ANTARCTICA - GREAT AUSTRAL LOOP | LE LYRIAL



TRIP CODE

ACPOAGLL

DEPARTURE

16/11/2026

DURATION

19 Days

LOCATIONS

Falkland Islands, South Georgia, Antarctic Peninsula, Antarctica

INTRODUCTION

Set sail on an extraordinary adventure to the southern polar regions, beginning with the captivating Falkland Islands. Here, sei whales will escort your vessel through a network of 200 islands, where you can immerse yourself in the untamed beauty of white sandy beaches, rugged cliffs, and windswept moors. Discover the awe-inspiring landscapes and mountains that marked the conclusion of Sir Ernest Shackleton's historic Endurance Odyssey in 1916. Encounter king penguins, elephant seals, and fur seals on black-sand beaches framed by the majestic Scotia Arc. Finally, journey to Antarctica's untouched frozen landscapes, where icebergs, glaciers, and frozen seas are enveloped in an ethereal white. Join the select few who witness this legendary land, home to diverse penguin species, seals, whales, and seabirds, on an unforgettable expedition into the heart of the White Continent.

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DAY 1: Arrive Buenos Aires

Your cruise includes a pre-embarkation night in Buenos Aires. You can check in in the late morning where you will be met at the hotel by our local representative. The rest of the afternoon will be spent at your leisure. Buenos Aires, Argentina's elegant, historic and cosmopolitan capital, is known as the "Paris of the South" due to its European atmosphere with glamorous avenues lined with fashionable shops and Parisian-style restaurants and cafes. Located on the western shore of the estuary of the Río de la Plata, Buenos Aires has many fascinating neighbourhoods to explore including the colourful and lively La Boca, home to art galleries and tango shows; San Telmo with its restored mansions and antique stores and Recoleta, the city's most exclusive area.



DAY 2: Fly to Ushuaia - Embarkation

After an early morning breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Ushuaia. (Flight to Ushuaia is approximately 3 and a half hours) Capital of Argentina's Tierra del Fuego province, Ushuaia is considered the gateway to the White Continent and the South Pole. Nicknamed "El fin del mundo" by the Argentinian people, this city at the end of the world nestles in the shelter of mountains surrounded by fertile plains that the wildlife seem to have chosen as the ultimate sanctuary. With its exceptional site, where the Andes plunge straight into the sea, Ushuaia is one of the most fascinating places on earth, its very name is evocative of journeys to the unlikely and the inaccessible. Embarkation begins in the afternoon at the port in Ushuaia. Embarkation time is between 4:00pm and 5.00pm, at which time cabins and suites will be ready to check in to. The ship sets sail this evening along the famous Beagle Channel towards the Drake Passage.



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DAY 3: At Sea

During your journey at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This journey without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, depending on the activities offered, or to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the local photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.



DAY 4: Grave Cove & New Island

Make your way through the turbulent Woolly Gut strait and emerge in the stillness of Grave Cove. Located in the northern edge of the Falkland Islands, this bay owes its name to the vestiges of whalers' graves that overlook the beach. As you step off the boat and onto the white-sand beach, you might find yourself escorted by a few hospitable Commerson's dolphins, elegantly adorned in black and white. A stroll along the grassy dunes will lead you to a vast plain of lush green grass, tended by a few sheep. On the other side of the island you'll find one of the largest gentoo penguin colonies in the area. With some luck, you'll also glimpse a sea lion scouring the waves for his next meal. New Island has a distinctive jagged relief is located on the western edge of the Falkland Islands and is home to a tiny village of two families. Step onto the golden sand of its flower-lined beaches, beside which an old stone house still stands, and you'll feel like you've entered a natural paradise. A narrow pathway weaves around typical Falkland moorlands. Follow it and in under 20 minutes you'll find yourself at the heart of a colony of southern rockhopper penguins, black-browed albatross and imperial shags. It's the perfect opportunity to watch the albatross swoop down from the cliffs and skim the waves that crash against the rocks on the exposed side of the island.



