



## *Antarctic Explorer: Discovering the 7th Continent*

*9 Nights*

*November 2018 – March 2019*



### **Summary**

*Antarctica has been inspiring explorers for centuries. And this expedition offers you the chance to discover why, with an unforgettable journey through the spectacular wilderness of the South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula. You'll encounter a world where nature creates the rules, her unpredictable temperament making each trip unique, exciting and personal.*

*Imagine cruising in a Zodiac through crackling sea ice like shattered glass, witnessing penguins building their nests, or navigating through*

*a maze of icebergs, each one uniquely shaped by its journey through the sea. You'll enjoy iconic Antarctic highlights, exhilarating adventures and be rewarded with memories to last a lifetime.*

### **Overview**

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| Country:           | Argentina - Antarctic Peninsula               |
| Cities:            | Ushuaia - Drake Passage - Antarctic Peninsula |
| Season:            | November 2018 – March 2019                    |
| Duration:          | 10 days / 9 nights                            |
| Port of departure: | Ushuaia                                       |
| Starting Price:    | \$8895  |

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## Itinerary

| Day | Port   |
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| 1   | Ushuaia, Argentina                             |
| 2-4 | Crossing the Drake Passage                     |
| 5-7 | South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula |
| 8-9 | Crossing the Drake Passage                     |
| 10  | Ushuaia, Argentina                             |



### Day 1: Ushuaia, Argentina

With a population of more than 63,000, Ushuaia is the southernmost city in the world. Although the city has grown during the past few years, it retains an easygoing and accessible feel. Surrounded by the sea to the south and the mountains to the north, Ushuaia is a spectacular departure point for your Antarctic cruise. If you arrive early, you can spend time in nearby Tierra del Fuego National Park, enjoy Argentine wines and barbecues in the city, or visit the many boutiques and cafés before you leave for your expedition to Antarctica.

### Day 2: Embarkation Day

Embarkation will occur in the late afternoon, after which your vessel will sail through the historic Beagle Channel. This famous channel transects the Tierra del Fuego archipelago in the extreme south of South America. Expect an air of anticipation as you depart—the next time you'll see land, you'll be in the world's most southern continent!

### Days 3,4: Crossing the Drake Passage

Prepare yourself for potentially rough water, but hope for a smooth sailing, as the Drake is unpredictable and always changing. You'll spend these first days getting to know your shipmates while your Expedition Team provides safety briefings and insights into what excitement lies ahead.

### Days 5,7: South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula

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*Once the Antarctic Convergence is left in our wake, you will truly begin your Antarctic adventure. It is perhaps the first sight of land itself that is embraced as the true beginning of any Antarctic expedition. You will begin to appreciate why this region has long captivated the attention of explorers and travelers alike. Every time we visit Antarctica, we witness something new or unexpected, which means that your expedition will be unlike any other—creating a unique, personal experience. Each day, you will take Zodiac excursions from the ship to explore*

*local bays, channels and landing sites. With wildlife always at the forefront of our minds, you will visit penguin rookeries, scout for humpback and minke whales, and search for a number of southern seal species, including the cunning leopard seal.*

*The majesty of the Antarctic Peninsula's mountains will enchant as you scramble up snowy pathways to vantage points offering you 360° views of your surroundings. One of these in particular, in Danco Island, affords us the opportunity to visit a penguin colony high up on a ridge. Here, you'll have the choice between biking to the island's summit or spending time sitting quietly on a pebbled beach, enjoying the antics of curious penguins. If you're feeling extra adventurous, participating in the Polar Plunge swim is about as crazy as it gets! Amid the serene silence of Antarctica, noisy interludes become indelible memories, such as penguins squabbling over prized pebbles, or the boom and crack of a calving glacier in Neko Harbour. Each day will be different, having been carefully crafted by your Expedition Team to entertain and educate you about this wonderful part of the world.*

**Days 8,9: Crossing the Drake Passage**

*The journey back across the Drake Passage provides final opportunities to enjoy the crisp Antarctic air. Spend time on the deck, watching for seabirds and scouting for whales, enjoy presentations by your Expedition Team, or simply relax and reminisce about your experiences.*

**Day 10: Disembarkation in Ushuaia**

*You will arrive in Ushuaia in the morning, which allows you to continue your adventure on land or catch your flights home.*

*Important reminder: Embracing the unexpected is part of the legacy – and excitement – of expedition travel. There are no guarantees that we can achieve everything we set out to accomplish. A measure of flexibility is something all of us must bring to a voyage. There are nearly 200 recognized sites in the Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetlands and the places mentioned above may be changed to others equally as interesting.*

**Prices Include**

*9-night accommodation on full board basis  
All shore landings per the daily program  
Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Leader  
All Zodiac transfers and cruising per the daily program  
Formal and informal presentations by the Expedition Team  
Photographic journal documenting the expedition  
Waterproof expedition boots on loan for shore landings  
Comprehensive pre-departure materials, including a map and*

**Prices Exclude**

*Round trip ticket (economy class)  
Round trip transfers: airport – pier - airport  
Airport taxes  
Hotel accommodation if any  
Travel insurance  
Tips on board  
All other expenses*

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8895

11495

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