



TRIP CODE

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DEPARTURE

08/02/2023

DURATION

12 Days

LOCATIONS

Argentina, Antarctic Peninsula



INTRODUCTION

BOOK YOUR LAST MINUTE FLIGHTS AND ANTARCTICA CRUISE AS A PACKAGE AND SAVE!!

DEPARTURE 08 FEBURARY- FLIGHTS INCLUDED FROM SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

Fly from Australia to Buenos Aires (via Santiago) with LATAM Airlines and spend the night in this cosmopolitan city before flying to Ushuaia, nicknamed the end of the world! From here you will set sail in search of the giants of the Southern Ocean on this voyage of discovery to the spectacular frozen continent of Antarctica. Brave the formidable Drake Passage and have your camera ready for albatross and petrels as they soar and swoop around the ship, keep your eyes peeled for a silhouette and unmistakable breach. Awe inspiring scenery, calving glaciers and ice-filled channels await and provide a perfect backdrop as you explore by zodiac the ice filled bays bringing you closer to the magnificent migrating mammals. Take a step on the continent and spot seals lazing along the shores and walk among penguin rookeries. On board, enjoy optional activities, lectures presented by resident polar experts and a state-of-the-art wellness and fitness facilities.

There is no better way to discover the majestic beauty of the Antarctic peninsula and its largest inhabitants.

After your cruise you will fly back to Buenos Aires for a night before flying home to Australia.

Offer is based on Economy service flights with LATAM Airlines and domestic economy flights in Argentina with AerolÃneas Argentinas, Flights are subject to change in price, based on availability at the time of booking. Flights are available from other airports in Australia, however airfare prices may vary. For more details about the cruise please



see <u>/en-au/antarctica/best-antarctica-whale-journey</u>. You will be accommodated in a category 4 cabin. Upgrades and triple/single share cabins are available. Please contact us for more information.

Please note: This itinerary does not include a pre night in Ushuaia before your cruise. Instead you will fly from Buenos Aires the morning of departure and need to make your way to the port for an afternoon embarkation. Accommodation io Ushuaia is very limited, however if we can get space at the hotel that we use for the pre-cruise night we will be able to arrange for you to depart 1 day earlier from Australia . The additional cost for this will be approximately \$150 AUD per person.

If you would like more time in Buenos Aires or would like to extend your trip to explore more of Latin America please speak to one of our Destination Specialists today.

Please note prices are subject to change and this offer is strictly limited and only available until sold out. Contact us for more information.

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DAY 1: Arrival in Buenos Aires

You will arrive in Argentina's cosmopolitan capital city, Buenos Aires. Known as the 'Paris of the South', Buenos Aires has a charming and alluring atmosphere. It features wide avenues lined with colonial buildings, fashionable shops and Parisian-style bakeries and cafés. The city is located on the western shore of the Río de la Plata and has many fascinating neighbourhoods to discover. Today is an arrival day and you are free to explore at your leisure.

DAY 1: Arrival into Ushuaia and Embarkation

Today you will be transferred to the airport in Buenos Aires and fly to Ushuaia. On arrival please make your way to Ushuaia port 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.





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DAY 3: At Sea - Day 3 to 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 Peninsula - 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.

DAY 9: At Sea, Crossing the Drake Passage - Day 9 & 10

As the Ocean Endeavour begins its return journey north to Ushuaia, now is your time to reflect on your amazing journey. We're scheduled to reach the relatively calm waters of the Beagle Channel by the evening of day 10. Our final meal together in the Polaris restaurant is often a highlight, so live it up and enjoy as you celebrate an incredible adventure with your fellow travellers and Expedition Team.



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DAY 11: Disembark in Ushuaia/Fly to Buenos Aires

Disembark the Ocean Endeavour after breakfast as your Antarctic expedition comes to an end and the memories of an amazing adventure begin. After saying our farewells to our Expedition Team and the crew of the Ocean Endeavour, we transfer you to the airport for your onward flight to Buenos Aires. On arrival into Buenos Aires you will be transferred to your hotel for an overnight.

DAY 12: Depart Buenos Aires

You will be transferred to the airport to fly to your next destination.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Hotel and Ship Accommodation



	INCLUSIONS	TRIP C
	Economy flights from Sydney to Buenos Aires return with LATAM Airlines. (Based on departing from Sydney - there may be a small surcharge for other departure cities)	ACACG
	All meals onboard the Ocean Endeavour including snacks Accommodation onboard the Ocean Endeavour in booked	DEPAR
	cabin category Onboard lecture program from Expeditions Team and	08/02/20
	Naturalists All shore excursions and Zodiac cruising (except paid	DURAT
	adventure options with cost)	12 Days
	Use of rubber boots on land and use of waterproof outer shell jacket Insulated inner jacket, yours to keep at the end of the	LOCAT
Inclusions	voyage Transfer from Ushuaia airport to hotel (Day 1) and pre-	Argentin
	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 	ANIL
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)	
Single Surcharge	Available on request. No single supplement if willing to share. Contact us for more details.	

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Notes	Please note this itinerary is subject to weather and ice conditons
Price Dependent upon	Currency fluctuations, fuel surcharges, seasonality and availability and airfare prices which are subject to change

SUSTAINABILITY

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