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Price Guide:

US\$6K to \$50K. Expedition to luxury.

When to Travel:

October-March. Within this period:
Oct-Nov is best to view courting Penguins, snow cover and pristine landscapes;
Dec-Jan Penguin eggs hatch, Humpbacks return and Ross Sea expeditions depart;
Feb-Mar best for Whale watching in the Peninsula, photography, Antarctic Circle crossings, last Ross Sea expedition sails.

Duration:

5 to 30 days. The 5-day itineraries involve flights from Punta Arenas, Chile to Antarctica. The average Antarctic Peninsula cruise is 11 days. To include South Georgia and the Falklands or to travel further south, choose a 19 day+ voyage. Ross Sea voyages are around 30 days from New Zealand. For semi circle navigation from NZ to Ushuaia or visa versa, allow 28 days.

When to Book:

As early as possible, some voyages are full 9 to 12 months in advance.

Pre-/Post- Cruise Options:

- Explore South America. Buenos Aires, is a popular choice and dubbed the Paris of the South
- Visit the Galápagos Islands or the Amazon
- Combine an Antarctic itinerary with a Patagonian land or cruise package

Other handy tips?

- Boots (to borrow) and jackets (to keep) may be included
- Stranger share options available on most ships to save on the single supplement



Scan for voyages



ANTARCTICA

Wild Earth Travel is the expert in Antarctic travel and that is not something that we say lightly as our expertise is the result of many years actively organising and leading expeditions to this enchanting region.

General Manager, Aaron Russ, has spent over two decades leading and organising voyages to the most remote corners of the globe, and having experienced first-hand the benefits of Antarctic expedition travel, he became convinced that it was perfectly suited to adventurous travellers. By working in partnership with a hand-picked collection of ships around the world, we have built a portfolio of unique, memorable experiences and a reputation for impartial advice and product knowledge that is second to none.

Our team have genuinely 'been there, done that' and can't wait to share their experiences and suggestions with you. We will tell you the best time of year to travel, places to see wildlife and equally importantly, we will ensure that you are aboard the best ship to suit your needs. We have access to over 50 expedition ships from small and bespoke to larger, more luxurious vessels.

WHERE TO VISIT

Antarctic Peninsula (below South America)

See huge tabular icebergs, Gentoo, Adélie or Chinstrap Penguins, Whales and marine life. Optional extras such as kayaking, snorkelling, snowshoeing and camping are available on some departures for more adventurous clients.

South Georgia & the Falkland Islands

Accessible from South America, our travellers never regret including these islands. See over 100,000 King Penguins on a single South Georgian beach, Elephant Seal colonies, and follow in Shackleton's footsteps. Spend time exploring the Falklands with its intriguing history and incredible wildlife colonies.

Ross Sea from New Zealand

Limited month-long departures visit the Ross Sea from New Zealand (January and February only) and feature visits to the Subantarctic Islands, as well as the Scott and Shackleton huts.



Wild Earth Travel is owned and operated by expedition leaders with over 20 years' experience voyaging, leading and creating expeditions all over the globe. While based in Christchurch, New Zealand, we have led expeditions, travelled extensively within and sent many happy travellers to Antarctica where we work with a range of operators to bring you the best of the region.

If you enjoy a more personal style of travel where you interact with smaller groups, discover more and engage with your fellow travellers, then our journeys and programs could be just the ticket for you! By travelling with Wild Earth Travel we guarantee that you will spend less time in queues and more time experiencing the unique destinations on the itinerary.

While you will find a selection of hand-picked journeys in this brochure, it is by no means everything we have on offer. With over 1,500 journeys available worldwide, If you don't find a program that suits your requirements, please check our website or contact us to start your adventure!

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Neil takes a selfie while zodiac cruising in the peninsula.



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OUR HIGHLIGHTS

These are some of the moments that stayed with us from Antarctica—highlights shaped by our own experiences on the ice and on the water.

Landings & Expert Guiding

Small-ship expedition cruising allows travellers to truly step into Antarctica, with multiple landings often scheduled each day to make the most of the long summer daylight. Guided by experienced polar experts, each excursion immerses you in wildlife-rich scenes, towering glaciers, and historic sites, offering insights into natural history, geology, and early explorers' feats. Unlike larger vessels that can only cruise past these remote destinations, small ships let you set foot ashore, getting closer to the action and capturing moments no camera can fully convey.

“Every landing is an adventure. Being on the ice, walking among penguins, and seeing these landscapes up close—it’s an experience that stays with you long after you leave,”
Tomasia, Reservations Specialist.



Tomasia penguin watching in Antarctica.



Kylie in South Georgia.

Ice-Sculpted Landscapes

Antarctica’s towering glaciers, jagged mountains, and cathedral-like icebergs create a constantly shifting polar canvas. Every day brings new light, colour, and scale, making each vista unforgettable. “I’ve always been drawn to remote, untouched places, but nothing compares to Antarctica. From the moment I set foot on the ice, I realised no preparation could match the awe of this frozen wilderness. The silence, the wildlife, and the sheer majesty of the landscape were life-changing,” says Business Development Manager, Neil, who travelled to the Antarctica Peninsula aboard *Sylvia Earle*.

Epic Wildlife

From vast penguin colonies to breaching humpback whales and stealthy leopard seals patrolling the ice, Antarctica delivers wildlife encounters on a scale few places on Earth can match. Daily Zodiac cruising and shore landings place you right alongside the action—often just metres away—while expert guides ensure every encounter is respectful, safe, and deeply enriching. “What surprised me most was how close everything felt—penguins walking past us, whales surfacing beside the zodiac, seals watching us as closely as we watched them. It was completely surreal,” says Reservations Expert, Kylie.




Aaron snaps a breaching whale.

Legendary Ross Sea

With direct voyages from New Zealand eliminating the need to travel via South America, the Ross Sea is increasingly popular with travellers from the region. Yet it still remains one of the most remote and fascinating places on Earth, boasting vast ice shelves, historic huts of early explorers, and an unparalleled sense of polar discovery. “Each voyage is always different—from the ever-changing dramatic landscapes and wildlife encounters to the rich history and scientific research—there’s always something new to learn,” says Aaron, General Manager, who has guided many expeditions to the Ross Sea aboard *Heritage Adventurer*.

South Georgia

South Georgia is a wildlife spectacle like nowhere else on Earth. Home to hundreds of thousands of king penguins, along with fur seals, elephant seals, and albatross, the island is as dramatic as it is abundant. Beyond its natural wonders, South Georgia is steeped in polar history—here you can visit historic sites connected to Sir Ernest Shackleton, including his final resting place at Grytviken. “Standing next to Shackleton’s grave, I felt the weight of history and the courage it took to explore these wild, unforgiving seas. It’s a humbling and unforgettable moment,” says Reservation Expert Kylie

 Watch: a presentation on Kylie’s trip

“Antarctica is full of surprises. From curious wildlife visiting your Zodiac to sudden calving glaciers, hidden coves, or rare encounters with leopard seals and seabirds, every day offers moments you never anticipated.”
Sarah, Partnerships Manager.



Sarah zodiac cruising in Paradise Bay.

The Thrill of the Drake

Crossing the Drake Passage is an adventure in itself. Depending on the weather, the waters can feel as calm as a ‘lake’ or as wild as a ‘shake’, offering a true taste of the powerful Southern Ocean. Along the way, keep watch for seabirds, whales, and the first icebergs as you approach the Antarctic Peninsula, where the continent’s grandeur begins to unfold. For those who prefer a gentler start, there’s always the option to fly the Drake and join your vessel directly in Antarctica.



ANTARCTIC SHIPS

Wild Earth Travel provides a small ship experience, allowing access to remote islands and narrow passages that larger vessels cannot reach. This allows for a more intimate exploration of Antarctica, including narrow channels, bays, and ice-filled waters that larger ships simply can't reach. You can visit more remote and pristine areas, offering a closer look at the unique landscapes, glaciers, and wildlife. Our small ships are also able to offer flexible itineraries, allowing for spontaneous stops to observe wildlife or explore interesting sights along the coast. You have the choice of over 35 ships from small expedition vessels to larger, more luxurious ships - please see right for a full list of our vessels and links to our website for more information. www.wildearth-travel.com



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35+
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90-250+
Passengers

Antarctic Peninsula

A journey to the Peninsula offers the quintessential Antarctic experience, featuring massive tabular icebergs, hillsides teeming with Gentoo, Adélie, and Chinstrap Penguins, sightings of Whales and abundant marine wildlife, and a scenic passage through the famed Lemaire Channel flanked by towering blue bergs. Sail aboard our luxuriously comfortable expedition ships with plenty of opportunities for landings and Zodiac cruises. This is the most popular destination within Antarctica, with options ranging from express fly/cruise itineraries to longer voyages that may include the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, or Patagonia. Several themed journeys are also available, including active adventures with kayaking, camping and snowshoeing, as well as photography-focused itineraries led by professional photographers.

