SOUTH AMERICA - CHILE & PERU: VOYAGE THROUGH THE HUMBOLDT CURRENT | DISCOVERER



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DEPARTURE
28/03/2027
DURATION
10 Days
LOCATIONS
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INTRODUCTION

Sailing from Chile toward Peru, follows the Humboldt Current north along the coast, focusing on wildlife encounters, coastal ecology and significant cultural sites rather than long days at sea. The Humboldt Current, known for being one of the world's most productive ocean currents, its rich marine life and distinctive desertâ□□meetsâ□□ocean geography give incredible opportunities to observe penguins, other diverse birdlife with some seabirds in large colonies, sea lions, playful dolphins, whales and more biodiversity supported by this unique ecosystem. Landings may include visits to small ports, research areas, or protected reserves where naturalists highlight regional conservation efforts.

Landings and shore excursions to this rugged coastal desert landscape, incorporates time in select ports and coastal communities where you are introduced to local traditions, regional history, fisheries and archaeological heritage shaped by this unique environment. Overall the itinerary balances scientific insight with accessible exploration, giving special moments for wildlife viewing, photography, guided walks and cultural interpretation for a wellâ□□rounded regional overview of how the Humboldt Current shapes life along this stretch of South America.

ITINERARY

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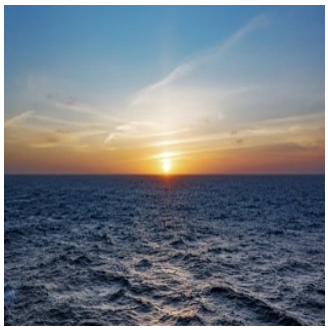
DAY 1: Valparaíso, Chile, Embarkation

'Vibrant' barely captures this incredible city, Chile's main port, where thousands of colourful houses are draped across the rolling hills, linked by the city's famous funicular elevators. After embarking the vessel in the afternoon and completing the required safety briefings and drills, join your fellow explorers on the outer decks and toast your expedition as we sail out from the colourful hills of Valpo (as the locals call it)! Valparaiso Port is located 110km (68 miles) from Santiago International Airport. The drive typically takes around 1.5 hours depending on traffic conditions. The following embarkation transfers are included: *Santiago International Airport to the port of Valparaiso and the ship. Flight details need to be provided at least 14 days prior to departure. Your flight must arrive into Santiago no later that 10am to allow sufficient time for transfer and embarkation. *From the meeting point in Valparaiso to the Port of Valparaiso and the ship



DAY 2: At sea, en route to Isla Pan de Azúcar

Days at sea are never dull – sailing up the Pacific Coast of Chile, we follow the chilly Humboldt Current, which originates in Antarctica, and brings exceptional productivity to this section of coast. As such, a plethora of seabirds, whales, and other marine life are common in the area – so while you relax and indulge during a relaxing day at sea, ensure you have your binoculars by your side!



DAY 3: Isla Pan de Azúcar

On the third day of our expedition, we arrive at the coast of Isla Pan de Azúcar ('Sugarloaf Island') – a dry desert island a few kilometers off the Chilean coast. Protected as a national park, the island is a haven for flora and fauna. Cacti cling to the barren rocks, competing for space with the squabbling sealions, squawking seabirds, and stripy Humboldt penguins, which nest on the island. Join expert local guides on the water to explore this remarkable island – a natural paradise in the desert!



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DAY 4: Antofagasta

The largest city in northern Chile, Antofagasta, lies in the foothills of the Andes, and prospers on the export of copper, lithium, and other riches of the mountains. From there, we'll travel to the Atacama – Earth's driest desert, most of which has never recorded any rainfall, for a full-day excursion led by expert local guides to explore this breathtaking region, a desert which brims with beauty, wildlife, and vibrant culture.



DAY 5: At sea, en route to Arica

During your day at sea, take advantage of the educational program offered by our knowledgeable Expedition Team. Discover new knowledge about this fascinating region during expertly crafted lectures, join the Team on the outer decks to watch for marine wildlife, or indulge in a relaxing spa treatment. Or for maximum relaxation, simply soak up the sun from the vessel's hot tubs as we sail to Arica.



