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Discover Antarctica, Patagonia and the Chilean Fjords - Northbound

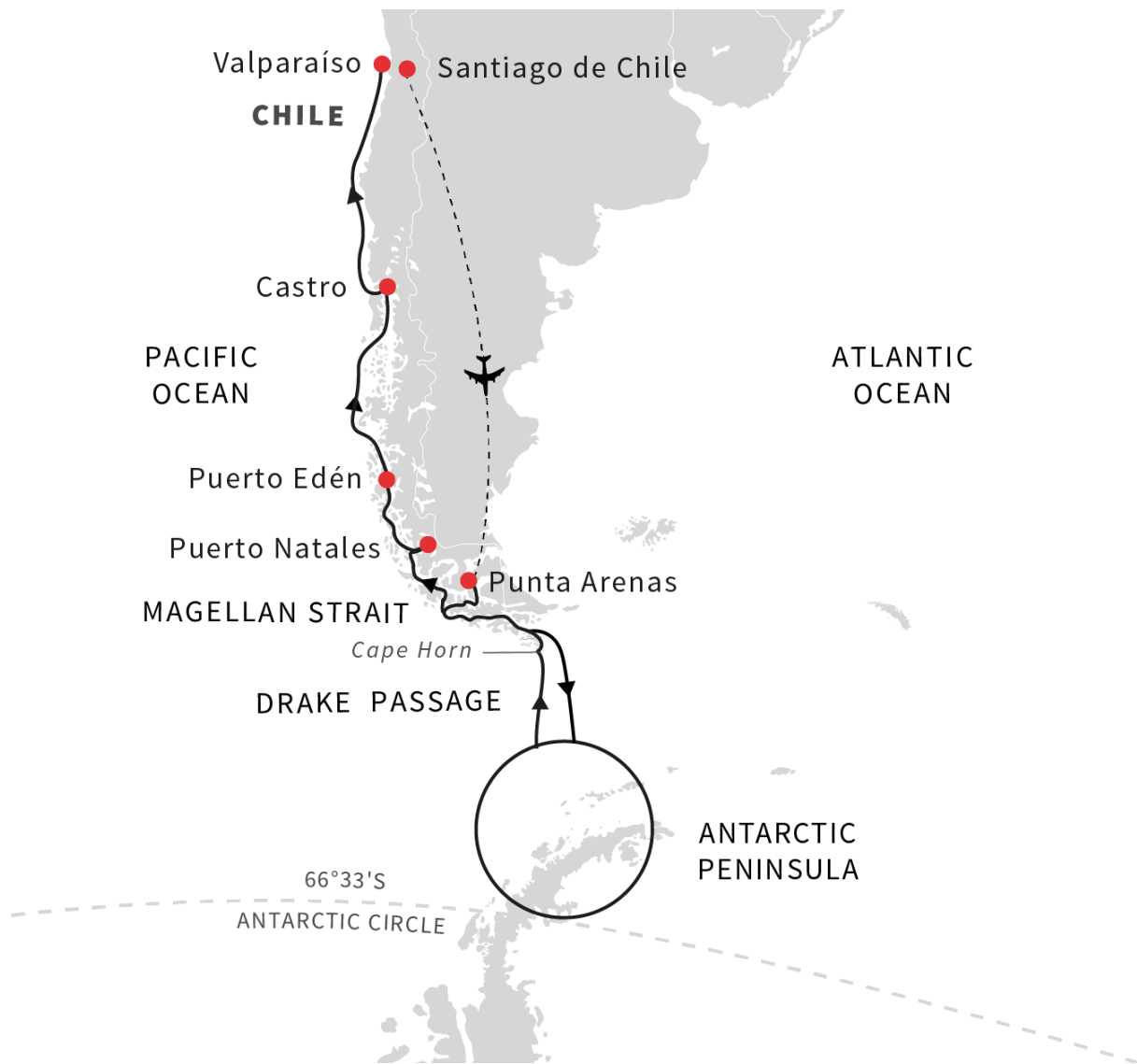
→ Punta Arenas - Antarctica - Valparaiso

This is a truly diverse expedition, with highlights that include spending five days in Antarctica before venturing into the Chilean fjords, seeing the rich wildlife of Patagonia and a visit to one of the most scenic national parks in the world. Enjoy spending time ashore, kayaking, hiking and close encounters with penguins, birds and seals.

Travel Period: 7 March 2019

Duration: 20 Days

Ship: MS Roald Amundsen



- ✓ Experience Antarctica and Patagonia in one expedition
- 🧳 Enjoy kayaking, hiking and close wildlife encounters in Antarctica
- ✓ Sail into the Chilean fjords and see Cape Horn
- 👉 Visit Torres del Paine National Park

Starting in Punta Arenas, we sail south through the Beagle strait.

