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The Ultimate Antarctica Experience

→ Buenos Aires - Antarctica - Buenos Aires




Embark on an ambitious voyage where our expert Expedition Team will take you hiking, kayaking and climbing into the most remote continent of the world. Leaving Ushuaia, we set sail for the Falkland and South Georgia Islands before heading into Antarctic waters and the infamous Drake Passage. Sail in the wake of polar explorers and see everything this incredible region has to offer on this 20-day expedition - the ultimate Antarctica experience.

Travel Period - 26 November 2017

Duration - 20 Days

Ship - MS Fram



- ✓ Join an all-encompassing and well-rounded expedition cruising to both the sub Antarctic Islands and Antarctica
-  Spend a number of invigorating days in South Georgia where the wildlife is rich and landscapes are astonishing
-  Explore remote Antarctica mid-season where the penguins have arrived and are almost ready to hatch
-  Join our extensive onboard programme including lectures on Antarctica's history, environment and wildlife

Starting in Buenos Aires, you have the opportunity to discover the "Paris of South America" before embarking on [MS Fram](#) in Ushuaia, the world's southernmost town. From there, we set a course through the scenic Beagle Channel for the Drake Passage.

We cross open sea before we reach the Falkland Islands with its seamless horizons, vast open spaces, stunning white sand beaches and a rich wildlife with penguins and albatrosses. Here, we first explore the northwest part before we continue to the capital Stanley, with its red buses and English pubs. Stanley is also the natural starting point for several excursions.

Captivating South Georgia

On board lectures will prepare you for South Georgia, where we sail into the mountainous Drygalski Fjord at the southern end of the island to visit some of South Georgia's abandoned whaling stations. Then the lecture series will turn its focus on [Antarctica](#) including an introduction to the Antarctic visitor guidelines, as we approach the coldest, driest, windiest and most remote continent on Earth.

Antarctica and the wonders of the Deep South

Antarctica is a peaceful continent where man's primary activity is science. It has evolved through millennia without human interference; here, wild animals remain fearless of man. We will visit Whalers Bay, Half Moon Island and Brown Bluff, a landscape is dominated by a towering, rust-coloured bluff of volcanic origin, next to a beach sprinkled with lava "bombs".

Smell, hear and see the rich penguin colonies, watch whales break the surface and always be prepared for the unexpected. The Expedition team will grasp opportunities to take you hiking in the arctic mountains, kayaking among icebergs or putting up a tent and following in the footsteps of the historical explorers.

Returning back, we will once again sail through the Drake Passage, notorious among the early polar explorers, before disembarking in Ushuaia.

Price includes:

- Cabin grade of your choice on a full board basis
- One hotel night in Buenos Aires before the voyage including breakfast
- Return economy flights between Buenos Aires and Ushuaia
- Transfer in Ushuaia with orientation tour
- 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



26 November 2017

Departs From

Buenos Aires, Argentina

DAY 1



Photo: Trixi Lange-Hitzbleck

Birthplace of the Tango

Location: Buenos Aires

Explore Buenos Aires, also dubbed "Paris of South America", on your own and get a taste of what the birthplace of the Tango has to offer.

DAY 2



Photo: Tommy Simonsen

All aboard

Location: Buenos Aires/Ushuaia

Our flight leaves Buenos Aires in the morning which gives you a few hours to explore Ushuaia, the southernmost town in the world. Upon arrival in Ushuaia, you can join the optional excursions to the amazing Tierra del Fuego National Park before embarking MS Fram.

DAY 3



Across open seas

Location: The Drake Passage

We set course for the Falkland Islands located 480 km (300 mi) east of the southern tip of Argentina and approximately 1,000 km (600 mi) north of the South Shetland Islands in Antarctica. Enjoy life on board and keep a lookout for wildlife or join our Expedition Team as they start our on board lecture series.

DAY 4



Photo: Jesper Nielsen

To remote farms

Location: Falkland Islands

The Falklands Islands consist of two large islands and around 700 smaller ones with an estimated population of 3,000 persons. As we reach the westernmost settled outposts in the Falklands you will see remote farms that have been family owned for six or seven generations. The sheep graze alongside immense colonies of albatross and rockhopper, king and macaroni penguins while predatory striated caracaras patrol overhead and upland geese forage at the water's edge.