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Antarctic Peninsula Experience

Expedition Map



Our most popular Antarctic itinerary with options on multiple ships.

Sample Itinerary at a Glance

DAY 1: Ushuaia. Begin your Antarctic adventure in Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Upon arrival, you'll be transferred to your hotel, where you'll stay for the night. Explore the vibrant port city, visit the Museo del Fin del Mundo, or enjoy outdoor activities like hiking in Tierra del Fuego National Park. Savour local Patagonian cuisine, including Fuegian seafood, at one of the many excellent restaurants.

DAY 2: Board your vessel. After breakfast, enjoy a free morning to explore Ushuaia's waterfront or shop for last-minute essentials. In the afternoon, board your vessel. Settle into your suite, meet the expedition team, and attend briefings to prepare for the journey ahead. Enjoy your first dinner on board as the ship sails through the scenic Beagle Channel.



DAYS 3 & 4: At Sea. The expedition begins with a crossing of the Drake Passage. Watch for Seabirds like Albatrosses and Petrels and spot marine life, including Humpback Whales. Attend lectures on Antarctic wildlife and history, and familiarise yourself with bio-security procedures. Anticipation builds as the ship approaches the South Shetland Islands.

DAYS 5 to 9: South Shetland Islands & Antarctic Peninsula. Experience the breathtaking beauty of Antarctica's icy wilderness. Explore towering glaciers, sparkling bays, and vast icebergs while encountering diverse wildlife such as Penguins, Seals, and Whales. Visit historic sites, research stations, and iconic locations like the Gerlache Strait and Lemaire Channel. Daily excursions include Zodiac landings, hiking, kayaking, and even camping onshore. Your experienced guides ensure every moment is memorable, adapting plans to the ever-changing polar environment.


DAYS 10 & 11: At Sea. As you return across the Drake Passage, continue spotting Seabirds and Whales. Celebrate the journey with the Captain's Farewell Cocktail and a slideshow of your adventures. Sail through the Beagle Channel on the final evening.

DAY 12: Ushuaia. After breakfast, disembark in Ushuaia and transfer to the airport or city centre. Reflect on your unforgettable Antarctic expedition and start dreaming of your next polar adventure!


Voyage Options



 12 days | FROM AU\$19,170*pp 
Aboard L'Austral, Le Boreal or Le Lyrial | Nov to Feb each season
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 12 days | FROM US\$12,965*pp
Aboard Seaventure | Jan & Feb each season
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 12 days | FROM AU\$25,495*pp
Aboard Sea Spirit | Nov to Feb each season
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 12 days | FROM US\$21,695*pp
Aboard Greg Mortimer or Sylvia Earle | Dec to Mar each season
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 12 days | FROM AU\$14,564*pp 
Aboard Fridtjof Nansen or Roald Amundsen | Oct to Mar each season
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 12 days | FROM AU\$24,257*pp 
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 11 days | FROM AU\$22,695*pp
Aboard Ocean Explorer, Ultramarine or World Explorer | Nov to Mar each season
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 11 days | FROM AU\$25,000*pp 
Aboard Diana or Vega | Nov to Feb each season
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 10 days | FROM US\$9,550*pp
Aboard Hondius, Ortelius or Plancius | Nov to Mar each season
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 10 days | FROM US\$7,190*pp
Aboard Ushuaia | Nov to Mar each season
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Includes:
Flights Buenos Aires or Santiago / Ushuaia return + one night hotel stay



“I’ll admit it — Antarctica was never on my bucket list. I used to joke I was solar powered and allergic to snow. But standing on the ice, surrounded by wildlife, silence, and landscapes beyond anything I’d imagined, everything changed. Antarctica surprised me, moved me, and left me with a deep love and respect for this extraordinary place.”

Sarah, Partnerships Manager.

Antarctic Peninsula Basecamp Voyage



13 days | FROM US\$11,950*pp
Aboard Hondius, Ortelius or Plancius | Nov to Feb each season
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Itinerary at a Glance

DAY 1: Ushuaia. Embark, setting sail through the Beagle Channel.
DAYS 2 & 3. At Sea. Sailing the Drake Passage, you will 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 up sea spray.
DAYS 4 to 10: Antarctica. Gray stone peaks sketched with snow, towers of broken blue-white ice, and dramatically different wildlife below and above. You first pass the snow-capped Melchior Islands and Schollaert Channel, sailing between Brabant and Anvers Islands. Places you might visit includes:
Neumayer Channel – The vessel may position itself here, launching its multiple basecamp activities from the protected waters around Wiencke Island. You can enjoy the splendours of this alpine environment at sea with Zodiac and kayaking trips, or if you're in the mood for a walk, there are possible snowshoe hikes and soft-climb mountaineering options farther inland.
Port Lockroy – After sailing through the Neumayer Channel, you may get a chance to visit the former British research station – now a museum and post office – of Port Lockroy on Goudier Island. You may also be able to partake in activities around Jouglia Point, meeting Gentoo Penguins and blue-eyed shags. There are great opportunities also for kayaking and camping here, and when conditions are right, you can even snowshoe around the shore.
Pléneau & Petermann Islands – If the ice allows it, you can sail through the Lemaire Channel in search of Adélie Penguins and blue-eyed shags. There's also a good chance you'll encounter Humpback and Minke Whales here, as well as Leopard Seals. Kayaking, glacier walks, and more ambitious mountaineering trips are the potential activities of this location.
Neko Harbour – An epic landscape of mammoth glaciers and endless wind-carved snow, Neko Harbour offers opportunities for a Zodiac cruise and landing that afford the closest views of the surrounding alpine peaks.
Paradise Bay – You have the chance to make camp here like a true polar explorer (but with a better tent), enjoying a supreme overnight Antarctic adventure.
Errera Channel – Possible sites include Danco Island and Cuverville Island, but also the lesser-known Orne Island and Georges Point on Rongé Island. On your last day of near-shore activities, you pass the Melchior Islands toward the open sea. Keep a sharp lookout for Humpback Whales in Dallmann Bay. You might also shoot for Half Moon Island, in the South Shetlands, with further chances for activities.
DAYS 11 & 12: At Sea. While crossing the Drake, you're again greeted by the vast array of Seabirds. Enjoy time to relax.
DAY 13: Ushuaia. It's now time to disembark, but with memories that will accompany you wherever your next adventure lies.



The Antarctic Peninsula Basecamp cruise offers you a myriad ways to explore and enjoy the Antarctic Region. This expedition allows you to hike, snowshoe, kayak, go mountaineering, and even camp out under the Southern Polar skies. During the voyage, all offered activities (including camping, kayaking, snowshoe/hiking, mountaineering, photo workshop) as well as standard included shore excursions and Zodiac cruises, are free of charge.

