ANTARCTICA - ANTARCTIC PENINSULA: CROSSING THE CIRCLE | OCEAN EXPLORER



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DEPARTURE
28/12/2028
DURATION
14 Days
LOCATIONS
Antarctic Peninsula & Antarctic Circle

INTRODUCTION

Explore Antarctica to the southern depths of the Antarctic Circle on this 14 day cruise. A truly remarkable place, Antarctica offers you pristine scenery and wonderful diversity of wildlife as you cruise down the peninsula to 66Â°33'S where most expeditions do not offer. Enjoy a glass of champagne at this point where few have been, taking in the almost untouched surroundings and solitude of this magnificent locations.

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DAY 1: Arrival in Ushuaia



You will begin your journey in Ushuaia, a small but bustling port town at the tip of South America. This Argentine town is an ideal gateway for you to explore the southern extent of Patagonia while preparing for your adventure ahead. Get active in the mountains or enjoy handcrafted chocolate at a café in town.

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DAY 2: Embarkation in Ushuaia

As the ship sets sail in the late afternoon, you will begin your Antarctic journey, passing through the Beagle Channel. Named after the famed ship on which Charles Darwin voyaged, the channel presents great photo opportunities of landscapes and seabirds. Eventually, the channel opens up to the Southern Ocean, and onwards to Antarctica.



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

The waters of the Drake Passage are unpredictable, so hope for clear skies and a calm ocean. You'll have plenty of time to gaze out at the sea, get to know your fellow shipmates and chat with your Expedition Team. You will spend this time preparing for the exciting days ahead, with numerous educational and informative lectures presented by your Expedition Team. You'll learn about everything from safety procedures to the history of whaling in Antarctica.



DAY 5: Antarctic Peninsula & South Shetland - Days 5 to 7

With the Drake Passage left in our wake, we make our approach to Antarctica. Get your cameras ready as the continent's coastline will make its first appearance, signaling the start of your adventure in the realm of the Antarctic. You'll see plentiful icebergs floating by and be fixated on the surface of the ocean as curious whales spout and breach before your eyes. As exciting as it can be from on board the ship, your true exploration occurs when you disembark and set foot on the great continent. There are several potential landing sites we may visit, including Neko Harbour, Orne Harbour or Paradise Harbour. While weather dictates which specific landing sites we can visit, each one presents a new collection of wildlife and natural attractions. Your days will be busy spotting wildlife and being mesmerized by the beauty of Antarctica. Watching penguins waddling on the beach and listening to the crackling and crumbling sounds of icebergs and glaciers will become your daily entertainment, while kayaking with whales and camping in Antarctica are a couple of optional activities available on selected voyages (at an extra cost).



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DAY 8: Antarctic Circle - Days 8 & 9

Crossing the Antarctic Circle is an impressive achievement, as most expeditions to the Antarctic Peninsula do not reach this far south, which is officially noted at 66°33' S. If conditions allow us to cross this famed line, you and your shipmates will celebrate in style with a well-earned glass of champagne! Make a toast and take pride in knowing you've made it to a part of the world visited by very few people.



DAY 10: Northbound Along the Peninsula - Days 10 to 11

By now, your knowledge of Adélie, chinstrap and gentoo penguins will be matched by your ability to differentiate between a leopard, fur or Weddell seal. Terms like bergy bits and pancake ice will seem normal, yet there are still many tales to be told. As you head north, Zodiac excursions will fill your days, and your Expedition Team will continue offering presentations while giving you time to reflect on everything you've experienced.



DAY 12: Crossing the Drake Passage - Days 12 & 13

As you recross the Drake, Antarctica fades away, leaving you with a collection of memories to last a lifetime. Excited conversations with your newfound friends will make the crossing fly by, regardless of weather and sea conditions. Your Expedition Team will round up its series of lectures as well, perhaps with a slideshow of the great landing sites and wildlife you've witnessed over the course of your voyage.



DAY 14: Disembark in Ushuaia

Today you'll say goodbye to your Expedition Team and fellow travelers, disembarking in the morning to catch your homeward flights.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Hotel & Cabin on board ship
Inclusions	**INCLUSIONS** Shipboard accommodation All meals & snacks 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 shore landings per the daily program, weather permitting Presentations by expedition team & special guests. Downloadable photographic journal documenting the expedition Expedition boots on loan for shore landings An expedition parka to keep Hairdryer and bathrobe available in every cabin All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program Luggage handling aboard the ship Free WiFi **EXCLUSIONS** Any airfare unless otherwise specified in the itinerary Additional overnight accommodation needed or not mentioned Passport and visa expenses Government arrival and departure taxes Any meals ashore unless otherwise specified Adventure Options are at an additional cost & subject to availability Travel insurance Excess baggage charges Laundry, bar, beverage and other personal charges unless specified Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned Telecommunications charges Voluntary staff and crew gratuities
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	Prices are based on per person, and vary from single, triple, and twin cabins. Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. Any promotional discounts mentioned, including percentage discounts are off of berth costs only, with no discount on taxes, mandatory flight or transfer packages. All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice. *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 and availability. Any promotional discounts mentioned, including percentage discounts are off of berth costs only, with no discount on taxes, mandatory flight or transfer packages.

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SUSTAINABILITY

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