

ANTARCTICA - CROSSING THE ANTARCTIC CIRCLE | OCEAN ALBATROS



TRIP CODE
ACPLCOAC
DEPARTURE
22/12/2026
DURATION
14 Days
LOCATIONS
Antarctic Circle, Antarctic Peninsula, Antarctica

INTRODUCTION

Embark on the ultimate adventure as we navigate the Drake Passage and Antarctic Peninsula, aiming to be among the few who cross the Antarctic Circle. As we travel further south, we'll encounter increasingly dramatic sea ice, remarkable wildlife, and breathtaking landscapes. If we reach 66°33'S, we'll join an exclusive group of explorers who have journeyed this far, marking the achievement with a celebration!



ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival & Explore 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.



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!



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DAY 3: Crossing The 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: South Shetland Islands

Over time, the volcanic activity of the South Shetland Islands has created a geology unlike any other. Here, you can expect a spectacular display of mountains, glaciers, and wildlife including Chinstrap and Gentoo penguins; and it's not uncommon to share the water's edge with Elephant and Fur seals. Whales are often spotted as well. So, we'll settle into our Zodiacs and kayaks, and spend most of our day exploring. Whether on land or sea, in zodiac or kayak, be prepared for a fully immersive introduction to this incomparable part of the world.



DAY 6: Antarctic Circle - Day 6 to 8

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 ice sculptures. Should Antarctica's unpredictable weather and ice permit, you will be among the lucky few to cross the Antarctic Circle, where the sun remains in the sky for 20 hours a day. Following a tradition first established by sailors crossing the equator, we'll celebrate the occasion by... (Sorry, you just have to be there), 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 9: Antarctic Peninsula - Day 9 to 11

Heading north into warmer climes, we'll see less sea ice and more open channels, offering access to islands where we can anticipate any number of wildlife sightings, which could include a variety of seal species, as well as penguin rookeries where the locals will be taking advantage of the rocky shore to build their nesting sites. You can anticipate more whale sightings, as well, as Humpbacks feast on the plentiful krill in these warmer waters. As always, we will seek out opportunities to stop at several active scientific bases and historic landing sites along the way, as we leave no opportunity unseized-upon in our quest to explore the very best of this magical place.



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DAY 12: Drake Passage - Day 12 & 13

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 and a final meal together.



DAY 14: 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.



INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin On Board Ship & Hotel
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Group 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)
 1 night pre night cruise accommodation in Ushuaia including breakfast
 Transfer from Ushuaia hotel accommodation to the ship for embarkation
 Accommodation onboard the Ocean Albatros in booked cabin category
 All meals onboard the Ocean Albatros
 "Welcome" and "Farewell" receptions with sparkling wine and soft drinks
 Beer, wine and soft drinks with lunch and dinner onboard the ship; 24/7 tea, coffee & hot cocoa
 500MB WiFi card for use on your personal devices
 Exclusive MCKEON down Inner jacket to keep & outer Shackleton Expedition Jackets will be on loan
 Use of rubber boots on loan for excursions
 All scheduled landings and excursions
 Snowshoes for use during landings (subject to availability)
 Citizen Science program
 Photography Coach available throughout the voyage
 Participation in the Polar Plunge
 Access to onboard medical clinics
 Access to onboard fitness centres
 All port taxes and landing fees
 Digital Voyage Log
 Group transfer to Ushuaia airport or city centre on return to port

Inclusions

INCLUDED ON BALCONY SUITE (A) AND ABOVE

Wine and fruit on arrival
 In-room mini-bar refilled once daily with non-alcoholic beverages
 Complimentary laundry service
 In-room espresso machine

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, except as listed in inclusions
 Gratuities for Expedition team and crew (recommended US\$20 per person per day)
 For minors under 16 years of age at time of travel; life jackets, waterproof outer shell jacket, and boots
 For guests who require larger sizing; Waterproof outer shell jacket and rubber boots

Difficulty Rating

2 (Light Adventure)

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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.
Price Dependent upon	Departure Date, Fuel Surcharges, Cabin Category, Currency Fluctuations, Seasonality & Availability.

SUSTAINABILITY

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