

# Antarctica

## Polar Circle - Whale watching

Crossing the Polar Circle



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# ITINERARY

DAY 1:

ACTIVITY

End of the world,  
start of a journey

DAY 2-3:

ACTIVITY

Path of the polar  
explorers

DAY 4 - 9:

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Sights of late  
summer Antarctica

DAY 10-11:

ACTIVITY

Familiar seas,  
familiar friends

DAY 12:

ACTIVITY

There  
and  
back again





Deception  
Island

Bransfield Strait

Brabant  
Island

Gerlache Strait

Melchior  
Islands

Anvers  
Island

ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

Wee

Neko + Paradise Harbour

Lemaire  
Channel

Petermann and  
Pleneau Island

Polar Circle



## DAY 1: END OF THE WORLD, START OF A JOURNEY

Your voyage begins where the world drops off. Ushuaia, Argentina, reputed to be the southernmost city on the planet, is located on the far southern tip of South America. Starting in the afternoon, you embark from this small resort town on Tierra del Fuego, nicknamed “The End of the World,” and sail the mountain-fringed Beagle Channel for the remainder of the evening.



## DAY 2 - 3: PATH OF THE POLAR EXPLORERS

Over the next two days on the Drake Passage, you 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. After passing the Antarctic Convergence - Antarctica's natural boundary, formed when north-flowing cold waters collide with warmer sub-Antarctic seas you are in the circum-Antarctic upwelling zone. Not only does the marine life change, the avian life changes too. Wandering albatrosses, grey-headed albatrosses, black-browed albatrosses, light-mantled sooty albatrosses, cape pigeons, southern fulmars, Wilson's storm petrels, blue petrels, and Antarctic petrels are a few of the birds you might see.





## DAY 4 - 9: SIGHTS OF LATE SUMMER ANTARCTICA

Options for Antarctic Peninsula activities are many, and no less great during the late summer. Humpback whales are prolific in this region, gorging themselves on krill before their migration north. The penguin chicks are also fledging, stirring up activity on the beaches while sleek leopard seals lie in wait, poised to attack the less fortunate ones.

### Sites for your Antarctic adventures may include:

- Livingston Island
- Deception Island
- Cuverville Island
- Neko Harbour
- Paradise Bay
- Pléneau & Petermann Island
- Crystal Sound
- Detaille Island
- Fish Islands
- Melchior Islands



**Conditions on the Drake Passage determine the exact time of departure**



## DAY 10 - 11: FAMILIAR SEAS, FAMILIAR FRIENDS

Your return voyage is far from lonely. While crossing the Drake, you're again greeted by the vast array of seabirds remembered from the passage south. But they seem a little more familiar to you now, and you to them.





## DAY 12: THERE AND BACK AGAIN

Every adventure, no matter how grand, must eventually come to an end. It's now time to disembark in Ushuaia, but with memories that will accompany you wherever your next adventure lies.







## INCLUDED IN THIS VOYAGE

- Voyage aboard the indicated vessel as indicated in the itinerary
- All meals throughout the voyage aboard the ship including snacks, coffee and tea.
- All shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage by Zodiac.
- Program of lectures by noted naturalists and leadership by experienced expedition staff.
- Free use of rubber boots and snowshoes.
- Luggage transfer from pick-up point to the vessel on the day of embarkation, in Ushuaia.
- Pre-scheduled group transfer from the vessel to the airport in Ushuaia (directly after disembarkation).
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the programme.
- Comprehensive pre-departure material.

## EXCLUDED FROM THIS VOYAGE

- Any airfare, whether on scheduled or charter flights
- Pre- and post- land arrangements.
- Passport and visa expenses.
- Government arrival and departure taxes.
- Meals ashore.
- Baggage, cancellation and personal insurance (which is strongly recommended).
- Excess baggage charges and all items of a personal nature such as laundry, bar, beverage charges and telecommunication charges.
- The customary gratuity at the end of the voyages for stewards and other service personnel aboard (guidelines will be provided)