 [Watch a short clip on this voyage](#)



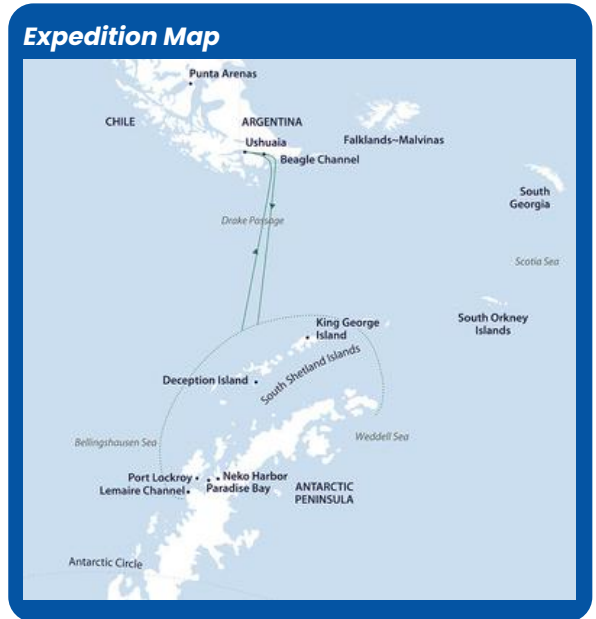
Antarctica Active Expedition – All Inclusive



14 days | FROM US\$18,895*pp
Aboard *Greg Mortimer* or *Sylvia Earle* | Nov & Dec each season
[More information here](#)

Itinerary at a Glance

DAY 1: Ushuaia: Enjoy one night's hotel stay in this charming city.
DAY 2: Embarkation. Settle into your cabin and celebrate with a welcome dinner as you sail through the Beagle Channel.
DAYS 3 & 4: At Sea. Cross the Drake Passage, spotting Seabirds and Whales, and attend lectures on Antarctic wildlife and history. Excitement builds as you approach the Antarctic Peninsula, with the possibility of a first landing.
DAYS 5-11: Antarctic Peninsula. Antarctica is an awe-inspiring destination, offering pristine air, towering icebergs, and unmatched wildlife encounters. Over eight days, explore the Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands, bustling with Penguins, Seals, and Whales. Daily Zodiac cruises and landings take you close to dramatic ice cliffs, historic sites, and sprawling rookeries, while optional activities like hiking and the thrilling polar plunge add adventure. Flexible itineraries adapt to conditions, ensuring maximum exploration. With nearly 24-hour daylight, every moment reveals breathtaking glaciers, sculptural icebergs, and snow-covered vistas, immersing you in the raw, untouched beauty of the White Continent. This is a truly unforgettable journey.



DAYS 12 & 13: At Sea. Reflect on your Antarctic journey during the return crossing. Attend final lectures and enjoy Cape Horn views (weather permitting).
DAY 14: Ushuaia. Disembark in Ushuaia and transfer to the airport or hotel.



“From experiencing the wild Drake Passage to witnessing towering icebergs and diverse wildlife, Antarctica was an unforgettable journey. Penguins, Seals, and stunning glaciers welcomed us to a world of stark beauty, while expert guides talked us through its wonders.”

Tomasa, Reservations Specialist



Antarctica Fly/Cruise

Short on time? Skip the Drake Passage crossing and maximise your Antarctic experience by flying directly to Antarctica. A quick two-hour flight from Punta Arenas to King George Island replaces the two-day ship crossing. Once in Antarctica, you'll board your expedition ship and immediately immerse yourself in the dramatic landscapes of the White Continent. Within hours of leaving Chile, you'll be on the lookout for Penguins and Whales! Note: You can choose to cruise one way and fly the other, or select an itinerary with round-trip flights.

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8 days | FROM US\$15,995*pp

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Itinerary at a Glance

DAY 1: Punta Arenas, Chile. Transfer to your hotel. In the afternoon, you will be welcomed at Explorers House to attend a mandatory briefing that provides important information about your air-cruise and reviews the essential guidelines for Antarctic visitors. Later, gather for a welcome dinner and meet your fellow adventurers while enjoying a typical regional menu.

DAY 2: George Island, South Shetland Island. Fly over the Drake Passage to King George Island. As you exit the airplane, the clear Antarctic air fills your lungs for the first time. You then walk past Chile's Frei Station and Russia's Bellingshausen Station to your waiting Zodiac that will take you to your vessel.

DAYS 3-6: Antarctic Peninsula. Cruise between the South Shetland Islands and the western coast of the Antarctic Peninsula, sailing along ice-filled fjords and among spectacular icebergs, while enjoying the company of Seabirds, Penguins, Seals, and Whales.

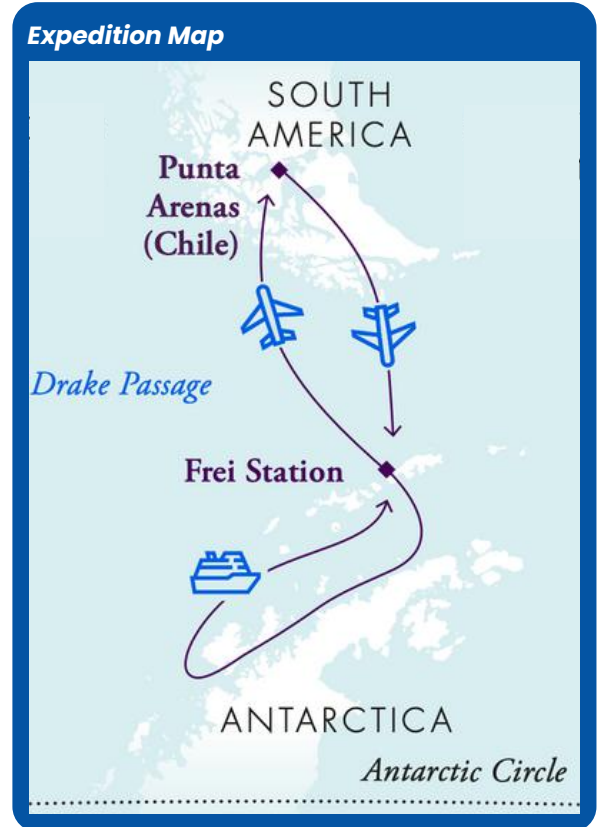
Each day disembark by Zodiac and explore the landscape together with expert polar guides. On board the ship, attend an engaging program of educational presentations, and enjoy spectacular views from the lounge while sharing your daily adventures with fellow guests.

No journey is the same and flexibility is the key to success in Antarctica. The Expedition Team plans the voyage route to take advantage of the ever-changing opportunities provided by nature, crafting a unique and extraordinary experience every time. While the exact itinerary changes with each expedition, you will explore several sites that offer the best possible overview of the varied Antarctic environment. Your voyage may include visits to sites in the South Shetland Islands, the Antarctic Sound, the Gerlache Strait, and the Penola Strait.

DAY 7: King George Island / Punta Arenas. Cruise back to King George Island before boarding your flight back to Punta Arenas, then transfer to your hotel for the night.

DAY 8: Punta Arenas. After breakfast, transfer to the Punta Arenas airport for your onward flight.

Highlights: • Visit the White Continent for a remarkable, once-in-a-lifetime experience • See peaceful bays dotted with colossal icebergs; cruise along deep fjords and see massive glaciers; be amazed by sharp snowy peaks that jut out of the sea • Cruise at sea level with our Zodiac boats and feel the spray of seawater on your cheeks. • Follow in the footsteps of early explorers as you hike on Antarctic soil • In the austral summer, large numbers of Penguins, Whales, Seals, and sea birds congregate along the Antarctic Peninsula to feed and reproduce. Unconcerned by your presence, these animals will provide endless inspiration for your photographs



? Ask us about similar itineraries, available in 6- or 10-day options.



Includes: Flights Punta Arenas / King George Island return

Antarctic Express: Cruise South/Fly North



10 days | FROM AU\$29,195*pp
 Aboard [Ocean Explorer](#) or [World Explorer](#) | Nov to Feb each season
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Itinerary at a Glance NOTE: voyage available in reverse

DAY 1 & 2: Ushuaia. Explore the gateway to Antarctica, with shops, cafés, and adventure activities like hiking in Tierra del Fuego, before enjoying one night hotel stay. Embark the next day and make way for the wildlife-rich Beagle Channel, and enjoy scenic views with potential rainbows.

DAYS 3 & 4: At Sea. Cross the Drake Passage, enjoying onboard presentations and wildlife sightings.

DAYS 5 to 8: Antarctic Peninsula & South Shetland Islands. Antarctica greets you with massive icebergs, snow-covered mountains, and abundant wildlife like Adélie Penguins and Whales. Zodiac excursions allow close encounters with the South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula. Adventurous activities include hiking, observing calving glaciers, and even a Polar Plunge at Neko Harbour. Photographic opportunities abound.

DAY 9: King George Island / Punta Arenas. Disembark, spend time on King George Island, then fly to Punta Arenas for exploration and a farewell dinner.

DAY 10: Punta Arenas onwards. Depart after breakfast.

Includes: Flight King George Island/Punta Arenas (or reverse)

Expedition Map



Luxury Antarctica: Fly/Sail



10 days | FROM AU\$25,200*pp
 Aboard [Silver Cloud](#), [Silver Endeavour](#), [Silver Wind](#) | Oct to Feb each season
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Itinerary at a Glance

DAYS 1-3: Pre cruise. Arrive in South America and prepare for your Antarctic adventure with included hotel stays and charter flights. Touch down on King George Island, the gateway to Antarctica, where research stations, penguin colonies, seals and seabirds mark your first immersion into the polar world.