The white wonder that is Antarctica

Next, we cross the treacherous Drake Passage to Antarctica and the mighty frozen vistas of the south. In Antarctica, we will attempt to make landings at several places, including historic sites like the ring-shaped Deception Island, a major harbour for whaling ships until 1905. Or Cuverville Island, home to one of the largest known colonies of Chinstrap penguins, and the British station Port Lockroy from World War II; and Wilhelmina Bay, often called “Whale-mina Bay”, because of the large numbers of humpback whales spotted

here. Brown Bluff is recognisable by the 750 metre high cliffs that dominate the landscape. Penguins, seals, whales and large flocks of sea birds give life to this surrealistic and beautiful landscape. We will bring you on shore to experience some of the most unique wildlife while setting foot on the Antarctic continent. You might also get a chance to kayak in the icy waters. And while on board our comfortable ship, enjoy expert talks about Antarctica's rich history, so that you can get even more out of what you will experience along the way.

Cape Horn and Chilean fjords

After crossing the Drake Passage going north, we reach Cape Horn. If conditions permit, we might even go ashore on this fables piece of land. Then you can look forward to journey into one of the most scenic national parks in the world and into the fjords of Chile. This remote area seems almost untouched by humans. Steep valleys and powerful mountains make a striking contrast to a lush coastline rich in wildlife.

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Price includes:

- Hurtigruten Expedition in cabin grade of your choice on a full board basis
- Transfer ship to airport in Punta Arenas
- Economy flight Santiago de Chile to Punta Arenas
- Wind- and water-resistant jacket
- Landings with small boats and activities on board and ashore
- Professional English-speaking Expedition team that gives lectures as well as accompany landings and activities
- Free tea and coffee

Not included:

- International flights
- Travel insurance
- Luggage handling
- Optional Excursions and Gratuities

The Itinerary

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



07 March 2019

Departs From:
Santiago de Chile

DAY 1



Exciting and diverse

Location: Santiago de Chile

The capital of Chile is exciting and diverse. There is a lot to discover here, from the Andean glaciers at the city borders, tall mountains and skyscrapers to quiet parks, colonial architecture, bohemian quarters and the fast-flowing Mapacho River. Your adventure starts with an overnight hotel stay here.

DAY 2



Embarking the expedition

Location: Santiago de Chile/Punta Arenas

You fly to Punta Arenas where MS Roald Amundsen is ready for this expedition to Antarctica.

DAY 3-4



The Drake Passage

Location: At sea

We sail through the Beagle Channel, named after the ship that carried Charles Darwin on his voyage of discovery – HMS Beagle. Then we continue over the Drake Passage, where two oceans meet, on our way to Antarctica. This sea passage was notorious among the early polar explorers and is a unique voyage which few have the chance to experience. The Drake Passage connects the southern Atlantic and Pacific oceans. Here the warm water from the north meets the cold, less salty water from the south. This makes the ocean particularly rich in nutrients and forms the foundational basis of the unique marine life here. On the way through the straits you can learn a great deal about Antarctica's fantastic animals and history. Our Expedition team will start the lecture program to prepare you for the experiences ahead. Enjoy priming your knowledge about the history and wildlife of the area. There will also be various workshops and presentations. Make sure to spend some time on deck to enjoy the fresh sea air and look out for wildlife. Familiarize yourself with our newest and most innovative expedition vessel and take advantage of all the facilities on board.

DAY 5-9



The deep south

Location: Antarctica

Antarctica is isolated from the rest of the world by ocean currents. 90 per cent of the world's ice is here, 4000 meters thick, covering the landmass. In winter it is further cut off by the sea ice forming off the coast - virtually doubling the size of the continent. In summer, it is a breeding ground for millions of penguins, whales and seals that, for the rest of the year, simply spend their time at sea. Most wildlife thrives on the cornerstone species: krill. The krill population in the Southern Ocean represents the largest biomass of one species on Earth – including humans. As outlined in the Antarctic Treaty, this is a continent dedicated to peace, science and tourism. No human activity is allowed to alter the perfect natural balance. We are visiting a place that has evolved through millenniums without human interference. Therefore, we adhere to very strict environmental guidelines and rules. We want to leave nothing but footprints and take nothing but pictures! What is so overwhelming about Antarctica is that its location makes every voyage to the continent an expedition. Even the most sophisticated technology cannot override some of the climatic challenges that are a part of this environment. Therefore, we need to be pragmatic; we change landings, re-route and shift plans as we go along. This also means that we will take advantage of the often ideal conditions – spend hours ashore, on the water with kayaks, hiking or simply cruising amongst huge pods of whales. Weather, wind and ice conditions have a great influence on our programme and schedule. We will attempt to land several places, including Deception Island, Half Moon Island, Brown Bluff, Cuverville Island and Neko Harbour. All of these places are

serene and offer untouched nature, penguin colonies, seals, whales in the ocean, glaciers, icebergs in every shape and colour, old whaling stations and research bases. It's hard to sum up all the impressions you will gain. As a well-known quote from veteran Antarctic travellers puts it: "If you can describe Antarctica with words, you have probably never been there."

