

# ANTARCTICA EXPEDITION



## Day 1 : Arrive Ushuaia

Upon arrival at Ushuaia airport greeting and welcome. Then transfer to your hotel and time to relax from the flight.

## Day 2 : Ushuaia - Beagle Channel

Today transfer to the port of Ushuaia for embarkation on board the ship. After a welcome by the expedition team and the ship's officers the ship set sail. In the evening the ship sails along the wildlife-rich Beagle Channel, towards the White Continent of Antarctica. As you leave the lights of Ushuaia behind, look out for Magellanic penguins, rock cormorants, petrels and black-browed albatross from the deck as well as noisy sea lion colonies.

## Day 3 : Drake Passage

The infamous Drake Passage, named after the famous English explorer, Sir Frances Drake, separates the tip of the Antarctic Peninsula from the southernmost tip of South America. It is often rough but sometimes as calm as a lake. It is unpredictable. During sailing you can enjoy activities onboard like yoga class, attend the presentations given by the Expedition Team to prepare you for what lies ahead. Getting to know the geology of Antarctica to the history, wildlife and even the ice.

## Day 4 : Drake Passage

As you sail towards Antarctica, there is a fall in temperature as you cross the Antarctic Convergence and enter the waters of the Antarctic Ocean. The Antarctic Convergence is marked by an increased number of seabirds, whales and other species that are attracted by the nutrient-rich waters pushed to the surface by the colder waters of the polar region flowing north and meeting the warmer equatorial waters flowing south. Head out on deck to look for the mighty albatrosses that fly overhead, scan the waters for breaching whales and icebergs, or gaze out from the panoramic windows of the observation deck. Keep on the lookout for the first sighting of land, that heralds marking your arrival to the White Continent.

## Day 5 : South Shetland Islands & Antarctic Peninsula

The next four days are spent exploring the South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula, a region that has captivated explorers for centuries and now enthral travellers. You explore by Zodiac, cruising amongst the magnificently sculpted icebergs and making shore landings

where you mingle with penguins, climb to vantage points to absorb the spectacular panoramic views, maybe visiting a scientific or historic base.

### *Day 6 : South Shetland Islands & Antarctic Peninsula*

Every day here brings new adventures and explorations. There may even be opportunities to sea kayak and snowshoe and of course learn more about photography with one of the experts. Antarctica will enchant you with its incredible scenery, from imposing glaciers to towering snow-capped peaks, vast icebergs and ice-strewn channels

### *Day 7 : South Shetland Islands & Antarctic Peninsula*

The wildlife in Antarctica is surprisingly diverse. From extensive colonies of chinstrap, Gentoo and Adelie penguins, to crabeater, weddell, fur and elephant seals and a plethora of fascinating birds. Keep your eyes and ears open for the mighty crack of a glacier calving. Maybe you are one of the brave few to take a polar plunge in the icy waters.

### *Day 8 : South Shetland Islands & Antarctic Peninsula*

As you cruise from one landing site to the next, enjoy the continued lecture program and take in the scenery from the outer decks of the ship. You can also make use of the health and fitness facilities from the relaxing spa and saunas to the pool and gym.

### *Day 9 : Drake Passage*

It is time to bid farewell to this magical place and leave the Antarctic Peninsula behind as the ship sails toward the Drake Passage. You take with you the memories and photographs of a life time adventure. Enjoy some final lectures and presentations and look out for wildlife from the observation lounge and the outer decks.

### *Day 10 : Drake Passage*

Having crossed the Drake Passage once more, the ship enters the calm and tranquil waters of the Beagle Channel bound for Ushuaia. The channel separates the larger main island of Isla Grande de Tierra del Fuego from various smaller islands.

### *Day 11 : Ushuaia Departure*

On arrival in Ushuaia this morning it is time to say goodbye to the expedition team and the crew. You have a transfer to the airport in time for your international return flight.