ANTARCTIC CIRCLE - EXTENDED ANTARCTIC CIRCLE CROSSING | DISCOVERER



TRIP CODE
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DEPARTURE
28/12/2026
DURATION
14 Days
LOCATIONS
Antarctic Circle, Antarctica, Antarctic Peninsula

INTRODUCTION

Departing from the end of the world, Ushuaia you will embark on a legendary journey to cross the **Antarctic Circle**. Enjoy your **Antarctica expedition cruise** onboard the well-appointed **Discoverer** which takes just **138 passengers,** which means a more intimate experience and allows maximum time off the ship experiencing the wonders of the white continent.

As you cruise further south you will encounter heavy pack ice and incredibly pristine scenery. Very few adventures make it this far south, and this is your chance to be one of the lucky ones who do! Your expedition cruise allows ample wildlife viewing opportunities and you will likely see whales, penguins, seals and a variety of sea birds. Each voyage is unique, and you will enjoy twice daily shore excursions and landings.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival & Explore Ushuaia

After a friendly welcome at the airport and a transfer to your included hotel, take some time to unwind or explore the southernmost city in the world, Ushuaia. Our evening briefing is your opportunity to ask questions and meet some of your fellow explorers.



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DAY 2: Embarkation

Spend your morning exploring Ushuaia or unwinding at the resort until our mid-afternoon escort to the ship. Our Expedition Team and ship staff will welcome you on board and get you settled in, followed by a safety and orientation briefing and our Captain's welcome dinner. We're on our way to Antarctica!



DAY 3: Crossing The Drake Passage - Day 3 & 4

Join our Polar Experts as they share their vast knowledge of Antarctica, from its enchanting wildlife to its bold history. Participate in our pioneering Citizen Science program, or sit back and take in this fabled journey while catching glimpses of rarely-seen wildlife. Keep your binoculars handy to identify the many seabirds that escort our ship as we cross the Antarctic Convergence into Antarctica's waters and noticeably cooler temperatures.



DAY 5: South Shetland Islands

Over time, the volcanic activity of the South Shetland Islands has created a geology unlike any other. Here, you can expect a spectacular display of mountains, glaciers, and wildlife including Chinstrap and Gentoo penguins; and it's not uncommon to share the water's edge with Elephant and Fur seals. Whales are often spotted as well. So, we'll settle into our Zodiacs and kayaks, and spend most of our day exploring. Whether on land or sea, in zodiac or kayak, be prepared for a fully immersive introduction to this incomparable part of the world.



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DAY 6: Antarctic Circle - Days 6 to 9

We venture west along the Antarctic Peninsula into the Gerlache Strait region, exploring a variety of sites highlighting the area's staggering natural beauty. Iconic experiences await on our twice-daily excursions. From Zodiac cruises into Paradise Bay to witnessing penguins nesting on Cuverville Island, each potential stop promises awe-inspiring encounters. We'll explore historic huts at Damoy Point, keep an eye out for humpback whales in Wilhelmina Bay, and continue south until we reach the crown jewel of this expedition, the jaw-dropping scenery through the Lemaire Channel. Weather permitting, we'll cross the Antarctic Circle at 66°33'S, an achievement that will put you in rare company.



DAY 10: South Shetland Islands - Day 10 & 11

This archipelago represents the northernmost tip of Antarctica, standing proud against the relentless force of the Southern Ocean. The ice-capped peaks of Livingstone, Greenwich, and King George Islands offer a stunning backdrop to explore. And despite the furious elements, the islands boast a remarkable richness of wildlife, with numerous colonies of Gentoo and Chinstrap Penguins dotting the island shores, accompanied by an array of formidable seabirds like the predatory Giant Petrels. Weather permitting, we'll explore the eerie landscape of Deception Island, an active volcanic crater with black steaming sands and rusting ruins, and immerse ourselves in the history of Yankee Harbour, once a vital anchorage for sealers.



DAY 12: Drake Passage - Day 12 & 13

We leave this magical place and make our way north, once again crossing the legendary Drake Passage. We have one last hurrah as we celebrate the conclusion of our expedition with a special slideshow and a final meal together.



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DAY 14: Disembarkation in Ushuaia

With huge smiles on weary, content faces, we disembark in the morning, letting you catch a flight to Buenos Aires or stay in Ushuaia for more sights and adventure.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin on board ship & Hotel

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Inclusions

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1 night pre night cruise accommodation in Ushuaia including breakfast
All meals onboard the Discoverer including snacks
Beer & Wine with lunch & dinner and 24/7 tea, coffee & hot cocoa
In-room mini-bar refilled once daily with non-alcoholic beverages
Accommodation onboard the Discoverer in booked cabin category
Onboard lecture program from Expeditions Team and Naturalist Guides.
All shore excursions and Zodiac cruising (except paid adventure options with cost)
Puffer jacket and parka, which can be layered together, are yours to keep
Complimentary use of rubber Muck boots, on loan for the duration of your expedition (exclusions apply - see below)
Transfer from Ushuaia airport to hotel (on arrival in Ushuaia if arriving on Day 1 of itinerary, and providing we have your confirmed air itinerary at least 15 days prior to departure)
Transfer from Ushuaia hotel accommodation to the ship for embarkation
Transports to Ushuaia airport or city centre on return to port
All port taxes
All landing fees
Use of onboard gym, sauna, pool and jacuzzi

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, or selected premium beverages
Miscellaneous extras
Laundry and communication charges on board
Gratuities for Expedition team and crew
Smaller puffer jackets, outer parka jackets and muck boots **may not be available** for minors, depending on size requirements. Additionally, a lifejacket that meets our safety standards is mandatory for all minors 15 years and under and **must be provided by the parent/guardian**. Please contact your booking agent for details.

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

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Single Surcharge	Contact Us for details. Single occupancy cabins are available with a surcharge or for those willing to share you can be matched with someone of the same gender in selected cabins and pay the twin share price. Subject to availability.
Notes	Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated for single 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. 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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