DAY 4: Antarctic Sound. Sail among vast tabular icebergs calved from the Larsen Ice Shelf, with Gentoo penguins, cape petrels and other wildlife thriving amid one of the continent's most striking and photogenic seascapes.

DAYS 5-7: Antarctic Peninsula. Explore towering glaciers, sculpted icebergs and snow-covered peaks. Zodiac landings and cruising reveal Adelie penguin colonies, active research stations and unforgettable close-ups.

DAY 8: South Shetland Islands. Discover the wild South Shetland Islands, home to abundant wildlife and dramatic volcanic landscapes. Visit historic and geothermally active sites such as Deception Island, encounter vast penguin colonies, and trace legendary expedition history in this remote polar archipelago.

Includes: Flights Santiago / Puerto Williams / King George Island return + transfers + hotel stay

Expedition Map



DAY 9: King George Island. Observe bustling penguin rookeries, Weddell and leopard seals, and international research stations.

DAY 10: Post-Cruise. Conclude your expedition with charter flights and hotel accommodation included.

Crossing the Polar Circle

For those seeking to venture further into the wilds of Antarctica, crossing the Polar Circle promises an extraordinary adventure filled with striking landscapes and unique wildlife encounters in one of the planet's most untouched environments. By crossing the Polar Circle, located at 66°33'S, you will travel deeper into the heart of the southernmost continent. This milestone not only holds symbolic allure but also represents a significant geographical achievement, granting access to more pristine and remote areas of Antarctica where fewer ships travel, resulting in even more dramatic and untouched landscapes.

Beyond the Polar Circle, expect to encounter expansive ice fields, towering icebergs, and diverse wildlife, including Seals, Whales, and thriving Penguin colonies.

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Crossing the Antarctic Circle

Expedition Map



Sample Itinerary at a Glance

DAY 1: Ushuaia. Arrive in Ushuaia, the world's southernmost city and gateway to Antarctica. On arrival, you are met and transferred to your included hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore this lively port town, rich in maritime history and surrounded by dramatic landscapes. Optional activities include visiting the Museo del Fin del Mundo, cruising the Beagle Channel or exploring Tierra del Fuego National Park. Ushuaia's restaurants offer excellent Patagonian lamb and fresh seafood.

DAY 2: Welcome Aboard! Board your expedition vessel and familiarise yourself with your ship. As you sail through the scenic Beagle Channel, meet your expedition team, attend safety briefings and enjoy your first dinner on board while admiring the southern twilight.

DAYS 3 & 4: At Sea. Sail south across the legendary Drake Passage, watching for whales and seabirds such as wandering albatrosses. Cross the Antarctic Convergence, where cold polar waters meet warmer seas, creating rich marine life. Onboard lectures and briefings prepare you for landing in Antarctica.

DAYS 5–12: South Shetland Islands & Antarctic Peninsula. Spend eight unforgettable days exploring Antarctica's most scenic and wildlife-rich regions. Discover the South Shetland Islands, with their historic sites, volcanic landscapes and thriving penguin colonies. Continue along the Antarctic Peninsula, cruising among towering glaciers, immense icebergs and snow-covered peaks. Zodiac landings and shore excursions reveal gentoo, chinstrap and Adélie penguins, seals and whales in abundance. Sail through iconic passages such as the Gerlache Strait and the breathtaking Lemaire Channel. Weather permitting, venture farther south toward the Antarctic Circle, where few travellers have ever reached. Optional activities include hiking, sea kayaking and even overnight camping ashore.

DAYS 13 & 14: Back Across the Drake Passage. Begin the return journey to South America, accompanied by seabirds and possible whale sightings. Enjoy onboard celebrations including the Captain's Farewell Cocktail and a voyage slideshow. Enter the calm waters of the Beagle Channel for a final night at sea.

DAY 15: Disembarkation in Ushuaia, Argentina. After breakfast, disembark in Ushuaia with a group transfer to the airport or city centre. Depart with extraordinary memories of one of the world's most remote and awe-inspiring destinations.

Voyage Options



11 days | FROM AU\$46,395*pp ✈️
 Aboard World Voyager or Ocean Explorer | Jan & Feb each season
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13 days | FROM US\$18,095*pp
 Aboard Greg Mortimer or Sylvia Earle | Nov to Feb each season
[More information here](#)



14 days | FROM US\$17,455*pp
 Aboard Seaventure | Feb each season
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15 days | FROM US\$16,995*pp
 Aboard Sea Spirit | 24 Jan 2025 & 25 Jan 2026
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14 days | FROM AU\$38,195*pp ✈️
 Aboard Ocean Explorer or Ultramarine | Feb each season
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15 days | FROM US\$15,700*pp 🐧
 Aboard Plancius | Feb or Mar each season
[More information here](#)



16 days | FROM AU\$39,110*pp ✈️
 Aboard Le Commandant-Charcot | 1 & 27 Dec 2027
[More information here](#)



16 days | FROM AU\$22,595*pp ✈️
 Aboard Road Amundsen | Dec to Feb each season
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23 days | FROM US\$37,195*pp 🐧
 Aboard Sylvia Earle, Greg Mortimer or Douglas Mawson | Dec & Feb each season
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23 days | FROM AU\$69,745*pp 🐧 ✈️
 Aboard Ultramarine | Jan each season
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Includes: Flights Buenos Aires or Santiago / Ushuaia return + one night hotel stay



Includes: Weddell Sea exploration



Includes: Falklands and South Georgia exploration

Weddell Sea

Antarctic cruises featuring the Weddell Sea offer a truly unique adventure into one of the most remote and pristine regions on Earth. Known for its dramatic landscapes of vast ice shelves, towering icebergs, and wildlife-rich waters, the Weddell Sea is also famous for its history tied to early exploration. Most notably, it was the site where Ernest Shackleton's ship *Endurance* became trapped and later sank during his legendary 1914–1917 Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition. Because of its remoteness, only a few thousand people visit the Weddell Sea each year, making it one of the least-travelled regions of Antarctica. This exclusivity enhances the allure, offering travellers an intimate and rarely experienced glimpse of the Antarctic wilderness.

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The Emperor Penguins of the Weddell Sea



14 days | FROM AU\$41,100*pp
Aboard *Le Commandant-Charcot* | Oct to Dec each season
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Itinerary at a Glance

DAY 1: Santiago. Enjoy hotel night in this vibrant town

DAY 2: Ushuaia. Arrive by flight to Ushuaia and prepare for one of the world's great adventures. This is your time to settle in, meet fellow expeditioners, and anticipate the journey ahead to Antarctica—a destination that remains raw, remote and deeply moving.

DAYS 3 & 4: At Sea. As you cross the legendary Drake Passage, settle into life onboard and immerse yourself in the world of Antarctic exploration. Expedition staff present IAATO guidelines and prepare you for zodiac landings, while expert lectures introduce the region's history and wildlife. Watch for albatrosses and petrels gliding effortlessly above the Southern Ocean.

DAYS 5 & 6: Antarctic Peninsula. Enter a frozen world of towering glaciers, icebergs and snow-covered peaks plunging into the sea. Daily zodiac outings and landings—planned around ice and weather conditions—reveal penguin colonies, seals and whales. Each landing offers a new perspective on this extraordinary landscape shaped by ice and exploration history.

DAYS 7 & 8: Weddell Sea Exploration. Remote, dramatic and rarely accessible, the Weddell Sea represents true polar exploration. Dense pack ice, shifting floes and vast tabular icebergs create an ever-changing seascape. This is prime habitat for emperor and Adélie penguins, Weddell seals, orcas and minke whales, with every moment filled with anticipation and wonder.


DAY 9: North Antarctic Peninsula. Sail through the Antarctic Sound, a striking corridor of ice linking the peninsula to the Weddell Sea. Named after Otto Nordenskjöld's ship, this area is famed for its massive tabular icebergs and abundant wildlife, including Adélie penguins and formidable leopard seals.

DAYS 10 & 11: Weddell Sea Exploration. Return deeper into the Weddell Sea for further exploration. Navigate alleys of icebergs and expansive ice floes while seeking rare wildlife encounters. The pristine scale, silence and shifting colours of this icy realm deliver some of the most powerful and emotional moments of the expedition.

