ANTARCTICA - CELEBRATING NEW YEARS IN ANTARCTICA | OCEAN NOVA



TRIP CODE
ACONWLX
DEPARTURE
26/12/2026
DURATION
11 Days
LOCATIONS
Antarctic Peninsula, Antarctica

INTRODUCTION

Adventures like this don't come around often as there's nowhere else on Earth like Antarctica to spend celebrating the end of one year and the beginning of a new one. Enter a spellbinding world of snow and ice as you embark on a voyage to Antarctica, a continent that has long captivated intrepid explorers.

Set sail aboard the ice-strengthened and nimble expedition ship, the Ocean Nova, for an extraordinary 11-day journey to discover remarkable wildlife and breathtaking scenery. As you explore this icy wilderness, you'll be accompanied by an expert Expedition Team as well as penguins, seals, whales, and seabirds, all set against a backdrop of towering icebergs, snow-capped peaks, imposing glaciers, and ice-choked waters.

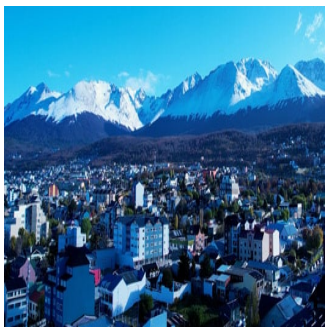
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DAY 1: Arrive in Ushuaia, Argentina

Welcome to Ushuaia, Argentina, the world's southernmost city. Upon arrival at Ushuaia Airport, enjoy the included transfer to your hotel. Join us for an 'icebreaker' at your hotel this evening to learn more about the journey ahead and the details for tomorrow's embarkation. If you arrive early, there are many ways to entertain yourself at 'the End of the World.' Check out the Museo Marítimo to learn about the region's history, or stroll down Avenida San Martín for any last-minute essentials before departing for Antarctica. Enjoy a traditional meal at a local restaurant and sample some of Argentina's famous red wine. 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

Enjoy a leisurely morning before your coach transfers to the port of Ushuaia, where you'll board the Ocean Nova, your home for the next 9 nights. If time permits in the morning, take a stroll through downtown Ushuaia - it's charming and compact, with stunning views of the snow-capped Andes, so don't forget your camera! Once aboard, meet your Expedition Team, settle into your cabin, and head to the outer decks as the Ocean Nova sets sail through the historic Beagle Channel, heading towards Antarctica. Later, join in the excitement indoors as you learn more about the fantastic adventures awaiting you.



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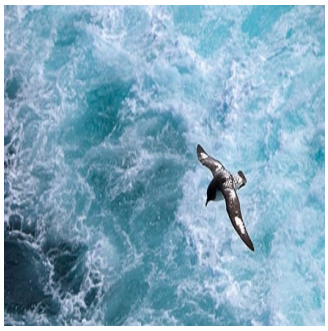
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DAY 3: At Sea, Drake Passage - Day 3 & 4

The infamous Drake Passage, named after the famous English explorer Sir Francis Drake, separates the tip of the Antarctic Peninsula from the southernmost tip of South America. The following two days at sea will allow your Expedition Team to prepare you for what lies ahead, from Antarctica's geology to its history, wildlife, and even the ice! Sailing towards Antarctica, the temperature falls as you cross the Antarctic Convergence and enter the waters of the Antarctic Ocean. The Antarctic Convergence is marked by an increased number of seabirds, whales, and other species attracted by the nutrient-rich waters pushed to the surface by the colder waters of the polar region flowing north and meeting the warmer equatorial waters flowing south. Head onto the outer decks to scout for the mighty albatrosses flying overhead. Scan the waters for breaching whales and icebergs from the expansiive windows of Ocean Nova's Panorama Lounge or bridge, where we invite you to Ocean Nova's command center. Observe the expedition as it unfolds and along with the Cpatain and his team, enjoy a spectacular vantage point for spotting wildlife and witnessing your first iceberg. Keep on the lookout for the first sighting of land early evening on day four – heralding your arrival in Antarctica.



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DAY 5: South Shetland Islands & Antarctica - Day 5 to 8

You will spend the next four incredible days exploring the South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula, a region that has captivated explorers for centuries and now enthrals travellers. Explore the region by Zodiac, cruising among the magnificently sculpted icebergs and making shore landings where you'll mingle with penguins, climb to vantage points to absorb the spectacular panoramic views, and maybe visit a scientific or historical base. For those seeking extra excitement, there may be an opportunity to indulge in optional activities like an overnight ice camping experience, a snowshoeing trek through pristine landscapes, or a paddling excursion that provides a unique view of this frozen wilderness. Or you will be one of the brave few to take a polar plunge into the icy Antarctic waters! Antarctica will enchant you with its incredible scenery, from imposing glaciers to towering snow-capped peaks, vast icebergs and ice-strewn channels. Not to mention the wildlife – from extensive colonies of chinstrap, gentoo and Adelie penguins to crabeater, Weddell, fur, and elephant seals and many fascinating birds. Look and listen for the mighty crack of a glacier calving. Every day brings a new experience and new landing sites to explore. As you cruise from one landing site to the next, enjoy the continued lecture program and take in the scenery from the outer decks of the Ocean Nova. 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 look forward to at least two excursions each day, offering plenty of chances to immerse yourself in the stunning Antarctic landscape. Onboard the Ocean Nova, savour delicious meals crafted by our talented chefs and stay informed with daily lectures and briefings from our expert team, ensuring each moment of your adventure is enriching and unforgettable.



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DAY 9: At Sea, Drake Passage - Day 9 & 10



As the Ocean Nova sets sail back to Ushuaia, take a moment to reflect on the extraordinary journey you've just experienced. During the final days, join additional onboard lectures and view a slideshow featuring captivating images captured by our Expedition Photographer throughout your journey—yours to keep as a cherished reminder of your incredible Antarctic expedition. By the evening of Day 10, you'll enter the tranquil waters of the Beagle Channel, marking the beginning of your trip home.

DAY 11: Disembark in Ushuaia, Argentina



After breakfast, it's time to disembark the Ocean Nova as your unforgettable Antarctic expedition ends, 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.

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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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