ANTARCTICA - QUEST FOR THE ANTARCTIC CIRCLE | MS EXPEDITION



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DEPARTURE

21/12/2026, 08/02/2027, 20/02/2027, 20/12/2027, 01/01/2028, 10/02/2028, 22/02/2028

DURATION

14 Days

LOCATIONS

Antarctic Peninsula, Antarctic Circle

INTRODUCTION

Join a voyage of discovery to Antarctica - our planet's last frontier - a mysterious and virtually pristine paradise. Our ice-strengthened expedition ship is ideally suited to cruising in this icy wilderness and the expert staff will ensure that you fully appreciate the majesty of all you encounter. The end result is more like a private expedition than a traditional cruise. Sail the Drake Passage past the South Shetland Islands, explore the western coast of the Antarctic Peninsula and cross below the fabled 66.5 degrees south. Experience massive rookeries of penguins shuffling across a frozen shore, pods of whales gliding through the cold waters and dramatic landscapes floating off into the distance. This trip will be like no otherâ¦â¦ and a memory of a lifetime.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrive in Ushuaia



Arrive in Ushuaia at any time. Arrival transfer is included. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the world's most southerly city. There will be a welcome desk in the lobby of the start hotel that will provide more specific information on your upcoming adventure. Please note that the first night in Ushuaia is on twin share basis. If you're travelling solo or have an odd number of travellers in your group and have not purchased a private cabin, you will be paired with another solo traveller of the same gender.

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DAY 2: Embarkation

Enjoy a free morning in Ushuaia, to do any last minute shopping, explore the town, or visit the surrounding countryside. Embarkation on the MS Expedition begins in the afternoon at the port in Ushuaia. You and your fellow passengers will take the group transfer to port to begin your journey. Once onboard, enjoy the evening sailing through the Beagle Channel. Your Expedition Leader will give you an expedition overview outlining what the specific plans are for your trip. ** Expedition travel can be full of surprises! While it is our intention of adhere to the itinerary described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations.



DAY 3: Drake Passage & South Shetland - Day 3 & 4

Our adventure begins with an 1000km (600 mile) crossing of the passage that bears the name of the 16th century English explorer Sir Francis Drake. The M/S Expedition is at home in this part of the Southern Ocean, known for the unimpeded fetch of the winds that encircle the Antarctic. Enjoy daily lectures from the expedition team and keep an eye out for icebergs, whales, and albatross following in the G Expedition's wake. As the Expedition crosses the passage there will be time to become acquainted with the ship and frequent the common areas that include the lounge, dining hall, library and lecture hall where we meet our guides, ship’s crew and expedition staff. Begin lectures and information sessions to learn the extraordinary human and natural history of the Antarctic region.



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DAY 5: Antarctica & South Shetland - Day 5 & 6

Encounter some of the region's unique wildlife and awe-inspiring scenery while setting foot on the Antarctic continent. Attempt two shore landings per day (weather permitting) and encounter gentoo, chinstrap, and Adélie penguin rookeries; Weddell, crabeater, and leopard seals; and orca, humpback, and minke whales in the cold Antarctic waters. This is what we've all been waiting for - a chance to step foot on the Great White Continent! Over the next four days the Expedition will navigate southwards making stops in the South Shetland Islands then through the Bransfield Strait and to the Antarctic Peninsula. Our goal is to attempt two excursions per day while navigating through the area but our itinerary and daily schedule will be based on the local weather and ice conditions. The peninsula also has a remarkable human history; during the voyage, learn about some of the most important and dramatic expeditions to this remote corner of the world.



DAY 7: Antarctic Peninsula & Polar Circle - Day 7 & 8

With a close eye on weather conditions, continue southward along the western coast of the Antarctic Peninsula. Passing colossal icebergs and countless colonies of penguins, push on with the goal in mind - crossing the Antarctic Polar Circle. Few travellers have ventured this far south, but with our fully equipped ice-strengthened vessel and favourable sea conditions, the Expedition can access many remote locations other ships just can't reach. Expedition travel can be full of surprises! While it is our intention of adhere to the itinerary described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations



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DAY 9: Antarctic Peninsula & South Shetland - Day 9 to 11

Turn north for the first time to continue exploring the Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands. Continue our exploration of the peninsula and the then into the South Shetland while moving North again. Keeping a close eye out for wildlife there might be opportunities to do some whale watching or even go for a polar plunge in the Southern waters.



DAY 12: Return across the Drake Passage

Leave Antarctica and head north across the Drake Passage. In between bird watching and whale watching and enjoying some final lectures by the expedition staff, this is a chance to relax and review the adventures of the past week before returning to Ushuaia. Remember, the best way to experience the wildlife of the Drake Passage is to be on deck keeping a look out for Albatross, Prions and Whales!



DAY 13: Drake Passage to Ushuaia

Begin your journey to your home port of Ushuaia. Review the highlights of your Antarctic experience with our lecturers and staff, and keep your eyes open on the observation deck for some last-minute whale sightings.



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DAY 14: Disembarkation in Ushuaia

Disembark the ship in the morning after breakfast. Upon completion of disembarkation in Ushuaia, passengers will receive a complimentary transfer to either the airport or a central location where luggage can be stored. For those on morning flights, the transfer will bring them directly to Ushuaia airport (USH). The rest of the passengers will be transferred to the luggage storage point and given time to explore the city. These passengers should then return to retrieve their luggage and board a transfer to Ushuaia airport at 12:30pm or 4:30pm, depending on their flight times. Please note that the transfer times are subject to change according to flight schedules. *Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Hotel & Cabin on board a ship

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Inclusions	**INCLUSIONS** Accommodation on board during your voyage Pre night accommodation in Ushuaia hotel on twin share basis Group arrival and departure transfers in Ushuaia All Zodiac excursions, as per itinerary, guided by our Expedition Team English-speaking expedition team Expedition parka to keep Rubber boots on loan (USA sizes 4 - 16) Briefings and lectures by our Expedition Leader and Team English-speaking Expedition Team All meals whilst on board Free tea and coffee available 24 hours Taxes and landing fees **EXCLUSIONS** International or internal flights Extra excursions and optional activities not mentioned in the itinerary Single room supplements Meals not on board the ship Beverages (other than coffee and tea) Tips for the crew (we recommend USD 15 per person per day) Personal expenses such as laundry, bar and onboard communication Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac landings and excursions 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	Willing to share available for no additional cost (Category 1, 2 and 3 cabins only). Surcharge applies for solo use cabin, contact us for pricing. Subject to availability.

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Notes	Prices are based on per person, and may be based off quad/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. 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 & Availability.

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