Chimu The Latin America and Polar Travel Specialists

ANTARCTICA UNVEILED | OCEAN ENDEAVOUR

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ACACADB
DEPARTURE
11/01/2023
DURATION
11 Days
LOCATIONS
Not Available

INTRODUCTION

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They say when you visit Antarctica, pure ice will flow through your veins and melt into your heart. Here it will find a special place forever; such is the connection you will feel to this indescribable part of the planet.

Proving this point, renowned personalities Jennifer Byrne and Andrew Denton will be joining this exclusive Chimu Charter as our special guests on their respective sixth and seventh trips to the great white. This will be their third with Chimu. As we travel to the great white, along with our esteemed expedition leaders, naturalists and scientists on board, Jennifer and Andrew will bring added life to the show, as they share their deep knowledge, passion, and experiences of Antarctica to the group.

Joining Andrew and Jennifer will be special guest, Australian photojournalist **Stephen DuPont** who will be creating a limited edition photobook of his experience in Antarctica.

> â□□Capturing Antarctica is about me challenging myself, I want to come away with something unique.â□□ â□□ Stephen Dupont

As you travel and marvel on this exclusive journey, why not take part in our citizen science program lead by our expert team? Through this experience, you can observe, record and report on natural phenomena that you witness, as part of a collaboration project with Antarctic scientists, further extending your education and unveiling the mysteries of the white continent. Meanwhile, your mind will be dutifully blown by her beauty.

This immersive journey will take you from Ushuaia, at the base of South America, across the Drake Passage, via the South Shetland Islands and onto the stunning Antarctic Peninsula, where your interactive experiences will expand your mind in ways you never thought possible.

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Your experiences through our in-depth expedition program is our number one priority.

> *â□□If Antarctica were music, it would be Mozart. Art, and it would be Michelangelo. Literature, and it would be Shakespeare. And yet it is something even greater; the only place on earth that is still as it should be. May we never tame it.â□□ Andrew Denton*

We are also proud to be partnering with Lifeline, hosting a charity raffle and fundraising with our polar plunge onboard this itinerary.

SPECIAL GUESTS ONBOARD

Andrew Denton & Jennifer Byrne

Andrew Denton is an award-winning writer, performer and producer. His TV programs include The Money or the Gun, Enough Rope, CNNNN (The Chaser), Hungry Beast, and The Gruen Transfer.

Jennifer Byrne is a celebrated Australian journalist and broadcaster. She has worked in all forms of publication, including television, radio and print. From Foreign Correspondent to Celebrity Mastermind, Jennifer has led a colourful and award-winning career.

Learn more.

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Stephen Dupont

Stephen Dupont is an award-winning photojournalist. His images have been recognised around the world for his concerned photography on the human condition, war, and climate and have received international acclaim.

Dupont has been awarded some of the most prestigious prizes in photography, including the 2015 Olivier Rebbot Award and the 2005 Robert Capa Gold Medal citation from the Overseas Press Club of America and first place from the World Press Photo. He has also worked as an official war artist for the Australian War Memorial in the Solomon Islands and Afghanistan.

He has been featured in publications including The Smithsonian, Newsweek, The New Yorker, and The Guardian.

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**40% discount onboard the Ocean Endeavour 2022/23 season valid from 1 Nov 2022 until sold out or departed. Not combinable with any other promotion. Offers apply to new bookings only. Excludes Cabin Categories 2 & 3. Cabins are subject to availability and currency fluctuations. Further conditions apply, please contact us for more information.*

PLEASE NOTE: Pricing is subject to change and availability at the time of booking. Contact us for more information.

