

Antarctica, South Georgia, and the Falkland Islands

COMPREHENSIVE ANTARCTICA EXPEDITION
ABOARD THE *SEA SPIRIT*, *SEAVENTURE*, OR *ISLAND SKY*



Wilderness Travel

Terra Australis Incognita

'The Unknown Land of the South'





ANTARCTICA IS LIKE NOWHERE ELSE ON THE PLANET—to experience its ethereal splendor is a rare privilege to savor for a lifetime. This magnificent, uninhabited continent is hypnotically beautiful, where glacier-clad mountains soar above a cobalt sea, towering blue-white icebergs float by majestically, and phenomenal wildlife abounds. The nutrient-rich waters here support humpback whales and orcas, countless seabirds including Wandering Albatross, with their 11-foot wingspans, seals, and huge colonies of penguins. A voyage to the Antarctic Peninsula—exploring the beautiful and wild South Shetland Islands, navigating the frozen labyrinth of picturesque Lemaire Channel, and encountering the white continent’s most dense and varied wildlife populations—is a true expedition to one of Earth’s last frontiers.

TRIP DATES

Nov 2-23, 2023 *Seaventure*
 Dec 29, 2023-Jan 18, 2024 *Seaventure*
 Jan 6-26, 2024 *Sea Spirit*
 Feb 27-Mar 20, 2024 *Sea Spirit*
 Nov 2-18, 2024 *Sea Spirit*
 Nov 17-Dec 7, 2024 *Sea Spirit*
 Dec 28, 2024-Jan 17, 2025 *Seaventure*
 Jan 5-25, 2025 *Sea Spirit*
 Feb 26-Mar 20, 2025 *Sea Spirit*

Why Travel to Antarctica With Wilderness Travel?

ENJOY THE ABSOLUTE BEST OF ANTARCTICA

Wilderness Travel has over 30 years of experience in Antarctica. We know this continent intimately and have carefully selected the best designed itineraries—true to our active, expert-led style of travel, and the most comfortable and well-run expedition vessels, allowing you to voyage through the waters of the Southern Ocean in the ultimate combination of adventure, style, and safety. You'll be traveling under the care of the finest expedition cruise companies, and while these voyages are not directly operated by Wilderness Travel (as our small-group land programs are), the trips are eligible for, and count toward, our frequent traveler Toucan Club discounts.



THE WONDERFUL ADVANTAGE OF SMALL EXPEDITION SHIPS

The relatively small size of these vessels (just 65 to 130 passengers!) translates to superb maneuverability, with the ability to anchor close to shore. You'll have more time to explore on land, since all passengers can go ashore simultaneously (regulations in Antarctica limit

the number of passengers who can make landfall at one time; travelers on larger ships must wait in shifts to explore). Small ships also provide a far more personal experience—you will get to know other guests at meals that are able to accommodate everyone at one seating, and you will have quality time with the expedition team on board.





STELLAR TEAMS OF ONBOARD EXPERT LECTURERS

Each of our expedition ships offer a fleet of go-anywhere Zodiacs for exciting shore visits and an expert team of world-class naturalist guides who will accompany you on the twice-a-day shore landings. These are possible on most days when not we're not "at sea," conditions permitting. They also provide you with fascinating presentations on their fields of expertise, from marine biology, ornithology, and environmental science to tales of the incredible historic expeditions undertaken by Antarctic explorers.

SHIPS THAT MEET RIGOROUS SAFETY & ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS

Traveling into the ice-realm of Antarctica requires a vessel that has been expressly built for expedition cruising. All of the ships we have chosen have ice-strengthened hulls with the proper safety rating for Antarctica's waters, advanced stabilization systems, and state-of-the-art navigation and communication equipment. We have selected only the vessels that fully adhere to the strict IAATO Antarctic Visitor Guidelines that protect the pristine environment of this fascinating, fragile, continent.



COMFORT AND PERSONAL SERVICE

The trips we offer are aboard the world's finest expedition ships. The majority of the ships are all-suite, luxury expedition ships with state-of-the-art amenities and delightful touches of elegance. They feature ocean-view staterooms with en suite bathrooms throughout, an abundance of public space for relaxing and enjoying lectures or presentations, including well-stocked libraries, comfortable lounges, a theater/lecture room, and elegant dining salon.