DAYS 12 & 13: At Sea. Begin the return journey north, reflecting on the experiences shared and the landscapes encountered. Continue wildlife spotting on deck and enjoy final talks from the expedition team as Antarctica slowly fades behind you.

DAY 14: Ushuaia. Arrive back in Ushuaia with a profound sense of achievement—having explored one of the most remote and awe-inspiring places on Earth.



 Includes: Flights Santiago/Ushuaia return + 1 night hotel stay

Antarctica, Weddell Sea & Polar Circle



13 days | FROM US\$14,350*pp
Aboard *Plancius* | Feb or Mar each season
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Itinerary at a Glance

DAY 1: Ushuaia. Embark and sail through the Beagle Channel.

DAYS 2 & 3: At Sea. Sail the Drake Passage, encountering Albatrosses and Whales as you cross into Antarctic waters.

DAY 4: Elephant Island. Visit Point Wild on Elephant Island, where Shackleton's crew landed, before heading into the remote Weddell Sea.

DAY 5: Devil Island. Explore stunning scenery and the pack ice of the Weddell Sea, a rarely visited Antarctic region.

DAY 6: Exploring the most remote regions. Continue exploring Erebus and Terror Gulf, seeking out new adventures and visiting Vega Island's remote wilderness.

DAY 7: Orléans Strait. Sail the Orleans Strait, searching for Humpback and Orca Whales, and explore Mikklesen Harbor in the afternoon.

DAY 8: Lemaire Channel. Pass through the Lemaire Channel, visiting historic Port Charcot and Petermann Island for birdlife and Zodiac cruises.

DAYS 9 & 10: Detaille Island. Explore Crystal Sound and Detaille Island, home to a former British research station and beautiful ice formations.

Expedition Map



DAY 11: Argentine islands. Land at the Yalour Islands, home to Adélie and Gentoo Penguins and rare Antarctic plants.

DAY 12: Melchior Islands. Enjoy a final landing at the Melchior Islands.

DAYS 13 & 14: At Sea. Cross the Drake Passage once more.

DAY 15: Ushuaia. Conclude your journey.

Iconic Antarctica



16 days | FROM AU\$13,746*pp
Aboard *Road Amundsen* | Oct to Feb each season
[More information here](#)

Itinerary at a Glance

DAY 1: Buenos Aires. Immerse yourself in Buenos Aires' culture, cuisine and tango before your Antarctic adventure begins.

DAY 2: Ushuaia. Fly to Ushuaia and board your expedition ship.

DAYS 3 & 4: At Sea. Learn about Antarctica's science, wildlife and history while settling into expedition life at sea.

DAYS 5-13: Antarctica. Explore the Antarctic Peninsula with daily landings, wildlife encounters and breathtaking icy landscapes.

South Shetland Islands: Your first Antarctic landings reveal dramatic islands rich in wildlife and polar scenery.

Antarctic Sound: Sail among vast tabular icebergs and spot rare Adélie penguins at the gateway to the Weddell Sea.

The Weddell Sea: Navigate legendary ice-choked waters

steeped in Shackleton history and potential emperor penguin sightings. Gerlache Strait: Cruise sheltered waterways framed by alpine peaks, whales and iconic Antarctic exploration history.

Penola Strait (south of the Lemaire Channel): Discover remote penguin islands, heavy sea ice and excellent chances to see seals and orcas.

Expedition Map



DAYS 14 & 15. At Sea. Sail north toward South America.

DAY 16: Ushuaia / Buenos Aires. Return to Ushuaia, then Buenos Aires, with options to extend your journey and experiences..

Includes: Flights Buenos Aires/Ushuaia return + one night hotel stay

Antarctic Peninsula, South Georgia & Falklands Islands

Choosing an all-inclusive Antarctic Peninsula, South Georgia and Falklands voyage is a must for those seeking to explore some of the most remote and wildlife-rich regions on Earth. These islands are teeming with wildlife, including vast colonies of King Penguins, Elephant Seals, Fur Seals, and Albatrosses. South Georgia is particularly renowned for its stunning abundance of animal life, set against a backdrop of glaciers and rugged mountains. The Falklands, meanwhile, offer striking landscapes of windswept beaches and rolling hills, along with a rich history of early maritime explorers and the 1982 conflict. South Georgia's connection to the famed explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton adds an extra layer of intrigue.

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Antarctica + South Georgia & Falklands

Expedition Map





Our most popular Antarctic, Falklands & Sth Georgia itinerary with options from multiple suppliers.


Sample Itinerary at a Glance NOTE: Itinerary available in reverse.


- DAY 1:** Buenos Aires or Santiago, Chile. Arrive in Buenos Aires or Santiago and transfer to your hotel. Enjoy a guided city tour. In the evening, gather for an informal reception to meet fellow travellers.
- DAY 2:** Ushuaia, Argentina. Fly south to Ushuaia, the world's southernmost city. Board your expedition ship and enjoy lunch while cruising the Beagle Channel, spotting sea lions, cormorants, and other wildlife.
- DAYS 3 & 4:** At Sea. Cross the legendary Drake Passage. Observe seabirds, possible whales, and dolphins while attending lectures on Antarctic wildlife, history, and conservation. Explore the ship's amenities, relax, or enjoy presentations from the expedition team.
- DAYS 5–9:** Antarctica. Explore the Antarctic Peninsula and surrounding islands. Activities may include kayaking among icebergs, Zodiac excursions to see seals and penguins, and hiking on ice floes. Long daylight hours and a flexible itinerary maximise wildlife encounters and photographic opportunities, guided by expert naturalists.
- DAYS 10 & 11:** At Sea. Sail from the South Shetland Islands toward South Georgia, following in Shackleton's legendary path. Enjoy whale sightings, seabirds, and onboard enrichment. Days at sea allow time for reflection, photography, and relaxation in preparation for South Georgia's adventures.
- DAYS 12–15:** South Georgia Island. Discover South Georgia's spectacular coastline, wildlife-rich beaches, and historic sites. Encounter king penguins, elephant seals, and seabirds. Visit Grytviken and Stromness, retracing Shackleton's historic journey. Activities include walking, hiking, kayaking, and Zodiac excursions, all guided by the expedition team.
- DAYS 16 & 17:** At Sea. Sail toward the Falkland Islands. Enjoy lectures, workshops, and wildlife spotting.
- DAYS 18–20:** Falkland Islands. Explore western Falklands with beaches, rolling pastures, sea cliffs, and wildlife, including penguins, fur seals, and black-browed albatross. Visit Port Stanley, experience local culture, and enjoy optional hikes or farm visits.
- DAY 21:** At Sea. Cross the Falklands Shelf, attending presentations and observing seabirds and dolphins.
- DAY 22:** Ushuaia. Disembark in Ushuaia and fly by private charter to Buenos Aires or Santiago.


Voyage Options


 19 days | FROM US\$18,450*pp
Aboard Hondius, Ortelius or Plancius | Nov to Feb each season
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 19 days | FROM AU\$32,950*pp ✈️
Aboard L'Austral, Le Boreal or Le Lyrial | Nov to Feb each season
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 20 days | FROM AU\$24,100*pp
Aboard Minerva | Nov each season
[More information here](#)


 20 days | FROM AU\$42,695*pp
Aboard Ocean Explorer | 25 Oct 2026 | 10 Feb 2027 | 12 Feb 2028
[More information here](#)


 20 days | FROM US\$28,395*pp
Aboard Seaventure, Ocean Albatros or Ocean Victory | Jan & Feb each season
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 21 days | FROM AU\$44,395*pp
Aboard Sea Spirit | Nov & Jan each season
[More information here](#)

 21 days | FROM US\$32,395*pp
Aboard Greg Mortimer, Douglas Mawson or Sylvia Earle | Various dates each season
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 22 days | FROM US\$12,790*pp
Aboard Ushuaia | Oct each season
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 22 days | FROM AU\$37,577*pp ✈️
Aboard NG Endurance, NG Explorer or NG Resolution | Oct to Mar each season
[More information here](#)

 23 days | FROM AU\$32,150*pp ✈️
Aboard Fram | Nov to Feb each season
[More information here](#)


Includes:
Flights Buenos Aires or Santiago / Ushuaia return + 1 night hotel stay

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“South Georgia took my breath away—thousands of King Penguins stretching to the horizon, elephant seals everywhere, and the powerful history of Shackleton at Grytviken.”

