ANTARCTICA - ANTARCTIC PENINSULA: AN IMMERSIVE ODYSSEY | OCEAN NOVA



TRIP CODE
ACONAID
DEPARTURE
25/11/2026, 15/12/2026
DURATION
13 Days
LOCATIONS
Antarctic Peninsula, Antarctica

INTRODUCTION

Experience awe-inspiring scenery and untamed wildlife on this extended 13-day voyage to the Antarctic Peninsula.

This expedition offers all the highlights and marvels of Antarctica while giving you extra time to deepen your experience. You'll enjoy more opportunities to truly immerse yourself in this icy wilderness's breathtaking landscapes and extraordinary wildlife. This journey ensures you can fully embrace the magic of Antarctica, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Encounter Weddell seals lazing on ice floes, whales breaching the frigid waters, and several species of penguins shuffling across the frozen shores. You will cruise around the ice-filled waters by Zodiac, landing on the Antarctic Continent for onshore excursions that afford jaw-dropping views. Our nimble and ice-strengthened expedition ship, the Ocean Nova, is ideally suited to cruising this icy wilderness, and onboard expert guides offer priceless knowledge and insight, bringing the world's most incredible landscapes to life.

Note: On this departure we are excited to advise we will have 3 x esteemed authors travelling with us running literary workshops and panels. More information can be found here.

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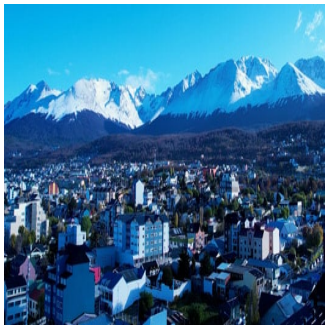
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DAY 1: Arrive in Ushuaia, Argentina



Welcome to Ushuaia, the gateway to Antarctica! Upon arrival at Ushuaia Airport, enjoy the included transfer to your hotel. This evening, join your local team and fellow travellers for an 'icebreaker' at your hotel to learn more about the journey ahead and the details for tomorrow's embarkation. If you have free time before the icebreaker, consider exploring downtown Ushuaia for souvenir shopping or savouring classic Argentinian flavours at one of the city's fantastic local restaurants. SPECIAL INFORMATION: If you arrive in Ushuaia on Day 1, an arrival transfer from Ushuaia Airport to the hotel is included. Your travel documents will provide full details.

DAY 2: Embark in Ushuaia, Argentina



Spend your morning leisurely before your coach transfers to the port of Ushuaia, where you'll board the Ocean Nova, your home for the next 11 nights. Take advantage of the opportunity to explore downtown Ushuaia on foot - it's compact, charming, and set against the stunning backdrop of the snow-capped Andes Mountains, so be sure to bring your camera! Once aboard, meet your fellow travellers and Expedition Team, settle into your cabin, and head to the outer decks as the Ocean Nova journeys through the historic Beagle Channel en route to Antarctica. Later, join the excitement inside to learn more about the incredible days ahead.

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DAY 3: At sea, Drake Passage - Day 3 & 4

Renowned for its untamed nature, the Drake Passage is ever-changing and unpredictable. Take time to step onto one of Ocean Nova's outer decks, where you can breathe in the fresh sea air and experience the powerful winds of the roaring forties and furious fifties. Your Expedition Team will share fascinating insights into the incredible adventure that awaits you. Over these two days at sea, enjoy gazing out at the vast Southern Ocean and capturing photos of seabirds gracefully circling the ship. Use this time to connect with your fellow travellers and get to know the Expedition Team. Visit the ship's bridge and experience our open bridge policy, where our Captain welcomes you into Ocean Nova's command center. Here, you can witness the expedition in motion while enjoying the prime vantage point for spotting wildlife and your very first iceberg. Excitement builds on board as everyone eagerly anticipates the first sighting of the land, which, with favourable sea and weather conditions, may come by early evening on day four.



