

ANTARCTICA EXPEDITION CRUISE

Aboard the M/V Antarctic Dream



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Itinerary Overview

Voyage to Antarctica for 11 days aboard the M/V Antarctic Dream one of the newest ice-strengthened expedition ships designed specifically for Antarctic exploration and totally refurbished to add the comfort and amenities of a small cruise ship. This is a true expedition experience, in the spirit of the early explorers, with multiple landings in the most pristine and impressive wildlife habitats amongst thousands of penguins, sea lions, and other marine and terrestrial animals amidst this spectacular beauty of the White Continent. There are even opportunities to kayak or camp! Prior to departing for the Antarctic, explore Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world and spend a full day hiking and paddling in Tierra del Fuego National Park.

DAY	OVERNIGHT	Hotels	MEALS	Highlights
1	BUENOS AIRES	Moreno Hotel		Arrival into Buenos Aires
2	USHUAIA	Hosteria los Fuegos	B	Fly to Ushuaia, afternoon city tour and hiking
3	USHUAIA	Hosteria los Fuegos	BL	Hiking and kayaking in Tierra del Fuego National Park
4	DRAKE PASSAGE	M/V Antarctic Dream	BD	Free morning, embarkation and departure for Drake Psg
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7	AITCHO ISLAND	M/V Antarctic Dream	BLD	First land excursion on Antarctic continent
8	ANTARCTIC PENINSULA & NEKO BAY	M/V Antarctic Dream	BLD	Neko Bay exploration and land excursions.
9	PARADISE BAY & CUVERVILLE ISLAND	M/V Antarctic Dream	BLD	Paradise Bay via zodiac, Gentoo penguins
10	PLENEAU & PETERMANN ISLAND	M/V Antarctic Dream	BLD	Gentoo and Adelei penguins, ice formations
11	DECEPTION ISLAND, WHALER'S BAY & PENDULUM COVE	M/V Antarctic Dream	BLD	Antarctic swimming, Chinstrap and Gentoo penguins and marine life
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14	BUENOS AIRES	Moreno Hotel	B	Arrival in Ushuaia and flight to Buenos Aires
15	DEPARTURE		B	Optional city tour

Itinerary in Detail

DAY 1: BUENOS AIRES

Buenos Aires airport reception and transfer to at the **Moreno Hotel**.

DAY 2: USHUAIA

Fly south over the rugged Patagonian landscape to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Sitting on the shores of the Beagle Channel, Ushuaia actually means 'the bay facing westward' in the language of the original Yamna inhabitants. Once a penal colony (the presidio was disbanded in the 1940s) for political prisoners as well as hardened criminals, Ushuaia is now a major tourist attraction, particularly for those embarking on an Antarctica expedition. The town of 40,000 is also a major ski resort area for both alpine and cross-country skiers and offers magnificent hiking in Tierra del Fuego National Park, the only coastal national park in Argentina.



After arrival and transfer to the hotel, in the afternoon embark on an active exploration of the city. The hike starts in the El Mirador del Beagle area, a neighborhood located in the highest point of the city and an example of the development of the city in recent years. The trail takes you along the edge of the forest, featuring amazing views of the many landmarks which played a part in Ushuaia's interesting sea-faring history. Overnight at **Hosteria Los Fuegos**. [B]



DAY 3: USHUAIA - TIERRA DEL FUEGO NATIONAL PARK

Today is a full day exploration of the famed Tierra del Fuego National Park. Upon arrival in the park, we start a 7 km trek (3.5 hours) to a wonderful scenic point overlooking Lake Roca, Lagunas Verde and Negra, Rivers Ovando and Lapataia and Bahía Lapataia. Hiking through this beech forest keep your eyes peeled for the incredible birdlife including the Magellanic woodpecker (the largest in South America), Austral parakeets, black-chested buzzard eagles and Andean Condors. After lunch, embark on an easy, downstream kayak trip in the crystal-clear, quiet waters of the Ovando River, and into Green Lake, one of the most beautiful places in the park. Approaching our final destination at Lapataia Bay, you may encounter sea birds flying over, looking curiously at us: sea petrels, albatross, and steamer ducks, among others. At the end of the day, take in the gorgeous southern sunset at the end of the world. Overnight at **Hosteria Los Fuegos**. [BL]

DAY 4: DRAKE PASSAGE

Enjoy a free morning and early afternoon to explore Ushuaia on your own. Transfer to pier in afternoon for embarkation. Check-in with the *M/V Antarctic Dream* begins at 4:00PM where you will be greeted by the Expedition Leader and staff and shown to your cabin. Overnight aboard the **M/V Antarctic Dream**. [BD]

