

# ANTARCTIC PENINSULA - GIANTS OF THE SOUTHERN OCEAN: WHALE VOYAGE | OCEAN VICTORY



## INTRODUCTION

Experience a classic 9-day voyage to the Great White Continent where we should encounter plenty of the friendly giants of the ocean. Once we hit mid to late March, we end the season with a truly unique experience. These shorter days with magical sunsets allow us to explore Antarctica more or less by ourselves, as the peace settles in. We expect plentiful company in the form of humpback whales as their numbers peak in this part of the season. This classic Antarctic voyage is highlighted by your incredible vessel, The Ocean Victory. Launching in November 2021, the Ocean Victory is the latest in polar expedition vessels creating an entirely new expedition experience. Within 9 days you will experience incredible wildlife, stunning mountain vistas and gigantic icebergs, all complimented with an incredible degree of unique wildlife.

UPGRADE to a Premium Deck Category C Cabin (Deck 6) - Book a Category C Cabin on an Antarctica voyage & pay an extra Upgrade Fee to enjoy the benefits of the Premium Category C Cabin on Deck 6. Along with the benefits of a higher deck cabin with an enclosed balcony, you will also be eligible for priority boarding & suite amenities (like daily replenished mini-bar, welcome fruit basket & sparkling wine). Subject to availability & upgrade must be booked at time of booking. Please contact us for more details and full Terms and Conditions.

*\*Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change based on availability, currency exchange, and other factors. Please [contact us](#) for live availability and prices.*

## ITINERARY

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ACABGSO
<b>DEPARTURE</b>
24/03/2025
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## DAY 1: Arrival in Ushuaia & Embarkation

Your journey begins in Ushuaia, Argentina - the world's southernmost town. We suggest you arrive the night before in case of delays, and explore the quaint city or local countryside. You can take a day trip off the beaten path to the raw, natural archipelago of Tierra del Fuego. It's a hiker's paradise with rugged snow-capped mountains, glaciers, flower-filled meadows and boggy quagmires. The expedition begins in the afternoon when we embark and navigate through the calms of Beagle Channel, a strait in the Tierra del Fuego Archipelago. Onboard the Ocean Victory, our home for the coming days.



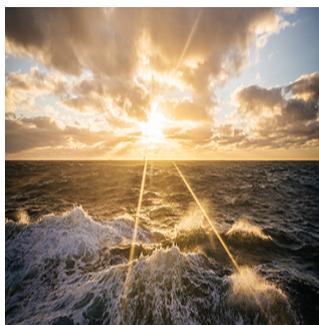
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## DAY 2: At Sea: Crossing the Drake - Days 2 & 3

Sailing onward, we cross the famed Drake Passage - a body of water that marks the intersection of the cold Antarctic with the warmer Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Drake Passage is known for rollicking conditions and strong westerly winds, called the Roaring Fifties. While this passage may be challenging, you can rest confidently aboard our expedition vessel, which is purpose-built with stabilizers, powerful engines and a highly-qualified crew. The most spirited sailors consider Drake Passage a lifetime achievement, and you will complete the crossing twice! In the Drake, the excitement builds as Antarctic wildlife comes into view. Weather permitting, we will catch our first sight of seals and penguins! The area is also well known for its abundance of birds. With the patented X-BOW design, the Ocean Victory will offer you a smoother sailing across the Drake passage, and due to the speed of the vessel, we might be able to do a first landing or activity in the South Shetland Islands on the afternoon of day 3, weather permitting.



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## DAY 4: South Shetland Islands

Over the day, we will begin the exciting Antarctic experience our ancestors only dreamed of. We will explore the sub-Antarctic islands of the South Shetland chain and be marveled by the captivating landscapes we will encounter along the way. Weather permitting, our projected landfalls include: Deception Island, an extinct volcano with waters warm enough for a polar swim; and Half Moon Island with nesting Wilson's storm petrels. The itinerary and activities depend on weather and ice conditions. The route and shore landings will be determined by the captain and expedition leader and communicated to guests through regularly scheduled briefings.



