ANTARCTIC PENINSULA - CROSSING THE ANTARCTIC CIRCLE | OCEAN ALBATROS



TRIP CODE
ACABUAE
DEPARTURE
21/01/2027, 15/12/2027
DURATION
13 Days
LOCATIONS
Antarctic Peninsula & Antarctic Circle

INTRODUCTION

Cross the Antarctic Circle and experience one of the most remote regions on Earth. Departing Ushuaia, you'll sail across the Drake Passage and explore the Antarctic Peninsula, where ice-filled bays, glaciers, and towering mountain peaks create a constantly changing polar landscape. Guided by an experienced expedition team, you'll spend your days off the ship on Zodiac cruises and shore landings, visiting penguin colonies, historic sites and some of Antarctica's most remarkable coastal locations.

As conditions allow, the voyage continues south towards the Antarctic Circle at 66Â°33â² South, a milestone reached by relatively few travellers. Along the way, keep watch for whales, seals and vast icebergs while enjoying expert-led lectures that provide deeper insight into the region's wildlife, history and unique ecosystem. With each day shaped by the weather, ice and wildlife opportunities, every Antarctic expedition offers a unique experience.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrive 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 relaxing at the hotel, visiting a museum, or exploring the shops in Ushuaia, before 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: 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: A Toast to the Antarctic Circle - Days 5 to 9

Heading south across the Bransfield Strait, we begin to see the breathtaking outline of the Antarctic Peninsula. Wildlife sightings, including penguins, whales, and fur seals, become more frequent, as do dramatic sculptural icebergs. With an extra day to explore, possibilities abound. We'll look to visit historic sites like the huts at Damoy Point, keep an eye out for humpback whales in Wilhelmina Bay, and continue our twice-daily outings until we reach the crown jewel of this expedition, hoping to enter the jaw-dropping Lemaire Channel by New Year's Eve. Weather permitting, we'll cross the Antarctic Circle at 66°33'S, an achievement that will put you in rare company. We'll raise a glass of bubbly to celebrate the achievement, before heading onward toward any number of historic and rarely visited British Survey bases, after which we turn back north.



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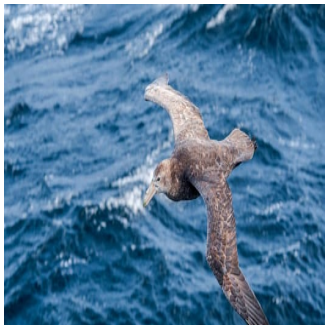
DAY 10: South Shetland Islands - Day 10

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 11: Crossing the Drake Passage Northbound - Day 11&12

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, passenger photo contest, and a final celebratory meal together. Congratulations, explorers!



DAY 13: 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 a ship

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Inclusions	**INCLUSIONS** Stateroom accommodation on board during your voyage Embarkation shuttle transfer to the vessel from Ushuaia city centre Shuttle transfer after disembarkation from the ship to Ushuaia city centre or airport All Zodiac excursions, as per itinerary, guided by our Expedition Team Complimentary use of rubber Muck boots on loan for the duration of your expedition Briefings and lectures by our Expedition Leader and Team English-speaking Expedition Team Full board on the ship - breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks Complimentary house wine, beer and soda at dinner (selected labels and brands, served at our a-la-carte dinners) Free tea and coffee available 24 hours Taxes and landing fees Special photo workshops Welcome and Farewell Cocktail Parties Digital visual journal link distributed after the voyage, including voyage log, gallery, species list and more! • 2026/2027 season - Insulated inner jacket for you to keep. Expedition Parka on loan for the voyage • 2027/2028 season onwards - New outer shell expedition jacket for you to keep **EXCLUSIONS** International or internal flights Extra excursions and optional activities not mentioned in the itinerary Single room supplement and stateroom upgrades Meals not on board the ship Beverages (other than coffee and tea) Gratuities for Expedition team and crew Personal expenses (e.g. Albatros Polar Spa services, Albatros Ocean Boutique purchases) Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac landings and excursions Laundry, bar, and other personal charges, unless specified 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	Available on request. No single supplement if willing to share (select cabins only). Contact Us for more details.

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Notes	**Note:** The Ultimate Antarctica Experience is designed to have "**No Set Itinerary**" which transforms it into a true exploration tour. The trips that begin in DEC-FEB are called: **Quest for the Circle**, as we intend to go more south and if possible cross the Antarctic Circle at 66°33′, enjoy longer days with sunlight and even more active penguin rookeries and explore exciting places made possible as the breaking sea ice opens up new avenues. 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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