ANTARCTICA - CHILEAN FJORDS & ANTARCTICA | PURSUIT



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19 Days
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INTRODUCTION

Explore the fjords of Chile and Patagonia and continue onto the White Continent, Antarctica. You will board the premium expedition vessel, Seabourn Pursuit in San Antonio, the port that services Santiago, the capital of Chile.

This 264 passenger ship is built for expedition, with a PC6 Polar Ice Class, but also offers all of the creature comforts you could want or need. All 132 cabins are equipped with a balcony and have a living area. Onboard you can enjoy a range of facilities including a pool, bars, 5 dining venues, sauna, fitness centre and spa. With luxury interiors and custom art work you will be sailing in style. The ship is also equipped with two custom built submarines. Underwater excursions and kayaking are available to pre-book at an additional cost on selected departures.

You will sail down the Chilean coast, exploring fjords, channels and sounds. Enjoy scenic cruising and zodiac excursions. You will see volcanic mountains and glaciers, marvel at the Southern Patagonia Ice Sheet, which extends over 370kms. Continue from Punta Arenas, leaving South America behind towards the Antarctic peninsula. You will spend several days here, cruising through pack ice and ice floes. Enjoy expedition cruising and landings, spotting whales, penguins and seals. Look out for seabirds and see a vast range of wildlife and some of the most pristine wilderness in the world.

ITINERARY

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DAY 1: Arrive Santiago de Chile



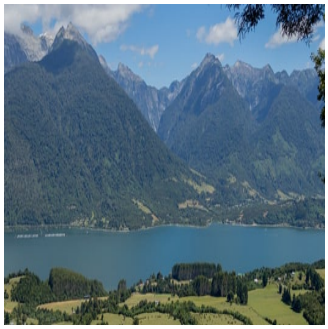
Upon arriving in Santiago de Chile, embark on the cruise ship. Santiago, embraced by the Andes and the Coastal Range, exudes Spanish colonial charm. Prepare for an unforgettable journey as you cruise through the Chilean fjord region en route to Antarctica! *Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.

DAY 2: At Sea



Make the most of this day at sea by acquainting yourself with fellow travelers and the dedicated crew members. Delight in the ship's amenities as you prepare for the adventure of a lifetime.

DAY 3: Scenic Cruising Reloncavi Sound



Puerto Montt, in Chile’s Northern Patagonia Los Lagos region is set on the shores of a large bay identified as Reloncavi Sound. To the east looms Mt. Yate, a snowcapped, glaciated stratovolcano, and beyond that the cordillera of the Andes. The sound is punctuated by islands, the three largest being Tengio, Maillén and Huar. Two much larger islands, Puluqiui and Queulín, sprawl across the mouth of the sound, separating it from the Gulf of Ancud. The point where the Reloncavi Estuary empties into the sound is effectively where the Chilean Central Valley meets the Pacific Ocean. Salmon farms dimple the coves of the sound, and pods of orcas are sometimes seen. Near the sound on shore, Chile’s Alerce Andino National Park protects a vestigial forest of ancient alerce trees, similar to the huge sequoias found in North America. Puerto Montt sits beneath a skyline of snow-capped volcanoes. Volcan Osorno towering 2,652-meter (8,701’) above the town, erupted in 1835 and was described by naturalist Charles Darwin. The town sits at the gateway to a myriad of outdoor adventures including an exhilarating white-water rafting trip, tranquil fly fishing and scenic hiking in Alerce Andino National Park.

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DAY 4: Scenic Cruising: Moraleda & Darwin Channels

The Moraleda Channel is a protected waterway running along the coast of Chile from the Gulf of Corcovado in the north to the Laguna San Rafael in the south. It separates the myriad mountainous islands of the Chonos Archipelago from the Chilean mainland. Like the Inside Passage on the Pacific coast of North America, the Moraleda Channel is a geological feature. Its course follows the geologic Liguiñe-Ofqui Fault on the eastern side of the islands, which are actually the peaks of the submerged Chilean Coastal Range. The Darwin Channel cuts through the elongated, mountainous islands of the Chonos Archipelago in Southern Chile, connecting the Pacific Ocean on the west with the Moraleda Channel running along the Chilean mainland. These forested islands, mostly uninhabited, are actually the peaks of the submerged Chilean Coastal Range. Darwin Channel is a westward continuation of the Aysén Fjord, connecting to the Pacific at Isquiliac Island, and opening at its eastern end into Darwin Bay. Being free of navigational hazards, it forms a preferred, scenic pathway for ships navigating in the area.