DAY 10-11



Drake Passage and Cape Horn

Location: At sea

After five unforgettable days in Antarctica, MS Roald Amundsen takes us safely back across the famous Drake Passage. The voyage from the Antarctic Peninsula to the southern tip of Argentina is roughly 950 km (600 mi) or 40 hours sailing time in good weather. During the voyage north, we will continue our lecture series and recap our experiences of Antarctica. As we reach the southernmost tip of South America, we will land on Cape Horn if the conditions allow it. Going ashore can be very difficult because of the sometimes-extreme weather in this area. This is the southernmost point of Chile and lies almost 56 degrees south, marking the boundary between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans and the northern end of the Drake Passage. The region is of great significance on account of its location, history, discoveries and trade routes. If we are able to anchor off Cape Horn, you will be able to go ashore to explore this deserted and yet romantic piece of land at the end of the world.

DAY 12



A paradise for nature enthusiasts

Location: Chilean fjords

The Chilean fjords' deep channels, fjords and mountains plunging into the icy water always leave a profound impression on visitors. This wild and remote area seems almost untouched by humans. The ice has scoured its way between the mountains, creating the isolated islands and hidden bays that form the unique fjord landscape of Chile. Snow-capped mountains and steep valleys make a striking contrast to a lush coastline that is rich in wildlife. You might be lucky enough to spot sea lions, Andean condors and several bird species that can only be found here.

DAY 13-14



Torres del Paine National Park

Location: Puerto Natales

Puerto Natales is the gateway to the world-renowned Torres del Paine National Park, one of the most attractive nature sanctuaries in the world. Its main feature is the “towers” themselves; impressive rock formations, called “Torres del Paine” (Towers of Paine). The formations are made up of the Torre Central (9,186 feet high), Torre Sur (9,350 feet) and Torre Norte (7,375 feet). The park features azure lakes, trails that meander through emerald forests, roaring rivers, (which you'll cross on rickety bridges) and one big, radiant blue glacier. Torres del Paine hosts stunning variety, from the vast open steppe to rugged mountain terrain topped by looming peaks. This diversity of environments here has led to the flourish of a wide variety of a fauna and flora. While we are here you might see llamas, pumas, chilla foxes and skunks in addition to more than 100 species of birds like the Andean condor and black-chested buzzard eagle. Enjoy hiking in these amazing surroundings.

DAY 15



A small and isolated village at the end of the fjord

Location: Puerto Edén

After an unforgettable cruise through Patagonian waters, the unique village of Puerto Edén will enchant you. It is a tiny settlement in Bernardo O'Higgins National Park, situated at the end of a deep fjord and surrounded by mountains. Its population of 250 includes the 15 remaining members of the Kawéskar people. Puerto Edén is a great place to experience the traditional indigenous culture of Patagonian tribes. The villagers sell fish, mussels and shellfish products, which are taken to markets by a weekly transport boat. For souvenirs, buy traditional Kawéskar crafts such as wicker baskets and boats made from sea lion skins and tree bark. Enjoy a stroll among the laneways, and maybe you will spot one of the many Magellan hummingbirds found here when you join the Expedition team for hiking or kayaking.

DAY 16



Waters of Patagonia

Location: At sea

The expedition continues north through the fabled waters of Patagonia. As we sail through iconic Andean seascapes, you have plenty of time to gaze out on the magnificent natural expanse.

DAY 17



Cosmopolitan Castro

Location: Castro

Located on Isla Grande de Chiloé, Castro is set among windswept hills and green vegetation. The city is known for its colourful “palafitos”, wooden houses mounted on stilts along the water's edge. Come ashore and enjoy the local Chilote character and curious energy, mixed with a dash of modern development. The Iglesia San Francisco is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The church is a visual delight: bright yellow and orange with a lavender trim. The varnished-wood interior is stunning, illuminated by rows of stained-glass windows. Other sights include Plazuela del Tren, a small plaza right by the waterfront with an odd collection of old trains. A stroll in the Cementerio Parroquial is fascinating, as some of the tombs are quite grand and ornately decorated. Feria Campesina Yumbel is a bustling fruit and vegetable market. There are also household goods and fish stalls here. In the shop Feria Artesanal Lillo, located just south of the port, you can buy excellent hand-knit woollen goods and handicrafts. Most of the restaurants and cafes in Castro are concentrated along the Calle Blanco, running from the southern end of the plaza down to the waterfront, and this is where you can get a taste of the renowned meat, potato and seafood stew. Close to the town is Chiloé National Park, a largely unexplored wilderness hosting rare flora and fauna. The park features wide deserted beaches and long stretches of rugged coastline, and is home to dozens of seabird species, penguins and sea lions.

DAY 18-19



Sailing north

Location: At sea

As we make our way along the Pacific coast to Valparaiso, we will have a recap of everything we have experienced on this expedition. Make sure you spend some time on deck looking for wildlife.

DAY 20



The “Jewel of the Pacific”

Location: Valparaíso, Chile

Sadly, every expedition must come to an end. And this expedition ends in the colourful and poetic city of Valparaíso. Maybe you have some time to explore this scenic town before you fly home.



26 March 2019

Location:

Valparaíso, Chile