Itinerary

TRIP DETAILS AT-A-GLANCE

- Length:** 21-23 days
- Arrive:** Puerto Madryn or Ushuaia, Argentina (depending on itinerary)
- Depart:** Buenos Aires or Ushuaia, Argentina
- Lodging:** 19-20 nights aboard an expedition ship, 1-2 nights hotel
- Meals:** All meals included (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Activity:** Small Ship Cruising, Wildlife & Natural History
- Trip Level:** ② 3 4 5 6 7
21-day expedition cruise, nature walks on uneven ground, Zodiac cruising with wet landings, often rough seas and cold weather

Experience all three epic destinations of the Southern Ocean on one amazing voyage: the remote Falklands, breathtaking South Georgia Island, with its stately king penguins by the thousands, and the celebrated Antarctic Peninsula, a dream world of massive icebergs and mountains rising straight from the sea. Explore by Zodiac amid sculpted bergs, hike among chattering penguins and elephant seals, look for whales and albatrosses, and learn from expert naturalists who illuminate the wonder of the Antarctic for you. If you have the time, this 21-day cruise is the one to take—South Georgia Island is not to be missed!





DAYS 1-2 USHUAIA, ARGENTINA / "THE SOUTHERNMOST TOWN IN THE WORLD"

The small city of Ushuaia is the perfect starting point for our expedition cruise to Antarctica, South Georgia and the Falkland Islands. Located near the southern tip of South America, it boasts beautiful views of the Andres Mountains and the Beagle Channel. Stroll the lively main street of cafes, shops and outfitters, perhaps picking up a last-minute item for your voyage, or enjoying a typical Argentine grill entrée at one of the many casual restaurants. If you arrive early, you will want to visit beautiful Tierra del Fuego National Park. Guests will overnight at the stunningly situated five-star Arakur Resort and Spa, a member of the "Leading Hotels of the World."

DAY 3 EMBARKATION DAY

Arriving at the ship in the afternoon, you will be greeted by our Expedition Team and ship's officers at a safety and orientation briefing followed by the Captain's welcome dinner. After dinner, relax and take in the mountainous scenery on your early evening sail down the Beagle Channel past Magellanic penguin, rock cormorant, and sea lion colonies.

DAY 4 AT SEA / SOUTHERN OCEAN

Among the wildlife spotting opportunities as you sail south are the albatrosses, prions, and petrels that frequently follow the ship. Your Expedition Team will be out on deck as well, looking for the whales and dolphins that may also be seen in the area. The experts will begin the presentations with informative and entertaining talks on the wildlife, history, and geology of the Falkland Islands and Southern Ocean. Helpful

briefings on environmental regulations and expedition safety will also be held in the comfortable lounge.

DAYS 5-6 THE FALKLANDS

The Falkland Islands offer an unforgettable vista of moors and rugged coastlines carved by the South Atlantic, where the wildlife and plant life form a link between Patagonia and Antarctica. On the beaches, elephant seals are a spectacular sight when

battling among themselves to establish territories or just simply relaxing. Sea lions and fur seals are also common sights. As many as a million penguins nest in the Falklands every summer, representing five of the world's seventeen species – king, gentoo, rockhopper, Magellanic and macaroni. What's more, for the gentoo, the Falklands are home to the largest population on Earth. Look for black-browed albatrosses

"It was the thrill of a lifetime to visit the Falklands and South Georgia in addition to Antarctica. The Zodiac rides were great and the staff was always making every effort for us to see and do everything."

-Joanne G., Denver, CO

Itinerary (cont'd)

nesting on grassy hillsides overlooking the sea. The capital of the Falklands Port Stanley is the southernmost British outpost in the world. With many reminders of its British heritage such as red phone booths and English pubs, the town boasts other unusual sights like a whalebone arch and shipwrecks along the coast.

DAYS 7-8 AT SEA / CROSSING THE ANTARCTIC CONVERGENCE

There will be plenty of wildlife spotting as you make your way east across the Antarctic Convergence and officially enter Antarctic waters. Shipboard presentations will continue featuring the exciting history and abundant wildlife of South Georgia.

DAYS 9-12 SOUTH GEORGIA

At 1,450 square miles, South Georgia is the largest island in the Scotia Arc, an underwater mountain chain extending from the Andes to Antarctica. The island is uniquely positioned inside the Antarctic Convergence, yet beyond the limit of yearly sea ice, making it an ideal home to tens of millions of breeding penguins, seals and seabirds. Magnificent mountain scenery, glaciers galore, a rugged coastline punctuated with

castellate and tabular icebergs, a rich historical tapestry, and an astounding array of wildlife are all available to you as you travel down South Georgia's leeward coast.