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DAY 5: South Shetland Islands & Antarctica - Day 5 to 10

Your Antarctic adventure begins once you leave the Drake Passage behind and the South Shetland Islands come into view. This region has long fascinated explorers. Every visit to Antarctica offers something unexpected and new, ensuring your expedition is unique. During your time aboard the Ocean Nova, your Expedition Team and Captain will constantly look for whales and seabirds, alerting you to exciting sightings as they occur. Engage with in-depth lectures from your team of onboard experts on the region's glaciology, history, and unique wildlife as you journey through this awe-inspiring wilderness. The highlight for many will be their first land excursion - a moment that is nothing short of unforgettable! Daily Zodiac cruises and shore excursions will take you to explore local bays, channels, and landing sites, always focusing on maximising wildlife encounters. Visit bustling rookeries and search for seals, including the formidable leopard seal, known for its penguin-eating habits. Each day brings fresh experiences and photo opportunities, and you quickly learn to distinguish between Adelie, gentoo, and chinstrap penguins. One day, you might hike to a penguin rookery; the next, you could find yourself cruising in a Zodiac among towering icebergs. From locking eyes with a curious humpback whale to hearing the thunderous crack of a calving glacier, you'll wake each day eager to continue exploring this icy wonderland. For those who crave even more adventure, treat yourself to optional activities such as an overnight camping experience on the ice, a snowshoeing trek into untouched terrain, or a paddling excursion that offers a new perspective of this frozen expanse. You'll also have the opportunity to take a polar plunge off the Ocean Nova - a brisk dip into Antarctica's frigid waters guaranteed to leave you feeling revitalised and energised! A typical expedition day begins with a wake-up call from your Expedition Leader around 7.00 am, followed by breakfast with fellow travellers in the ship's dining room. Weather permitting, you can anticipate at least two excursions daily, providing ample opportunities to take in the breathtaking Antarctic landscape. Onboard the Ocean Nova, enjoy hearty meals prepared by skilled chefs and stay engaged with daily lectures and briefings from our expert team, ensuring every moment of your journey is enriching and unforgettable.



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DAY 11: At sea, Drake Passage - Day 11 & 12

As the Ocean Nova begins its voyage back to Ushuaia, take this time to reflect on the remarkable journey you've experienced. Participate in more onboard lectures and watch a slideshow of stunning images taken by our Expedition Photographer during your voyage - yours to cherish as a lasting memento of your unforgettable Antarctic adventure. By the evening of Day 12, you'll enter the relatively calm waters of the Beagle Channel, signalling the start of your return home. That evening, savour a special farewell dinner - a true highlight of the expedition. Celebrate the incredible adventure you've shared with your fellow travellers and Expedition Team, creating memories to last a lifetime.



DAY 13: Disembark in Ushuaia, Argentina

After breakfast, it's time to disembark the Ocean Nova as your unforgettable Antarctic expedition comes to an end, leaving you with memories of a truly remarkable adventure. A morning transfer to Ushuaia Airport or downtown is included. SPECIAL INFORMATION: If you would like to stay longer in Ushuaia beyond today or would like to explore South America, please speak to your booking agent to discuss options. If you are flying out today, please book your flight to depart Ushuaia after midday in case of any delays caused by unfavourable weather conditions.



INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Hotel & Cabin Onboard a Ship

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Inclusions

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All meals onboard the Ocean Nova, including snacks and 24-hour tea and coffee
Onboard lecture program led by our expert Expedition Team
All shore excursions and Zodiac cruises (except paid adventure options with cost)
Puffer jacket and parka, which can be layered together, are yours to keep
Complimentary use of rubber Muck boots, on loan for the duration of your expedition (exclusions apply - see below)
Group arrival transfer from Ushuaia Airport to Pre Voyage Hotel (Day One)
Pre-night (Day One) stay at the Pre Voyage hotel in Ushuaia, including breakfast (based on your cabin configuration)
Transfer from the Pre Voyage Hotel to the Ocean Nova for embarkation (Day Two)
Group departure transfer from the ship to either Ushuaia airport (selected times only) or downtown Ushuaia (luggage storage available)
Full access to the onboard gym
500mb free internet usage
All port taxes

EXCLUSIONS

International or domestic flights, unless specified
Airport transfers, taxes, and excess baggage charges, unless specified
Meals other than those specified in the pre-departure information
Visa and passport fees
Mandatory travel insurance with a minimum required coverage
A fuel surcharge may be applied to all bookings
Optional paid adventure activities - Please let your booking agent know if you would like to add these
Alcoholic or other selected beverages
Laundry and communication services including Wi-fi (over and above complimentary allotment and where available) on board
Gratuities for the Expedition Team and crew
Miscellaneous extras and all personal expenses
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.

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

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Single Surcharge	Available on request. No single supplement if willing to share with other guest/s of the same gender in Triple and Explorer Twin cabin categories (subject to availability). Contact Us for more details. Classic Twin cabins will have a Single Supplement for Solo Use, at a rate of 1.8 x Twin rate
Notes	Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated for triple/quad cabins) Prices and availability 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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