

CELEBRATING NEW YEAR'S IN ANTARCTICA

11 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS ON BOARD

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Celebrate the new year in the most beautiful and inspiring place on earth. Journey through the wildlife-rich Weddell Sea and into the spectacular snow-covered Antarctic Peninsula. Join us as we ring in the new year alongside Mother Nature herself, in the form of spectacular tabular icebergs, radiant glaciers, colonies of Adélie, Chinstrap, and other penguin species, and an array of seals. And stay on the lookout for a likely sighting of Orca on the hunt. Welcoming the new year in Antarctica. It's a holiday moment unlike any other.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Celebrate New Year's Eve in the last truly wild place on earth
- Journey through the otherworldly landscape of the Weddell Sea
- Expect wildlife encounters with penguins, whales, seals, and rare seabirds
- Zodiac cruise through the Antarctic Sound amongst colossal tabular icebergs
- Pay a visit to a variety of penguin rookeries, as well as historic landing sites and working research bases

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Arrive	Board	Disembark
Dec 26, 2026	Dec 27, 2026	Jan 5, 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

Days 5, Antarctic Sound and Weddell Sea

We maneuver through the mysterious channels and wildlife-rich waters of the Antarctic Sound and Weddell Sea, the perfect place to ensure an unforgettable holiday adventure. The Antarctic Sound is well known for its huge tabular icebergs, and the Weddell Sea offers a unique geography unlike anywhere else on earth. Here we'll take in the abundant wildlife such as Adélie penguins and seals as we keep on the lookout for hunting Orca.

Days 6-7, Happy New Year, Antarctica!

Time to put our explorer's spirit to full use. Antarctica offers astounding landscapes and wildlife encounters at every turn, as the last truly unspoiled place on earth, populated only by its original wild inhabitants. Prepare yourself to encounter numerous species of penguins, seals, and whales, who will be there to share the holidays with us along the rugged coastlines and in the sea. We'll also take full advantage of every opportunity to visit some of the several active scientific bases and historic landing sites on the peninsula. And as we cross over from 2026 to 2027, we'll raise a glass to the last truly wild place on the planet.

Day 8, South Shetland Islands

Over time, the volcanic activity of the South Shetland Islands has created a geology unlike any other. 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. Whales are often spotted as well. So, we'll settle into our Zodiacs and spend most of our day exploring. And kayakers, it's time to get your first taste of gliding just inches off the pristine Antarctic water. Whether on land or sea, in Zodiac or kayak, be prepared for a fully immersive introduction to this incomparable part of the world.

Days 9-10, Drake Passage

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, Ushuaia disembarkation

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.

