

ANTARCTICA - SOUTHERN EXPEDITION: CROSSING THE CIRCLE | OCEAN EXPLORER



TRIP CODE

ACQEASE

DEPARTURE

04/02/2025, 04/03/2025,
09/02/2026

DURATION

14 Days

LOCATIONS

Antarctic Peninsula, Antarctic Circle



INTRODUCTION

Explore Antarctica to the southern depths of the Antarctic Circle on this 14 day cruise. A truly remarkable place, Antarctica offers you pristine scenery and wonderful diversity of wildlife as you cruise down the peninsula to 66°33'S where most expeditions do not offer. Enjoy a glass of champagne at this point where few have been, taking in the almost untouched surroundings and solitude of this magnificent locations.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival in Ushuaia

You will begin your journey in Ushuaia, a small but bustling port town at the tip of South America. This Argentine town is an ideal gateway for you to explore the southern extent of Patagonia while preparing for your adventure ahead. Get active in the mountains or enjoy handcrafted chocolate at a café in town.



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DAY 2: Embarkation in Ushuaia

As the ship sets sail in the late afternoon, you will begin your Antarctic journey, passing through the Beagle Channel. Named after the famed ship on which Charles Darwin voyaged, the channel presents great photo opportunities of landscapes and seabirds. Eventually, the channel opens up to the Southern Ocean, and onwards to Antarctica.



DAY 3: Crossing the Drake Passage - Days 3 & 4

The waters of the Drake Passage are unpredictable, so hope for clear skies and a calm ocean. You'll have plenty of time to gaze out at the sea, get to know your fellow shipmates and chat with your Expedition Team. You will spend this time preparing for the exciting days ahead, with numerous educational and informative lectures presented by your Expedition Team. You'll learn about everything from safety procedures to the history of whaling in Antarctica.



DAY 5: Antarctic Peninsula & South Shetland - Days 5 to 7

With the Drake Passage left in our wake, we make our approach to Antarctica. Get your cameras ready as the continent's coastline will make its first appearance, signaling the start of your adventure in the realm of the Antarctic. You'll see plentiful icebergs floating by and be fixated on the surface of the ocean as curious whales spout and breach before your eyes. As exciting as it can be from on board the ship, your true exploration occurs when you disembark and set foot on the great continent. There are several potential landing sites we may visit, including Neko Harbour, Orne Harbour or Paradise Harbour. While weather dictates which specific landing sites we can visit, each one presents a new collection of wildlife and natural attractions. Your days will be busy spotting wildlife and being mesmerized by the beauty of Antarctica. Watching penguins waddling on the beach and listening to the crackling and crumbling sounds of icebergs and glaciers will become your daily entertainment, while kayaking with whales and camping in Antarctica are a couple of optional activities available on selected voyages (at an extra cost).



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DAY 8: Antarctic Circle - Days 8 & 9

Crossing the Antarctic Circle is an impressive achievement, as most expeditions to the Antarctic Peninsula do not reach this far south, which is officially noted at 66°33' S. If conditions allow us to cross this famed line, you and your shipmates will celebrate in style with a well-earned glass of champagne! Make a toast and take pride in knowing you’ve made it to a part of the world visited by very few people.



DAY 10: Northbound Along the Peninsula - Days 10 to 11

By now, your knowledge of Adélie, chinstrap and gentoo penguins will be matched by your ability to differentiate between a leopard, fur or Weddell seal. Terms like bergy bits and pancake ice will seem normal, yet there are still many tales to be told. As you head north, Zodiac excursions will fill your days, and your Expedition Team will continue offering presentations while giving you time to reflect on everything you’ve experienced.



DAY 12: Crossing the Drake Passage - Days 12 & 13

As you recross the Drake, Antarctica fades away, leaving you with a collection of memories to last a lifetime. Excited conversations with your newfound friends will make the crossing fly by, regardless of weather and sea conditions. Your Expedition Team will round up its series of lectures as well, perhaps with a slideshow of the great landing sites and wildlife you’ve witnessed over the course of your voyage.



DAY 14: Disembark in Ushuaia

Today you’ll say goodbye to your Expedition Team and fellow travelers, disembarking in the morning to catch your homeward flights.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Hotel & Cabin on board ship
Inclusions	<div> <div>INCLUSIONS</div> <div> <p>Cabin accommodation on board ship</p> <p>All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage</p> <p>Beer, standard wines & spirits, & cocktails during pre-dinner bar service, dinner & evenings</p> <p>Coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock</p> <p>All scheduled landings and excursions</p> <p>Guiding and lectures by experienced expedition team</p> <p>Expedition parka (yours to keep)</p> <p>A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions</p> <p>Group transfer in Ushuaia from the airport to the pre-expedition hotel on Day 1</p> <p>One night's pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Ushuaia, with breakfast</p> <p>Group transfer from the hotel to the ship on embarkation day</p> <p>Group transfer upon disembarkation in Ushuaia from the ship to the local airport</p> <p>Free WiFi</p> </div> <div>EXCLUSIONS</div> <div> <p>International flights</p> <p>Any other pre or post land arrangements not mentioned above</p> <p>Passport and visa expenses</p> <p>Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned above</p> <p>Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended</p> <p>Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned</p> <p>Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew</p> <p>Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic flights</p> <p>Laundry, bar and other personal charges unless specified</p> <p>Optional Adventure Activities</p> </div> </div>
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request, a supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please Contact Us for more information.

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Notes	<p>Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated for single, triple cabins)</p> <p>Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.</p> <p>*Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.</p>
Price Dependent upon	Departure dates, seasonality, availability & currency fluctuation

SUSTAINABILITY

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