DAY 5 & 6: DRAKE PASSAGE

Wandering albatrosses, storm petrels and other seabirds will escort our vessel as sailing south across this famous 400 mile passage named after Sir Francis Drake, the 16th-century English navigator. The ship continues towards the Antarctic Convergence, a biological barrier where cold polar waters sink beneath

the warmer waters of the more temperate zone creating a zone of upwelling known for its concentration and abundance of seabird, whales and other marine life. Late in the afternoon on day six you will sight land. These are the South Shetland Islands, a haven for wildlife including fur seals, penguin rookeries, and wallowing elephant seals. In 1819, the British explorer William Smith described the South Shetland Islands as “barren and covered with snow, with seals in abundance.” Overnight aboard the **M/V Antarctic Dream. [BLD]**



DAY 7: AITCHO ISLAND

You've traveled to the ends of the earth to set foot on the "Great White Continent" and today is the day! This afternoon, step ashore on Aitcho Island, the largest of the Shetland Islands. After the land excursion, the boat will cross the Bransfield and Gerlache Straits to Neko Bay. Overnight aboard the **M/V Antarctic Dream. [BLD]**

DAY 8: ANTARCTIC PENINSULA & NEKO BAY

Besides the magnificent scenery of mountains, snow and ice, in Antarctica you can expect to see a wide variety of the native wildlife. Other birds to look out for are blue-eyed shags, gulls, cape petrels, skuas, snowy sheathbills and Antarctic terns. Marine mammals that you are likely to see include Weddell crab-eaters and leopard seals, while orcas, humpback and mink whales may be spotted at close range.

Neko Bay was discovered by Adrian de Gerlache, a Belgian explorer. Port Lockroy is close to Wiencke Island in the Antarctic Peninsula and was the main base of the 1944 Tabarin Operation - the scientific research included the Antarctic's first ionosphere measurements and also the first recording of an atmospheric whistle. Overnight aboard the **M/V Antarctic Dream. [BLD]**

DAY 9: PARADISE BAY & CUVERVILLE ISLAND

This morning, weather permitting, disembark and explore Paradise Bay via zodiaks. In the evening you'll visit Cuverville Island home to one of the largest colonies of Gentoo penguins and skuas and dramatic scenery. Overnight aboard the **M/V Antarctic Dream. [BLD]**



DAY 10: PLENEAU & PETERMANN ISLAND

Today, you'll sail south through the narrow Lemaire Channel, visiting Petermann Island which is the most southern land point of the expedition. You'll have the opportunity to disembark and walk amongst the southernmost colony of Gentoo penguins which nest near the landing spot. On this island you can see a colony of beautiful Adelei penguins, skuas and blue-eyed shags as well. Continuing on to Pleneau Bay, you'll have the opportunity to visit impressive ice formation via zodiac. Overnight aboard the **M/V Antarctic Dream. [BLD]**

DAY 11: DECEPTION ISLAND, WHALER'S BAY & PENDULUM COVE

The adventure continues sailing toward Deception Island, the largest active volcano in the area at the northwest side of the Peninsula. During the morning, weather permitting, you can disembark in Whaler's Bay and Pendulum Cove to experience the unique experience of swimming Antarctic water! In the afternoon, disembark at Hannah Point (Livingstone Island). This is one of the best places in the Antarctic to see fauna and you should see Chinstrap and Gentoo penguins, giant petrels, Wilson petrels, skuas and blue-eyed shags and with luck, sea elephants. Overnight aboard the **M/V Antarctic Dream. [BLD]**

DAY 12 & 13: DRAKE PASSAGE

Today, we will leave Antarctica and head north back across the Drake Passage. Now is the chance to compare and revise notes and dwell on the adventures of the past week, to take in the final lectures and to enjoy the delicious cuisine on board as you return to Ushuaia. Overnight aboard the **M/V Antarctic Dream. [BLD]**

DAY 14: DISEMBARK IN USHUAIA & BUENOS AIRES

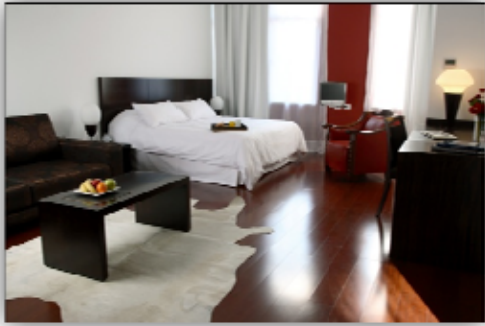
After an early breakfast, arrival in Ushuaia is around 9:00AM. Thus ends an incredible and unique expedition. You'll be met at the dock and transferred to the airport for your afternoon flight to Buenos Aires. Upon arrival, transfer for overnight at **Moreno Hotel. [B]**

DAY 15: BUENOS AIRES & DEPARTURE

Spend the morning and early afternoon exploring one of the most atmospheric cities in South America - Buenos Aires. Options include are historical sites such as the Barrio Norte with its splendid old homes; San Telmo where the artist and musicians live and work; La Boca, a neighborhood of brightly painted Italian family homes and restaurants; and the Avenida 9 de Julio with its towering obelisk as much a symbol to Buenos Aires as the Eiffel Tower is to Paris. In addition to the standard tour, we have developed a special city tour called "The Four Balconies of Buenos Aires" in which a local guide uses four parks and plazas to introduce visitors to the city, its history, its style, and the peculiar psychology of the Porteno (inhabitant of Buenos Aires). On your own free time you may also take in a tango show or visit some of the more than 150 art galleries and museums. In the evening, transfer to airport for your international flight home.