Landing sites feature huge elephant seals, aggressive fur seals, macaroni penguins, albatross, petrels, skuas, and gulls. King penguins, from fuzzy little chicks to fattened adults, can be seen in the hundreds of thousands. Plan to visit historic Grytviken whaling station, home of the whaling museum, Norwegian seaman's church, the active British Antarctic Survey station, and the tiny graveyard where the great Antarctic explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton is buried.

DAYS 13-14 SCOTIA SEA

Heading farther south, continue your informative presentations and wildlife watch as the icebergs become more and more plentiful.

DAYS 15-18 ANTARCTIC PENINSULA & SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS

The land of superlatives, Antarctica! Your Expedition Leader and Captain will create a flexible itinerary based on weather, ice, and opportunity. Approaching the Antarctic Peninsula



from the east, cross the northern boundary of the Weddell Sea; this large cold body of water rotates clockwise driving cold water and ice north towards South Georgia and the South Orkney Islands. Large tabular icebergs born in the Weddell drift north into our path while the ocean currents drive nutrients from the deep, feeding countless species of marine animals. Large groups of whales are common, along with scores of seabirds thriving off the bounty the Weddell provides.

Your route will stress the most scenic bays and channels of the Peninsula with stops at penguin rookeries, seal wallows, bird colonies and whale feeding areas as well as sites of historic and scientific interest. The trip may include picturesque Neko Harbor, sheltered Paradise Harbor, Wilhelmina Bay (a favorite of humpback whales), or the majestic Neumayer Channel. You may stop at an active scientific base such as Poland's Arctowski or a historic base such as U.K.'s Port Lockroy or Wordie House. Adelie, chinstrap, and gentoo penguins abound,

and Weddell, crabeater, and elephant seals are often found hauled out to rest along with predatory leopard seals and the aggressive Antarctic fur seal. Minke and humpback whales are frequent visitors in the late season and orca sightings are also common. *(Note: Some departures spend an additional day in this section of the itinerary. Consequently, passengers return to Ushuaia for disembarkation on Day 22-23).*

"This trip is unique—there is nothing comparable. The expedition director was superb, and the procedures for getting ashore were well organized. There was a rich variety of lectures that expanded the experience and our knowledge."

-Stuart G., Golden, CO

DAYS 19-20 DRAKE PASSAGE

Continue your lecture series and wildlife spotting as you sail back to Ushuaia and reflect on beautiful Antarctica and its fragile future. Arrive at Ushuaia in the early hours of Day 20.

DAY 21 USHUAIA / DISEMBARK / DEPART

Morning disembarkation lets you catch a flight to Buenos Aires or stay in Ushuaia for more sights and adventure.



Sea Spirit

DATE AND PRICING INFORMATION

Dates	Triple	Main Deck	Classic	Superior	Deluxe	Premium	Owner's
Jan 6-16, 2024	\$18,695	\$25,895	\$27,595	\$28,095	\$31,595	\$34,495	\$44,395
Feb 27-Mar 20, 2024	\$14,795	\$20,395	\$21,795	\$22,195	\$24,995	\$27,295	\$35,095
Nov 2-18, 2024	\$14,795	\$19,595	\$20,995	\$21,395	\$23,795	\$25,595	\$32,395
Nov 17-Dec 7, 2024	\$16,995	\$22,495	\$24,095	\$24,495	\$27,295	\$29,395	\$37,195
Jan 5-25, 2025	\$19,495	\$25,795	\$27,695	\$28,195	\$31,295	\$33,695	\$42,695
Feb 26-Mar 20, 2025	\$16,195	\$21,395	\$22,995	\$23,395	\$25,995	\$27,995	\$35,395

ADDITIONAL PRICING

Kayaking option: \$895 per person (limited)

TRIP PAYMENT SCHEDULE*

At time of reservation: 20% of trip cost

130 days prior to departure: Balance

*Please note that this differs from our regular catalog departures.

CANCELLATION AND TRANSFER FEE SCHEDULE*

Minimum fee: 20% of trip cost

90 days or less: 100% of trip cost

Passengers are subject to any cancellation fees assessed by the purveyors of services, including airlines or hotels used in the itinerary. Requests for cancellations must be made in writing. No refunds will be made for any part of this program in which you choose not to participate.