*****Please note that due to the recent increase in global fuel prices, a fuel surcharge has been applied to all voyages across Antarctic 22/23 season. This has already been applied to the price*****

ITINERARY

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DAY 1: Arrival in Ushuaia

Ushuaia is the most southerly city in the world and the capital of Tierra del Fuego (Land of Fire). It has a dramatic setting, surrounded by mountains to the north and the Beagle Channel to the south, making it a spectacular departure point for your Antarctic adventure. On arrival at Ushuaia Airport, 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 the ship 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. Your cruise itinerary begins with an overnight stay in Ushuaia. If you arrive into Ushuaia early enough, the day is yours to explore. Avenida San Martin and the surrounding streets are where most hotels, shops, restaurants, cafes and tourist services are located. The Museo Marítimo y del Presidio de Ushuaia (Maritime & the Prison of Ushuaia Museum) is well worth a visit. Located in the former prison of Ushuaia, the prison buildings now house four museums - the Maritime Museum, the Prison Museum, the Antarctic Museum and the Marine Museum of Art. The buildings date back to 1906 when convicts were transferred from Isla de los Estados to Ushuaia to build this national prison. Construction was completed in 1920 and the cells that were designed for 380 inmates, held up to 800 prisoners before closing in 1947. Tierra del Fuego National Park is a short bus ride from Ushuaia and was the first shoreline national park established in Argentina. It is a rugged, mountainous park with great views of Lapataia Bay and dramatic scenery of waterfalls, mountains, glaciers and lakes. There are many hiking trails within the park including the Coastal Path (Senda Costera) that connects Ensenada Bay to Lapataia Bay on Lago Roca. The park is home to many species of animal including the guanaco, Andean fox, North American beaver, European rabbit and muskrat. There are also many species of birds including the torrent duck, kelp goose, austral parakeet, Andean condor and the Magellanic oystercatcher. The Fin del Mundo Train (End of the World Train) is a steam train that runs from Ushuaia to Tierra del Fuego National Park, providing an alternative way to get to the park.

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DAY 2: Embarkation in Ushuaia

This morning is free for you to explore Ushuaia, giving you time to wander the streets of this quaint port town, or discover Tierra del Fuego National Park. Transfer to the pier of Ushuaia for embarkation in the late afternoon. You will be welcomed on board the Ocean Endeavour by the Expedition Team and the Ship's Officers. This evening we set sail through the Beagle Channel that was named after the British ship the HMS Beagle. This famous channel transects the Tierra del Fuego archipelago in the extreme south of South America, and is rich in wildlife. Keep a look out for Magellanic penguins, rock cormorants, petrels and black-browed albatross from the deck as well as sea lion colonies. Enjoy your first taste of life at sea and a welcome dinner. The air is likely to be filled with anticipation, as your next view of land will be of Antarctica - the White Continent.

DAY 3: Drake Passage - Day 3 & 4

As we leave the Beagle Channel, prepare yourself for potentially rough seas as we enter the legendary Drake Passage. This infamous and unpredictable channel of water separates the southernmost tip of South America from the tip of the Antarctic Peninsula. It was named after the English explorer, Sir Frances Drake. As we head southwards, there is time to get to know your shipmates and get an insight into the excitement ahead with presentations from the Expedition Team on everything Antarctic - from the history and geology to the incredible wildlife. We will notice a drop in temperature as we cross the Antarctic Convergence and enter the waters of the Antarctic Ocean. At the Antarctic Convergence, the colder polar waters flowing north meet the warmer equatorial waters flowing south. This mixing pushes nutrient rich waters to the surface, attracting a variety of seabirds, whales and other species. Look out through the panoramic observation windows or brave the elements outside on deck as you keep your eyes peeled for albatrosses flying overhead, icebergs and maybe even breaching whales. Leaving the Antarctic Convergence in our wake, we continue south towards Antarctica, maybe making landfall by early evening on Day 4, if conditions are favourable. The first sighting of land always brings great excitement, and is often embraced as the true beginning of any Antarctic expedition.

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DAY 5: South Shetlands and Antarctica - Day 5 to 8

For the next four days we explore the South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula that is famed for its majestic mountains, glaciers, imposing icebergs, ice-strewn waters and abundance of wildlife. The scenery, wildlife and serene silence of Antarctica will enchant and enthral and you will soon realise why this region has captivated the attention of explorers and travellers for centuries. Your days on the Antarctic Peninsula will form the core of your adventure. Every day will be different as we cruise by Zodiac amongst the beautifully sculpted icebergs and take Zodiac excursions from the ship to explore local bays, channels and landing sites. Unpredictable weather and ice conditions mean that the itinerary will be flexible, but will make the most of wildlife sightings, as we aim to explore penguin rookeries, seal and bird colonies, whale feeding areas as well as visiting sites of historic and scientific interest and climbing to vantage points for panoramic views. There is always something new or unexpected to see, with opportunities for kayaking, snowshoeing and photography with an expert, which means that your expedition will be a unique and personal experience and unlike any other. Enjoy the antics of thousands of curious penguins as you sit on a pebbled beach, scout for whales and seals as you cruise by Zodiac, visit a research base, listen out for the mighty crack of a calving glacier and maybe brave a polar plunge in the icy waters! As we cruise through the Peninsula, the lecture programme continues and sightseeing is at its most spectacular off the ship's outer decks. Enjoy the Ocean Endeavour's newly designed health and fitness features, with facilities that include a spa, His and Hers saunas, saltwater pool and gym plus yoga sessions.

