

ANTARCTICA - SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS & ANTARCTIC PENINSULA 26/27 | OCEAN ALBATROS



TRIP CODE

ACABAPSS

DEPARTURE

04/11/2026, 03/01/2027,
12/01/2027, 28/02/2027,
09/03/2027, 18/03/2027

DURATION

11 Days

LOCATIONS

Antarctic Peninsula



INTRODUCTION

Experience a classic 11-day voyage to the Great White Continent. This classic Antarctic voyage is highlighted by the latest in polar expedition vessels creating an entirely new expedition experience. Within 11 days you will experience incredible wildlife, stunning mountain vistas and gigantic icebergs, all complimented with an incredible degree of unique wildlife.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrive Ushuaia

After a friendly welcome at the airport and a transfer to your included hotel, take some time to unwind or explore the southernmost city in the world, Ushuaia. Our evening briefing is your opportunity to ask questions and meet some of your fellow explorers.



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DAY 2: Embarkation in Ushuaia

This morning enjoy some free time before the embarkation to explore the quaint city or local countryside. Alternatively, consider a day trip off the beaten path to the raw, natural archipelago of Tierra del Fuego. It's a hiker's paradise with rugged snow-capped mountains, glaciers, flower-filled meadows and boggy quagmires. In the afternoon, you will board the ship and settle into your cabin before setting sail for Antarctica. After our mandatory safety drill, our expedition begins as we navigate through the calm waters of the famous Beagle Channel (named for Charles Darwin's ship). This steep-sided strait divides southern Tierra del Fuego between Chile and Argentina, and has been the jumping-off point for thousands of expeditions into the unknown. Watch out for whales and dolphins as we sail off the edge of the map into the tempestuous Drake Passage.



DAY 3: Crossing the Drake - Day 3 & 4

Sailing onward, we cross the famed Drake Passage - a body of water that marks the intersection of the cold Antarctic with the warmer Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Drake Passage is known for rollicking conditions and strong westerly winds, called the Roaring Fifties. While this passage may be challenging, you can rest confidently aboard our expedition vessel, which is purpose-built with stabilizers, powerful engines and a highly-qualified crew. The most spirited sailors consider Drake Passage a lifetime achievement, and you will complete the crossing twice! Our days in the Drake Passage will be put to good use preparing for our arrival in Antarctica - your Expedition Leader will brief you comprehensively on how to stay safe and minimise your impact on this precious wilderness, as well as briefing you thoroughly on our plans for our time spent exploring, including hints and tips for wildlife watching. Our dedicated Expedition Team will assist you to biosecure your clothing and equipment (a vital process to protect Antarctica's delicate ecology), as well as sharing tailored lectures on Antarctic exploration history, wildlife, geology, glaciology and more!



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DAY 5: Antarctica & South Shetland Islands - Day 5 to 8

Over the next days, we will enjoy a safe and exciting Antarctic experience explorers of yesteryear could only dream of. Our Antarctic adventure begins in the South Shetland Islands. This chain of rugged rocks marks the northernmost point of Antarctica, and the most exposed to the fury of the Southern Ocean. Because of this, it is also one of the richest in terms of wildlife, with large Gentoo and Chinstrap Penguin colonies, and an abundance of large seabirds such as predatory Giant Petrels. The ice-clad mountains of Livingstone, Greenwich and King George Islands give us a glimpse of what is to come as we venture further south. Landing sites which may be visited in the South Shetland Islands include the black steaming sands and rusting ruins of Deception Island (an active volcanic crater), the bustling penguin colonies of Aitcho and Half Moon Islands, or the old sealers' anchorage of Yankee Harbour. The following days will be spent exploring further south on the Antarctic Peninsula in the Gerlache Strait region. This region is typically icy, so our exact route will be subject to careful planning by the Expedition Leader and Captain - however we will aim to visit a range of sites which showcase the best of this staggeringly beautiful region. Consisting of the 'spine' of the Antarctic Peninsula and a large number of glaciated and mountainous islands, the Gerlache Strait is what comes to mind when most people think of Antarctica. Marvel at the massive icebergs and vast glaciers on a Zodiac cruise in Paradise Bay. Be moved by penguins tenderly caring for their precious eggs, and fiercely defending their nests on Cuverville Island. Watch cataracts of ice tumble into clear blue ocean on a hike over the active glaciers of Neko Harbour. Experience the Antarctica of old at historic huts such as Damoy Point, lovingly restored and open to all. Feel the spray of water from the blow of a humpback whale on a Zodiac safari in Wilhelmina Bay. Wonder at awe-inspiring scenery on a ship cruise through the Lemaire Channel. Wherever we go on the Antarctic Peninsula, endemic wildlife, tantalizing history and breathtaking natural beauty abound.



