

# ANTARCTICA UNTOUCHED

# 13 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS ON BOARD

OCT 2024-MARCH 2025 DEPARTURES

**Visit Antarctica at its most pristine!** Placing the first human footsteps onto a pristine, untouched landscape. Serving witness to colonies of penguins as they waddle onto land to begin nesting and laying their eggs. Seeing mammoth icebergs just beginning their springtime drift through water so clear you can spot wildlife frolicking below the surface. All this, with little chance of spotting another ship in the water. These are some of the rare and special memories you'll gather when exploring Antarctica as it first awakens from its deep winter sleep.



# Day 1, Arrive in Ushuaia

No need to stress about missed connections or flight delays as you arrive with an extra day to unwind and enjoy Ushuaia's finest luxury hotel, the Arakur Resort & Spa. Relax in the infinity pool, explore the hiking trails surrounding the resort, or head out and discover the southernmost city in the world.

# Day 2, Explore Ushuaia

Explore the sights of Ushuaia, visit the museums and Argentinean leather markets, or continue relaxing at the hotel. The optional evening briefing is a great opportunity to ask questions and meet some of your fellow explorers.

#### Day 3, Welcome aboard

Spend your morning hiking, exploring Ushuaia or unwinding at the resort until our mid-afternoon transfer to the ship. Anticipation builds as our Expedition Team and ship staff greet you on board, followed by a safety and orientation briefing and our lively Captain's Welcome Dinner. You're on your way to Antarctica!

# Days 4-5, Drake Passage

Join our Polar Experts to begin immersing yourself in everything Antarctica-related, from its plentiful wildlife to its mesmerizing history. Get involved in our pioneering Citizen Science program. Or sit back with a pair of binoculars and keep a sharp eye out for the majestic seabirds that follow our journey across the Antarctic Convergence and into Antarctic waters.

#### Days 6-7, South Shetland Islands

As you catch your first unforgettable glimpse of an iceberg, the reality of your upcoming adventure begins to sink in. We have reached the volcanic South Shetland Islands with their amazing abundance and untouched natural beauty – on land, in the water, and in the air.

From the comfort and safety of your Zodiac, artfully dodging the early season's brash ice and "bergy bits," you begin to anticipate your first face-to-face encounter with Antarctica's majesty.

#### Days 8-10, Antarctic Peninsula

As we make our way into Antarctica's ethereal landscape, you can't help but take a deep breath and imagine what the early Antarctic explorers must have felt – to be the first humans to leave a footprint in the continent's freshly fallen snow. You'll witness countless penguins coming ashore to eagerly reunite with their mates and begin building nests, while yawning Weddell seals entertain from the nearby ice.

Thanks to Seaventure's ice-strengthened hull, we'll let the spirit of exploration propel us into some of Antarctica's most remote and picturesque bays and harbors, where an opportunity to land on sea ice may present itself. Twice daily outings are always the goal, typically getting you up close and personal with Antarctica for six or more hours a day. Even when we're on the ship we remain up close and personal as we break through ice, circumnavigate icebergs, and pause for whales breaching right in front of us.

Whether you're in a kayak or a Zodiac, don't forget to look down as well as up. This time of year, the water is so clear, opportunities for wildlife sightings are literally everywhere.

# Day 11-12, Drake Passage homeward

Wes 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 photography slideshow of our shared experience, and cap off the experience with a final highly festive meal together.

#### Day 13, Disembark in Ushuaia

With huge smiles on weary, content faces, we disembark in the morning, where you'll likely catch a flight to Buenos Aires and onward, newly inspired and forever changed.

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