

ANTARCTIC CIRCLE - CROSSING THE ANTARCTIC CIRCLE | DISCOVERER



INTRODUCTION

Travel beyond the Antarctic Peninsula and venture towards the legendary Antarctic Circle. Beginning in Ushuaia, this expedition crosses the Drake Passage before exploring the sheltered waterways, islands, and glaciated coastlines of Antarctica. Daily Zodiac excursions and landings provide opportunities to get closer to the landscape, observe penguin rookeries, search for seals and whales, and experience the continent beyond the ship.

The journey aims to push further south than many traditional Antarctic cruises, hoping to reach the Antarctic Circle at 66°33' South, a destination that has evaded many of the great and ambitious explorers of the past. With no set itinerary, the flexible routing of this expedition is designed to maximise exploration opportunities. Supported by a knowledgeable expedition team, you'll gain a deeper understanding of the region through onboard presentations while experiencing some of the planet's most untouched environments firsthand. For travellers seeking immersive wildlife encounters and true polar exploration, this voyage delivers an unforgettable Antarctic 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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DEPARTURE

29/01/2028

DURATION

13 Days

LOCATIONS

Antarctic Circle,
Antarctica



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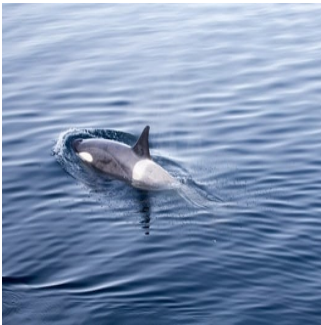
DAY 2: Embarkation

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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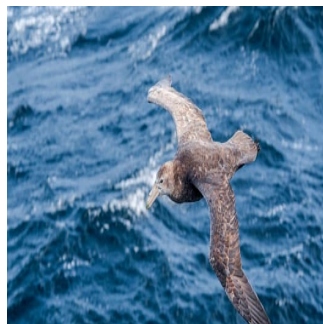
DAY 10: South Shetland Islands - Day 10

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 ship & Hotel

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1 nights pre night accommodation in Ushuaia including breakfast
 All meals onboard the Discoverer including snacks
 Beer/wine with lunch & dinner onboard the ship and 24/7 tea, coffee and 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)
 New 3-in-1 expedition jacket for you to keep* (Waterproof, windproof, breathable outer layer that can be worn as a shell jacket, or combined with: An inner puffer jacket, that can be worn with the shell or as a standalone garment.)
 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

Inclusions

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.

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Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
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, triple 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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