





Discover Patagonia and Antarctica

→ Santiago de Chile - Antarctica - Santiago de Chile

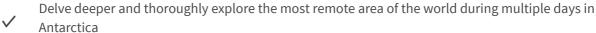
Enjoy the best of the southern Patagonian coast and the remote continent of Antarctica. This 16-day expedition encompasses the Chilean fjords, Cape Horn and deserted Antarctic islands. Prepare to be amazed by the thriving wildlife ashore, and take part in our enriching lecture programme and activities with the Expedition Team on board MS Midnatsol.

Travel Period - 03 December 2017

Duration - 16 Days

Ship - MS Midnatsol





- Wonder at the wildlife including penguins building nests and nurturing their eggs
- Anticipate landing on the notorious Cape Horn there's 2 opportunites to make this great achievement
- Join our extensive onboard programme including lectures on popular science topics and access to the science and photo centres

After an overnight stay at a hotel in Santiago de Chile, you will meet your expedition ship in Punta Arenas. Then the journey south begins as we sail through the extremely narrow Canal Gabriel and into the Garibaldi fjord, and witness the mighty Garibaldi glacier unfolding at the very end.

Into the most remote area of the world

If the weather is on our side we might come ashore on Cape Horn before crossing the Drake Passage with <u>Antarctica</u> awaiting at the other side. Sailing into the most remote area of the world, with its endless ocean and continent covered with snow and ice, you will feel like a true explorer. Here you will enjoy your days with landings and kayaking offering a close look at thousands of penguins and seals, and visits to the most interesting places. Turning back we will have another go at getting ashore in Cape

Horn, before sailing into the Beagle Channel, have another landing in the Chilean fjords before debarkation in Punto Arenas.

Price includes:

- Cabin grade of your choice on a full board basis
- One hotel night in Santiago de Chile before the voyage including breakfast
- Transfer from hotel to airport in Santiago de Chile
- Transfer from airport to ship in Punta Arenas including orientation tour
- Return economy flights between Punta Arenas and Santiago de Chile
- Wind and water resistant jacket
- Landings with Polarcirkel boats and activities onboard and ashore
- Professional English speaking Expedition team that gives lectures as well as accompanying landings and activities
- Free tea and coffee

Not included:

- International flights
- Travel insurance
- Luggage handling
- Optional excursions and gratuities

Note:

- Prices are in EUR (€) per person
- All planned landings are subject to weather and ice conditions
- All itineraries are subject to change
- Medical questionnaire mandatory
- Free rubber boot rental service on board

The itinerary

This is an expedition where the elements rule, and the weather, wind and ice conditions will determine our schedule. Safety is paramount and the captain will decide the final sailing itinerary during the voyage. Hence, this itinerary is just an indication of what you can experience and why every expedition with Hurtigruten is unique.



3 December 2017

Departs From: Santiago, Chile

DAY 1



Taste of Santiago

Location: Santiago de Chile

This adventure begins in Chile, with an overnight stay at a hotel in Santiago de Chile.



Midnatsol awaits

Location: Santiago de Chile and Puntas Arenas

Today you will fly to Punta Arenas where your expedition ship is already awaiting you. Once on board the MS Midnatsol we kick off everything with a welcome-on-board dinner.



Incredible seaside views

Location: Chilean fjords / Tierra del Fuego

We start the adventure by sailing past Isla Tucker and through the extremely narrow Canal Gabriel. Enjoy being on board and getting to know your fellow adventurers. Seeing the Patagonian coast from the seaside is incredible, and sailing in the fjords here will leave you short of superlatives.



Wildlife and wine tasting

Location: Chilean fjords / Tierra del Fuego

Any nature enthusiast will find it exciting to explore the Chilean fjords, Garibaldi fjord being one of them. When we enter the last part of this fjord you're in for a beautiful surprise; the Garibaldi glaciers. The mountains and valleys are steep with snow-capped mountains making a striking contrast to an otherwise very green area rich in wildlife. Come ashore and maybe we will see sea lions, Andean Condors and several other birds only found here. There will be an Argentinean wine tasting in the evening.



Southernmost point of South America

Location: Chilean fjords / Tierra del Fuego

At almost 56 degrees south, Cape Horn is the southernmost point of South America. When ranking the mythical places on Earth, Cape Horn is high on the list. Before the Panama Canal, seafarers had to pass this infamous rocky island in order to cross from one side of the Americas to the other. We will do our best to make a landing on Cape Horn – however, this is an area known for high seas and challenging conditions and if we make it this will be a great achievement.

DAY 6



Crossing the famous Drake Passage

Location: The Drake Passage

We cross the Drake Passage and tomorrow we will actually be in Antarctica! There will be movies in the "Amfi" all day, showing everything from cartoons to documentaries. If you're not into films, join our lectures or snoop around in the explorer room for some scientific fun. You can also enjoy several lectures that will make your visit to Antarctica even more interesting.

DAYS 7-12



Feel like a real explorer

Location: Antarctica

Being in Antarctica you are in the most remote area of the world. You will feel like a real explorer, especially when you see the endless ocean and continent covered with snow and ice. It might come as a surprise that the penguins are not afraid of humans. Well-behaved visitors usually cause nothing more than disinterested yawns. Our guess is that your reaction will be the exact opposite...

We will visit places that were used by the whalers in the past, landings with great surroundings and have theme days on board. Some of the places we will see while exploring Antarctica are The South Shetlands and Cuverville Island, home to one of the largest known colonies of gentoo penguins. We may also explore Neko Harbour, beautifully located in the innermost part of Andvord Bay, and Paradise Harbour which got its descriptive name from the whalers during the last century. You can also look forward to visiting Half Moon Island, considered a jewel of diversity in the polar landscape.

After exploring this superlative-exhausting continent, we set course for Ushuaia. Enjoy our days here in Antarctica with landings, a close look at thousands of penguins and seals, kayaking, and visits to the most interesting places. On board

there will be several lectures, "scientific experiments" for Young Explorers Antarctica - and the views from deck are impeccable.

DAY 13



Reflect on the Antarctic adventure

Location: Drake Passage

As we head back to South America, there will be classes on how to edit your photos. You can also spend the day on deck, in the explorer room, with lectures, and enjoy photos and films with recaps of our experiences so far.

DAY 14



Possible landings

Location: Cape Horn and Chilean fjords

Before we sail into the Beagle Channel, we will try to go ashore on Cape Horn if we didn't do this on our voyage south. Then we might visit Puerto Williams, a small town between the ocean and the mountain. On our way back to Punta Arenas, we sail through the Chilean fjords.



Wild nature and impressive sights

Location: Chilean fjords

We sail through the Chilean fjords for another day of wild nature and impressive sights. In majestic surroundings of wilderness and glaciers, we will find a suitable place to land. In the evening there will be a farewell dinner.



Journey home

Location: Punta Arenas / Santiago de Chile
Arriving in Punta Arenas the adventure is over for now. After debarkation we transfer you to the airport for your flight to Santiago de Chile.