*Please note that this differs from our regular catalog departures.

TRIP COST INCLUDES

- One night pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Ushuaia with breakfast
- Shipboard accommodation
- All scheduled landings and excursions
- All meals on board throughout the voyage
- Complimentary tea and coffee station
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for shore landings
- An official expedition parka to keep
- Comprehensive pre-departure materials and digital voyage log
- Group transfers in Ushuaia on Arrival and Departure dates
- All miscellaneous services taxes and port charges throughout the program
- All luggage handling aboard ship
- Professional expedition leadership

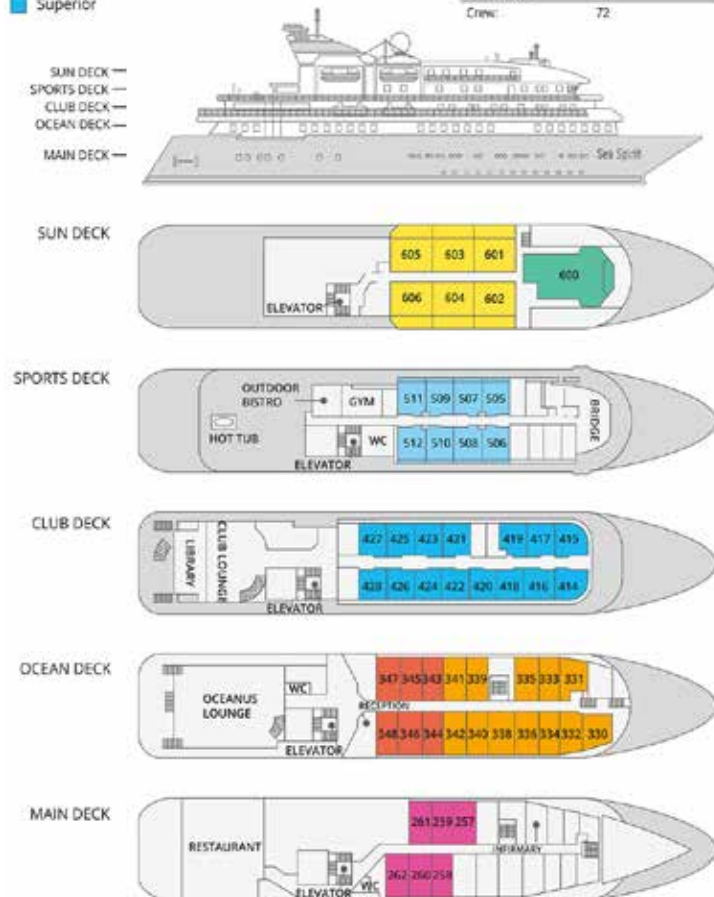
TRIP COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

Airfare to Ushuaia, Argentina, and return; pre- or post-voyage expenses in Ushuaia, Buenos Aires, or Puerto Madryn; passport, visa, or Argentine Reciprocity fees; baggage, cancellation insurance and emergency medical evacuation insurance (required); alcoholic beverages; excess baggage charges; meals other than specified above; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, faxes, internet, and e-mail service; and gratuities to shipboard personnel.



- Owner's
- Premium
- Deluxe
- Superior
- Classic
- Triple
- Main Deck

Length: 90.6 meters (297 ft.)
 Beam: 15.3 meters (50 ft.)
 Speed: 15 knots
 Passengers: 114
 Crew: 72



Unless otherwise stated, cabins are equipped with either two twins or a king size bed, en suite facilities, walk-in closet or wardrobe, in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/VCR, individual temperature control, and hair dryer.

Main Deck Suite: Averaging 248 square feet, Main Deck cabins have a minimum of two portholes for exterior views.

Triple Classic: Averaging 226 square feet, these staterooms have a picture window, a comfortable sofa bed, and two wardrobes.

Classic Suite: Averaging 226 square feet, these cabins feature a picture window and two wardrobes.

Superior Suite: Averaging 215 square feet, these cabins have a picture window overlooking an outside walkway on the Club Deck.

Deluxe Suite: Averaging 258 square feet means plenty of room; a sliding glass door leads to a private balcony.

Premium Suite: Averaging a generous 323 square feet, these cabins include a lounge area and private balcony accessed by a sliding glass door.

