

Polar Circle - Antarctic Peninsula

Crossing the Polar Circle



Title: Polar Circle - Antarctic Peninsula

Dates & Tripcode: 8 Mar 2018 (PLA30-18)
28 Feb 2019 (PLA29-19)

Duration: 11 nights

Ship: [m/v Plancius](#)

Embarkation: Ushuaia

Disembarkation: Ushuaia

Language: English speaking voyage

Important: Diving and kayaking are optional activities

ITINERARY

PLEASE NOTE: A typical itinerary to the Polar Circle – 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. Average cruising speed for m/v Plancius is 10,5 knots.

Day 1: In the afternoon 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: At sea, 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 upwelling 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 see Gentoo Penguins, Chinstraps and southern Giant Petrels, as well as Elephant Seals

We may start our first day in Antarctica with a landing at Hannah Point, where we will find a nice variety of Gentoo Penguins, Chinstraps and southern Giant

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.

Excluded from this voyage

Any airfare, whether on scheduled or charter flights

Pre- and post- land arrangements.

Passport and visa expenses.

Petrels, as well as Elephant Seals hauling out on the beach. At Deception Island is a sub ducted crater, which opens into the sea creating a natural harbour for the ship. Here we find hot springs, an abandoned whaling station, thousands of Cape Petrels and many Kelp Gulls, Brown and South Polar Skuas and Antarctic Terns. Wilson's Storm Petrels and Black-bellied Storm Petrels nest in the ruins of the whaling station in Whalers Bay. On our way further South we call at Cuverville Island, a small precipitous island, nestled between the mountains of the Antarctic Peninsula and Rongé Island. It contains a large colony of Gentoo Penguins and breeding pairs of Brown Skuas. In Neko Harbour and Paradise Bay with its myriad icebergs and deep cut fjords, we have the opportunity to set foot on the Antarctic Continent. We aim for a for zodiac cruise between the icebergs in the inner parts of the amazing water way of Paradise Bay. We sail through the spectacular Lemaire Channel to Petermann Island offering Adélie Penguins and Blue-eyed Shags. We also try to land at Pléneau Island with a fair chances to encounter Humpback and Minke Whales. Overnight we head south along the Argentine Islands to Crystal Sound, and cross the Polar Circle in the morning. We aim to make a landing at the abandoned British station on Detaille Island which is likely to be our furthest south. The landscape is very impressive with very high mountains and huge glaciers. We may reach the Fish Islands on the way northwards were we encounter one of the southernmost Adélie Penguin and Blue-eyed Shag colonies in the Antarctic Peninsula. Sailing north again through Neumayer Channel and Gerlache Strait, we arrive at the Melchior Islands with a very beautiful landscape with icebergs, where we may encounter Leopard Seals, Crabeater Seals and whales. Throughout this area offers excellent opportunities for kayaking and diving in the pristine Antarctic environment.

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 10 - 11: At sea

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

Day 12: The end of our voyage. We disembark in the morning in Ushuaia

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

M/V PLANCIUS

The ice-strengthened vessel Plancius is an ideal vessel for polar expedition cruises in the Arctic and Antarctic.

ACTIVITIES YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN

Kayaking

465 USD



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.

Polar Diving

530 USD



Dive into the beautiful blue deeps

If you're searching for a way to expand your diving experience, join us on one of our diving cruises. Experienced divers will have the chance to glide through the amazing blue waters of the Arctic or Antarctic.

CABINS & PRICES

Quadruple Porthole



- 1 porthole
- 2 upper & lower berths
- Private shower & toilet
- Desk & chair
- Flatscreen TV
- Telephone and Internet connection
- Hair dryer
- Ample storage space

This cabin is suitable for families traveling with children, or passengers who do not require a twin or more luxurious cabin



Sharing berth

Share your cabin with others for the best price

8 Mar 2018 - **7950 USD**
28 Feb 2019 - **7950 USD**



Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

8 Mar 2018 - **31800 USD**
28 Feb 2019 - **31800 USD**

Triple Porthole



- 1 porthole
- 1 upper berth & 2 lower berths
- Private shower & toilet
- Desk & chair
- Flatscreen TV
- Telephone and Internet connection
- Hair dryer
- Ample storage space

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Sharing berth

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8 Mar 2018 - **8950 USD**
28 Feb 2019 - **8950 USD**



Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

8 Mar 2018 - **26850 USD**
28 Feb 2019 - **26850 USD**

Twin Porthole



1 porthole
2 lower berths
Private shower & toilet
Desk & chair
Flatscreen TV
Telephone and Internet connection
Hair dryer
Ample storage space



Sharing berth

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8 Mar 2018 - **9650 USD**
28 Feb 2019 - **9650 USD**



Single cabin

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

8 Mar 2018 - **16405 USD**
28 Feb 2019 - **16405 USD**



Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

8 Mar 2018 - **19300 USD**
28 Feb 2019 - **19300 USD**

Twin Window



1 window
2 lower berths
Private shower & toilet
Desk & chair
Flatscreen TV
Telephone and Internet connection
Hair dryer
Ample storage space



Sharing berth

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8 Mar 2018 - **10250 USD**
28 Feb 2019 - **10100 USD**



Single cabin

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

8 Mar 2018 - **17425 USD**
28 Feb 2019 - **17170 USD**



Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

8 Mar 2018 - **20500 USD**
28 Feb 2019 - **20200 USD**

Twin Deluxe



2 windows
2 lower berths
Private shower & toilet
Desk & chair
Flatscreen TV
Telephone and Internet connection
Hair dryer
Ample storage space
These cabins are corner cabins and are slightly more spacious than the normal twin porthole/window cabins



Sharing berth

Share your cabin with others for the best price

8 Mar 2018 - **10850 USD**
28 Feb 2019 - **10850 USD**



Single cabin

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

8 Mar 2018 - **18445 USD**
28 Feb 2019 - **18445 USD**



Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

8 Mar 2018 - **21700 USD**
28 Feb 2019 - **21700 USD**

Superior



2 windows
1 double bed
1 sofa bed
Private shower & toilet
Desk & chair
Flatscreen TV
Telephone and Internet connection
Refrigerator
Coffee & tea maker
Hair dryer
Ample storage space



Single cabin

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

8 Mar 2018 - **20145 USD**
28 Feb 2019 - **19890 USD**



Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

8 Mar 2018 - **23700 USD**
28 Feb 2019 - **23400 USD**