## DAY 5: Antarctic Peninsula - Days 5 & 6

As the white shimmer of Antarctica looms on our horizon, wildlife abounds along our projected route along the Antarctic Peninsula, with especially Antarctic fur seals, gentoo penguins and humpback whales being active in these wonderful waters. We aim to take our time at these outings, allowing us to deploy kayaks and arrange wonderful hikes in the pristine nature. The late season solitude creates unique memories as the sun sets and as we leave these isolated areas that most probably won't welcome any visitors until next spring. The projected landings include: Wilhelmina bay with plenty of humpback whales; Neko harbour with its gentoo penguins and seals; Brown station and Paradise harbour with wonderful views and on our way back north, a wonderful walk at Hannah Point awaits us. Visitors to these far southern reaches in mid to late March/beginning of April will experience large amounts of whales, wonderful sunsets, crisp fresh air, dustings of snow and other telltale signs of the seasonal change. Some penguin colonies will be near deserted whilst others will be very busy. Many say that this is the time to visit the real Antarctic, and have it all for yourselves.



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## DAY 7: At Sea: Crossing the Drake - Days 7 & 8

We depart Antarctica and spend two days at sea on our way back to the calms of Beagle Channel and Ushuaia, Argentina. En route, we will cross Drake Passage and cruise past Cape Horn, a legendary maritime landmark and the southern tip of South America. During our time at sea, a variety of activities will be arranged on board which will provide the perfect opportunity to socialize with fellow travelers equally passionate for discovering the world, enjoy the lectures by our expedition on board, visit our shop or relax at leisure on our ship's facilities, designed to provide a comfortable, relaxing time.



## DAY 9: Back in Ushuaia & Disembark

This morning, we arrive back in Ushuaia for the conclusion of our tour, where you can continue your adventures or begin your return home.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

### Accommodation

Cabin on board ship

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## INCLUSIONS

Stateroom accommodation on board during your voyage  
 Embarkation shuttle transfer to the vessel from Ushuaia city centre  
 Shuttle transfer after disembarkation from the ship to Ushuaia city centre or airport  
 All Zodiac excursions, as per itinerary, guided by our Expedition Team  
 Expedition parka  
 Rubber boots loan scheme  
 Briefings and lectures by our Expedition Leader and Team  
 English-speaking Expedition Team  
 Full board on the ship - breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks  
 Complimentary house wine, beer and soda at dinner (selected labels and brands, served at our a-la-carte dinners)  
 Free tea and coffee available 24 hours  
 Taxes and landing fees  
 Special photo workshops  
 Welcome and Farewell Cocktail Parties  
 Digital visual journal link distributed after the voyage, including voyage log, gallery, species list and more!

### Inclusions

## EXCLUSIONS

International or internal flights  
 Extra excursions and optional activities not mentioned in the itinerary  
 Single room supplement and stateroom upgrades  
 Meals not on board the ship  
 Beverages (other than coffee and tea)  
 Tips for the crew (we recommend USD 16 per person per day)  
 Personal expenses (e.g. Albatros Polar Spa services, Albatros Ocean Boutique purchases)  
 Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac landings and excursions  
 Laundry, bar, and other personal charges, unless specified  
 Travel and medical insurance (compulsory)  
 Pre or post cruise travel expenses  
 Visa (if applicable) and passport fees  
 Fuel surcharge may be applied to all bookings  
 Anything not mentioned under 'Inclusions'

### Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

### Single Surcharge

Available on request. No single supplement if willing to share (select cabins only). Contact us for more details.

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<b>Notes</b>	<p>Prices are based on per person, and may be based off quad/triple/ or twin share cabins* (please contact us for more details)</p> <p>Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.</p> <p>Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.</p>
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	<p>Departure Date, Fuel Surcharges, Cabin Category, Currency Fluctuations, Seasonality &amp; Availability.</p>

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## SUSTAINABILITY

We appreciate that voyages to the Antarctic to have an impact on this pristine environment. In light of this, all our voyages are double carbon offset. In addition, we strive to eliminate as many single use plastics as possible from our supply chain. In choosing this voyage you are also supporting the fantastic work done by the Antarctic Science Foundation (ASF) and their work in understanding and protecting this unique destination. In addition all voyages support the Mawsons Huts Foundation (MHF). The MHF support the legacy of Sir Douglas Mawson, the legendary Antarctic explorer and scientist. As a member of IAATO we follow strict 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 ships 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](#)