DAY 5: Baker Channel & Jorge Montt Glacier

The Baker Channel is a large, multi-armed fjord that cuts from Tarn Bay in the Gulf of Penas some 75 miles into the Chilean mainland. It lies roughly halfway between the Northern and Southern Patagonian Ice Fields, and its southern arm culminates at the face of the Jorge Montt Glacier, which flows from the Southern ice field and frequently calves icebergs into the channel. The channel forms the northern boundary of Chile's vast Bernardo O'Higgins National Park. Entering into the Gulf of Penas, to the southeast lies the 6 kilometer (2.5 mile) wide opening of Baker Channel. Sailing 120 kilometers (80 miles) into the southern margins of the Andes we are now surrounded on all sides by snow-capped peaks. The Southern Patagonian Ice Sheet, extends 370 kilometers (230 miles) to the south. At its northernmost edge, a large glacial tongue descends from the heights above. Entering the ocean in cliffs of ice, the Jorge Montt Glacier, is over 1,400 meters (4,700') wide.



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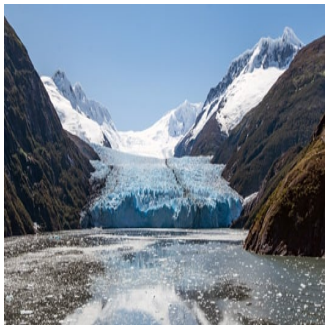
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DAY 6: Eyre Fjord & Pio XI Glacier

Eyre Fjord penetrates the mainland of southern Chile from the Icy Channel about 20 miles to the broad face of the massive Pio XI glacier, also known as the Brüggen Glacier. It is the longest glacier in the Southern Hemisphere outside Antarctica, flowing some 40 miles from the Southern Patagonian Ice Field to the fjord. It is also one of the very few advancing glaciers on earth. The glacier face is located near a large eastern arm of Eyre Fjord called Exmouth Fjord. At the head of scenic Eyre Fjord is situated the longest glacier in the southern hemisphere outside of Antarctica. The monumental ice-mass of the Brüggen Glacier fills the fjord to a width of 4.5 kilometers (3 miles) and covers an area of 1,265 square kilometers (488 square miles). Colossal ice cliffs rise to a height 75 meters (246') and are cut by deep-blue crevasses, and free-standing ice pillars known as seracs. Some 66 kilometers (41 miles) upstream of where it meets the ocean, the Brüggen Glacier merges with the ice of the Southern Patagonian Ice Field. Unlike other glaciers worldwide, it advanced significantly from 1945 to 1976 adding nearly 60 square kilometers (23 square miles) to its toe. Located deep within the boundaries of Bernardo O'Higgins National Park, it was named after the German-Chilean geologist Juan Brüggen Messtorff. Bernardo O'Higgins National Park is one of the last refuges for the small Chilean deer known as a huemul and species such as the Andean condor and marine otter may also be found here.



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DAY 7: Peel Fjord & Brujo Glacier

Cutting eastward from the Sarmiento Channel in Southern Chile, this fjord divides into three separate fjords, called Amalia, Asia and Calvo Fjords. Amalia leads to Amalia Glacier, the El Brujo Glacier is in Asia Fjord, and Calvo boasts several small glaciers of its own. The mainland to the east is all part of the huge Torres del Paine National Park. The area is a fascinating geological panorama, and your expedition team members will be available to interpret the sights, as well as identify wildlife spotted while cruising the scenic waterways. Entering Peel Fjord from the Sarmiento Channel in southern Chile, your ship veers into the branch called Asia Fjord. As you cruise deeper into the fjord, the water's surface is dappled with floating 'bergie bits' of ice, and occasional larger growlers. Meanwhile the steep slopes on either side are tinseled with lacy waterfalls flowing from the snow-frosted peaks above. Ahead, two ochre slopes cradle a glowing blue-white face of cracked and fissured ice two kilometers across and hundreds of feet high, spilling with geologic slowness from the South Patagonian Ice Field far up the valley. Occasionally a huge shard of ice falls silently into the sea, followed seconds later by the delayed sound of its crack and thunder. You are in the midst of Chile's Bernardo O'Higgins National Park, the nation's largest protected region.



