

ANTARCTIC PENINSULA - EPIC ANTARCTICA: CIRCLE, FALKLANDS & SOUTH GEORGIA | ULTRAMARINE



INTRODUCTION

Experience all the major Antarctic highlights on this incredible 23 day epic journey.

From the sandy Cape Cod on the Falkland Island to the breeding grounds of over 300 000 king penguins on South Georgia before finally exploring the indescribably sights of Antarctic Peninsula. Starting in 2021 you will experience this voyage on board the Ultramarine. This purpose-built vessel extends the boundaries of polar expedition, even including a helicopter flight-seeing tour as part of your package*.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival in Buenos Aires

You may arrive in Buenos Aires at any time during Day 1 of your itinerary. Upon arriving in this splendid city, known for its architecture and rich European heritage, you will independently transfer to your group hotel (pre-expedition hotel night included in mandatory transfer package).



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ACQEUTP

DEPARTURE

16/12/2024, 18/01/2026,
16/01/2027

DURATION

23 Days

LOCATIONS

Argentina, Antarctic Peninsula,
Antarctic Circle, Falkland
Islands and South Georgia



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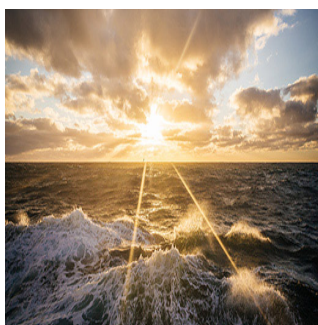
DAY 2: Fly to Ushuaia and Embarkation

After an early breakfast at the hotel, the group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Ushuaia, Argentina. Upon arrival, you will be transferred from the airport to a central downtown location to have some time on your own to explore this quaint port town before making your way to the pier. After a late afternoon embarkation, you will sail along the historic Beagle Channel, which transects the Tierra del Fuego archipelago in the extreme south of South America. Expect an air of anticipation as you depart—the next time you see land, you’ll be in a wildlife wonderland!



DAY 3: At Sea

There are many activities to keep you engaged while we’re at sea. You can take advantage of the library of books available on your ship, hang out at the bar chatting to other travelers or spend time out on deck, admiring the sea. Your Expedition Team will also conduct a series of presentations to familiarize yourself with how to prepare for Zodiac cruises and shore landings.



DAY 4: Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas) - Day 4 & 5

The Falkland archipelago contains two main islands - East and West, which we will explore by Zodiac excursions and daily landings. These rugged islands have a frontier type feel to them, especially at Port Stanley - the largest settlement on the islands. It’s an interesting British outpost type place, where you may just as easily wander into a pub as you will a church or museum. With your camera at hand, our wildlife sightings in the Falklands should include at least three species of penguins and two endemic bird species - Cobb’s wren and the Falkland’s flightless steamer duck. Your team of lecturers and specialists will be sure to educate you on the local flora and fauna so that you get the most out of a memorable time in the Falklands.



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DAY 6: At Sea - Day 6 & 7

En-route to South Georgia you'll cross the invisible biological boundary unique to Antarctica, the Antarctic Convergence. This meeting of oceans is what creates the abundance of krill and marine life that attracts large cetaceans, such as humpback whales.



DAY 8: South Georgia - Day 8 to 11

Evidence of the old whaling and sealing heydays is still found throughout the island. You'll be surprised to learn that the whale and seal populations were once decimated here, as today their populations are strong, with massive rookeries to be seen. One significant and historic site that will be of interest is the grave of the great explorer, Sir Ernest Shackleton. His grave at the settlement of Grytviken, which is also home to an old whaling station and a research station, is a day for reflecting on what it must've been like to be one of the first explorers to this unforgiving, yet beautiful environment. While South Georgia's history is an important attraction to the islands, it is the wildlife on South Georgia that you and your shipmates will likely find the most captivating. Often referred to as the Galapagos of the Poles, South Georgia contains an exceptional quantity of wildlife. Each landing you make on South Georgia will open your eyes to a new wonder of wildlife. One day you may see rookeries with a hundred thousand pairs of king penguins waddling on the beach. The next day we may another beach with thousands of fur or elephant seals. The grasses, mountains and beaches of South Georgia all play an important role in the breeding and survival of different bird and animal species. Your Expedition Team will be happy to share their knowledge of how these vulnerable relationships all play out on the island.



