

## ANTARCTICA - BEST OF ANTARCTICA: WHITE CHRISTMAS | OCEAN ENDEAVOUR



### INTRODUCTION

There's nothing more magical than journeying to Antarctica and experiencing the ice-capped mountain ranges, iconic Antarctic wildlife and immense icebergs and glaciers over the Christmas period. During this 11-day expedition, you'll have the chance to set foot on the Antarctic Peninsula, visit penguin rookeries, spot Minke and Humpback whales up close from your Zodiac, photograph seals resting on ice floes and more. For the brave souls, participate in the Polar Plunge before warming up in the sauna or trying some on-board yoga. The team ensures the spirit on board the *Ocean Endeavour* over the holiday season is festive and fun, delivering a one-in-a-lifetime experience to make this a Christmas adventure to remember.

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



Questions about Antarctica?  
*Ask the Experts*

**FREE ONLINE EVENT**  
7:30pm - 8th JUNE, 2023

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

### ITINERARY

#### TRIP CODE

ACOEBCW

#### DEPARTURE

18/12/2023

#### DURATION

11 Days

#### LOCATIONS

Antarctica; Antarctic Peninsula



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### DAY 1: Ushuaia, Argentina

Your journey starts in the most southerly city in the world, Ushuaia Argentina. After transferring from the airport to your hotel and getting acquainted with your fellow travellers, we'll have our welcome briefing. If you arrive a day early, Tierra del Fuego National Park has an array of outdoor activities on offer. You can also visit the Museo Maritimo for a history lesson or take a stroll down Avenida San Martin to pick up some last-minute essentials for your journey.



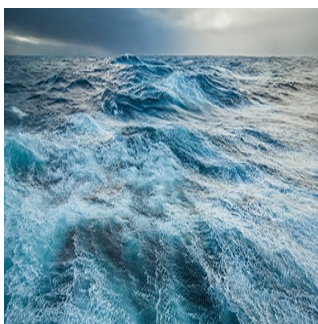
### DAY 2: Embarkation In Ushuaia

The morning is free for you to explore Ushuaia further. Late this afternoon you'll be transferred to the city's port to board the Ocean Endeavour. The Expedition Team and Captain will be waiting to welcome you onboard and after settling into your cabin, your journey south begins by cruising through the famed Beagle Channel. Enjoy the incredible views as the last glimpse of land fades away and the ship heads south towards Antarctica.



### DAY 3: At Sea, Drake Passage - Days 3 & 4

The waters of the Drake Passage are legendary. Named after British seafarer Sir Francis Drake, they're often rough and turbulent, but sometimes as calm as a lake. Our journey to the Antarctic Peninsula will take two days and, if conditions allow, you'll be able to enjoy the outer decks to catch your first glimpse of whales and orcas, as well as a wide range of seabirds that live in the region, including the impressive Wandering albatross. Our comprehensive lecture program will also get underway, with your team of polar experts sharing fascinating insights into Antarctica's history, geology, biology, and everything in between. Spend this downtime enjoying the onboard facilities including gym, polar library, yoga classes and more. We're scheduled to reach the Antarctic Peninsula by early evening on day four.



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### DAY 5: Christmas in Antarctica- Days 5 to 8

Welcome to the Antarctic Peninsula, where a vast amount of wildlife can be found with a backdrop of ice, water and mountains. The sheer scale of everything must be seen to be believed.

Scheduled twice daily, Zodiac excursions are tailored to allow for closer encounters with marine life including whales and seals, while onshore exploration might take you to penguin rookeries. Choose from a range of paid adventure options to enhance your adventure, including snowshoeing excursions or overnight ice camping, hit the water for a day paddle or kayaking excursion, or learn how to capture that perfect shot by joining our dedicated Photography Program. Our lecture program will continue throughout your time on the Antarctic Peninsula and our Expedition Team will always be available to answer any questions you may have about the region. If you've been dreaming of a white Christmas, this is as white as it gets! Enjoy the festive spirit on board the Ocean Endeavour, where your presents come in the form of more landings and wildlife sightings throughout the day. Some of these wildlife encounters are likely to include Weddell, Crabeater and Leopard seals, and Gentoo, Adelie and Chinstrap penguins. An average day onboard begins with a wake-up call from your Expedition Leader around 7am, giving you time to prepare for the day before joining your fellow expeditioners for breakfast in the Polaris restaurant. You will usually have two excursions per day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, with a delicious lunch served on the Ocean Endeavour in between excursions.



### DAY 9: At Sea, Drake Passage - Days 9 & 10

As you leave Antarctica behind, cruising north to Ushuaia, you'll have the time to reflect on the amazing journey and unique Christmas. We're scheduled to reach the waters of the Beagle Channel by the evening to ensure a restful night's sleep before disembarkation day. Our final meal together is often a highlight, so live it up and enjoy it as you celebrate the journey with your fellow travellers.



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## DAY 11: Disembarkation In Ushuaia, Argentina

This morning you will disembark the Ocean Endeavour in Ushuaia after breakfast as your Antarctic journey comes to an end. Transfer to Ushuaia airport is included for flights departing today, but if you're sticking around a little longer there is so much to see in this incredible region.



## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS


<b>Accommodation</b>	Hotel & Cabin Onboard a Ship
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<b>Inclusions</b>	<p><b>INCLUSIONS</b></p> <p>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</p>
	<p><b>EXCLUSIONS</b></p> <p>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</p>
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	2 (light adventure)
<b>Single Surcharge</b>	Available on request. No single supplement if willing to share. Contact us for more details.

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**Notes**

Prices are based on per person, twin share\* (unless otherwise stated for triple/quad cabins)  
 Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.  
 Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions

**Price Dependent upon** Departure Date, Fuel Surcharges, Cabin Category, Currency Fluctuations, Seasonality & Availability.

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