INTRODUCTION

Our Classic Antarctica expedition offers the essential experiences of one of the wildest and most spectacular places on Earth. Setting sail from the city of Ushuaia â□□ the southernmost city in the world, we cross the Drake Passage on our way to the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula. The scenery is stunning with snow-capped mountain ranges, glaciers, ice-filled channels and beautifully-carved icebergs at every turn. Add to that an abundance of seals, whales, seabirds and vast penguin colonies, and you have the makings of a journey of a lifetime!

Departures over Christmas: (18 December 2026 & 18 December 2027)
Your Antarctic adventure will be even more memorable as Christmas Day falls during your days of exploration! We will celebrate it with special meals and festivities that honour the diverse traditions of our multinational passengers. Santa Claus will make an appearance, and you'll have the opportunity to take your photo with him in the snow. We encourage you to dress in festive attire for an evening filled with holiday music, singing, and dancing. This will be a Christmas in Antarctica you'll always remember!

Departures over New Years Eve: (28 December 2026 & 28 December 2027)
New Year's day falls in the middle of your Antarctic Peninsula adventure. We will celebrate it with special meals and holiday festivities in the various traditions of our multinational passengers. We encourage you to dress in elegant attire for an evening of music, dancing and champagne. New Year's Eve in Antarctica will be a night to remember!

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DURATION

12 Days

LOCATIONS

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ANTARCTICA - ANTARCTIC PENINSULA | SEA SPIRIT

DAY 1: Arrival in Ushuaia, Argentina

Welcome to Ushuaia, the world's southernmost city and starting point of our Antarctic expedition! Upon your arrival at the airport, you will be greeted by our staff and transferred to a quality hotel, which has been arranged by us and is included in the price of the itinerary. For the rest of the day, you are free to explore this vibrant port city and adventure hub. For an introduction to local history and wildlife, the interesting Museo del Fin del Mundo is worth a visit. If you have time to spare, a variety of nature activities can be arranged to suit all interests and fitness levels, from hiking in nearby Tierra del Fuego National Park to wildlife viewing in the Beagle Channel. For dinner, Ushuaia offers a wide range of restaurants featuring Patagonian lamb and delectable Fuegian seafood.



DAY 2: Embarkation

After breakfast at your hotel, the morning is yours to enjoy Ushuaia. Explore the delightful waterfront and savor views of the snowcapped Martial Range, the southernmost peaks of the Andes. Take advantage of shopping for souvenirs or some last-minute necessities such as cold-weather gear. Just remember, you will soon receive your very own parka to keep and waterproof boots to borrow on board the ship. For lunch, the many cafes, parrillas and gelato shops on Avenida San Martín will be sure to satisfy any appetite. In the afternoon, you will be transferred to the pier where we will warmly welcome you aboard the deluxe expedition vessel M/V Sea Spirit. Get settled in your spacious suite and explore the ship that will be your comfortable home during the extraordinary adventure to come. After getting underway, a full schedule of events kicks off with informative briefings and introductions from your expedition staff. After the first of many delicious dinners on board, step out onto the open decks to admire the scenery and gorgeous evening light as we pass through the Beagle Channel.



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DAY 3: Crossing the Drake Passage - Days 3 & 4

After passing the islands of Tierra del Fuego, we turn south to begin our crossing of the Drake Passage. We watch for humpback and fin whales along the way. The majestic wandering albatross and other graceful subantarctic seabirds are common in these waters and can readily be viewed from panoramic open decks and balconies. We also cross the Antarctic Convergence, the biological boundary of the Southern Ocean. The ship's stabilizing fins provide comfort in the event of rough seas. Briefings, bio-security procedures and presentations by our lecture staff prepare you for our arrival in Antarctica. We hope to arrive in the South Shetland Islands on the evening of our second day at sea.



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DAY 5: South Shetland & Antarctic Peninsula - Days 5 to 9

Within the next days, we explore the highlights of the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula. This region contains some of the world's most impressive scenery and the best wildlife viewing in Antarctica. Sheltered bays and channels sparkle with ice and reflect towering mountain peaks coated in permanent snow and immense glaciers. Icebergs of every size and description complete an image of incomparable beauty. Waters rich with krill are home to huge numbers of marine mammals and seabirds. The whole area is alive with penguins foraging at sea and forming large rookeries at special places on land. Here we also find Antarctic research bases of various nationalities. The South Shetland Islands are the northernmost islands in Antarctica and will likely be our first area of exploration. This wildly beautiful island chain contains many landing sites with historical significance and abundant wildlife. We will also explore the supremely picturesque Gerlache Strait area of the Antarctic Peninsula, a pristine wilderness of spectacular white landscapes, colossal icebergs, obliging marine mammals and bustling penguin colonies. We hope to show you the famous Lemaire Channel, also known as "Kodak Gap" because of the photogenic way the narrow channel reflects the image of sheer snowy mountains. Throughout this area, we find large colonies of gentoo, chinstrap and Adélie penguins, sometimes side by side. This a great time for close encounters with inquisitive penguin chicks, who are now gaining independence as they fledge. This is also the peak of the whale-watching season. In this rugged yet accessible environment, superb wildlife viewing is best complemented by active adventure. Our knowledgeable guides will offer hiking and hill climbing for an even greater perspective of this raw polar wilderness. For sea kayakers, the wildlife-rich waters of Antarctica offer many chances to paddle with seals and penguins in some of the world's most scenic waterways. To make the most of your time on the White Continent, you can also spend a night camping ashore, surrounded by untamed Antarctic nature. This is expedition cruising at its most authentic. Our precise route and exploration opportunities will be shaped by weather and ice. Our experienced captain and expedition leader will continually adjust plans to take maximum advantage of the conditions in this challenging polar environment.