Actual routes and activities may vary. Local trip coordinators reserve the right to change accommodations to similar quality alternatives.

Accommodations



HOTEL MORENO

A landmark art deco building restored into a posh playground, Moreno perfectly captures the city's vibe and its brilliant reflection of haute bohemian heritage. Unique features include the 130 lounge seat on-site theater hosting live tango and music performances by renowned local and international artists, a dazzling bar and restaurant heart of Buenos Aires nightlife and 39 unusually large bedroom lofts.



HOSTERIA LOS FUEGOS

Nestled in a Lenga forest on the edge of the Olivia River, Hosteria Los Fuegos is an intimate and welcoming lodge. Each en suite guest room features hand-hewn wood furniture and luxurious linens. The restaurant offers delicious regional cuisine and tea and pastries are served at 5 pm daily. A large living room is the perfect place to relax with a glass of wine or catch up on your travel journal.

The M/V Antarctic Dream



M/V Antarctic Dream is an expedition vessel with ice strengthened hull, built specifically for Antarctica exploration and totally refurbished to add the comfort of a small cruise ship. This vessel allows a true expedition experience, in the spirit of the early explorers, with multiple landings in the most unique and marvelous settings of Antarctica. It has a capacity of 80 passengers, in 40 double cabins, all equipped with private bathroom, closed circuit TV, individual central heatin and with exterior views. Our ample dining room with its large windows looking out on the scenery can seat all passengers in one sitting (and it serves as a comfortable lounge between mealtimes). Breakfast and lunches are with a wide assortment of dishes. Dinner is more formal with full multicourse service by our professional Chilean wait staff. The cuisine is international with an appealing mix of famed Chilean fish and shellfish along with world famous Argentine meats. And naturally both lunch and dinner are accompanied by complimentary Chilean wines. In the free time between landings, lectures and dinning, passengers can browse our small library, work out in our fitness room or hang out in our cozy pub. Our on board style is always casual. Finally there is the fascination of getting to know like-minded people from many countries around the world. Our sailings typically include at least 10 nationalities.

DEPARTURE DATES

October 29-November 12, 2011
November 8-22, 2011
November 18-December 2, 2011
November 28 - December 12, 2011
December 8 – 22, 2011
February 2 – 16, 2012 *(High Season)
Feb 12 – 26, 2012 *(High Season)
Feb 22 – March 7, 2012
March 3 – 17, 2012

PRICING: (BASED UPON 2 PEOPLE TRAVELING. CALL FOR GROUP RATES.)

LAND COST PER PERSON	CAPE HORN CABIN	PILOTO PARDO CABIN	SHACKLETON CABIN	AMUNDSEN CABIN
Shoulder Season	\$12,995	\$11,995	\$9,795	\$8,450
High Season	\$15,750	\$14,450	\$11,750	\$9,995
Internal airfare*	\$525	\$525	\$525	\$525

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Single supplement is the additional cost of a single traveler not sharing a room in double occupancy. If you request single accommodations you will be charged the single supplement, which is 1.7x the rate for double occupancy to guarantee a single room. If you are willing to share a room we will attempt to match you with another traveler of the same gender, in which case the single supplement will be waived. However, if we are unable to find another traveler with whom you can share a room in most cases you will be charged the single supplement.

INCLUDED SERVICES

- Local airfare: Buenos Aires – Ushuaia Roundtrip (listed as separate cost)
- Hotel and boat accommodations as indicated
- English-speaking naturalist guides
- Guided tours and excursions
- Airport-hotel transfers and land transportation
- Meals as specified [B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner]
- Services of in-bound land operator for airline reconfirmation, and tour operations
- Wildland Adventures' travel consultation and pre-departure services.

NOT INCLUDED SERVICES

- International airfare
- Airport taxes (\$140 reciprocity fee arriving Argentina, \$6.50 from Ushuaia, \$29 upon international departure, may already be included in ticket cost). Airport taxes can be paid in Argentine Pesos or USD cash, or by debit card.
- Tips and gratuities
- Drinks, alcoholic beverages, and meals other than listed above
- Personal expenses for extra services, optional activities, or changes in your itinerary for reasons beyond our control
- Travel insurance for trip cancellation, medical services, or evacuation
- Any other items not mentioned above

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