

Antarctica, Patagonia, Malvinas



Day 1

Arrive in Buenos Aires

Unescorted overnight in Buenos Aires. Guests can explore the capital of Argentina with its colorful neighborhoods and beautiful parks.

Included:

- One-night bed and breakfast at a centrally located three-star hotel

Day 2

Fly to Ushuaia and embark the ship

Transfer from the hotel to the airport for an early morning flight to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world and where MS Fridtjof Nansen awaits. Once aboard the ship, guests join a mandatory safety drill before the Captain's introduction and welcome dinner.

Included transfers and flight:

- Transfer from hotel to Buenos Aires airport
- Flight in coach class from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia
- Transfer from Ushuaia airport to the ship

Day 3-4

Sail the Drake Passage to Antarctica

The Drake Passage connects the Atlantic, Pacific, and Southern Oceans and is the shortest crossing to Antarctica. It is also nicknamed the 'Drake Shake' when the seas are stormy or the 'Drake Lake' when the waters are still.

While at sea, and provided conditions are calm, guests may be able to sight whales, dolphins, and sea birds such as albatrosses and petrels. Join lectures and watch films about Antarctica in the Science Center or spend time enjoying the ship's infinity pool, hot tubs, gym, and Wellness Center.

Day 5-9

Antarctica

Each day, we venture to one of 22 possible sites to go cruising in small boats and to make landings where guests are able to observe penguin colonies, seals, whales, glaciers, and icebergs up close.

All aboard are invited to participate in lectures on glaciology, climate change, and marine biology. Guests can also engage in Citizen Science programs like photographing leopard seals and spotting whale tails that contribute directly to scientific research.

Included:

- Daily landings with short hikes to scenic or wildlife spots
- Small boat cruises near the ship and landing site
- Lectures on a wide range of scientific topics

Additional optional activities may include:

- Kayaking near icebergs, and possibly seals and penguins
- Longer small boat cruises to explore hard-to-reach areas
- Guided longer hikes to scenic viewpoints
- Camping ashore possibly with penguins
- Snowshoeing through pristine snow fields
- In-depth photography lessons

Day 10-11

At Sea

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Day 12-14

Explore the Malvinas Islands

The ship will try to call at New Island, to the west of the Malvinas archipelago and characterized by beautiful white sand beaches. It is a habitat for Gentoo, Magellanic, and Rockhopper penguins, the black-browed albatross, and peregrine falcons. We may also visit Carcass Island. Its steep cliffs and pretty coves attract rich bird life such as various species of songbirds, ducks, geese, caracaras, and wrens.

Included activity:

Stanley self guided walk (1 - 2 h)

Take a short self-guided walk to get insight into life in the Malvinas. Start at the historic Jubilee Villa gardens where local flora and fauna are found, stroll along Ross Road and visit Christchurch cathedral and the Whalebone Arch before proceeding to the Historic Dockyard Museum. Take the tour as part of a group or on an individual basis.

Day 15

At Sea

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Day 16

Puerto Madryn

Founded by Welsh settlers, Puerto Madryn is the city gateway to nearby Valdes Peninsula which is famous for its many sea lions, elephant seals, Magellanic penguins, and Southern right whales.

Guests have a range of optional excursions to bring them closer to this wildlife.

Included activity:

Welsh Tea and Sea Lion Lookout (5 hrs 30)

Puerto Madryn was founded by Welsh settlers in the late 19th century so it is fitting to enjoy some Welsh tea even though we are in Argentina. Actually, you find a number of tea houses around town. Puerto Madryn is also a great place to observe sea lions after you've enjoyed your tea.

Day 17-18

At Sea

While at sea, guests may be able to sight whales, dolphins, and sea birds such as albatrosses and petrels. Join lectures about the upcoming destination in the Science Center or spend time enjoying the ship's infinity pool, hot tubs, gym, and Wellness Center.

Day 19

Arrive in Montevideo and disembark the ship

Guests can explore the capital of Uruguay with its unique mixture of Colonial Spanish, Italian, and Art Deco architectural styles.