

Antarctic Peninsula - Basecamp Ortelius

The best activity voyage in Antarctica



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Dates / Tripcode: 4 Nov - 15 Nov, 2017 (OTL21-17)

Duration: 11 nights

Ship: [m/v Ortelius](#)

Embarkation: Ushuaia

Disembarkation: Ushuaia

Language: English speaking voyage

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PLEASE NOTE: A Basecamp itinerary to the Antarctic Peninsula is illustrated below. This itinerary is for guidance only. Programs may vary depending on local ice and weather conditions, the availability of landing sites and opportunities to see wildlife. The final itinerary will be determined by the Expedition Leader on board. Flexibility is paramount for expedition cruises. During our "Basecamp" departures, all offered activities are free of charge. Average cruising speed for m/v Ortelius is 10,5 knots.

Day 1: We embark our vessel in Ushuaia

In the afternoon, we embark in Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, Argentina, the southernmost city in the world located at the Beagle Channel and sail through this scenic waterway for the rest of the evening.

Day 2 - 3: En-route to the Antarctic Peninsula where we cross the Antarctic Convergence

During these two days we sail across the Drake Passage. When we cross the Antarctic Convergence, we arrive in the circum-Antarctic up welling zone. In this area we may see Wandering Albatrosses, Grey Headed Albatrosses, Black-browed Albatrosses, Light-mantled Albatrosses, Cape Petrels, Southern Fulmars, Wilson's Storm Petrels, Blue Petrels and Antarctic Petrels. Near the South Shetland Islands, we spot our first icebergs.

Day 4 - 9: Antarctica!

We will sail directly to "High Antarctica", passing the Melchior islands and the Schollaert Channel between Brabant and Anvers Island. We will sail to the Neumayer Channel, where we position our ship for the multi activity basecamp. The protected waters around Wiencke Island will become our playground for all activities. In this alpine environment there are great opportunities to scout the region on foot, per zodiac and during kayak trips. Walkers will find opportunities

Included in this voyage

Voyage aboard the indicated vessel as indicated in the itinerary

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.

During our "Basecamp" departures, all offered activities (including camping, kayaking, snowshoe/hiking, mountaineering, photo workshop) as well as our standard included shore excursions and zodiac cruises) are free of charge.

Excluded from this voyage

Any airfare, whether on scheduled or charter flights

to use snowshoes on hikes near the shore lines and the mountaineers will find their challenge by climbing hills and viewpoints further inland. All climbs and excursions can only be conducted in good weather conditions. We plan to stay two overnights at anchor in order to implement two camp nights and two full activity days. We will visit the old British research station, now working museum and post office at Port Lockroy on Goudier Island. Close to Port Lockroy we may also offer a landing on Jougla Point with Gentoo Penguins and Blue-eyed Shags. We look out for leopard seals, Crabeater seals and whales. In good conditions and time allowing we sail through the spectacular Lemaire Channel to Booth Island, Pléneau and Petermann Island where we can find Adélie Penguins and Blue-eyed Shags. In this area there are good chances to encounter Humpback Whales and Minke Whales. We choose another camp site which is suitable and close to next day's activity. The opportunities for kayaking, glacier walks or more ambitious mountaineering are excellent in this area. At Neko Harbour we will have the opportunity to set foot on the Antarctic Continent in a magnificent landscape of a huge glacier and enjoy the landscape during zodiac cruises, walks and kayak excursions. A small group of glacier walkers may climb up on higher grounds of the glacier. We will spend the night in Paradise Bay with a camp erected ashore. We will leave early morning after breaking our last camp. We sail via Melchior Islands towards the open sea of the Drake Passage. We have again a chance of seeing many seabirds.

Day 10 - 11: At sea en-route to Ushuaia

On our way north, we are again followed by a great selection of seabirds while crossing the Drake Passage.

Pre- and post- land arrangements.

Passport and visa expenses.

Government arrival and departure taxes.

Meals ashore.

Baggage, cancellation and personal insurance (which is mandatory).

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).

Day 12: We disembark in Ushuaia

We arrive in the morning in Ushuaia and disembark after breakfast.