DAY 5



Photo: Marsel van Oosten

Meet the penguins

Location: The Falkland Islands

The Falklands offer fantastically clear blue skies, seamless horizons, vast open spaces and stunning white sand beaches. Meeting the penguins, they will approach you close up, stop and take a glance, before continuing on their way in total disregard to your presence, giving you some great photo opportunities. Stanley, the islands' capital, makes a wonderful starting point for the various excursions we offer in the area. The town is easy enough to discover on foot, as most shops and services are centred on the port.

DAYS 6-7



Photo: Trond Gansmoe Johnsen

Prepare for the wonders of South Georgia

Location: The Southern Ocean

During the time at sea, our lecture series will help prepare you for the wonders of South Georgia. Our Expedition team is well versed in every facet of South Georgia, from its geology and glaciology to the mating rituals of Sooty albatross and King penguins, to the legends of the Norwegian whalers.

DAY 8



Photo: Marsel van Oosten

Magnificent scenery

Location: South Georgia

South Georgia has magnificent mountain scenery with glaciers and beaches teeming with wildlife. We plan to visit Fortuna Bay and some of South Georgia's abandoned whaling stations.

DAY 9



Like no where else on Earth

Location: South Georgia

During our stay here, you will see Elephant seals lounge on the sand, fur seal pups race in and out of the water, albatross soar overhead, and King penguins can be seen in the thousands.

DAY 10



Paying our respects

Location: South Georgia

You will also see some of South Georgia's abandoned whaling stations, a whaling museum, the Norwegian seaman's church, and the tiny graveyard where we can pay our

respects to the great Antarctic explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton.

DAY 11



Learn about the Deep South

Location: The Southern Ocean

In addition to spotting for the magnificent wandering albatross and other seabirds, we continue our lecture series focusing on the history, environment, and wildlife of Antarctica. Our series includes a thorough introduction to the Antarctic visitor guidelines from the Antarctic Treaty and International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO).

DAY 12



Photographer's dream

Location: South Orkney

The deserted South Orkney Islands are a photographer's dream with majestic snow-capped mountains, blue icebergs and endless wilderness. We will spend one day exploring these islands before sailing the Washington Strait to Coronation Island and Elephant Island.

DAY 13



Closer to the Antarctic Peninsula

Location: The Southern Ocean

On our way to the Antarctic Peninsula, you could look through your photos, relax, attend a lecture, watch the animal life or simply get ready for our arrival in Antarctica.

DAYS 14-17



Without human interference

Location: Antarctica

Antarctica is a continent dedicated to peace and science. We are visiting a place that has evolved through millennia without human interference, a place where wildlife remains fearless of man. When opportunities arise we will launch our kayaks, pitch tents ashore and take you on unforgettable hikes to explore the most beautiful, untouched places on the planet.

On Deception Island a portion of the caldera wall has collapsed and created a navigable opening into the flooded interior. As we reach the natural harbour inside the island we will also visit Whalers Bay. Staggeringly photogenic and blessed with some of the most spectacular Antarctic scenery imaginable, Half Moon Island is a glittering gem amongst these island treasures.

The strong currents of the Weddell Sea conspire to bring massive flat-topped bergs north into the Antarctic Sound. Brown Bluff has, as the name suggests, a landscape dominated by a towering, rust-coloured bluff of volcanic origin and is home to a beach sprinkled with lava “bombs”.

DAY 18



Bow pointed north

Location: The Drake Passage

After some magnificent days exploring Antarctica, MS Fram heads north and we make our way back to the South American continent.

DAY 19



Reminiscence on the expedition

Location: The Drake Passage

Sailing to Ushuaia at the southern tip of Argentina takes 40 hours in good weather. We will continue our lecture series and recap our experiences of Antarctica.

DAY 20



The end of the adventure

Location: Ushuaia / Buenos Aires

We make landfall in Tierra del Fuego. Your voyage ends in the world's southernmost town, Ushuaia, and your journey back continues with a flight to lively Buenos Aires.



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Location

Buenos Aires, Argentina

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