Owner's Suite: Super-spacious at 463 square feet, this elegant suite is located on the Sun Deck. Designed for entertaining, the Owner's Suite has a separate living room with game and meeting area, a BOSE stereo system, and an HD plasma TV. Sliding glass doors lead to a private deck. Refresh in the jetted bathtub in en suite facilities. Slumber in the King size bed. A sofa bed can accommodate a third person.

Seaventure

DATE AND PRICING INFORMATION

Dates	Triple Stateroom	Porthole	Window Suites	Veranda	Owner's
Nov 2-23, 2023	\$20,895	\$24,035	\$26,915	\$34,995	\$46,195
Dec 29, 2023-Jan 18, 2024	\$22,175	\$25,505	\$28,565	\$37,135	\$49,015
Nov 1-21, 2024	\$20,805	\$24,035	\$26,015	\$34,005	\$47,245
Dec 28, 2024-Jan 17, 2025	\$22,765	\$26,185	\$29,325	\$38,125	\$51,475

ADDITIONAL PRICING

Discover Kayaking: \$250

Camping: \$295

Immersive Kayaking: \$895

TRIP PAYMENT SCHEDULE*

At time of reservation: 20% of trip cost

130 days prior to departure: Balance

*Please note that this differs from our regular catalog departures.

CANCELLATION AND TRANSFER FEE SCHEDULE*

Minimum fee: \$1000 per person

180-121 days prior to departure: 20%

120 days or less: 100% of trip cost

Passengers are subject to any cancellation fees assessed by the purveyors of services, including airlines or hotels used in the itinerary. Requests for cancellations must be made in writing. No refunds will be made for any part of this program in which you choose not to participate.

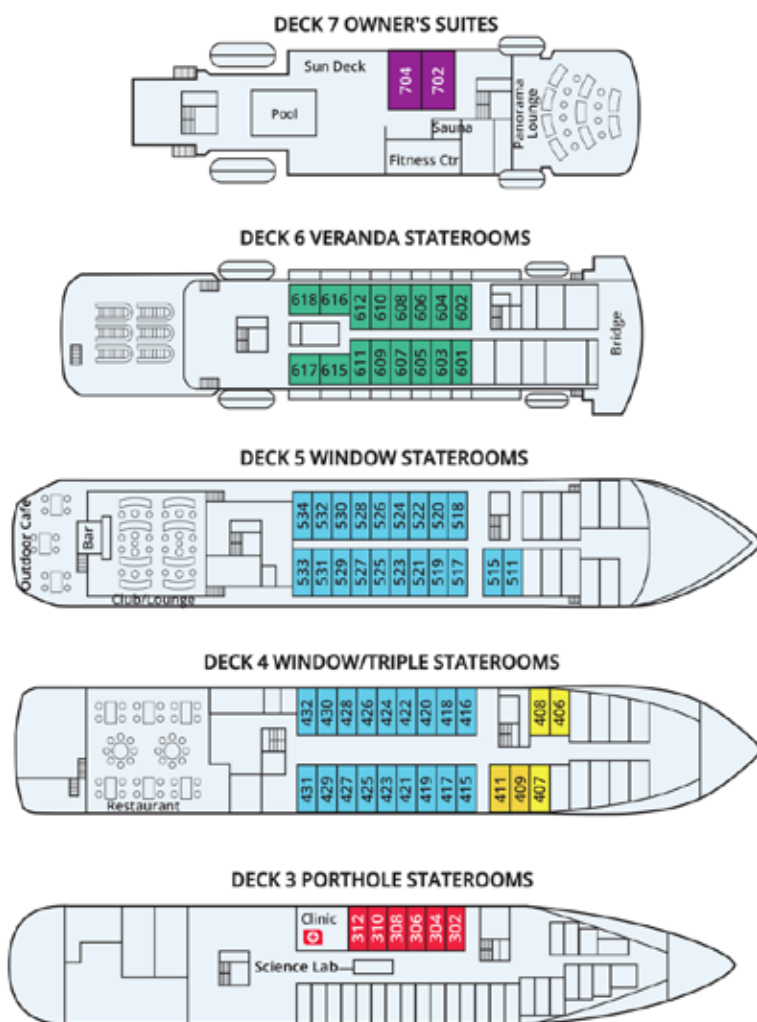
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TRIP COST INCLUDES