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DAY 8: Strait of Magellan

The Strait of Magellan is a 350-mile/570 km channel separating the mainland of South America from the large Isla Grande de Tierra del Fuego and connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. It was first navigated by the explorer Ferdinand Magellan during his circumnavigation voyage in 1520. He named it the Strait of All Saints, because his transit started on November 1, All Saints Day. It was also Magellan who name the southern island Tierra del Fuego, after seeing the smokes from fires in the camps of the native Yahgan people, whom he named the Patagones, meaning “big feet,” and their land Patagonia. The strait is between two and 20 miles wide, and earned the nickname Dragon’s Tail among sailors, for its tortuous path. Along with the Beagle Channel, it was one of two protected channels for sailing between the oceans prior to the construction of the Panama Canal The third alternative was the notoriously turbulent open ocean Drake Passage beyond Cape Horn. There is one sizeable port city in the strait, Punta Arenas, Chile, which has an interesting harbor breakwater consisting of two ship hulks, the Cavenga and an old iron four-mast sailing ship, the County of Peebles. There are several Chilean national parks and monuments in the strait, including Los Pinguinos National Monument and a sanctuary for protecting humpback whales. Southern right whales are also known to frequent the strait’s waters. There are 41 light signals in the strait, including the San Isidro Lighthouse that has been restored and is now a museum, and the Evangelistas Lighthouse at the western entrance. The strait was very difficult for sailing ships, due to unpredictable winds and tidal currents. Depending on tide conditions, even modern ships often opt for one of the alternative routes, because the tidal speeds are greatly exaggerated by the Venturi effect through narrows.



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DAY 9: Punta Arenas

Punta Arenas is the most important port and commercial center for the immense Patagonian agricultural area of Chile. The economy revolves around the sheep raised on the expansive pampas. Located on the Strait of Magellan separating the mainland from the island of Tierra del Fuego, the city proclaims itself the southernmost city in the world. Its colonial history may be explored in the splendid Plaza de Armas, in the magnificent tombs of the Pioneer Cemetery and the opulent Braun-Menendez Mansion. The heritage of Ferdinand Magellan's exploration can be recaptured at the Nao Victoria ship museum. Fort Bulnes national monument memorializes the earliest colonial period, while the offshore Los Pinguinos Natural Monument preserves the thriving seabird and sea lion colonies around Magdalena Island. This is also the port from which a full-day flight excursion takes visitors to the majestic peaks and picturesque lakes and wildlife of the Torres del Paine National Park.



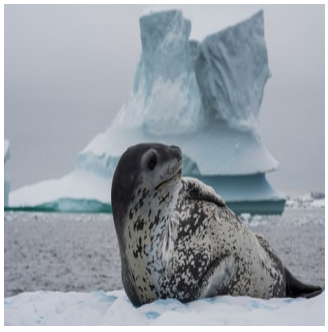
DAY 10: Crossing the Drake passage - Day 10 & 11

Embark on the thrilling Drake Passage, where the Pacific, Atlantic, and Southern oceans converge, creating an adventure like no other. Our skilled onboard staff and expedition team ensure your well-being, providing ample opportunities to marvel at the vast ocean expanse. Capture stunning moments as seabirds gracefully dance around the ship, and forge connections with both the Expedition Team and fellow travelers. This unique journey promises not only excitement in navigating the passage but also the chance to immerse yourself in the beauty of the open sea.



DAY 12: Antarctic Experience - Day 12 to 16

Your captain and the skilled expedition team will plan your exploration and adventure in Antarctica based on weather, ice conditions, and reported wildlife distribution during the expedition. This adaptable approach guarantees that you can maximize the benefits of favorable conditions, enriching your experience as you uncover the awe-inspiring landscapes and distinctive wildlife of this pristine continent.



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DAY 17: At Sea - Day 17 & 18

During the return across the Drake Passage, seize a last opportunity to appreciate the refreshing Southern Ocean air. Utilize time on deck to observe seabirds and search for whales, partake in informative presentations by your Expedition Team, and commemorate the unique experiences shared while exploring the remarkable world of Antarctica.



DAY 19: Disembarkation

After an exhilarating cruise amidst the Chilean fjords and the pristine surroundings of Antarctica, disembark in Ushuaia and proceed to the airport for your return flight to Buenos Aires. Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin Onboard a Ship

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Inclusions	**INCLUSIONS** Accommodation onboard the Pursuit in booked cabin category Group transfers to/from the airport and to/from the ship* (subject to date/time restrictions*) Charter flight from Ushuaia return in economy class All meals onboard the ship including snacks and 24/7 in room dining Complimentary spirits and wine available on board at all times - full open bar including premium beverages & in room minibar Inspiring enrichment program and special guest speakers on board All applicable shore excursions and zodiac cruising (except paid adventure options with cost) Digital photography workshops Complimentary expedition-grade parka and day pack All port taxes & landing fees **EXCLUSIONS** International or internal flights unless 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 Visa (if applicable) and passport fees Travel insurance (compulsory) Fuel surcharge may be applied to all bookings Paid adventure options and all personal expenses Miscellaneous extras Laundry and communication charges on board Tipping onboard (optional) - We recommend $15USD per person per day
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available on request. A Single Supplement may be applied. Subject to availability. Please note 'willing to share' option is not available. Contact Us for more details.
Notes	Prices are based on per person, twin share* 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.

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Price Dependent upon	Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

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