

ANTARCTIC CIRCLE

CROSSING 66° SOUTH LATITUDE



Inside the Antarctic Circle beats the unbridled and capricious heart of wildest Antarctica. Our first explorations of the White Continent are in the South Shetland Islands, historically important and rich with iconic Antarctic wild-life. On this special, one-time only expedition of Antarctica, we continue south into rarely visited territory, crossing the Antarctic Circle and exploring wherever the wind and ice will allow.



DATES – 2023 – Jan 24-Feb 09
2024 – Jan 23-Feb 08

DURATION – 17 Days

EMBARKATION – Ushuaia, Argentina

DISSEMBARKATION – Ushuaia, Argentina

SHIP – M/V Sea Spirit

FROM – \$16,795 (Double)

HIGHLIGHTS:

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

The windswept and treeless Falkland Islands are a birders' paradise. The islands boast a great abundance and diversity of birdlife including five species of penguin, 80 percent of the world's population of black-browed albatross, and numerous species of waterfowl such as the endemic Falkland steamerduck.

SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND

The island of South Georgia is the world's premier destination for sub-Antarctic wildlife viewing. In this remote and stunningly beautiful wilderness, seabirds and marine mammals are counted in the millions. The island's beaches are packed with fur seals and elephant seals jostling for space alongside innumerable king penguins.

ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

The Antarctic Peninsula is the ultimate polar wilderness. There is nothing else like it on Earth. Lofty serrated mountain ranges, all-encompassing glaciers, icebergs of every size and shape, and nutrient-rich waters define this pristine environment inhabited by robust populations of penguins, seals, and whales.

ITINERARY:

Day 1: Arrive Buenos Aires, Argentina

You will be met and transferred to your deluxe hotel. Remainder of the day is free.



Buenos Aires, Argentina

Day 2: Buenos Aires Tour

Enjoy a full day tour of Buenos Aires, "Paris of South America", arranged exclusively for Explor Cruises' guests. Visit the unique neighborhoods of San Telmo, Recoleta, La Boca, Puerto Madero and Palermo. Lunch is included. This evening, you will be taken to a Dinner & Tango Show at Tango Porteño, Includes round trip

transfers and a tango lesson of 1hr before the dinner. Return to your hotel late.

Day 3: Flight to Ushuaia, Argentina.

This afternoon, transfer to the city airport for your included flight to Ushuaia. Transfer to your hotel upon arrival. The small city of Ushuaia combines everything to be a perfect starting point for Antarctic cruises. It locates at the southern tip of South America Continent and is regarded as the world's southernmost city. Being the capital of Tierra del Fuego archipelago Ushuaia boasts the southernmost Tierra del Fuego National Park and beautiful landscapes of Beagle Bay and Andes mountains.



Day 4: Ushuaia, Embarkation

In the afternoon we embark the *Sea Spirit* and set sail down the scenic Beagle Channel.

Days 5-6: Drake Passage

After transiting the Beagle Channel and passing the islands of Tierra del Fuego, we head south across the Drake Passage. Pelagic seabirds including the majestic albatross are common in these waters and can readily be viewed from panoramic open decks or from exterior stateroom windows and balconies. On the way we cross the Antarctic Convergence, the biological boundary of the Southern Ocean. The ship's stabilizing fins provide comfort in the event of rough seas. Briefings, orientations, and lectures from our expert staff prepare you for our arrival in Antarctica.

Days 7-14: South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula

The wilderness of Antarctica is subject to unpredictable weather and ever-changing ice conditions, which dictate our route and exploration opportunities. This is a real expedition. We exploit every opportunity to experience excellent wildlife viewing, amazing scenery, and excursions via Zodiac.

The Antarctic Peninsula region contains some of the world's most impressive scenery and some of

Antarctica's best wildlife viewing opportunities. Protected bays and narrow channels are surrounded by towering mountain peaks covered in permanent snow and immense glaciers. Icebergs of every size and description complete an image of incomparable beauty. Waters rich with krill are home to a variety of whale and seal species. The whole area is alive with penguins foraging at sea and forming large nesting colonies at special places on land. The area is also home to Antarctic research stations of various nationalities. Some stations have a gift shop and post office.



The South Shetland Islands are the northernmost islands in Antarctica and will likely be our first sighting of land. This wild and beautiful island chain contains numerous landing sites with abundant wildlife and historical significance. Among them is Elephant Island, where men from Shackleton's famous Endurance expedition spent the winter.



Farther south, on the Antarctic Peninsula, the vast Gerlache Strait area contains sheltered bays, accessible wildlife, and stunning scenery. Places with names like Paradise Bay are the epitome of everything Antarctic: glaciated mountains, towering icebergs, feeding whales, seals on ice floes, and bustling penguin colonies.



At the southern end of Gerlache Strait is the famous Lemaire Channel, also known as "Kodak Gap" because of the photogenic way the mountainous sides of the narrow channel are reflected in calm waters strewn with icebergs.