- Two nights pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Ushuaia with breakfast (Note: Nov 3, 2023 and Nov 1, 2024 departures include one night in Puerto Madryn and one night in Ushuaia)
- Shipboard accommodation
- All scheduled landings and excursions
- All meals on board throughout the voyage
- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages (some super premium brands excluded)
- Coffee/tea/cocoa 24 hours a day
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for shore landings
- An official expedition parka to keep
- Comprehensive pre-departure materials and digital voyage log
- Citizen Science program: participation in a variety of scientific activities that support important research projects
- Group transfers on Arrival and Departure dates
- Transfer from the hotel to the ship for embarkation
- Wifi from the public computers
- 200MB Wifi card for use on your personal devices
- All miscellaneous services taxes and port charges throughout the program
- All luggage handling aboard ship
- Professional expedition leadership

TRIP COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

Airfare to Ushuaia or Puerto Madryn, Argentina, and return; pre- or post-voyage expenses; passport, visa, or Argentine Reciprocity fees (if required); emergency medical evacuation insurance (required); trip cancellation insurance (recommended); excess baggage charges; meals other than specified; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, faxes; and gratuities to shipboard personnel.



● OWNER'S SUITES 331 SQ. FT.
INCLUDING A 58 SQ. FT. BALCONY
Suites with sitting area and private balcony

● VERANDA STATEROOMS 224 SQ. FT.
INCLUDING A MIN. 39 SQ. FT. BALCONY
Staterooms with sitting area and private balcony

● WINDOW STATEROOMS 188 SQ. FT.
Staterooms with windows and sitting area

● TRIPLE STATEROOMS 188 SQ. FT.
Staterooms with extra single bed and sitting area
Family Triples (409 & 411) have one queen and one single

● PORTHOLE STATEROOMS 188 SQ. FT.
Staterooms with portholes and sitting area

- All expert presentations, navigation charts and the forward-view camera are broadcast live in every cabin.
- The mini bar is refilled with soft drinks free of charge on a daily basis.

When to Go

The Antarctica Expedition Cruising season begins in late October (the Antarctic Spring) and continues through mid-March (the Antarctic Fall). Throughout this period you will be surprised with how mild the weather can be, with average daytime temperatures in the mid-30s°F ranging to highs in the 50s°F. While there is an abundance of wildlife and natural beauty throughout this time, there are differences in what wildlife is present through the Antarctic summer season.

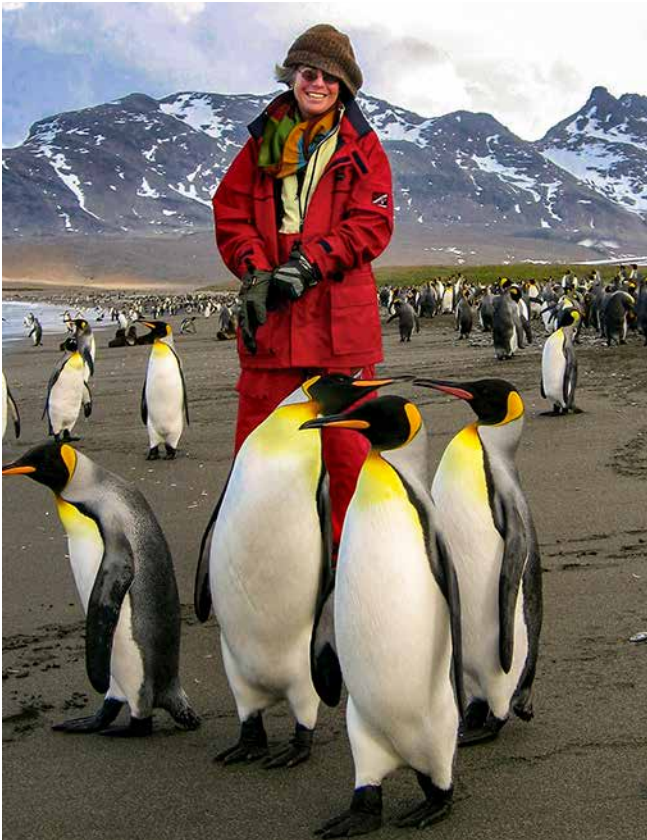
EARLY SEASON (LATE OCTOBER TO DECEMBER)

Climate and Environment:

- Visitors experience the reawakening of Antarctica after the long winter.
- Average temperatures will be a chilly 20-25°F in October, rising to 30-38°F by early December.
- The pack ice is beginning to break up and icebergs will be at their greatest mass.
- Although Antarctica is never crowded, this is a favorite time for many veterans as there are fewer ships exploring the Peninsula and South Georgia.

