

## ANTARCTICA - ANTARCTICA



### INTRODUCTION

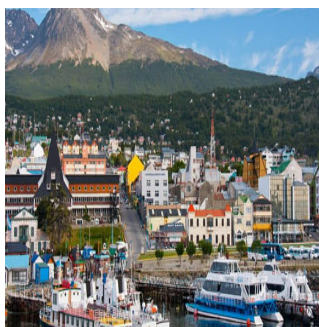
Set out on a varied experience in the wildlife-rich Weddell Sea of Antarctica with the Weddell Sea Explorer Basecamp cruise. Take advantage of the included activities such as hiking, snowshoeing, kayaking, mountaineering, and camping under the Southern Polar sky. See enormous tabular icebergs, striking scenery, and important historical places. Look out for iconic animals, such as penguins, seabirds, seals, and whales. Possible visits include the Antarctic Sound, also referred to as "Iceberg Alley," Brown Bluff for breathtaking scenery, Herbert Sound's visually striking sections, Devil Island's expansive views, Erebus and Terror Gulf's provide new opportunities and where we will experience the wilderness of Antarctica in its most remote places.

**PLEASE NOTE:** During our 'Basecamp' departures all offered activities (including camping, kayaking, hiking, mountaineering, photo workshops) are free of charge.

### ITINERARY

#### DAY 1: Embarkation in Ushuaia

Our voyage begins where the world drops off. Ushuaia, Argentina, reputed to be the southernmost city on the planet, is located on the far southern tip of South America. Starting in the afternoon, you embark from this small resort town on Tierra del Fuego, nicknamed "The End of the World," and sail the mountain-fringed Beagle Channel for the remainder of the evening.



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#### DEPARTURE

15/02/2028

#### DURATION

13 Days

#### LOCATIONS

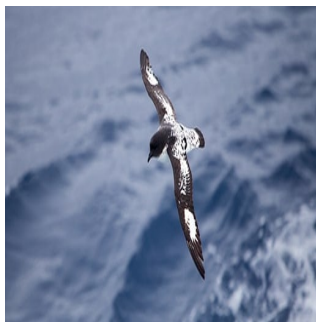
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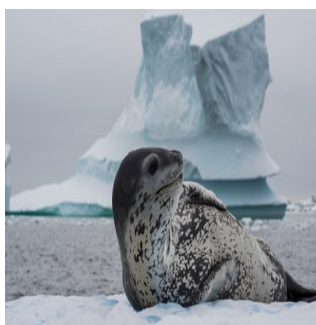
## DAY 2: Crossing the Drake Passage - Days 2 & 3


Over the next two days on the Drake Passage, we enjoy some of the same experiences encountered by the great polar explorers who first charted these regions: cool salt breezes, rolling seas, maybe even a fin whale spouting sea spray. After passing the Antarctic Convergence - Antarctica's natural boundary, formed when north-flowing cold waters collide with warmer sub-Antarctic seas - you are in the circum-Antarctic upwelling zone. Not only does the marine life change, the avian life changes too. Wandering albatrosses, grey-headed albatrosses, black-browed albatrosses, light-mantled sooty albatrosses, cape petrels, southern fulmars, Wilson's storm petrels, blue petrels, and Antarctic petrels are a few of the birds you might see.



## DAY 4: Weddell Sea - Days 4 to 10

In the coming days, we will be exploring the Weddell Sea, a region celebrated for its awe-inspiring landscapes, towering icebergs, and intriguing historical sites. As we venture forth, we'll have the opportunity to witness some of Antarctica's most iconic wildlife, including whales, seals, and seabirds. Our voyage may lead us to several remarkable destinations - depending on local conditions- we might explore the Antarctic Sound, affectionately dubbed "Iceberg Alley," where colossal tabular icebergs drift majestically in the frigid waters. Then, we could journey to Brown Bluff, renowned for its sheer canyon walls, volcanic formations, and stunning vistas. Continuing our adventure, we might navigate through Herbert Sound, marveling at the breathtaking scenery of Naze Peninsula and Comb Ridge. We may also set foot on Devil Island, where rugged landscapes and sweeping panoramas await intrepid explorers. Lastly, we might venture into Erebus and Terror Gulf, immersing ourselves in the pristine wilderness of Antarctica's remote corners. Along the way, we'll soak in the untouched beauty of Vega Island and embrace the serenity of this remote, icy realm.



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## DAY 11: Crossing the Drake Passage - Days 11 & 12


Our return voyage is far from lonely. While crossing the Drake, we're again greeted by the vast array of seabirds remembered from the passage south. But they seem a little more familiar to us now, and us to them.



## DAY 13: Disembark in Ushuaia

Even great adventures must eventually come to an end. It's now time to disembark in Ushuaia with memories that will accompany you wherever your next journey lies. Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.




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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

<b>Accommodation</b>	Cabin on board a ship
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<p><b>Inclusions</b></p>	<p><b>INCLUSIONS</b>            Cabin Accommodation on board MV Ortelius            All meals throughout the voyage aboard the ship including snacks, coffee and tea            All shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage by Zodiac            Program of lectures by noted naturalists and leadership by experienced expedition staff            Free use of rubber boots and snowshoes            Group departure transfers in Ushuaia (directly after disembarkation)            All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the programme            Comprehensive pre-departure material            During our 'Basecamp' departures all offered activities (including camping, kayaking, hiking, mountaineering, photo workshops) are free of charge            Access to 1.5 GB of free internet connectivity per person, which resets every 24 hours. Supplementary vouchers available to purchase on onboard. Subject to satellite coverage</p> <p><b>EXCLUSIONS</b>            Airfares to/from disembarkation city            Visa &amp; passport fees (if applicable)            Travel insurance            Beverages (other than tea &amp; coffee)            Meals ashore            Personal expenses such as laundry &amp; bar            Gratuities for the crew (guidelines will be provided)            Pre and post land arrangements            Government arrival or departure taxes (if applicable)            Additional optional activities            A fuel surcharge may be applied to all bookings</p>
<p><b>Difficulty Rating</b></p>	<p>2 (light adventure)</p>
<p><b>Single Surcharge</b></p>	<p>Available upon request. Please contact us for more details. No single supplement will apply if willing to share in selected cabins.</p>

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<b>Notes</b>	<p>Prices are based on per person, and may be based on quad/triple/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.          During our 'Basecamp' departures all offered activities (including camping, kayaking, hiking, mountaineering, photo workshops) are free of charge</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	<p>Departure Date, Fuel Surcharges, Cabin Category, Currency Fluctuations, Seasonality &amp; Availability.</p>

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