

# ANTARCTICA PENINSULA CRUISE



## Exploring the Antarctica Peninsula and its native fauna

During this cruise we will meet the great stars of Antarctica, the Penguins. We will discover one of the most pristine regions of the Earth. In addition we will have the opportunity of a humpback whales watching, resting seals and the curious penguins. This expedition offers the chances of hiking, kayaking and camping under the Antarctic sky.

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## TRAVEL PROGRAM

### Day 1

The voyage begins where the world drops off: Ushuaia, Argentina, reputed to be the southernmost city on the planet, located on the far southern tip of South America. Starting in the afternoon, you embark from mountain-fringed Beagle Channel for the rest of the evening.

### Days 2 and 3

Over the next two days on the Drake Passage, you catch a taste of life from the perspective of the polar explorers who first braved these regions: cool salt breezes, rolling seas, maybe even a fin whale blasting up sea spray. After passing the Antarctic Convergence – Antarctica's natural boundary, formed when northflowing cold waters collide with warmer subantarctic seas – you are in the circum-Antarctic upwelling zone. Not only does the marine life change, the avian life changes too: A variety of albatrosses and petrels show up, along with Cape pigeons and southern fulmars. Then, near the South Shetlands Islands, the first icebergs flash into sight.

### Days 4 - 8

Gray stone peaks sketched with snow, towers of broken blue-white ice, and dramatically different wildlife below and above. You first pass the snow-capped Melchior Islands and Schollaert Channel, sailing between Brabant and Anvers Islands.

Sites you may visit include:

- Cuverville Island – Straddling up between Rongé Island and the Antarctic Peninsula, Cuverville houses a massive colony of gentoo penguins as well as pairs of breeding brown skuas.
- Danco Island – Activities here may focus on the gentoo penguins nesting on the island, in addition to the Weddell and crabeater seals that can be found nearby.
- Neko Harbour – An epic landscape of mammoth glaciers and endless wind-carved snow. Opportunities for Zodiac cruising and kayaking provide you the closest possible view of the icecrusted alpine peaks.
- Paradise Bay – You may be able to take a Zodiac cruise in these sprawling, ice-flecked waters, where you have a good chance of seeing humpback and minke whales.
- Port Lockroy – After sailing through the Neumayer Channel, you get a chance to visit the former British research station – now a museum and post office – of Port Lockroy on Goudier Island. You may also be able to partake in activities around Jougla Point, meeting gentoo penguins and blue-eyed shags. There are great opportunities for kayaking and camping here.
- Pléneau & Petermann Islands – If the ice allows it, you may sail through the Lemaire Channel in search of Adélie penguins and blue-eyed shags. There's also a good chance you'll encounter humpback and minke whales here, as well as leopard seals.
- Wilhelmina Bay & Guvernøren – This is a great place to spot humpback whales. You also may embark on a Zodiac cruise ending at the ghostly wreck of the Guvernøren, a whaling vessel that caught fire here in 1915. Around the Melchior Islands, amid a frozen landscape peopled with icebergs, you may encounter even more whales, leopard seals, and crabeater seals. Conditions on

the Drake Passage determine the exact time of departure.

### **Days 9 and 10**

Your return voyage is far from lonely. While crossing the Drake, you're again greeted by the vast array of seabirds remembered from the passage south.

### **Day 11**

Disembark in Ushuaia.

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### **WARNING**

During this trip, unforeseen circumstances may occur and therefore the program is subject to change on the ground for weather reasons, ice and snow conditions, logistical matters or force majeure.

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### **DATES**

January - February 2019 (consult departures)

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### **PRICE**

[Ask price](#)

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### **REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

75 days before

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### **RESERVATION**

30% of the trip price excluding flight tickets and air taxes.

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### **MINIMUM GROUP**

1 person

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### **INCLUDED**

- Voyage aboard the indicated vessel as indicated in the itinerary.
  - Accommodation in a cabin according to chosen option.
  - All meals throughout the voyage aboard the ship including snacks, coffee and tea.
  - All shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage by Zodiac.
  - Program of lectures by noted naturalists and leadership by experienced expedition staff.
  - Free use of rubber boots and snowshoes.
  - Luggage transfer from pick-up point to the vessel on the day of embarkation, in Ushuaia.
  - Pre-scheduled group transfer from the vessel to the airport in Ushuaia (directly after disembarkation).
  - All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the programme.
  - Comprehensive pre-departure material.
  - Multi-adventure insurance.
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### **NOT INCLUDED**

- Flights to/from Ushuaia (Argentina)
- Regular flights air taxes.
- Any airfare, whether on scheduled or charter flights.
- Meals on transfers, airports and cities.
- Government arrival and departure taxes.
- Alcoholic drinks and other drinks.
- Excess baggage charges and all items of a personal nature such as laundry, bar, beverage charges and telecommunication charges.
- The customary gratuity at the end of the voyages for stewards and other service personnel aboard (guidelines will be provided).

- Extra activities.
  - Accommodations in towns and cities.
  - Transfers inside towns and other places.
  - Cancellation insurance (which is mandatory).
  - Extra accommodation nights due to delays because of weather conditions, ice and snow state, inherent logistic in the Antarctic, strikes at airports and any other cause beyond the control of Arctic World.
  - Extra activities and excursions optional out of the expedition plan.
  - Costs and applications for visa if required.
  - Everything not listed in the INCLUDED section.
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## **SUPPLEMENTS**

Trip Cancellation Insurance (consult prices).

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## **NOTES**

Arctic World as specialists in the polar regions, organize tailor made trips according the interests, budget, available time and wishes of the traveller. So, to this trip are possible adding activities, days, meals, excursions, etc, in order this will be an unforgettable experience. Just tell us the days, activities and meals you want to do and we will prepare your customize trip.

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