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DAY 5: At Sea - Day 5 to 7

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DAY 8: South Georgia - Day 8 to 10

Aboard your ship, discover South Georgia, a region formed by an underwater mountain chain that extends from the Andes to the Antarctic Peninsula. All the wildlife of the Far South can be found there: king and Gentoo penguins, elephant seals, fur seals... You might get the chance to discover the majestic glaciers of Gold Harbour and the vast plains of Fortuna Bay. If you are fortunate enough to land at Salisbury Plain, you can expect a wonderful spectacle: more than 300,000 king penguins, which you will recognize by the bright orange mark on their head and neck, have taken up residence there. Please note: All passengers entering South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands from the 1st August 2025 will require an e-visa to disembark in the territory. The E-visa is pre-paid and must be applied for and approved prior to embarking on your expedition. Please ask your booking agent for more details.



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DAY 11: At Sea - Day 11 & 12

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DAY 13: Antarctica - Day 13 to 17

Succumb to the magic of a place unlike any other. To this day, the mythical Antarctic Peninsula still holds real fascination and promises its visitors unforgettable moments. Throughout your adventure in this icy realm, you will find yourself in the heart of a spectacular decor in subtle shades of blue and white, surrounded by exceptional wildlife. Penguins, humpback whales, seals and giant petrels are at home here, as are elephant seals, fur seals, Antarctic minke whales, and orcas. Depending on which sites you will be lucky enough to visit, you may get the chance to observe them and share with them the beauty of these extreme parts. Each day, based on ice conditions, the Captain and the Expedition Leader will suggest zodiac outings or landings to discover the infinite riches of the Antarctic Peninsula. Glaciers, ice floe, tabletop icebergs, mountain peaks that plunge straight into the sea, volcanic beaches, research stations, enchanting bays, and vestiges of the whaling industry: these are the faces of the Antarctic that will likely reveal themselves to you, in a hushed and surreal atmosphere. You will sail in the wake of Jean-Baptiste Charcot, Adrien de Gerlache and Sir Ernest Shackleton, great Antarctic explorers who, from the 19th century, set out to conquer these remote and uninhabited lands.



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DAY 18: At Sea

If there is one place, one sea, one waterway dreaded by tourists, researchers and hardened seafarers alike, it is undoubtedly Drake Passage. Situated at the latitude of the infamous Furious Fifties winds, between Cape Horn and the South Shetland Islands, it is the shortest route to connect Antarctica to South America. Seasoned navigators will tell you that you must earn your visit to the White Continent! As the Antarctic convergence zone where cold currents rising up from the South Pole meet warmer equatorial water masses, Drake Passage harbours a very diverse marine fauna. Don't forget to look to the sky to catch a glimpse of elegant albatross and Cape petrels, playfully floating about in the wind around your ship.



DAY 19: Disembarkation

After an extensive journey in Antarctica, say your goodbyes to the crew and fellow travelers as you disembark in Ushuaia. From there, you'll be met at the port and transferred to the airport in time for onward included charter flight from Ushuaia to Buenos Aires (Approximate flight duration is 3 and a half hours). Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Hotel & Cabin On board a Ship

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Inclusions	**INCLUSIONS** Cabin accommodation whilst on board Le Boreal 1-night hotel accommodation the night before embarkation Arrival Shuttle Transfer from Airport to Hotel in Buenos Aires Group Transfer from Hotel to Airport on Day of Embarkation Return flights from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia in economy class Group Arrival & Departure Transfers in Ushuaia All meals whilst on board Open bar (no premium brands) Mini bar in your stateroom (Champagne additional fee) Scheduled landings and excursions, conditions permitting Guiding and lectures by expedition team Complimentary Polar expedition jacket Free use of rubber boots for shore excursions All port taxes Comprehensive pre and post voyage informational material Free WIFI **EXCLUSIONS** Airfares other than specified Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel Insurance Personal expenses such as laundry Gratuities for the crew (recommend US$15 per person per day) Optional Activities not mentioned in itinerary
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request. A supplement surcharge may apply and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.

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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. An arrival transfer will be provided on arrival in Buenos Aires if arriving as part of the pre-cruise package the day before embarkation ONLY. Transfers are available from Ministro Pistarini International Airport (EZE) or Aeroparque Jorge Newbery (AEP) and will take you to the pre-departure hotel. 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 and availability.

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