Wildlife:

- Many species of penguins and other austral birds will be returning, building nests, courting and tending to their eggs on the Peninsula.
- In the Falklands and South Georgia, elephant seals and fur seals will be congregating on the beach and establishing territories, often with dramatic fights for harems.
- In South Georgia, due to the long breeding cycle, adults and chicks congregate by the thousands as the colonies are continuously occupied year round. Hungry chicks loudly clamor to be fed while the males shuttle back and forth to the sea in the hunt for food.
- By early December, southern right whales and Antarctic minke whales begin arriving.
- There is great light for dramatic landscape photography.





MID-SEASON (JANUARY TO MID-FEBRUARY)

Climate and Environment:

- The days are magnificently long, with up to 20 hours of sunlight daily from late December to January.
- Average temperatures reach their highest ranges, from 30-45°F.
- The calmest seas tend to be found at this time.
- Sunlight and salt water begin to melt and erode icebergs, transforming them into ever-changing works of art.

Wildlife:

- On the Peninsula, recently-hatched penguin chicks sporting thick warm coats will be loudly demanding food from their parents.
- Baby seals can be seen on the beaches, suckling from their mothers.
- Whale sightings, including humpbacks, minke and orcas increase along the Antarctic Peninsula.
- Elephant seals begin their annual molt whereby they shed the outer layer of hair and skin. It will take a month and they'll stay on shore fasting the entire time.
- Orcas begin their hunt for young seals and penguins who are now foraging on their own having left the nest.

LATE SEASON (MID-FEBRUARY TO MARCH)

Climate and Environment:

- As the pack ice recedes even further, our "Crossing the Antarctic Circle" itinerary will make its attempt to go south of the Polar Circle.
- More landing sites open up as the sea ice continues to recede.
- The days begin to get shorter once again and sunsets more spectacular.

Wildlife:

- South Georgia Island's king penguin rookeries are densely crowded with activity.
- Chicks are quite large and starting to fledge.
- On the Peninsula, you feel the tension and the race against time for penguins who got a late start, and have young who have yet to molt and forage on their own.
- This is when you get the best possibilities for whale watching.
- With the longer days of sunlight in the mid-season creating plankton blooms, we should enjoy excellent sightings of feeding humpback and minke whales.
- Orcas continue their hunts of young seals and penguins.

Other Antarctic Journeys

In addition to our comprehensive 21-23-day expedition cruise, we offer a number of spectacular Antarctic Peninsula itineraries from 8-15 days in duration. These journeys omit visits to the Falklands and South Georgia Island, but offer unique charms that may be especially appealing to travelers seeking a shorter journey to the White Continent.



THE ANTARCTIC PENINSULA: 11-12 DAYS

The Antarctic Peninsula is located just below the southern tip of South America (across the Drake Passage), and is the principal objective of any itinerary setting out to experience the wonders of Antarctica. This is one of the world's most breathtaking and dramatic destinations with fabulous vistas of jagged glacier-encrusted peaks, channels filled with enormous ice bergs that seem like wild pieces of modern art, varied and plentiful wildlife all along its shores, and many fascinating and well-preserved historical sites from the days of early explorers. While you might initially be surprised that most trips to Antarctic go no farther south than the Peninsula, rest assured—this is most definitely part of the mainland. You will have truly been to Antarctica, and it is hard to imagine a more scenic wonderland. The Peninsula also offers the best and most abundant wildlife viewing opportunities of the entire continent.

ANTARCTICA AIR CRUISE: 8 DAYS

As an alternative for those with quite limited time or who are concerned about the possibility of rough seas crossing the Drake Passage, we offer the Antarctica Air Cruise where you fly from Punta Arenas, Chile, to King George Island in the South Shetland Islands. While this choice is reliant on the weather cooperating with the flights, your time cruising will be largely in protected waters, and you replace a two-day crossing of the Drake Passage in each direction with a two-hour flight.

CROSSING THE ANTARCTIC CIRCLE: 15 DAYS

For those of you who would like to travel as far south as possible and cross the Antarctic Circle at 66 degrees South, you can consider going in late-February/early-March when the ice pack is at its most reduced. Keep in mind that our success in crossing the Polar Circle is dependent on weather and the sea ice that year!

ACTIVE ANTARCTICA PENINSULA: 12 DAYS

Because the waters along the Antarctica Peninsula are well protected, for the most part, it is possible to offer this exciting itinerary with adventurous activities like kayaking, snowshoeing, glacier walks, and even camping on the ice.

