



### TRIP CODE

ACACOE3

### **DEPARTURE**

19/11/2023

### DURATION

23 Days

### LOCATIONS

Buenos Aires, Antarctic Peninsula, Falkland Islands, South Georgia



### <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

BOOK YOUR FLIGHTS AND ANTARCTICA 23/24 CRUISE AS A PACKAGE AND SAVE!!

DEPARTURE 19 NOV 2023- FLIGHTS INCLUDED FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE OR BRISBANE **AUSTRALIA.** Enquire for other cities\*

### Please enquire for Single Pricing\*\*

Fly from Australia to Buenos Aires (via Santiago) and spend a night in this cosmopolitan city before flying to Ushuaia, nicknamed the end of the world!

Once in Ushuaia, you will take an epic voyage of discovery aboard the Ocean Endeavour, as you follow in the footsteps of Ernest Shackleton and unearth the secrets of Antarctica, South Georgia and the Falklands. Marvel at spectacular rugged scenery, mingle with thousands of King penguins, seals and observe soaring albatross in the wildlife meccas of South Georgia and the Falklands. Glide through ice floes in a zodiac with expert guides among Antarctica's towering icebergs and majestic glaciers in search of whales and predatory leopard seals.

With optional adventures including camping, kayaking, snowshoeing and photography workshops; together with luxury touches thanks to an onboard saltwater pool, sauna, hot tub, and spa treatments this journey of discovery will be etched in your memory forever.

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



Terms and Conditions\*\*All inclusive promotion: The lead in price for this offer is based on a twin share Category 4 twin/double cabin onboard the Ocean Endeavour on the Shackleton's Antarctica, South Georgia & Falklands Explorer voyage departing on 20 Dec 23 and 1 night pre & post cruise in Buenos Aires in a 4\* Hotel with breakfast and transfers to/from the airport in Buenos Aires and Ushuaia. Pricing is per person and additional compulsory single supplements may apply for certain cabin types. Economy service flights are included from Brisbane, Melbourne or Sydney. We will quote the best priced flights on the specified dates. Your package includes domestic economy flights in Argentina with AerolÃneas Argentinas and at least one checked bag will be included on your tickets. Checked baggage size and weight may vary between Airlines. Flights are available from other airports in Australia, however, airfare prices may vary and a supplement will apply. Business class upgrades are subject to availability and an additional supplement cost will apply. If you have an airline or timing preference then we can also apply a surcharge (if applicable) to change your ticket. Category 1,2 & 3 cabins are excluded from this offer. Optional adventure activities are an additional cost and we recommend booking these in advance to avoid disappointment.

A 25% deposit on cruise/land arrangements and the full cost of flights will be payable at the time of booking. Airfares are subject to change in price until paid in full and ticketed and airline change/cancellation policies will apply. Any changes will be subject to airline rules and you may be charged airline change fees. Promotion is only valid on selected cabins and dates until 31 Oct 23 unless sold out prior and cannot be used in conjunction with any other discounts or offers. Promotion may be withdrawn at any time and is subject to availability at the time of booking. Speak to one of our Destination Specialists about extensions in Latin America, which are possible at an additional cost.

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

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### **ITINERARY**

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 2: Fly Buenos Aires to Ushuaia

This morning you will be collected from your hotel and transferred to the airport for your flight to Ushuaia. 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 your name on it. The first night of your voyage is spent in the quaint town of Ushuaia, the most southerly city in the world and the capital of Tierra del Fuego (Land of Fire). The remainder of the day is at leisure and you are free to explore, maybe making a few last-minute purchases from the many shops or artisan markets or relaxing in a café. Avenida San Martin is the main street and there are some excellent museums to visit or you may prefer to wander the streets taking in the town's dramatic setting, with views of the mountains to the north and the Beagle Channel to the south.



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

The infamous Drake Passage, named after the famous English explorer, Sir Frances Drake, separates the tip of the Antarctic Peninsula from the southernmost tip of South America. Enjoy the fabulous on board facilities, maybe join a yoga class, or attend a presentation or two given by the Expedition Team to prepare you for what lies ahead - from the geology of Antarctica to the history, wildlife and even the ice! As we sail towards Antarctica, there is a fall in temperature as we cross the Antarctic Convergence and enter the waters of the Antarctic Ocean. The Antarctic Convergence is marked by an increased number of seabirds, whales and other species that are attracted by the nutrient-rich waters pushed to the surface by the colder waters of the polar region flowing north and meeting the warmer equatorial waters flowing south. Head out on deck to look for the mighty albatrosses that fly overhead, scan the waters for breaching whales and icebergs, or gaze out from the panoramic windows of the observation deck. We continue our course south and hope to make landfall by the evening of Day 4, depending on the weather conditions. Keep on the look out for the first sighting of land - that heralds your arrival to the White Continent!