Kylie, Reservations Expert

Antarctica & Patagonia

Patagonia is a popular addition to an Antarctic Peninsula cruise due to its proximity (straddling the border of Chile and Argentina) and its ideal exploration by small ship. With advancing glaciers, majestic waterfalls, and snow-capped granite pillars, Patagonia epitomises South America's wild beauty. Cruising through the Beagle Channel, travellers will witness unique flora and fauna while sailing past towering ice formations. Key destinations include Alberto de Agostini National Park, renowned for its stunning landscapes and rich history, and Tortel, with its archipelagic scenery. Puerto Madryn is a prime spot for Whale-watching and enjoying Argentina's culinary delights, while the Pio XI and Garibaldi Glaciers offer awe-inspiring views of icy grandeur.

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Patagonia & Antarctica Expedition



18 days | FROM AU\$23,221*pp

Aboard *Fridtjof Nansen* | Departure Oct each season
[More information here](#)

Itinerary at a Glance

DAY 1: Valparaíso. Discover colourful hillside neighbourhoods, historic funiculars, lively markets and coastal charm.

DAYS 2 & 3: At Sea. Settle into expedition life with expert talks, wildlife spotting, onboard comforts and ocean views.

DAY 4: Chiloé Island. Explore Castro's stilt houses, UNESCO-listed churches, museums and rich birdlife on Chiloé Island.

DAY 5: Patagonia. Cruise vivid blue seascapes, watching for whales while enjoying onboard relaxation and cuisine.

DAY 6: Caleta Tortel. Visit remote wandering wooden boardwalks, meeting locals and kayaking milky blue waters.

DAYS 7–9: Patagonian fjords. Explore wild fjords, glaciers and Indigenous culture by ship and small expedition boats.

DAYS 10 & 11: At Sea. Cross the Drake Passage while learning about Antarctica, conservation and citizen science projects.

DAYS 12–15: Antarctica. Experience Antarctica's towering ice, wildlife-filled silence and unforgettable landings and ice-cruises.

DAYS 16 & 17: At Sea. Relax after Antarctica with spa time, lectures, photography sessions and panoramic ocean views.

Expedition Map



DAY 18: Ushuaia / Buenos Aires. Disembark in Ushuaia before flying to Buenos Aires, with optional post-programme adventures.



Includes: Flights Ushuaia to Buenos Aires

Patagonia and Chilean Fjords



15 days | FROM US\$15,195*pp

Aboard *Sylvia Earle* | Departure Oct each season
[More information here](#)

Itinerary at a Glance

DAYS 1 & 2: Ushuaia. One night hotel stay before embarkation.

DAY 3: Cape Horn. Go ashore at legendary Cape Horn, hike to the lighthouse and witness oceans meeting at Earth's edge.

DAYS 4 & 5: Beagle Channel & Glacier Alley. Zodiac among tidewater glaciers and spot Patagonian wildlife.

DAY 6: Francisco Coloane Marine Reserve. Explore Chile's first marine reserve, kayaking and cruising among penguins, seals and feeding humpback whales.

DAY 7: Chilean Fjords. Navigate dramatic fjords, glaciers and Bernardo O'Higgins National Park, including the White Narrows.

DAYS 8 & 9: Puerto Natales & Torres del Paine National Park. Hike iconic Torres del Paine, discovering granite towers, turquoise lakes, wildlife and vast Patagonian landscapes.

DAYS 10 & 11: Pío XI Glacier & Puerto Eden. Visit advancing Pío XI Glacier and remote Puerto Eden, meeting Kawésqar locals in one of Chile's most isolated villages.

DAY 12: Chilean Fjords. Cruise fjords and channels, watching for whales and seabirds beneath towering Andean volcanoes.

DAY 13: Corcovado Gulf & Tic Toc Bay. Explore whale-rich Tic Toc Bay and Corcovado Gulf.

Expedition Map



DAY 14: Castro, Chonchi & Chiloé National Park. Discover Chiloé's UNESCO churches, stilt houses or national park landscapes.

DAY 15: Puerto Montt. Disembark in Puerto Montt and transfer to the airport.

Semi Circumnavigation

A semi-circumnavigation of Antarctica is a remarkable expedition that allows travellers to explore the continent's breathtaking coastline and diverse ecosystems without fully traversing the icy expanse. This unique voyage offers a captivating blend of stunning landscapes, rich wildlife, and intriguing history, all while navigating some of the most remote waters on Earth.

During this journey, you can expect to sail past towering icebergs, dramatic glaciers, and pristine beaches teeming with wildlife. Key highlights may include encounters with massive Elephant Seals, playful Penguins, and a variety of Whale species. Travellers will also have the opportunity to visit early explorer historic sites and scientific research stations, gaining insights into the continent's legacy.

The semi-circumnavigation route typically includes iconic locations such as the Antarctic Peninsula, the South Shetland Islands, and possibly even the Ross Sea. This allows for a diverse experience that showcases the continent's natural beauty while providing opportunities for activities like kayaking, hiking, and Zodiac excursions.

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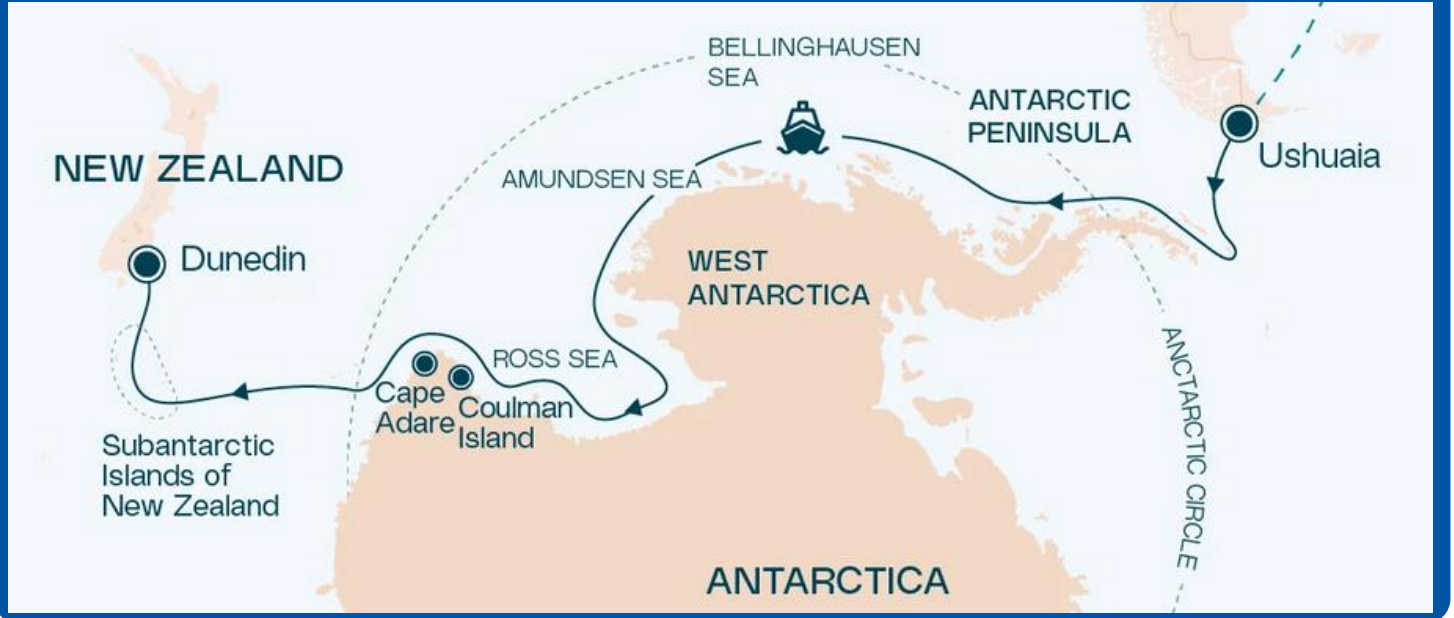


West Antarctica: Semi-Circumnavigation



34 days | FROM AU\$63,975* pp
Aboard *Minerva* | Departure 2 Feb 2027
[More information here](#)