DAY 6: Arica

Although a stone's throw from the Peruvian border, and once part of Bolivian territory, the city of Arica is as Chilean as it gets! Known as the 'City of Eternal Spring' for its balmy climate, the history of the city stretches far beyond the Chilean state and back into antiquity, to the Inca Empire (toppled by Spanish conquistadors), and a huge variety of other ancient cultures. Indeed, the oldest known archaeological sites in Chile are all found nearby, including the spellbinding Chinchorro Mummies, which predate those of Egypt by more than two thousand years. Join a shore excursion through this ancient land to learn more about its fascinating history, the legacy of which still pervades the city today.



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DAY 7: Matarani

Matarani is a small port city in southern Peru – the gateway to Arequipa, the White City. Join a shore excursion led by expert local guides to explore this Andean gem! Surrounded by three brooding volcanoes, Arequipa is a feast for the senses. Colorful, patterned fabrics flutter from every doorway, rambling verandas run along every upper floor, and vibrant flowers perfume the air. Experience the many highlights of this shining city: from the beautiful colonial-era Plaza de Armas, to a delicious Peruvian lunch, to the spellbinding Santa Catalina Monastery, and to breathtaking views over the city and the surrounding volcanoes.



DAY 8: At sea, en route to Paracas

Enjoy a relaxing day at sea, soak up the enthusiasm for learning from your Expedition Team, and prepare yourself for tomorrow's adventures in Paracas, Peru's beachfront paradise.



DAY 9: Paracas

On the final full day of our expedition, we arrive at the laid-back beachfront town of Paracas, one of Peru's premier destinations. This vibrant resort town has everything you could hope for from the Pacific coast – expect to see happy families strolling, and surfers catching the waves offshore. Take a stroll along the beachfront and enjoy delicious local delicacies such as fresh ceviche and crunchy chicharrón, washed down with a pisco sour, distilled just a few miles away. Scratch the surface, however, and Paracas has so much more to offer! Just offshore lie the world-famous Ballestas Islands, wildlife paradises often compared to the Galapagos, and slightly to the south lie the legendary Nazca Lines, ancient geoglyphs which have been the subject of scientific and spiritual debate for centuries.



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DAY 10: Disembarkation in Lima

On the pacific coast of Peru lies Callao, the port of the great city of Lima, capital of Peru, and easily one of South America's largest and most thrilling cities. From incredible gastronomy to historical sites and a vibrant mix of global cultures, Lima is like nowhere else on the continent. After a fond farewell to Expedition Team and Crew of the Discoverer, alight in this dynamic city ready to explore, or ready to head home with memories of the expedition of a lifetime. On the morning of disembarkation, we provide transfers for you and your luggage from the ship to one of the following: * Downtown Lima * Lima International Airport We recommend booking a flight departing after 12:00 pm to allow sufficient time for disembarkation and transfer.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin on board ship

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Inclusions

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Accommodation onboard the Discoverer in booked cabin category
All meals onboard the Discoverer including snacks
Beer & soft drinks with lunch; beer, wine & soft drinks with dinner as well as 24/7 tea, coffee & hot cocoa
1GB WiFi card for use on your personal devices (additional can be purchased for a fee)
Onboard lecture program from Expeditions Team and Naturalist Guides.
All scheduled shore excursions and Zodiac cruising (except paid adventure options with cost)
Citizen Science program
Photography Coach available throughout the voyage
Use of onboard gym, sauna, pool and jacuzzi
Access to onboard medical clinics
Access to onboard fitness centres
All port taxes and landing fees
Digital Voyage Log
Group Transfers between Airport/City and Port for embarkation and disembraktion

INCLUDED ON ALL SUITES
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 & beverages 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
Onboard communication charges, such as outgoing phone calls or WiFi, not listed under inclusions
Medical care or emergency evacuation
Laundry and communication charges on board
Gratuities for Expedition team and crew
For minors under 16 years of age at time of travel; life jackets.

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 cabins) Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions and government regulations. 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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SUSTAINABILITY

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