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DAY 12: At Sea - Day 12 & 13

Antarctica awaits, along with its own penguin and seal species. While you're at sea, you can enjoy some quiet time or take in presentations by the Expedition Team, which will cover everything from the history and geology of Antarctica to tips on identifying different species and what makes them each unique. With good weather conditions, a landing at the South Orkney Islands may mark your official landing on Antarctica.



DAY 14: South Shetlands & Antarctic Peninsula- Day 14 to 16

The most common reaction to arriving at the white continent is a sense of reverence and awe. The experience is hard to put into words. You will discover that Antarctica is a land of extremes; at one moment you'll be overcome with a feeling of complete silence and loneliness, then the next you'll be laughing at the comical antics of a curious penguin. Glacier hikes, visits to research bases and, of course, communing with the seals and penguins are sure to keep you smiling each and every day. Perhaps you'll catch sight of the fearless penguin-eater, the leopard seal, or come eye to eye with a curious Minke whale while out on a Zodiac ride. Each day and each landing will present a new collection of creatures to entertain you and keep your camera shutter busy. If you find yourself wanting more, then perhaps you'll treat yourself by booking our kayaking adventure option (reserve in advance when booking your trip) or if you're feeling a bit overwhelmed, a little shock therapy courtesy of a polar plunge might be what you need!



DAY 17: The Antarctic Circle - Day 17 & 18

Crossing the Antarctic Circle is an impressive achievement, as most expeditions to the Peninsula do not come close to reaching this far south. With a toast to the first explorers who ventured here, you can raise a glass of champagne and take pride in knowing you've made it to a part of the world still visited by very few people. This is raw Antarctica, home to the midnight sun, with potential for some fantastic iceberg sightings.



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DAY 19: Northbound Along the Peninsula - Day 19 & 20

If you haven't had your fill of Antarctic wildlife and icebergs by now, you'll surely be satisfied by the time we return to the Drake Passage. We'll continue to journey onto land and out by Zodiac twice daily. Your Expedition Team will also be on the lookout for any species of penguins, seals and whales that may have eluded you on the journey south.



DAY 21: Crossing the Drake Passage - Day 21 & 22

After more than a dozen days of memorable wildlife encounters, your journey home begins. Crossing the Drake Passage is your unofficial rite of passage, putting a final stamp of approval on your Antarctic adventure.



DAY 23: Disembarkation and Fly to Buenos Aires

You will arrive in Ushuaia in the morning and disembark after breakfast. The mandatory transfer package includes a little taste of Patagonia with a Tierra del Fuego National Park tour before transferring to the airport for the return group charter flight to Buenos Aires.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Hotel & Cabin on board ship

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Inclusions	INCLUSIONS Cabin accommodation on board ship All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage Beer, standard wines & spirits, & cocktails during pre-dinner bar service, dinner & evenings Coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock All scheduled landings and excursions Guiding and lectures by experienced expedition team Expedition parka (yours to keep) A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions One 10 to 15 minute helicopter flight-seeing excursion (weather permitting) Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person Free WiFi MANDATORY TRANSFER PACKAGE One night pre transfer accommodation in a hotel in Buenos Aires with breakfast Group flights from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia on a return basis Transfers from the hotel to the airport in Buenos Aires Airport transfer and express bus tour of Tierra Del Fuego National Park after disembarkation in Ushuaia
	EXCLUSIONS International flights Any other pre or post land arrangements not mentioned above Passport and visa expenses Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned above Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic flights Laundry, bar and other personal charges unless specified Optional Adventure Activities
	Difficulty Rating 2 (light adventure)
	Single Surcharge Available upon request, a supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please Contact Us for more information.

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Notes	<p>Prices are based on per person, and vary from single, quad, triple, and twin cabins.</p> <p>Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.</p> <p>All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.</p> <p>Please note this itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.</p> <p>Includes charter flights from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia on a return basis.</p> <p>Arrival transfer to Buenos Aires hotel on Day 1 is NOT included.</p>
Price Dependent upon	<p>Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.</p>

SUSTAINABILITY

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