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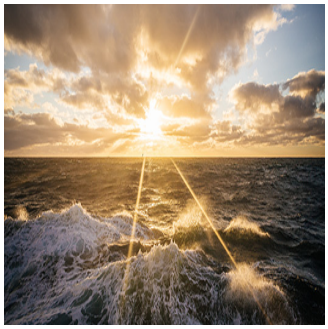
DAY 9: Drake Passage - Day 9 & 10



We hope to make one final excursion or shore landing today before we leave the Antarctic Peninsula behind, and head back across the Drake Passage. This is another great opportunity to look out for wildlife from the deck of the ship, as you identify seabirds and maybe whales with the help of your Expedition Team. Gain more insight into the region by attending final lectures and presentations by the polar experts and take time to relax and reminisce about your Antarctic experiences. By the evening we hope to be back in the tranquil waters of the Beagle Channel, ensuring a restful nights sleep on board.

DAY 11: Disembarkation in Ushuaia

Your Antarctic adventure draws to a close as you disembark the Ocean Endeavour following breakfast. Farewell your fellow guests and your Expedition Team and join a transfer to Ushuaia airport for your onward journey (included for selected flight departures today) or to the city centre of Ushuaia, where you can make your way to your hotel if you are extending your stay and want to spend some more time exploring this incredible part of the world. With much to see and do in this quaint 'End of the World' town, including the Museo Maritimo, Avenida San Martin or even an adventurous hike to the Martial Glacier, your adventure doesn't have to end here. If you would like to stay additional nights in Ushuaia, please speak to your booking agent. Please note: A transfer to the city centre after disembarkation OR a transfer to the airport for onward flights (for selected departures today only) is included. If you are extending your stay or do not meet the requirements for the included transfers then we can arrange transportation at an additional cost, please discuss this with your booking agent. You are advised not to book a flight out of Ushuaia before midday on disembarkation day, in case of delays caused by unfavourable weather conditions. Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.

INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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Accommodation	Hotel and Cabin on board ship
Inclusions	**INCLUSIONS** All meals onboard the Ocean Endeavour including snacks Accommodation onboard the Ocean Endeavour in booked cabin category Onboard lecture program from Expeditions Team and Naturalists All shore excursions and Zodiac cruising (except paid adventure options with cost) Use of rubber boots on land and use of waterproof outer shell jacket Insulated inner jacket, yours to keep at the end of the voyage Transfer from Ushuaia airport to hotel (Day 1) and pre-night hotel with breakfast Transfer from Ushuaia hotel accommodation to the Ocean Endeavour for embarkation Transports to Ushuaia airport on return to port All port taxes All landing fees Use of onboard gym, sauna, pool and jacuzzi and onboard yoga **EXCLUSIONS** International or internal flights unless specified Airport transfers, taxes and excess baggage charges unless specified Meals other than those specified in the pre-departure information Pre or post cruise travel expenses Visa (if applicable) and passport fees Travel insurance (compulsory) Fuel surcharge may be applied to all bookings Paid adventure options and all personal expenses Tobacco, alcoholic or beverages (other than coffee and tea) Miscellaneous extras Laundry and communication charges on board Gratuities for Expedition team and crew (recommended US$15 per person per day) For minors under 16 years of age at time of travel; life jackets, waterproof outer shell jacket, insulated inner jacket and boots For guests who require larger sizing; Waterproof outer shell jacket, insulated inner jacket and rubber boots
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request. Contact us for more information.
Notes	Please note this itinerary may be subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.

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SUSTAINABILITY

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