

ANTARCTICA - WEDDELL SEA BASECAMP | HONDIUS



INTRODUCTION

Experience the abundant wildlife in the Weddell Sea of Antarctica, one of the most untouched destinations on the planet, onboard this Explorer Basecamp cruise. See tabular icebergs, amazing scenery, and important historical landmarks frozen in time and ice. Take advantage of the included activities such as hiking, snowshoeing, kayaking, mountaineering, and camping under the Southern Polar sky. The biodiversity of these iconic animals, such as penguins, seabirds, seals, and whales will be highlights. Visits to possible stops include the Antarctic Sound, also referred to as "Iceberg Alley," Brown Bluff for its beautiful scenery, Herbert Sound's visually striking geological striations, Devil Island's expansive views, Erebus and Terror Gulf's provide new chances for you to embrace the spirit of exploration in this remote ecosystem, that will have your imagination wandering as well as photo opportunities to last you forever


PLEASE NOTE: During our 'Basecamp' departures all offered activities (including camping, kayaking, hiking, mountaineering, photo workshops) are free of charge.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrive Ushuaia & Embarkation

Your voyage begins where the world drops off. Ushuaia, Argentina, reputed to be the southernmost city on the planet, is located on the far southern tip of South America. Starting in the afternoon, you embark from this small resort town on Tierra del Fuego, nicknamed "The End of the World," and sail the mountain-fringed Beagle Channel for the remainder of the evening.



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DEPARTURE
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DURATION
13 Days
LOCATIONS
Antarctic Peninsula, Weddell Sea & Antarctica


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DAY 2: Crossing the Drake Passage - Day 2 & 3

Over the next two days on the Drake Passage, we enjoy some of the same experiences encountered by the great polar explorers who first charted these regions: cool salt breezes, rolling seas, maybe even a fin whale spouting sea spray. After passing the Antarctic Convergence - Antarctica's natural boundary, formed when north-flowing cold waters collide with warmer sub-Antarctic seas - you are in the circum-Antarctic upwelling zone. Not only does the marine life change, the avian life changes too. Wandering albatrosses, grey-headed albatrosses, black-browed albatrosses, light-mantled sooty albatrosses, cape petrels, southern fulmars, Wilson's storm petrels, blue petrels, and Antarctic petrels are a few of the birds you might see.



DAY 4: Exploring the Weddell Sea - Day 4 to 10

The great Weddell Sea features massive tabular icebergs, wildly dramatic landscapes, and fascinating historical sites. It is also one of the best places in Antarctica for viewing iconic wildlife like whales, seals, and rarely seen seabirds. We may visit the following locations, depending on local conditions: Antarctic Sound - Antarctic Sound is nicknamed "Iceberg Alley," as we often see enormous tabular icebergs here. Brown Bluff - Possibly the most scenic location in the northern Antarctic Continent, Brown Bluff is characterized by sheer canyon walls, fallen boulders, and beautiful volcanic creations capped with ice. Herbert Sound - We will focus our attention on the visually impressive areas of Naze Peninsula and Comb Ridge. Devil Island - This island offers a magnificent vantage point for hikers willing to foot it to the top of the hill. Melting ice sometimes forms a waterfall dropping from the cliffs close to Cape Well-met. Erebus and Terror Gulf - Here we look for new activity opportunities and may visit Vega Island, experiencing the wilderness of Antarctica in its most remote places.



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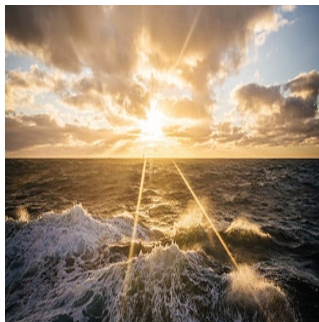
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DAY 11: Crossing the Drake Passage - Day 11 & 12


Our return voyage is far from lonely. While crossing the Drake, we're again greeted by the vast array of seabirds remembered from the passage south. But they seem a little more familiar to us now, and us to them.



DAY 13: Disembark in Ushuaia

Even great adventures must eventually come to an end. It's now time to disembark in Ushuaia with memories that will accompany you wherever your next journey lies.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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Cabin Accommodation on board MV Hondius
 All meals throughout the voyage aboard the ship including snacks, coffee and tea
 All shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage by Zodiac
 Program of lectures by noted naturalists and leadership by experienced expedition staff
 Free use of rubber boots and snowshoes
 Group departure transfers in Ushuaia (directly after disembarkation)
 All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the programme
 Comprehensive pre-departure material
 Access to 1.5 GB of free internet connectivity per person, which resets every 24 hours. Supplementary vouchers available to purchase onboard. Subject to satellite coverage

Inclusions

EXCLUSIONS

Airfares to/from disembarkation city
 Visa & passport fees (if applicable)
 Travel insurance
 Beverages (other than tea & coffee)
 Meals ashore
 Personal expenses such as laundry & bar
 Gratuities for the crew (guidelines will be provided)
 Pre and post land arrangements
 Government arrival or departure taxes (if applicable)
 Additional optional activities
 A fuel surcharge may be applied to all bookings

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

Single Surcharge

Available upon request. Please contact us for more details. No single supplement will apply if willing to share in selected cabins.

Notes

Prices are based on per person, and may be based on quad/triple/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.

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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