On this special voyage we have additional days set aside to push even farther south in our attempt to cross the Antarctic Circle. The landscape down here is especially desolate, the weather is particularly wild, and the waters are full of constantly shifting ice. This is real expedition cruising.

Days 15-16: The Drake Passage

From Antarctica we head north through the Drake Passage toward South America. Presentations and workshops by our expert staff, as well as our range of onboard recreation facilities, ensure that these days at sea are not idly spent. This is also the time for our End of Voyage ceremonies including slideshow and farewell dinner.

Day 17: Disembarkation in Ushuaia

Morning disembarkation in Ushuaia. Right after the disembarkation we provide group transfer to the airport or the city center.



RATES INCLUDE:

All transfers, tours, air and hotels as described; one pre-voyage hotel night in Ushuaia; Group transfers from the airport to the hotel in Ushuaia in a day prior to departure; Group transfer to the ship on day of embarkation; Group transfer to airport or central location upon disembarkation in Ushuaia; All scheduled landings/excursions; All lectures and briefings onboard; All meals served aboard; Coffee/tea/cocoa/espresso 24 hours daily; Welcome drink and farewell dinner onboard; Rubber boots for shore landings for the time of the cruise; Branded Poseidon Expeditions parka; All port fees; WiFi onboard; Pre-departure materials; Digital Voyage Log.

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

Airfare; Visa and passport fees (if applicable); Luggage and trip cancellation insurance; Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages other than those for special events and celebrations; Personal expenses such as laundry and telecommunication charges; Emergency Evacuation Insurance to a minimum benefit of USD 200,000; Staff gratuities.



Reservations & Information

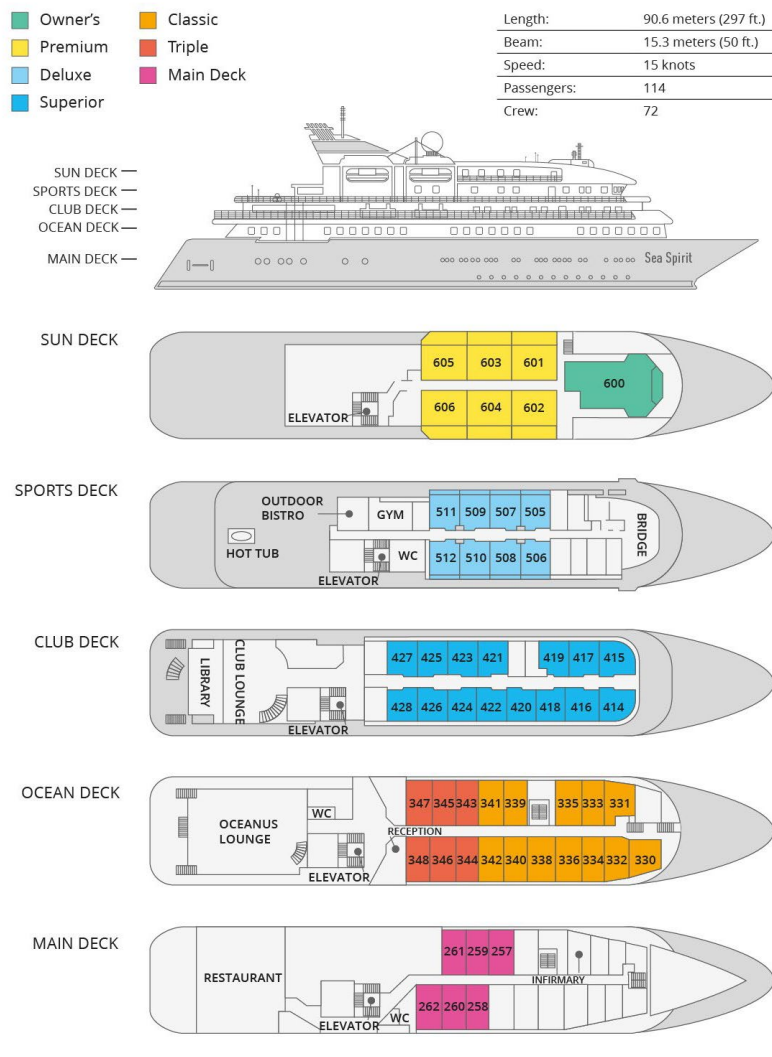
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2023-24 RATES - Date\Suite	TRIPLE CLASSIC	MAIN DECK	CLASSIC	SUPERIOR	DELUXE BALCONY	PREMIUM BALCONY	OWNER SUITE
2023 – Jan 24-Feb 09	\$12,995	\$16,795	\$17,995	\$18,295	\$20,195	\$21,695	\$27,195
2024 - Jan 23-Feb 8	\$13,295	\$18,095	\$19,195	\$19,595	\$21,895	\$23,795	\$30,295
Early Booking By June 30, 2022	\$12,680	\$17,240	\$18,285	\$17,736	\$19,806	\$21,516	\$27,366