



ANTARCTIC CRUISES

M/V Plancius
Antartica Dream

ANTARCTIC DREAM EXPEDITION



11 Day Expedition Traveling to the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula for only 80 passengers

This expedition offers you the ideal introduction to the Great White Continent. Departing from and finishing in the port of Ushuaia, it will take you to the most exciting sights of the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula. The program is orientated to the viewing of wildlife and the breathtaking scenery of narrow waterways, glaciers, icebergs and the rugged mountains. The itinerary given below is the 11 day expedition. Of course no two expeditions can be exactly the same so the itinerary outlined here is for your guidance only: the Captain and the Expedition Leader will assess conditions daily with the intention of maximizing your time ashore. This means taking full advantage of opportunities to land passengers with zodiacs and making best use of the light of the long summer days.

Itinerary

Day 01 USA-BUENOS AIRES

Depart USA for Buenos Aires. Overnight flight.

Day 02 Buenos Aires- Ushuaia

Arrive in Buenos Aires and connect with flight for Ushuaia. Arrive and transfer to hotel Ushuaia for overnight.

Day 03 : Ushuaia – Argentina

Passengers board the "Antarctic Dream" where you will be greeted by its Expedition Leader and staff and shown to your cabin. Check in starts about 2.30pm. Departure is scheduled for 7:00 pm (B,D)

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Days 04 to 05 : Drake Passage

Wandering albatrosses, storm petrels and other seabirds will escort the vessel as you sail south across this famous passage named after Sir Francis Drake, the 16th-century English navigator. We will continue towards the Antarctic Convergence, a biological barrier where cold polar waters sink beneath the warmer waters of the more temperate zone. In 1819, the British explorer William Smith described the South Shetland Islands as "barren and covered with snow, with seals in abundance". Yet, mosses and lichens thrive during the short summer at the low-lying peninsulas of these rugged islands located directly adjacent to the Antarctic Peninsula. (B,L,D)

Day 06 : King George Island

King George Island will give us an early taste of what the Antarctic really is. It was discovered by the British adventurer William Smith in 1819 and is the biggest island of the South Shetlands; nearly 90% of it is covered by the Collins glacier. Prior to departing, and if the weather is good, we will offer passengers a short helicopter over-flight to admire the immensity and beauty of the landscape*. If conditions do not allow us to fly we will disembark in Potter Bay and visit the Argentine scientific base, Jubany. Here there will be great chances of finding marine elephants.

In the afternoon we will disembark at Aitcho Island which is in between Greenwich and Robert Islands and is part of the South Shetlands. We should be able to see Gentoo and Chinstrap penguins as well as Weddell Sea seals and sea elephants before continuing with the crossing of the Bransfield and Gerlache Straits to enter Andvord Bay where we find Neko Bay. (B,L,D)

Day 07 : Antarctic Peninsula & Neko Bay

Besides the magnificent scenery of mountains, snow and ice, in Antarctica you can expect to see a wide variety of the native wildlife, including thousands of nests of Gentoo, Chinstrap, and Adelie penguins. Other birds to look out for are blue-eyed shags, gulls, cape petrels, skuas, snowy sheathbills and Antarctic terns. Marine mammals that you are likely to see include Weddell crab-eaters and leopard seals while Orcas, humpback and mink whales may be spotted at close range. This area is also of substantial historical interest and was extensively explored by several expeditions during the 19th century. Passengers should feel the same sense of excitement as the early explorers as you keep a lookout from the Bridge or other vantage points while your vessel threads her way through this dramatic and pristine region.

The program includes your first landing on the White Continent (Neko Bay) and another on Port Lockroy (Gaudier Island). Neko Bay was discovered by Adrian de Gerlache, a Belgian explorer between 1897 and 1899 and it is called Neko after the Norwegian whale ship which operated in this area from 1911 to 1912 and from 1923 to 1924. Port Lockroy is close to Wiencke Island in the Antarctic Peninsula and was the

principle base of the 1944 Tabarin Operation - the scientific research included the Antarctic's first ionosphere measurements and also the first recording of an atmospheric whistle. (B,L,D)



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Day 08 : Pleneau - Petermann Island

Cruise sail south through the narrow Lemaire Channel whose high, sheer cliffs suggest that no passage could be found. Once through the channel, known as one of the most beautiful places in the world, and provided climate and ice conditions are good enough, we will be able to visit Petermann Island which is the most southern land point of our expedition. Here we will disembark and will be able to see the most southern colony of Gentoo penguins which nest near our landing spot. On this island we will also be able to see a colony of beautiful Adelei penguins, skuas and blue-eyed shags. At Pleneau we should have the opportunity to take our zodiacs and visit impressive ice formations. (B,L,D)