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DAY 6: South Shetland Islands and Antarctic -Days 5 to 7

Spend three unforgettable days exploring the Great White Continent with your expert crew. While landing sites will be chosen based on wildlife-spotting opportunities and weather conditions, you can expect to explore on land and by Zodiac boat during daily excursions. The Antarctic Peninsula is home to Leopard seals, Adelie penguins and Chinstrap penguins, among many others. Nights will be spent on board, listening to lectures from the expedition crew.





### DAY 9: Elephant Island

Retrace explorer Ernest Shackleton's path to South Georgia and look out for seabirds, whales and other wildlife. Listen to sessions from the onboard Antarctic experts and take in the shapes of the seascape from the comfort of the Ocean Endeavour. You'll head towards Elephant Island, where sea and weather conditions permitting, we may be able to offer a Zodiac cruise at Point Wild before we head east towards South Georgia that afternoon. Elephant Island is where Sir Ernest Shackleton left 24 of his men after being shipwrecked in 1917, then embarked on one of the greatest survival stories of all time on a mission to South Georgia.



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### DAY 10: At Sea - Days 9 & 10

Hit the sea once again, bound for South Georgia, arriving by the evening of Day 10 if conditions are favourable. Maybe take the opportunity to relax and unwind with some onboard health and wellness services. Or perhaps you'd prefer to taste the crisp Antarctic air from on deck as seabirds and perhaps whales rear their heads.





DAY 12: South Georgia - Days 11 to 14

South Georgia captivates every traveller that steps foot on its shores. Home to the greatest concentration of wildlife on the planet, here penguins number in the hundreds of thousands, blanketing beaches as far as the eye can see. We aim to spend four days exploring this stunningly beautiful island, an island that is not only overrun with an incredible array of fauna, but one that is steeped in history. South Georgia was an intrinsic part of Sir Ernest Shackleton's ill-fated Endurance Expedition and was once the centre of the whaling industry. South Georgia is home to over 30 million breeding birds, thousands of seals, the introduced Norwegian reindeer, nesting sites of the wandering albatross, four breeding species of penguin and the largest colony of king penguins on this planet. It is known as the 'Galapagos of the South'. If the wildlife is not enough of a draw card - then the spectacular scenery against which it is set can only enhance your visit - emerald green bays, snow-covered peaks and blue glacier ice. We explore by Zodiac and kayak and on foot, with opportunities to learn more about photography from one of our expert guides. Every day provides a different experience and a different location. Stand in awe amongst tens of thousands of penguins, look out across beaches carpeted with elephant seals, visit the remains of abandoned whaling stations and even the grave of Shackleton himself.



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DAY 16: At Sea - Days 15 & 16

Saying goodbye to the wildlife of South Georgia, we head west towards the isolated and sparsely populated Falklands archipelago, where the silence is broken only by the call of birds. Attend lectures and presentations by the Expedition Team, relax and unwind in the His and Hers saunas and spa and take advantage of all the other amenities on board. Weather permitting, we should arrive to the Falkland Islands on the late evening of day 16.





DAY 18: Falkland Islands - Days 17 & 18

Have your camera at the ready as we approach the ruggedly beautiful Falklands archipelago to capture not only the abundant wildlife but also the incredible scenery. Over the next couple of days, we explore the Falkland Islands by Zodiac and on foot as we make daily shore landings and maybe even discover smaller inlets by kayak. Learn about the intriguing and controversial history of the Falkland Islands as we explore the quaint capital of Port Stanley, with its British outpost feel. Near the town you may see Southern giant petrels, the endemic Falkland steamer ducks, kelp gulls and dolphin gulls. There are also black-crowned night herons, red-backed hawks, peregrine falcons and turkey vultures. As we explore the islands, look out for the 5 species of penguins found here, large populations of blackbrowed albatrosses, elephant and fur seals, Peale's and Commerson's dolphins, orcas and a myriad of bird species including the Falkland's flightless steamer duck, imperial shags and Cobb's wrens.



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DAY 20: At Sea - Days 19 & 20

After our exploration of the Falkland Islands, we set sail on a course west, bound for the city of Ushuaia, the most southerly city in the world and the capital of Tierra del Fuego (Land of Fire).



DAY 22: 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.





DAY 23: Depart Buenos Aires

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



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### **INCLUSIONS & DETAILS**

Accommodation

Cabin on board ship & 2 nights of hotel accommodation



#### **INCLUSIONS**

International flights from Australia to Ushuaia in economy class - price is based on travel from Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne, but other cities may be available at a surcharge\*

1 night pre & 1 night post cruise in Buenos Aires at a 4\* hotel including breakfast

Transfers to/from the airport in Buenos Aires with a local Spanish speaking driver

Economy domestic flights from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia. Pre night cruise accommodation in Ushuaia including

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 (on arrival in Ushuaia) 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 other than 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 other than specified 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

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**Inclusions** 



<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Contact us for details. Single deals are available on category 4A and 5A cabins (subject to availability)
Notes	Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated for single, 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 and availability.

### SUSTAINABILITY

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