What the Trip is Like

WHAT THE TRIP IS LIKE

The trip is rated Level 1+, Easy, according to our trip grading system. It can be enjoyed by anyone in reasonably good health.

Average Walking Day

- 1-3 hours
- 1-3 miles

How tough is this trip?

You need to be able to walk on uneven surfaces and feel comfortable on your feet for multiple hours a day. You must be able to complete on board safety drills and emergency evacuation procedures without the assistance of others.

TERRAIN

Rolling seas and windy conditions require you to be stable on your feet, especially when walking on slippery decks or up and down steep gangways. Some agility is required for getting in and out of the Zodiac landing crafts. While a couple of Zodiac landings are dry, most will require that you step into calf-high water on rocky or sandy beaches to get ashore. Your walks onshore will be over sandy or coarse gravel beaches or snow and often require hiking over uneven terrain without the benefit of a developed trail.

WEATHER

The Antarctic summer begins in November and ends in March—no tourist ships visit in the winter. December through February are the best times to visit as they bring long daylight hours and milder temperatures. You'll experience a variety of weather conditions including rain, snow, sleet, and sunny skies no matter when you visit. Temperatures can change quickly and range from the high 30s to below freezing, sometimes with a significant wind chill.

CUISINE

All meals will be taken on board. All ships we offer have the capacity to seat everyone at a single, open seating in the main dining room. In some cases outdoor buffet breakfast and lunch options are also available. Please let us know of any special dietary needs; the ship will accommodate as best as possible.

THE RIGHT CLOTHING FOR YOUR ADVENTURE

Since having the right clothing and gear is vital to the enjoyment of your trip to Antarctica, we have created the Wilderness Travel Gear Store in conjunction with our online retail partner, New Headings, to provide you with exceptional gear and apparel in a one-stop shop. They also provide waterproof layers for rent which can be delivered to you in Ushuaia. A polar jacket is included on some voyages; waterproof boots are available to borrow on all cruises.

Visit wildernesstravel.newheadings.com to begin shopping. Be sure to check out our Get Ready Packages, which features 3 Polar Packages that provide excellent value for the gear necessary to keep you warm and dry.

Wilderness Travel donates all profits from your purchases to the cultural and conservation groups we support worldwide. See the projects we support on our [Making a Difference webpage](#).

MEDICAL ATTENTION AND EVACUATION IN REMOTE DESTINATIONS

Antarctica is an extremely remote and isolated region of the world. In the case of serious illness or injury, medical attention and swift evacuation are not always available. Once you sail from Ushuaia, you are far away from towns and medical facilities. In the case of serious illness or injury, the cruise ship will make every effort to reach medical facilities as soon as possible, but be aware that it may take several days to get you to a hospital. If you have health or medical issues of concern, please discuss them with your physician before considering this trip.

Due to the remoteness, emergency evacuation insurance is required for all voyages to Antarctica.

A NOTE ABOUT FUEL COSTS & RATES OF EXCHANGE

Because the prices published by cruise operators are set so far in advance of the trip dates, they are occasionally faced with exceptional cost fluctuations due to increase in fuel costs that affect the actual cost of running the trip. In most years, no price changes are necessary. However, they do reserve the right to raise or lower the trip price if there is a significant change in costs. If this is the case, your final invoice will reflect the difference in trip cost. Thank you for your understanding.

Travel Notes



WILDERNESS TRAVEL HAS BEEN AWARDED:

- World's Best Tour Operators:** *Travel + Leisure*, 2022, 11-time winner
- Best Travel Specialists in the World:** *Conde Nast Traveller*, 2022, 3 years in a row
- Best Wildlife, Hiking & Walking Trips:** *AFAR Magazine*, 3 years in a row
- Best Adventure Travel Companies:** *USA Today*
- Trip of the Year:** *Outside Magazine*, 9-time winner
- 50 Tours of a Lifetime:** *National Geographic Traveler*, 9 years in a row
- Best Adventure Travel Companies:** *National Geographic Adventure*, 3-time winner

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While as accurate as possible at the time of printing, this itinerary should be considered an approximate indication of the schedule and scope of activities and trip routing, rather than an inflexible schedule of events; it is subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. This trip is subject to the Limitation of Liability and all the terms and conditions as detailed in the General Information section of the Wilderness Travel Catalog.

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