Day 09 : Paradise Bay – Cuverville Island

At this point of our program we will begin our return voyage. During the morning and, stressing again that “if weather permits”, we will disembark or use our zodiacs in Paradise Bay. This is one of the most striking places of the whole Antarctic Peninsula. Here glaciers tumble into the sea; icebergs break off and are later carved into wonderful shapes by the wind and the sea. In the evening we will visit Cuverville Island. Beside its dramatic scenery it is home to one of the largest colony of Gentoo penguins and skuas. This rocky island is on the north side of the Errera Channel, between Ronge Island and the Arctowski Peninsula. It has been noted that reproduction of Papua penguins, giant petrels, Wilson petrels, skuas, and shags take place on Cuverville Island. Most visitors find the viewing of such abundant wildlife is every bit as rewarding as the magnificent Antarctic scenery, and you will be enchanted by these waterways. Navigating and exploring these channels is certainly one of the highlights of a visit to the Peninsula. Unfortunately on some trips they may be choked with icebergs and pack ice. (B,L,D)

Day 10 : Deception Island – Whaler’s Bay – Pendulum Cove

We continue sailing to Deception Island which is at the northwest side of the Peninsula. Deception Island is the largest active volcano in the area and one of the main sources of seismic and volcanic activity in the Antarctic. Sailing through the narrow passage into its huge flooded crater is a thrilling experience. Do not forget to bring your bathing suite as swimming in this water is a unique experience.

During the morning we will try to disembark in Whaler’s Bay and Pendulum Cove. In the afternoon and depending on weather conditions we will disembark at Hannah Point (Livingstone Island). This is one of the best places in the Antarctic to see fauna and we should see Chinstrap and Gentoo penguins, giant petrels, Wilson petrels, skuas and blue-eyed shags. With luck we should also see sea elephants. (B,L,D)

Days 11 to 12 : Drake Passage

Today, we will leave the Antarctic and head north back across the Drake Passage. Now is the chance to compare and revise notes and dwell on the adventures of the past week, to take in the final lectures and to enjoy the delicious gastronomy on board as you return to Ushuaia. (B,L,D)

Day 13 : Ushuaia-Santiago-USA

After and early breakfast we will land at 9:00 am and bid farewell to our guests. Thus ends an incredible and unique expedition. Flight to Santiago and connect with flight to Miami, New York or Los Angeles. (B)

Day 14 ARRIVE USA

Including:

Airfare from Miami (see add-ons below) to Ushuaia via Lan Chile (American Airlines may be used for international airfare) . All meals while on cruise. Accommodations for 11 nights with room taxes and service charges. Tours as mentioned in itinerary with English speaking tour guides. Transfers on arrival and departure including baggage handling. English speaking tour guides.

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Not Included:

Insurance. Airport departure taxes and any other service not specifically mentioned in itinerary. USA airport tax of \$253 (Inc. dep. tax /security/fuel surcharges) and when departing Chile US\$30.00 (also...there is a first time entrance to Chile of \$100 to be paid upon arrival at Santiago's airport).

RATES PER PERSON

NEW ANTARTIC SEASON ABOARD THE ANTARTIC DREAM EXPEDITION:

November 05, departure: discounts as follows: per person

Amundsen Deck \$2,000; Shackleton deck \$2400; Pardo Deck \$3000 & Horn Deck \$3400

December 05 departure: discounts as follows: per person

Amundsen Deck \$650; Shackleton deck \$800; Pardo Deck \$1,000 & Horn Deck \$1,100

2010-2011				
	Cape Horn Deck	Piloto Pardo Deck	Shackleton Deck	Amundsen Deck
Nov.05, 15, 25, 2010 (DBL) Dec.05, 16, 2010 (DBL)	US\$13,450	12,760	10,708	8,800
Single	19,510	17,800	14,308	12,310
Dec.26, 2010 (DBL) Jan.05, 15, 26 2011 (DBL) Feb.06, 16, 2011 (DBL)	16,200	14,914	12,373	10,825
Single	22,800	21,780	17,360	14,810

Plus USA departure tax/fuel surcharge/security of \$340. Rates subject to change at any time.

A note from the cruise company:

Please note that you should regard this itinerary as a guide only; the exact route and program varies according to the weather conditions the cruise encounters. Flexibility is the key to success for all expedition of the M/V Antarctic Dream. The vagaries of conditions in the south compel us to draw to your attention that Antarctic Shipping S.A. does not own nor operate helicopters. Helicopter services are provided by an external company. The flights are dependent on weather conditions on King George Island (day 4 of the cruise). The flight will be approximately 10 minutes and it will have no extra cost for those passengers who have paid full fare. Antarctic Shipping S.A. will use reasonable efforts to provide passengers with this service but is not responsible if the service is not fulfilled for any reason.

We highly recommend scheduling your arrival in Ushuaia with at least one day in advance in order to avoid any flight delays.

Fares - Fares & Payments are in US dollars

- Prices per person according to accommodation
- Single prices are 50% over rack rates
- Fares subject to change at any time due to cost of fuel.
- Excursions not recommended for children under 14 years old

DEPOSIT: 25% of total cost at the time of reservations.

FINAL PAYMENT: 60 days before departure

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From New York \$150; Los Angeles \$250

ADD-ONS with American Airlines:

add \$300 from CHI, CLE, DEN, DTT, LAX, RDU, SFO and ZONE 4,5,6; add \$250 from ATL, ORL, SJU, TPA and ZONE 1; add \$350 from DFW, HOU, MSY and ZONE 2,3 -

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