Expedition Map



Itinerary at a Glance

DAY 1 & 2: Ushuaia. Enjoy one night's hotel stay.
DAYS 3 & 4: Day at Sea. Enjoy relaxed sea days
DAY 5: South Shetland Islands. Early snowmelt reveals unique flora. Warmer conditions support wildlife and landscapes that bridge the worlds of Patagonia and Antarctica.
DAYS 6 & 7: Antarctic Peninsula. Discover the iconic Antarctic Peninsula, cruising among glaciers, icebergs and snowy islands. Visit scientific stations and wildlife-rich landing sites, experiencing the breathtaking scenery that defines Antarctica.
DAYS 8 & 9: At Sea. Enjoy shipboard comforts.
DAY 10: Peter Island, Bellingshausen Sea. Encounter towering icebergs, whales and seals. This remote volcanic island offers pristine scenery and exceptional wildlife sightings.
DAYS 11–13: At Sea. Relax and recharge at sea.
DAY 14: Shepard Island. Explore this remote ice-covered outpost offering dramatic scenery, seabird sightings and a rare glimpse into one of Antarctica's least-visited coastal regions.
DAY 15: At Sea. Indulge in a leisurely sea day.
DAY 16: Bay of Whales. Arrive at the historic Bay of Whales, once a hub of Antarctic exploration, where immense ice formations and rich wildlife highlight the raw beauty of the Ross Sea region.
DAY 17: At Sea. Cross the International Date Line and lose a day.
DAYS 18–26: Ross Sea. Explore the Ross Sea, one of Earth's last untouched marine wildernesses, rich in wildlife and polar history, with preserved explorer huts and vast penguin colonies.
DAYS 27–29: At Sea. Enjoy lectures and wildlife spotting.
DAYS 30–32: Subantarctic Islands. Cruise rugged landscapes, seabird colonies and unique ecosystems.
DAYS 33 & 34: Dunedin. Disembark in Dunedin, a charming Victorian city on New Zealand's South Island.

Highlights:

- Antarctic Wildlife Encounters: Observe penguins, seals, whales, and seabirds in their natural polar habitats.
- Ross Sea & Bay of Whales: Explore one of the last untouched marine wildernesses with historic expedition sites.
- Glaciers & Icebergs: Zodiac or cruise among towering glaciers, tidewater ice, and striking Antarctic ice formations.
- Subantarctic & South Shetland Islands: Discover remote islands, rare wildlife, and landscapes bridging Patagonia and Antarctica.
- Ushuaia & Dunedin: Start at the world's southernmost city and finish in charming historic Dunedin, New Zealand.

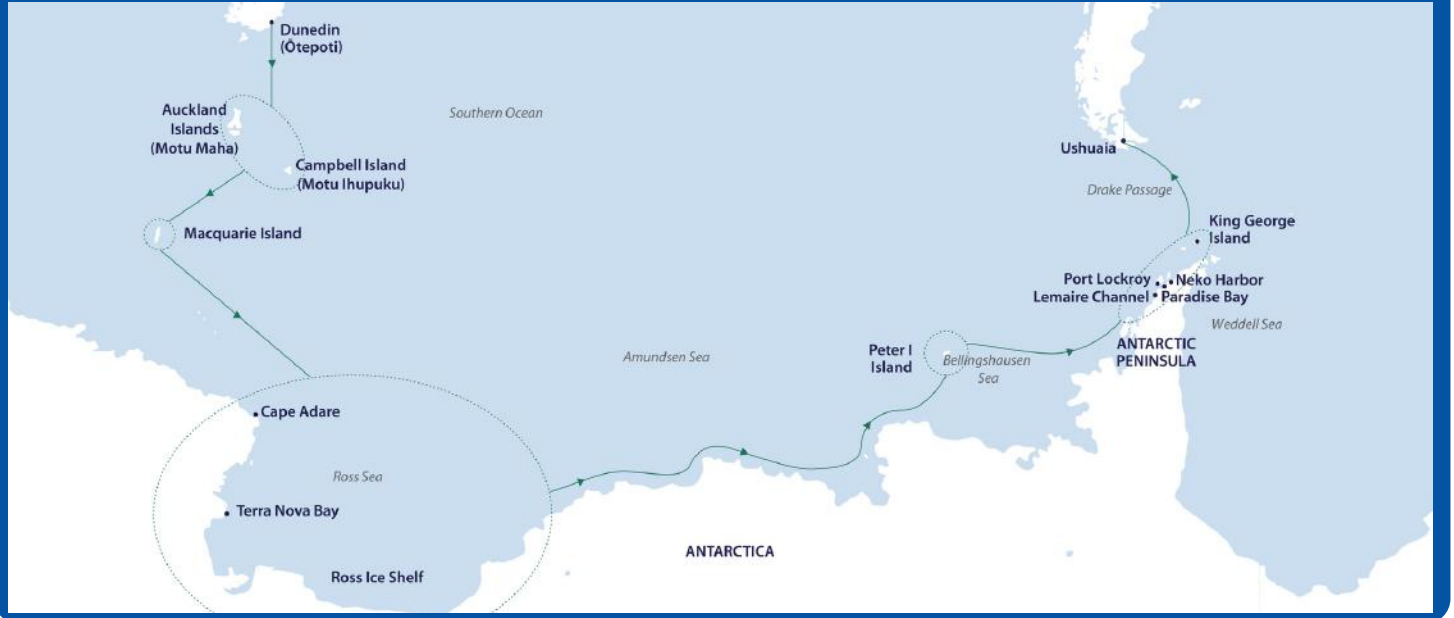


Epic Antarctica: Crossing the 7th Continent



34 days | FROM US\$47,295*pp
Aboard *Douglas Mawson* | Departure 7 Jan 2027
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Expedition Map



Itinerary at a Glance

DAY 1 & 2: Dunedin. Enjoy a hotel night stay in this charming city. Embark and set sail the following day.

DAYS 3 to 6: Subantarctic Islands. Explore stunning natural beauty and rich biodiversity.

DAY 7: At Sea. Relax and enjoy onboard amenities.

DAYS 8 & 9: Macquarie Island. This stunning subantarctic refuge hosts 3.5 million breeding seabirds, including four penguin species, and significant populations of fur and elephant seals. The island's kelp forests are mesmerising.

DAYS 10-12: At Sea. As you sail south, watch for albatrosses.

DAYS 13-18: Ross Sea Region. This vital wildlife sanctuary, which is home to diverse species like Ross Sea orcas, Antarctic petrels, and the largest Adélie and Emperor penguin colonies, has been protected within the world's largest marine reserve since 2016. The area is rich in human history, with numerous expeditions since James Clark Ross's discovery in 1841 leaving behind artefacts and camps, now preserved as open-air museums. Your expedition team will craft a tailored journey to navigate this extraordinary environment.

DAYS 19-26: At Sea. Reflect on your journey, engage in onboard activities, and enjoy wildlife sightings.

DAYS 27-31: Antarctic Peninsula. Enjoy twice-daily zodiac excursions to view ice cliffs, grounded icebergs, and wildlife like whales, seals, and penguins. Go ashore to explore penguin rookeries, historic sites, and scenic spots.

DAYS 32 & 33: South Shetland Islands & At Sea. Explore the islands, spotting penguins, seals, and historic sites before crossing the Drake Passage.

DAY 34: Ushuaia. Sail the Beagle Channel, then disembark.

Highlights:

- Skirt rowdy beaches crowded with harems of New Zealand (Hooker's) sea lions to reach rātā forests where rare yellow-eyed penguins can be found.
- Revel in the richness of the unique Ross Sea ecosystem, part of the Ross Sea Region Marine Protected Area and a Sylvia Earle Mission Blue 'Hope Spot'.
- Navigate through gleaming pack ice alive with Weddell and leopard seals, Adélie and emperor penguins and whales feeding in fathomless leads.
- Reflect on the remarkable achievements of the Heroic Age explorers as we attempt to visit some of their beautifully preserved historic huts.



The Ross Sea

Discover the pristine Ross Sea Region of Antarctica, a remote and unspoiled part of the world's oceans. Limited to a few hundred visitors each year, this region offers unparalleled opportunities to witness abundant wildlife, including Adélie and Emperor Penguins, South Polar Skuas, Snow Petrels, Southern Fulmars, Whales and Seals. With its rich waters and dramatic landscapes, the Ross Sea is only explored via small ship expedition cruises, which provide access to historic huts from the heroic age of Antarctic exploration, such as Borchgrevink's Hut, Shackleton's Hut, and Scott's Huts. Despite strong katabatic winds and challenging conditions, the summer months reveal a vibrant ecosystem, making it a once-in-a-lifetime destination for adventurous travellers. Wild Earth Travel offers expert guidance on choosing the perfect cruise, drawing from our team's extensive personal experiences.

