



Antarctic Expeditions

Antarctic Expedition Cruise

Including Buenos Aires stopover

16 days from **\$11,325***
per person twin share

Includes airfares ex Australia

Departs Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane & Adelaide: 01, 29 Nov; 08, 17, 26* Dec 2020; 05 Jan; 04 Feb; 04, 13*, 23 Mar 2021

- Small Expedition Cruise Ship
- Buenos Aires stopover
- All Shore Excursions included
- 30 Meals

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: Australia - Buenos Aires. Fly from Australia to Buenos Aires via Santiago. Transfer to the hotel.

Accommodation: Hotel 725 Continental, 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. Transfer to the airport. Fly Buenos Aires to Ushuaia. Transfer from the airport to the hotel. Remainder of the day at leisure. (B)

Accommodation: Hotel Clie Del Faro, Ushuaia - 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 or 10 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 northern 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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Departs	Prices per person twin share		Single	
	Standard	Standard Plus	Standard	Standard Plus
01 Nov 2020	\$11,325*	\$13,555*	\$16,175*	\$19,525*
29 Nov 2020	\$13,525*	\$16,125*	\$19,099*	\$22,975*
08, 17 Dec 2020	\$15,975*	\$18,525*	\$22,775*	\$26,575*
26 Dec 2020*	\$16,575*	\$19,375*	\$24,049*	\$28,275*
05 Jan, 04 Feb 2021	\$15,225*	\$17,775*	\$22,025*	\$25,825*
04, 23 Mar 2021	\$12,775*	\$15,375*	\$18,355*	\$22,249*
13 Mar 2021*	\$13,849*	\$16,725*	\$19,949*	\$24,275*

Price includes all pre-paid taxes

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Price Includes:

- Return economy class airfares from Australia to Buenos Aires with Lan Airlines. Return internal flight Buenos Aires to Ushuaia with Aerolineas Argentinas.
- Accommodation, tours, meals and transfers as indicated in itinerary.
- 9 nights (1, 29 Nov; 8, 17 Dec 2020; 5 Jan; 4 Feb; 4, 23 Mar 2021) or 10 nights (26 Dec 2020; 13 Mar 2021) Antarctic Expedition Cruise on board The Ushuaia - choice of cabin including all meals and all shore excursions, shared facilities (standard cabins).
- *Pre-paid airport taxes, cruise taxes and port charges. Subject to alteration until final payment has been received by our office.

Note:

- Standard - Outside cabins with portholes on deck E, semi-private facilities (two cabins share one bathroom accessible from both cabins (shower and toilet - each cabin is also equipped with its own washbasin) and three lower berths
- Standard Plus - Outside cabins with portholes or windows on deck E, private facilities, two berths (upper/lower).
- Semi-private facilities: Two cabins share one bathroom accessible from both cabins (shower and toilet). Each cabin is also equipped with its own washbasin.
- # Departures include an extra night on board the cruise (total tour is 17 Days / 16 Nights). Extra day will be spent exploring the south Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula.
- 30% non-refundable deposit payable on confirmation.
- Terms and Conditions Apply. Contact our office for details.
- Ask about our companion register.

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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 Channel, 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-strewed 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: Ushuaia - Buenos Aires. Arrive and disembark the Ushuaia after breakfast. Transfer to Ushuaia Airport. Fly from Ushuaia to Buenos Aires. Transfer to the hotel. (B)

Accommodation: Hotel 725 Continental, Buenos Aires - 1 night.

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

Day 15: Inflight.

Day 16: Arrive Australia.



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Zodiac shore excursions

Iguazu Falls Extension



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Day 14: Buenos Aires - Iguazu. Transfer to airport. Fly Buenos Aires to Iguazu Falls. Transfer to hotel. Half day tour of Brazilian side of Iguazu Falls.

Accommodation: Hotel La Aldea De La Selva Lodge, Iguazu - 2 nights

Day 15: Iguazu. Full day tour of Argentinean side of Iguazu Falls. (B)

Day 16: Iguazu to Australia. Transfer to airport. Fly Iguazu to Sydney via Buenos Aires and Santiago.

Day 17: Inflight.

Day 18: Arrive Australia.

	Prices per person	
	Twin	Single
Iguazu Falls Extension	from \$1399*	\$2199*

Price Includes:

- Return economy class airfares from Buenos Aires to Iguazu Falls with LAN Airlines.
- 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:

- It may be necessary to have additional nights accommodation in Buenos Aires due to airline schedules and to connect with return flight to Australia. Please contact our office for current schedules and final itinerary/costs for this add on option.



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