

USHUAIA TO ANTARCTICA CRUISE ON THE PLANCIUS



Antarctica Cruise aboard the Plancius Ship

11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS

Discover the untouched beauty of Patagonia and the Antarctica on an Antarctica cruise!

This cruise is available From November to March. The itinerary is a guide only. Our exact route and program will vary to take best advantage of local weather and ice conditions and opportunities to view wildlife. Changes will be made by the Captain and/or Expedition Leader to facilitate the best results from the prevailing conditions. A daily program sheet will be issued on board.

Note: This is a tour extension, combine this cruise with one of our full package tours.

<p>FROM per person</p>	<p>THIS CRUISE INCLUDES: 10-nights accommodation All meals throughout the voyage aboard the ship&nbsp;; Pre-scheduled group transfer from the vessel to the airport in Ushuaia Shore&nbsp;;excursions and activities throughout the voyage by Zodiac Informational&nbsp;;lectures by noted naturalists Leadership by experienced expedition staff Free use of rubber boots and snowshoes All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges&nbsp;;covered Comprehensive pre-departure material</p>	<p>HIGHLIGHTS Ushuaia Beagle Channel Drake Passage South Shetland Island Paradise Bay</p>
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Day 1 DEPART FROM USHUAIA

In the afternoon, depart Ushuaia, Argentina, the southernmost city in the world. Located in the shadow of the Andes and right at the Beagle Channel shore, you will sail through this scenic waterway during the afternoon.



Days 2 - 3

DRAKE PASSAGE - SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS

During these two days, you will sail across the Drake Passage. Once you cross the Antarctic Convergence, you will arrive in the circum-Antarctic upwelling zone. In this area look out for wandering albatrosses, grey headed albatrosses, black-browed albatrosses, light-mantled sooty albatrosses, cape pigeons, and more. Near the South Shetland Islands, get your first glance of the icebergs!



Days 4 - 8

ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

A typical itinerary in Antarctic Peninsula could be as follows. This is a sample only, the final itinerary will be determined by the Expedition Leader on board.

Sail to Deception Island in hope for a long walk and kayak trip which will depend on site availability and weather conditions. Then sail through the Gerlache Strait to "High Antarctica", passing Brabant Islands. In Orne Harbour, make a landing in order to walk the spectacular Spigot Peak. The surroundings are very alpine, and the views from the summit are fantastic. On Cuverville Island, a small precipitous island, nestled between the mountains of the Antarctic Peninsula and Danco Island, discover a large colony of Gentoo Penguins and breeding pairs of Brown Skuas. On Danco Island, observe Chinstrap Penguins and possibly Weddell and Crabeater Seals. In Neko Harbour, set foot on the Antarctic Continent in a magnificent landscape of huge glaciers.

When sailing to Paradise Bay, with its myriad icebergs and deep cut fjords, opt for zodiac cruising between the icebergs in the inner parts of the fjords. In this area there are good chances to see Humpback Whales and Minke Whales. After sailing through the Neumayer Channel, visit the British research station and post office Port Lockroy on Goudier Island. Close to Port Lockroy, you can also offer a landing on Jougla Point with Gentoo Penguins and Imperial Shags.

Sail through the spectacular Lemaire Channel to Pleneau and Petermann Island where you can find Adelie Penguins and Blue-eyed Shags. In this area, encounter Humpback Whales, Minke Whales and Fin Whales. A visit to one of the scientific stations in Antarctica will give you an insight about the life of modern Antarcticans working on the White Continent. Further south, visit the Ukrainian Vernadsky Station, where you will receive a warm welcome from the station crew. Sailing north through Neumayer Channel, arrive at the Melchior Islands with a very beautiful landscape and again possibilities for zodiac cruising among the icebergs, where you may encounter Leopard Seals, Crabeater Seals and whales.



Days 9 - 10
DRAKE PASSAGE

In the Drake Passage, keep your eyes out for many seabirds and take advantage of the knowledge of our lecture team.



Day 11
**END OF THE USHUAIA TO ANTARCTICA
PLANCIUS CRUISE**

Arrive in Ushuaia in the morning, and disembark the ship for your flight home or another adventure!