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In the Wake of Scott and Shackleton



28 days | FROM AU\$49,995*pp | NZ\$53,500*pp
Aboard *Heritage Adventurer* | Departures Jan & Feb each season
[More information here](#)

Itinerary at a Glance

DAY 1: Queenstown. One night hotel stay. In the evening, enjoy an informal dinner gathering to meet fellow travellers.

DAY 2: Bluff. Transfer to the Port of Bluff for embarkation. Settle in to your cabin and depart for The Snares.

DAY 3: The Snares – North East Island. Explore the protected and uninhabited Snares Islands, cruising along the eastern coast by Zodiac. Spot endemic wildlife like Snares Crested Penguins and Buller's Albatross from the sheltered bays.

DAY 4: Auckland Islands. Land on Enderby Island, known for its rich biodiversity, including Hooker's Sea Lions and rare bird species. Walk along easy trails or enjoy the wildlife from a distance while exploring the island's recovering ecosystems.

DAY 5: At Sea. Attend lectures and relax onboard.

DAYS 6 & 7: Macquarie Island. Visit Macquarie Island, home to millions of Penguins (including King and Royal) and large elephant Seals. Explore Sandy Bay, Buckles Bay, and Lusitania Bay, observing wildlife and learning about the island's conservation efforts.

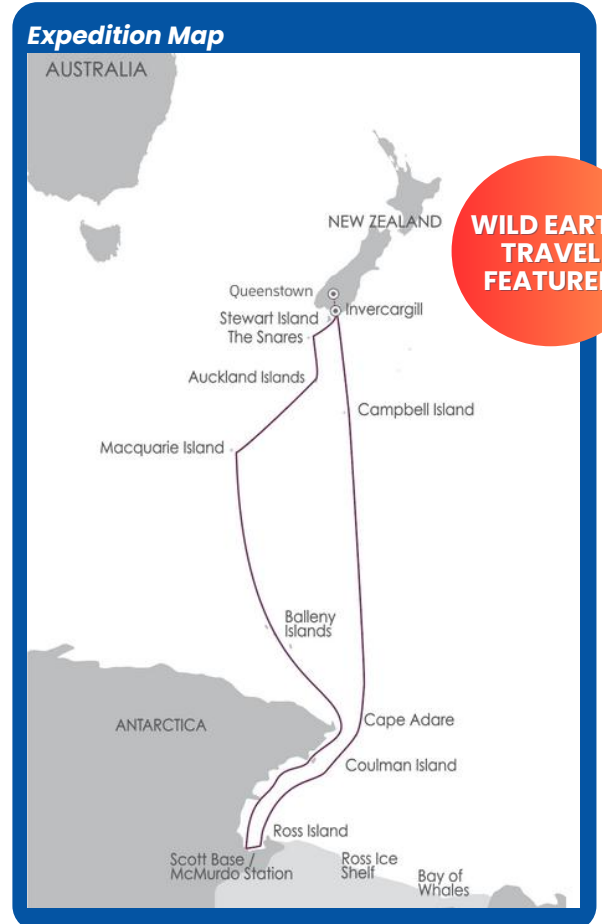
DAYS 8-10: At Sea. Cross the Antarctic Convergence, observing icebergs and marine life. Relax and enjoy lectures.

DAYS 11-22: Antarctica's Ross Sea Region. Explore key Antarctic historical sites, scientific bases, and spectacular landscapes. Landings depend on weather and ice conditions, but highlights may include Penguin colonies, Cape Adare's rookery, Borchgrevink's Hut, Mount Erebus, and explorers' huts on Ross Island. Wildlife viewing and iceberg photography are integral to the experience.

DAYS 23-25: At Sea. Continue the voyage toward Campbell Island, with lectures and time to rest.

DAY 26: Campbell Island. Spend the day exploring the island, famous for its Southern Royal Albatross breeding sites and rugged scenery. Discover abandoned meteorological stations and the island's unique wildlife.

DAYS 27 & 28: Bluff/Queenstown. Conclude the expedition at the Port of Bluff. Complimentary transfers to Invercargill or Queenstown Airports are provided for onward travel.



“The Ross Sea region is a breathtaking testament to exploration's rich history and nature's grandeur. Few have ventured here, but those who do will witness a pristine wilderness, teeming with wildlife and steeped in adventure.”

Aaron, General Manager

Scott & Shackleton's Ross Sea Expedition



22 days | FROM AU\$45,840*pp

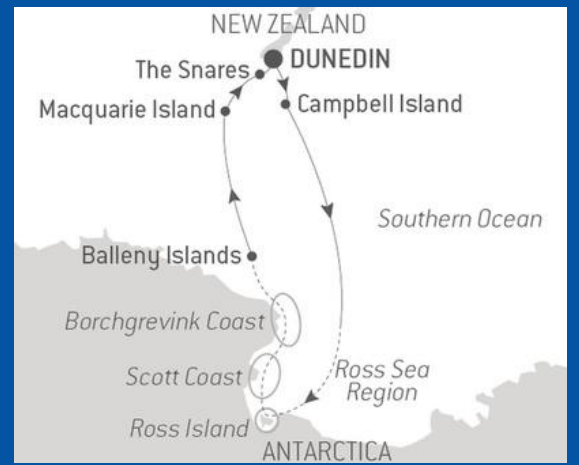
Aboard *Le Soleal* | Departures Jan each season

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Itinerary at a Glance

DAY 1: Dunedin. Embark in New Zealand's oldest city
DAY 2: At Sea. Relax on board and attend lectures.
DAY 3: Campbell Island. Discover unique flora and fauna, including megaherbs, Albatrosses, and endangered birds, with guided walks and Zodiac tours.
DAYS 4-6: At Sea. Enjoy relaxation & onboard entertainment.
DAYS 7-14: Ross Sea Region. Discover historic sites like Shackleton's hut and Cape Adare, home to the world's largest Adélie Penguin colony. Expect breathtaking encounters with wildlife, including Penguins and Weddell Seals, against a backdrop of towering ice shelves and glaciers.
DAYS 15 to 17: At Sea. Enjoy activities like relaxation, fitness, entertainment, and opportunities for marine wildlife observation.
DAY 18: Macquarie Island. View abundant wildlife, including millions of Seabirds and Seals, with opportunities to go ashore.
DAY 19: At Sea. Relaxation and entertainment continue onboard.
DAY 20: The Snares. Cruise around the Snares, a predator-free wildlife haven, viewing Seabirds, Penguins, and Seals from Zodiacs, as landing is prohibited.
DAYS 21 & 22: Dunedin. Return for disembarkation.

Expedition Map



Ross Sea Odyssey



26 days | FROM US\$36,595*pp

Aboard *Douglas Mawson* | Departure Dec or Jan each season

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Itinerary at a Glance

DAYS 1 & 2: Hobart. Arrive Hobart, settle in and explore the city. Enjoy one night's hotel stay. The next day, board your vessel and sail Derwent River, enjoy Tasman Peninsula views.
DAYS 3-5: At Sea. Relax, learn from experts, enjoy lectures, library, observation decks.
DAYS 6-7 Macquarie Island. Observe vast penguin and seal colonies, rich wildlife and history.
DAYS 8-10 At Sea. Cross Antarctic Convergence, watch wildlife, relax, attend expert presentations.
DAYS 11-17: Victoria Land Coast and Ross Sea. Discover the Ross Sea's pristine wilderness: colossal ice shelves, vast penguin colonies, seals and orcas, heroic-age huts, and living science. Expert-led exploration adapts daily to ice and weather, delivering rare wildlife encounters and reflections on Antarctica's natural and human legacy.
DAYS 18-21: At Sea. Sail north, enjoy lectures, spot wildlife.
DAYS 22-24: Subantarctic Islands – Visit Auckland and Campbell Islands, observe penguins, albatrosses, sea lions.
DAY 25: At Sea. Relax before journey ends.

Expedition Map



DAY 26: Dunedin. Farewell expedition team, conclude journey, continue onward travels safely.

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