M/V ORTELIUS

The ice-strengthened vessel Ortelius is an excellent vessel for Polar expedition cruises in the Arctic and Antarctica.

ACTIVITIES YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN

Camping FREE



Camp out overnight under the Antarctic skies

Looking to take your Antarctic adventure further? Join us for a night of camping out under the Antarctic night sky. We bring the camping gear, you bring your sense of adventure. Wake up the next morning to enjoy some of the cleanest air in the world, go home with a new fantastic memory under your belt.

Kayaking

FREE



Paddle your way through the Polar waters.

An optional activity, kayaking is a fantastic way to explore the shorelines of the Polar Regions. You'll set out from your mother ship in the calm waters of a secluded bay, exploring the coastline at your own pace. Paddling your way through the quiet of the scenery you'll be able to fully enjoy the serene beauty of the Arctic or Antarctic landscapes that surround you.

Mountaineering

FREE



Push further. Climb higher. See more.

Looking for a way to push yourself beyond the usual Antarctic cruise fare? Sign on for one of our mountaineering excursions. Snowshoe out to where the Antarctic foothills begin, then strap on some crampons and get ready for amazement as you make your way up to some of the best views available on the Antarctic Peninsula.

Photo Workshop

FREE



When words aren't enough

Landscapes. Icebergs. Polar bears, whales, or penguins. Describing them to your friends is one thing, showing them is a whole other level. New to photography? We have photo pros on our cruises that can help you build up your basics. A shutterbug expert? Then bring your gear and get ready to wear out your memory cards.

Snowshoeing

FREE



Take a casual stroll along the Polar shores, or challenge yourself with a more advanced trek.

We offer a variety of snow-shoeing treks to suit your experience and your desired level of activity. No snow-shoeing experience? No problem! We'll get you suited up and get you marching across the pristine snows of the Arctic and Antarctic landscapes in no time at all.

CABINS & PRICES

Quadruple Porthole



2 portholes
2 upper / lower berths
Private shower & toilet
Desk & chair
Hair dryer
Ample storage space



Sharing berth

Share your cabin with others for the best price

7950 USD



Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

31800 USD

Triple Porthole



2 portholes
1 upper / lower berth + 1 single lower berth
Private shower & toilet
Desk & chair
Hair dryer
Ample storage space



Sharing berth

Share your cabin with others for the best price

8950 USD



Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

26850 USD

Twin Porthole deck 4



2 portholes
2 lower berths Private
shower & toilet Desk
& chair
Hair dryer
Ample storage space



Sharing berth

9650 USD

Share your cabin with others for the best price



Single cabin

16405 USD

Price for the complete cabin occupied by 1
person (1.7x the shared rate).



Complete cabin

19300 USD

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

Twin Porthole deck 3



2 portholes
2 lower berths Private
shower & toilet Desk
& chair
Hair dryer
Ample storage space



Sharing berth

9650 USD

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Single cabin

16405 USD

Price for the complete cabin occupied by 1
person (1.7x the shared rate).



Complete cabin

19300 USD

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

Twin Window



2 windows
2 lower berths Private
shower & toilet Desk
& chair
Small sofa
Hair dryer
Ample storage space



Sharing berth

Share your cabin with others for the best price

10250 USD



Single cabin

Price for the complete cabin occupied by 1
person (1.7x the shared rate).

17425 USD



Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

20500 USD

Twin Deluxe



3 windows
2 lower berths
Private shower &
toilet Desk & chair
Small sofa
Refrigerator Coffee
& tea maker
Flatscreen TV
Hair dryer
Ample storage space



Sharing berth

Share your cabin with others for the best price

10850 USD



Single cabin

Price for the complete cabin occupied by 1
person (1.7x the shared rate).

18445 USD



Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

21700 USD

Superior



2 windows (minimum)
1 double bed
1 single (sofa) bed
Private shower &
toilet Desk & chair
Flatscreen TV
Refrigerator
Coffee & tea
maker Hair dryer
Ample storage space



Single cabin

20145 USD

Price for the complete cabin occupied by 1
person (1.7x the shared rate).



Complete cabin

23700 USD

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

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