



Antarctic Expeditions

Antarctic Expedition Cruise Including Buenos Aires stopover

16 days / 15 nights
from **\$7949***
per person twin share

Includes
Airfares
ex Australia
& 30 meals

Departs Sydney: 08 Nov; 17 & 29 Dec 2012;
06 & 15 Jan; 03, 13 & 22 Mar 2013

Enjoy a brief stopover in the cosmopolitan city of Buenos Aires before setting off on your Antarctic Expedition Cruise. "The Ushuaia" accommodates a maximum of 84 passengers in 41 comfortable twin cabins and suites. The ice-strengthened polar vessel is equipped with inflatable landing craft ensuring superb landings and wildlife viewing opportunities on the otherwise inaccessible coastline. Onboard is a specialist team of international expedition leaders and lecturers, all extremely knowledgeable, enthusiastic, helpful and dedicated to the protection of the environment.

The Antarctic Peninsula's remarkable history will provide you with a type of excitement often only associated with the early explorers. You will have plenty of time to explore its' amazing scenery, a pristine wilderness of snow, ice, mountains and waterways, and an incredible wide variety of wildlife. Apart from penguins and seabirds you are very likely to see Weddell, crabeater and leopard seals as well as Minke, killer (orca) and humpback whales at close range. Enjoy your Antarctic Expedition on board The Ushuaia, originally built for the United States agency NOAA (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration).

Itinerary

Day 1: Fly from Australia to Buenos Aires and transfer to the hotel. (B)
Accommodation: Hotel 725, Buenos Aires – 2 nights

Day 2: Buenos Aires. Morning half day city tour of Buenos Aires. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Buenos Aires – Ushuaia. Fly Buenos Aires to Ushuaia. Met and transferred from the airport to the hotel. Remaining of the day at leisure. (B)
Accommodation: Hotel Cliene Del Faro – 1 night

Day 4: Ushuaia. Transfer to the cruise terminal. Board "The Ushuaia", meet the expedition leader and lecture staff. Commence sailing along the famous Beagle Channel and the scenic Mackinlay Pass. (B,D)
Accommodation: The Ushuaia – 9 nights

Day 5-6: Crossing the Drake Passage. Named after the renowned explorer, Sir Francis Drake, who sailed these waters in 1578, the Drake Passage also marks the Antarctic Convergence, a biological barrier where cold polar water sinks beneath the warmer northing waters. The Drake Passage also marks the northing limit of many Antarctic seabirds. The Ushuaia's open bridge policy allows you to join the officers on the bridge and learn about navigation, watch for whales and enjoy the view. A full program of lectures will be offered as well. The first sightings of icebergs and snow-capped mountains indicate that you have reached the South Shetland Islands, a group of twenty islands and islets. With favourable conditions in the Drake Passage the lecturers and naturalists will accompany you ashore as you experience your first encounter with the penguins and seals on day 6. (B,L,D)

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Includes
All Antarctic shore Excursions



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Departs	Prices per person twin share ex Sydney			
	Twin		Single	
	Inside	Outside	Inside	Outside
08 Nov 2012	\$7949*	\$9299*	\$10,619*	\$12,639*
17 Dec 2012	\$11,699*	\$13,169*	\$15,279*	\$17,479*
29 Dec 2012	\$11,249*	\$12,699*	\$14,829*	\$16,999*
06 Jan 2013	\$10,999*	\$12,339*	\$14,319*	\$16,299*
15 Jan 2013	\$11,649*	\$13,119*	\$15,279*	\$17,479*
03 Mar 2013	\$8,699*	\$10,189*	\$11,659*	\$13,899*
13 & 22 Mar 2013	\$8179*	\$9529*	\$10,899*	\$12,899*

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Price Includes:

- Return economy class airfares from Sydney return to Buenos Aires with Lan Airlines. Return internal flight Buenos Aires to Ushuaia with Aerolineas.
- Accommodation, tours, meals and transfers as indicated in the itinerary.
- 9 nights Antarctic Expedition Cruise on board The Ushuaia – choice of cabin including all meals and all shore excursions, shared facilities.
- *Pre-paid airport taxes, cruise taxes and port charges. Subject to alteration until final payment has been received by our office.