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DAY 9: Depart Antarctica, At Sea - Day 9 & 10

We eventually depart Antarctica, and spend two days at sea on our way northwards back across the infamous Drake Passage towards the more welcoming shores of the Beagle Channel and Ushuaia, Argentina. During our time at sea, a variety of activities will be arranged on board to provide our guests with the chance to reflect on their voyage. Relax with an expertly crafted cocktail in the Nordic Bar in the company of new friends, soak up the knowledge and passion of our Expedition Team during lectures in the Shackleton Lounge, or simply enjoy the flight of the albatross which accompany us northwards. During your last evening onboard, join the Captain and Officers for the Farewell Cocktail Party, followed by a presentation of photos and video by our onboard photographer - the ideal opportunity to re-live your Antarctic adventure.



DAY 11: Disembarkation in Ushuaia

On the morning of the final day of our voyage, we will arrive back at the pier of Ushuaia, Argentina. Trees, grass and a busy city may seem strange to you after the white wilderness of Antarctica! After a hearty breakfast, it is time to bid a fond farewell to the Crew and Albatros Expedition Team, and descend the gangway back to dry land with memories of the voyage of a lifetime.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Cabin on board ship & Hotel

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Group transfer from Ushuaia airport to hotel (on arrival in Ushuaia if arriving on Day 1 of itinerary, and providing we have your confirmed air itinerary at least 15 days prior to departure)
 1 night pre night cruise accommodation in Ushuaia including breakfast
 Transfer from Ushuaia hotel accommodation to the ship for embarkation
 Accommodation onboard the Ocean Albatros in booked cabin category
 All meals onboard the Ocean Albatros
 "Welcome" and "Farewell" receptions with sparkling wine and soft drinks
 Beer, wine and soft drinks with lunch and dinner onboard the ship; 24/7 tea, coffee & hot cocoa
 500MB WiFi card for use on your personal devices
 Exclusive MCKEON down Inner jacket to keep & outer Shackleton Expedition Jackets will be on loan
 Use of rubber boots on loan for excursions
 All scheduled landings and excursions
 Snowshoes for use during landings (subject to availability)
 Citizen Science program
 Photography Coach available throughout the voyage
 Participation in the Polar Plunge
 Access to onboard medical clinics
 Access to onboard fitness centres
 All port taxes and landing fees
 Digital Voyage Log
 Group transfer to Ushuaia airport or city centre on return to port

Inclusions

INCLUDED ON BALCONY SUITE (A) AND ABOVE

Wine and fruit on arrival
 In-room mini-bar refilled once daily with non-alcoholic beverages
 Complimentary laundry service
 In-room espresso machine

EXCLUSIONS

International or internal flights other than specified
 Airport transfers, taxes and excess baggage charges unless specified
 Meals other than those specified in the pre-departure information
 Pre or post cruise travel expenses other than specified
 Visa (if applicable) and passport fees
 Travel insurance (compulsory)
 Fuel surcharge may be applied to all bookings
 Paid adventure options and all personal expenses
 Tobacco, or selected premium beverages
 Miscellaneous extras
 Laundry and communication charges on board, except as listed in inclusions
 Gratuities for Expedition team and crew (recommended US\$20 per person per day)
 For minors under 16 years of age at time of travel; life jackets, waterproof outer shell jacket, and boots
 For guests who require larger sizing; Waterproof outer shell jacket and rubber boots

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

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Single Surcharge	Contact Us for details. Single occupancy cabins are available with a surcharge or for those willing to share you can be matched with someone of the same gender in selected cabins and pay the twin share price. Subject to availability.
Notes	Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated for single, triple cabins) Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.
Price Dependent upon	Departure Date, Fuel Surcharges, Cabin Category, Currency Fluctuations, Seasonality & Availability.

SUSTAINABILITY

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