary human and natural history of the Antarctic region. Keep a look out for sightings of icebergs, whales and albatross following in the ship's wake.

## DAY 5: Antarctic Peninsula & South Shetland - Day 5 to 10

Over the coming days we will navigate southwards making stops in the South Shetland Islands then through the Bransfield Strait and on to the Antarctic Peninsula. Our goal is to attempt two excursions per day while we navigate through the area but our itinerary and daily schedule will be based on the local weather and ice conditions. The Antarctic Peninsula and the South Shetland Islands abound with wildlife activity. Penguins gather with their fast-growing chicks, whales are seen in great numbers feeding in the cold but fertile waters, seals haul out onto ice floes and beaches, and numerous albatross and other seabirds trail in our wake. There is plenty of time to enjoy the sheer beauty and the breathtaking scenery of ice-choked waterways, blue and white icebergs, impressive glaciers and rugged snow-capped mountains.

## DAY 11: Return Drake Passage Crossing - Days 11 & 12

Today we turn north to begin our journey back across the Drake Passage to our home port of Ushuaia. In between bird watching, whale watching and enjoying some final lectures by the expedition staff, our final two days are a perfect opportunity to relax and review the highlights of the past week before returning to Ushuaia.

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## DAY 13: Disembark in Ushuaia

And so our adventure comes to a close. We'll say our goodbyes as we disembark in Ushuaia in the morning. Upon completion of the 8:00 am disembarkation in Ushuaia, you will be transferred to either the airport or a central location where luggage can be stored. \*\*\* Important - Please be sure not to book flights out of Ushuaia before 12PM (Noon) on the day of disembarkation from your cruise ship.



## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

<b>Accommodation</b>	Cabin on board ship
<b>Inclusions</b>	<p>1 night hotel accommodation in Ushuaia, pre cruise                  Cabin accommodation on board the ship                  All meals whilst on ship                  All scheduled landings/excursions                  Guiding and lectures by expedition leader and team                  English-speaking expedition team                  All port fees                  All landing fees                  Expedition jacket provided (yours to keep)                  A pair of expedition boots for use during your voyage                  Group arrival and departure transfers in Ushuaia*</p> <p><b>EXCLUSIONS:</b>                  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</p>
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	2 (light adventure)
<b>Single Surcharge</b>	Willing to share available for no additional cost (Category 1, 2 and 3 cabins only). Surcharge applies for solo use cabin, contact us for pricing. Subject to availability.
<b>Notes</b>	Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.

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## 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.

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

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