Note:

- Ask about our companion register for single traveller.
- *Prices are correct at time of printing but are subject to availability, currency fluctuations, surcharges and are only guaranteed when paid in full.
- Contact Adventure Destinations for upgrade cabin categories and costs.
- Flexible itinerary, contact us to tailor make an itinerary to suit you.
- Inside Category C Cabin – Lower Deck, with semi private facilities, two berths upper & lower.
- Outside Category B Cabin – Outside Deck, with semi private facilities, upper & lower berths may apply.
- Semi-private facilities: Two cabins share one bathroom accessible from both cabins (shower and toilet). Each cabin is also equipped with its own washbasin.

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Day 7-10: Exploring South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula. The South Shetland Islands are a haven for wildlife. Vast penguin rookeries, beaches ruled by Antarctic fur seals and southern elephant seals make every day spent in this amazing island group unforgettable. Sailing through the narrow passage into the flooded caldera of Deception Island is truly amazing. Navigate through some of the most beautiful waterways (depending on the ice conditions): the Gerlache Strait, The Neumayer Channel, and the Lemaire Chanel, the latter are narrow passages between towering rock faces and spectacular glaciers.

Weather permitting there will be two landings per day, which may include: Paradise Bay, the most aptly named place in the world as you attempt a landing on the continent proper. After negotiating the iceberg-strew waters of the Antarctic Sound, we hope to visit the bustling Adelie Penguin (over 100,000 pairs breed here) and Blue-eyed Cormorant colonies on Paulet Island. The Nordenskjold expedition built a stone survival hut here in 1903. Today its ruins have been taken over by nesting penguins. Further exploration may take you to Melchoir Island, Cuverville Island, Portal Point, Neko Harbour, Peneau Island and if ice conditions permit, to Petermann Island for a visit to the southernmost colony of Gentoo Penguins. (B,L,D)

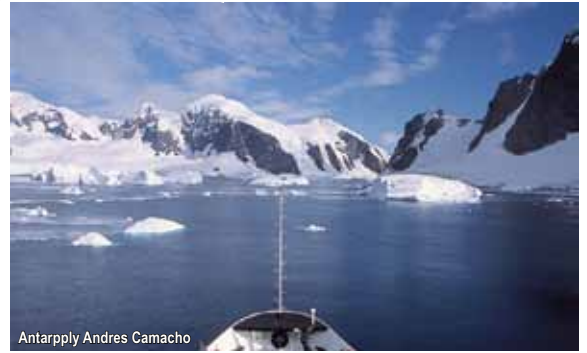
Day 11-12: At sea, Drake Passage crossing, northbound. Leave Antarctica and head north across the Drake Passage. Join lecturers and naturalists on deck and search for seabirds and whales. Final lectures will be conducted onboard. Take the chance to relax and reflect on the fascinating adventures of the past days on the way back to Ushuaia. (B,L,D)

Day 13: Arrive Ushuaia. Arrive and disembark the Ushuaia after breakfast. Met and transferred to Ushuaia Airport. Fly from Ushuaia to Buenos Aires. Met and transferred to the hotel. (B)
Accommodation: Hotel 725, Buenos Aires – 1 night.

Day 14: Transfer to Buenos Aires Airport. Fly to Sydney via Santiago. (B)

Day 15: Inflight. (B)

Day 16: Arrive Sydney.



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Zodiac shore excursions

Iguazu Falls Extension



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Day 15: Transfer to Buenos Airport. Fly to Iguazu Falls. Transfer to hotel. (B)

Accommodation: Hotel Cataratas – 3 nights.

Day 16: Half Day Brazilian Side of Iguazu Falls. (B)

Day 17: Full Day Iguazu Falls – Argentinean side. (B)

Day 18: Fly Iguazu to Sydney via Buenos Aires. (B)

Day 19: Arrive Sydney.

Prices per person	
	twin share
Iguazu Falls Extension	\$1,089*
Price Includes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return economy class airfares from Buenos Aires to Iguazu Falls with Aerolineas Argentinas • Accommodation, tours, meals and transfers as indicated in the itinerary. • *Pre paid airport taxes. Subject to alteration until final payment has been received by our office. 	
Note:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single prices available on request. • It may be necessary to have additional nights accommodation in Buenos Aires due to airline schedules and to connect with return flight to Sydney with Aerolineas Argentinas. Please contact our office for current schedules and final itinerary/costs for this add on option. 	



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