

ANTARCTICA - QUEST FOR THE WEDDELL SEA | OCEAN ALBATROS



TRIP CODE

ACABSAEW

DEPARTURE

07/11/2025

DURATION

13 Days

LOCATIONS

Antarctica, Antarctic Peninsula, Weddell Sea

INTRODUCTION

Enjoy an Antarctica cruise to see the 7th Continent and the Weddell Sea onboard the Ocean Albatros. You'll see giant icebergs, breathtaking mountains and a range of unique wildlife.

Your expedition vessels' distinctive X-Bow design provides remarkable stability at sea, ensuring a smoother journey across some of the world's most treacherous waters. The speed of the vessels also allows you to make the most of your time in Antarctica, providing an unparalleled exploration experience.

Explore the South Shetland Islands, Antarctica Peninsula, Antarctic Sound and the unotuched Weddell Sea, a large area of ice-bound wilderness that proved too difficult for numerous early Antarctic missions to traverse.



ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrive Ushuaia

After a friendly welcome at the airport and a transfer to the luxurious Arakur Ushuaia Resort & Spa, take some time to unwind or explore the southernmost city in the world, Ushuaia. (In the unlikely event that you can't be accommodated at the Arakur, you'll unwind at another of Ushuaia's top luxury hotels.) Our optional evening briefing is your opportunity to ask questions and meet some of your fellow explorers.



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DAY 2: Embarkation in Ushuaia

Spend your morning relaxing at the hotel, visiting a museum, or exploring the shops in Ushuaia, before our mid-afternoon escort to the ship. Our Expedition Team and ship staff will welcome you on board and get you settled in, followed by a safety and orientation briefing and our Captain's welcome dinner. Join us as we toast the Ocean Albatros, and the great adventure that awaits!



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

Join our Polar Experts as they share their vast knowledge of Antarctica, from its enchanting wildlife to its bold history. Participate in our pioneering Citizen Science program, or sit back and take in this fabled journey while catching glimpses of rarely-seen wildlife. Keep your binoculars handy to identify the many seabirds that escort our ship as we cross the Antarctic Convergence into Antarctica's waters and noticeably cooler temperatures.



DAY 5: Antarctic Sound & Weddell Sea - Day 5 to 7

We travel into the captivating region at the northeastern tip of the continent, the Antarctic Sound, the gateway to the Weddell Sea. This area boasts some of Antarctica's most striking scenery, from the vast Adelie Penguin colonies at Hope Bay and Devil's Island, to the dramatic volcanic cliffs at Brown Bluff. Continuing southward toward the Weddell Sea, we'll likely encounter immense tabular icebergs, as well as a diverse array of wildlife, including penguins, seals, seabirds, and humpback whales.



DAY 8: Antarctic Peninsula - Day 8 & 9

In the days ahead, we venture further west along the Antarctic Peninsula into the Gerlache Strait region, consisting of the 'spine' of the Antarctic Peninsula and a large number of mountainous glaciated islands, while offering a plethora of iconic Antarctic experiences. From Zodiac cruises in Paradise Bay, to witnessing penguins nesting on Cuverville Island, each potential stop promises awe-inspiring encounters. Explore historic huts at Damoy Point, witness humpback whales in Wilhelmina Bay, and marvel at the jaw-dropping scenery of the Lemaire Channel.



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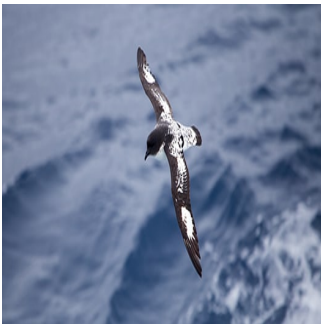
DAY 10: South Shetland Islands

Despite the inhospitable elements, the South Shetland Islands boast a remarkable richness of wildlife, with numerous colonies of Gentoo and Chinstrap Penguins dotting the island shores, accompanied by an array of formidable seabirds like the predatory Giant Petrels. The ice-capped peaks of Livingstone, Greenwich, and King George Islands offer a stunning backdrop to explore. Experience the eerie landscape of Deception Island, an active volcanic crater with black steaming sands and rusting ruins, or witness the bustling penguin colonies on Aitcho and Half Moon Islands.



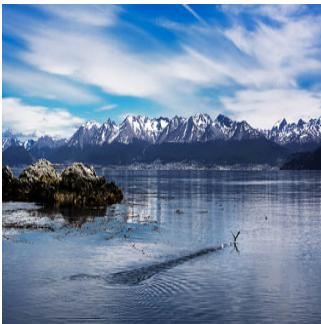
DAY 11: Drake Passage northbound - Day 11 & 12

We leave this magical place and make our way north, once again heading across the Antarctic Convergence and the Drake Passage. We have one last hurrah as we celebrate the conclusion of our expedition with a special slideshow and a final meal together.



DAY 13: Disembarkation in Ushuaia

With huge smiles on weary, content faces, we disembark in the morning, letting you catch a flight to Buenos Aires or stay in Ushuaia for more sights and adventure. *Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin On Board Ship & Hotel
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INCLUSIONS

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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