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DAY 10: Drake Passage - Days 10 & 11



It is now time to head back across the Drake Passage toward South America, but the adventure is not quite over. Seabirds are our constant companions and there is always the possibility of whale encounters in these wild waters. This is also the time for festivities such as the Captain's Farewell Cocktail and the end-of-voyage slideshow. Finally, as we enter the calm Beagle Channel, we enjoy a night of smooth sailing toward Ushuaia.

DAY 12: Disembarkation in Ushuaia, Argentina



After yet another delicious breakfast on board, we bid you a fond farewell in Ushuaia. We provide a group transfer to the airport or to the city center if you wish to spend more time here. As you look back on your wonderful experience in Antarctica, you may already be looking forward to your next polar adventure! *Important - Please be sure not to book flights out of Ushuaia before 12PM (Noon) on the day of disembarkation from your cruise ship.

INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Hotel & Cabin On board a Ship

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1 pre-voyage hotel night on Day 1 in Ushuaia including breakfast
Group transfer from the airport to the hotel on the day prior to embarkation
Group transfer to the ship for embarkation on Day 2
Cabin on board the Sea Spirit
IAATO fees and governmental taxes.
All meals on board throughout the voyage
Tea and coffee station 24 hours daily *(*From 2026/27 Antarctic season onward an all-inclusive beverage package that features soft drinks, house wine and beer, and house spirits available in the bar and restaurant).*
All scheduled landings/excursions (subject to weather and ice conditions)
Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Leader & Expedition Team
Branded Poseidon Expeditions parka (to keep)
Rubber boots for shore landings for the time of the cruise
Welcome and Farewell cocktails
All port fees
Group transfer to airport or central location right after disembarkation
Pre-departure materials
Digital Voyage Log
Wi-Fi on board

EXCLUSIONS

International or internal flights unless specified
Transfers from the airport to the hotel if arriving prior to Day 1 of the program
Airport transfers, taxes and excess baggage charges unless specified
Visa, passport and reciprocity fees (if applicable)
Travel Insurance - Mandatory Emergency Evacuation Insurance to a minimum benefit of US$ 200,000 per person
Personal expenses such as laundry
Gratuities for the crew (recommend US$15 per person per day)
Optional Activities such as kayaking and camping
Fuel surcharge may be applied for all bookings
Pre or post cruise travel expenses
Any meals not mentioned
Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages other than those for special events and celebrations *(*From 2026/27 Antarctic season onward an all-inclusive beverage package that features soft drinks, house wine and beer, and house spirits available in the bar and restaurant).*

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

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Single Surcharge	Subject to availability upon request, contact us for more details. Sharing is available in Triple, Main Deck, Classic, and Superior Suites. If you prefer a cabin for yourself, the following categories are available with the single supplement at: x1.7 for Main Deck, Classic, and Superior Suites x2 for Deluxe, Premium, and Owner's Suite
Notes	Prices are based on per person, and may be based off triple/or twin share cabins* (please contact us for more details). 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. **Departures over Christmas: (18 Dec 2026)** Your Antarctic adventure will be even more memorable as Christmas Day falls during your days of exploration! We will celebrate it with special meals and festivities that honour the diverse traditions of our multinational passengers. Santa Claus will make an appearance, and you'll have the opportunity to take your photo with him in the snow. We encourage you to dress in festive attire for an evening filled with holiday music, singing, and dancing. This will be a Christmas in Antarctica you'll always remember! **Departures over New Years Eve: (27 Dec 2025 & 28 Dec 2026)** New Year's day falls in the middle of your Antarctic Peninsula adventure. We will celebrate it with special meals and holiday festivities in the various traditions of our multinational passengers. We encourage you to dress in elegant attire for an evening of music, dancing and champagne. New Year's Eve in Antarctica will be a night to remember! In rare and unforeseen situations, an operator may apply a fuel surcharge after your booking has been confirmed and paid. This is outside our control and uncommon, but transparency with our travelers is important to us.
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

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SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures is passionate and dedicated to sustainbility measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

A trip to the Antarctic is a completely different experience and quite unlike any other trip you have probably been on. We use a highly regulated, licensed vessel which is well

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equipped to operate in this vulnerable ecosystem. We are fully compliant with all rules set down by the IAATO and all activities are governed by the Antarctic Treaty System. We carefully select all ships we work with and choose them for their small size as this creates far less impact on shore landings with wildlife. We view the voyage to the Antarctic as an expedition, not a sightseeing trip. Smaller boats 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, and all waste is carried back to the home port to allow for environmentally conscious waste management and disposal, unlike some of the larger ships which do not facilitate this. This trip begins in Ushuaia where you will have time to sample local food and shop at local boutiques which we encourage individuals to take part in for experience and in support of the local community. We also try to create opportunity to see research and historical sites including the former research station/now museum of Port Lockroy and engage with local history. We discourage the buying of souvenirs made from endangered species or wrongfully taken from the environment i.e. shells. Our pre-departure pack provides you with all the information required for your tour, from what to take with you to practical advice about how to minimise your impact on the Antarctic environment. This pack highlights initiatives such as waste reduction, and how to appropriately engage with wildlife and the environment around you.

For more information visit our sustainability page.

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