

# EXTENDED ANTARCTIC CIRCLE CROSSING

14 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS ON BOARD

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## Taking more time to explore this magical place.

Venturing far south towards the Antarctic Circle is always one of our most popular voyages, so on this itinerary, we've added an extra day – more time to immerse yourself in this magical part of the world. On our journey south along the Antarctic Peninsula, you can expect to encounter some of Antarctica's most engaging full-time residents – Humpback and Orca whales, seals, and, of course, a variety of those always-entertaining penguins. The farther south we go, a pristine environment becomes even more so, with the ultimate goal of reaching 66°33'S, and joining the small band of Antarctic explorers who can claim they have made it this far south.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- On our journey south, visit some of the most stunning bays and inlets of the Peninsula
- Expect magnificent wildlife encounters with penguins, whales, seals, and seabirds
- Zodiac cruise amongst colossal glaciers and massive icebergs
- Feel your pulse quicken during our anticipated success reaching 66°33'S
- Count yourself among the few who have ventured this far south
- Potential stops at active scientific bases and historical sites

## EXPEDITION DATES ABOARD OCEAN NOVA

Arrive	Board	Disembark
Feb 4, 2027	Feb 5, 2027	Feb 17, 2027
Feb 26, 2027	Feb 27, 2027	Mar 11, 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, or visit



a museum or the Argentinean leather markets in Ushuaia, before or just relaxing at the hotel until 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.

### Day 5, 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 kayaks and spend most of our day exploring. Whether on land or sea, in Zodiac or kayak, be prepared for a fully immersive introduction to this incomparable part of the world.

### Days 6-9, Achieving the Antarctic Circle

We venture west along the Antarctic Peninsula into the Gerlache Strait region, exploring a variety of sites highlighting the area's staggering natural beauty.

Iconic experiences await on our twice-daily excursions. From Zodiac cruises into Paradise Bay, to witnessing penguins nesting on Cuverville Island, each potential stop promises awe-inspiring encounters. We'll explore historic huts at Damoy Point, keep an eye out for humpback whales in Wilhelmina Bay, and continue south until we reach the crown jewel of this expedition, the jaw-dropping scenery through the Lemaire Channel. Weather permitting, we'll cross the Antarctic Circle at 66°33'S, an achievement that will put you in rare company.

#### **Day 10-11 South Shetland Islands**

This archipelago represents the northernmost tip of Antarctica, standing proud against the relentless force of the Southern Ocean. The ice-capped peaks of Livingstone, Greenwich, and King George Islands offer a stunning backdrop to explore. And despite the furious elements, the islands boast a remarkable richness of wildlife, with numerous colonies of Gentoo

and Chinstrap Penguins dotting the island shores, accompanied by an array of formidable seabirds like the predatory Giant Petrels. Weather permitting, we'll explore the eerie landscape of Deception Island, an active volcanic crater with black steaming sands and rusting ruins, and immerse ourselves in the history of Yankee Harbour, once a vital anchorage for sealers.

#### **Days 12-13, 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 14, 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.

