

# ANTARCTICA'S WHALE SEASON

11 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS ON BOARD

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**A time when whales come out to play.** Every voyage into Antarctica is a wildlife lover's dream journey. And this trip will certainly be no different. Expect to encounter a variety of iconic penguins, any number of different seal species, and Antarctica's always-majestic icebergs. But this voyage will feature one notable (and very large) addition to the spectacle: This time of year, whale spotting is at its entertaining best, with large numbers of giant Humpbacks feeding on the abundance of krill in the water. Orcas and Minkes are also common sightings on this very special voyage into the last truly wild place on Earth.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- A time of year when whales are at their most plentiful and active
- Expect magnificent wildlife encounters with penguins, seals, and seabirds are common
- Receding ice means we can venture even further south
- Visit some of the most stunning bays and channels, historic sites, and potentially an active research base.
- Zodiac cruising amongst colossal glaciers and massive icebergs

## EXPEDITION DATE ABOARD OCEAN NOVA

Arrive	Board	Disembark
Mar 10, 2027	Mar 11, 2027	Mar 20, 2027

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Arrive	Board	Disembark
Mar 9, 2027	Mar 10, 2027	Mar 19, 2027
Mar 18, 2027	Mar 19, 2027	Mar 28, 2027

### Day 1, Arrive in and explore Ushuaia

After a friendly welcome at the airport and a transfer to the luxurious Arakur Resort & Spa (or another of Ushuaia's top luxury hotels), take some time to unwind or explore the southernmost city in the world, Ushuaia.

Our evening briefing is your opportunity to ask questions and meet some of your fellow explorers.



### Day 2, All aboard!

Spend your morning relaxing at the hotel, visiting a museum, or exploring the shops in Ushuaia, before our mid-afternoon escort to the ship. Our Expedition Team and ship staff will welcome you on board and get you settled in, followed by a safety and orientation briefing and our Captain's welcome dinner. We're on our way to Antarctica!

### Days 3-4, Drake Passage

Join our Polar Experts as they share their vast knowledge of Antarctica, from its enchanting wildlife to its bold history. Participate in our pioneering Citizen Science program, or sit back and take in this fabled journey while catching glimpses of rarely-seen wildlife. Keep your binoculars handy to identify the many seabirds that escort our ship as we cross the Antarctic Convergence into Antarctica's waters and noticeably cooler temperatures, your cue to get ready for that first iceberg sighting, an unforgettable moment on every journey.

### Days 5-6, South Shetland Islands

The South Shetlands are 12 islands separated from the Antarctic Peninsula by the Bransfield Strait. Significant volcanic activity has sculpted a geology – and a diverse natural beauty – unlike anywhere else on Earth. Here, you can expect a spectacular display of mountains, glaciers, and wildlife, including Chinstrap and Gentoo penguins, and it's not uncommon to share the water's edge with Elephant and Fur seals. And this time of year is feeding time for Humpback whales, so don't be surprised if you're joined by a number of them on your day's adventure.

**Days 7-8, Antarctica (and whales) await**

On to the Antarctic Peninsula, where we'll explore any number of stunning bays and famed landing sites, maneuvering through majestic channels as we continue to navigate these wildlife-rich waters, passing any number of glorious icebergs, on our way to historic landing sites and perhaps even an active scientific base. Of course, a spectacular highlight of this voyage is the likelihood of encountering the giant Humpback whale – or many of them! - feeding on the abundance of krill in the water this time of year. Orcas and Minkes are also common sightings, as are a variety of penguins and seals.

**Days 9-10, Drake Passage homeward**

We leave this magical place and make our way north, once again crossing the legendary Drake Passage. We have one last hurrah as we celebrate the conclusion of our expedition with a special slideshow, passenger photo contest, and a final celebratory meal together. Congratulations, explorers!

**Day 11, Disembark in Ushuaia**

With huge smiles on weary, content faces, we disembark in the morning, letting you catch a flight to Buenos Aires or stay in Ushuaia for more sights and adventure.

