

# ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

## Land of Penguins and Icebergs



The Antarctic Peninsula is a pristine polar wilderness featuring abundant wildlife and spectacular scenery. Our first sighting of the White Continent is the South Shetland Islands, historically significant and rich with iconic Antarctic wildlife. Our time in the Antarctic Peninsula region focuses on the Gerlache Strait area, where towering mountains, immense glaciers, and blue icebergs create a picture-perfect setting for incredible penguin and marine mammal encounters. This is an authentic expedition in a wilderness of epic proportions.



**DATES – 2021 – Dec 9-21\***

**2022 – Feb 6-19; Feb 16-Mar 01**

**DURATION – 14 days (\* 13 days)**

**EMBARKATION – Ushuaia (Argentina)**

**DISSEMBARKATION – Ushuaia (Argentina)**

**SHIP – M/V Sea Spirit**

**From – \$9,686\* (Double)**

**\*After 22% Cruise Savings**

**Book by Aug 13, 2021**

## HIGHLIGHTS:

### ABUNDANT ANTARCTIC WILDLIFE

Antarctica is famous for its penguins. In the South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula you can go ashore at sites where gentoo, chinstrap, and adélie penguins come together in boisterous nesting colonies. Meeting with an inquisitive penguin chick is an experience not to be forgotten. The waters of Antarctica are also home to impressive numbers of marine mammals. Pinnipeds such as weddell, crabeater, and leopard seals are commonly seen reposing on ice floes or hauled-out on shore. Humpback and killer whales can also be spotted feeding in bountiful seas.



### DRAMATIC POLAR SCENERY

The scenery in Antarctica is unique in the world. Tall, rugged, gleaming white mountains—covered on all but their sheerest faces by innumerable glaciers and permanent snow—rise from deep blue waters to form idyllic bays and scenic passages such as the famous Lemaire Channel.

### HUMAN ENTERPRISE, PAST AND PRESENT

Antarctica has been the setting of many heroic adventures and journeys of discovery. On this voyage you will be following in the historic footsteps of early whalers, polar explorers, and scientific expeditions. Evidence of these intrepid first visitors can still be seen in locations around the Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands. In these areas you also have the opportunity to appreciate modern human ingenuity at scientific research stations of various nationalities.

## ITINERARY:

### Day 1: Arrive Buenos Aires, Argentina

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



### 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: Embarkation.**

Arriving at the ship in the afternoon, you will be greeted by our Expedition Team and ship's officers at a safety and orientation briefing followed by the Captain's welcome dinner. After dinner, relax and take in the mountainous scenery on our early evening sail down the Beagle Channel.

#### **Day 5-6: Crossing the Drake Passage.**

Among the wildlife spotting opportunities as we sail south are the Albatrosses, Prions, and Petrels that frequently follow the ship. Our Expedition Team will be out on deck as well, looking for the Whales and Dolphins. Our experts will hold informative and entertaining presentations on the wildlife, history, and geology of Antarctica. Helpful briefings on environmental regulations and expedition safety will also be held in the comfortable lounge.



#### **Day 7-8: South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula.**

The Antarctic Peninsula and nearby islands provide exceptional opportunities to discover the unique wildlife and awesome landscapes. Depending on weather and ice conditions, the captain and expedition team will direct the Sea Spirit to a variety of secluded As the Sea Spirit heads back to Ushuaia, there are some final opportunities to ask questions of our Antarctic



bays and harbors to optimize Zodiac landings and wildlife viewing. While we have a plan, flexibility is the key to successful expedition cruising. With the help of our expedition team, look for the four penguin, six seal and several whale species on your Antarctic checklist. We'll also find a time for our most adventurous travelers to take a polar plunge, perhaps in Neko Harbor or the relatively warm waters of volcanic Deception Island.



#### **Day 9-11: Antarctic Continent.**

As we head south along the Antarctic Peninsula, you'll understand why the imposing, snow-covered Lemaire Channel is called "Kodak Alley." We'll also try to visit a research station during the voyage, although the work schedules of the scientists may not always permit this. At the Ukrainian base of Academician Vernadskiy, you might want to sample the throat-burning gorilka, or Ukrainian pepper vodka, distilled on location. A Zodiac cruise of Paradise Bay, with its many glaciers, offers an experience like no other on the globe. Cruise by massive icebergs, with cracks and crevices reflecting an amazing spectrum of blue colors. Conditions permitting, we'll set foot on the actual Antarctic Continent at Hope Bay or perhaps another site.

#### **Day 12-13: Drake Passage.**

experts, to share photos and experiences with newfound friends, and to enjoy our festive farewell dinner. Wave goodbye to the birds and whales, until you meet again on your next voyage to the White Continent!

#### **Day 14: Ushuaia, disembarkation.**

Our morning disembarkation in Ushuaia is followed by group transfer to the airport for your flight. Or you may stay at the city center if you plan a longer stay in Ushuaia.



## RATES INCLUDE:

All transfers, tours, air and hotels as described: Buenos Aires airport transfers, City Tour, Tango Dinner-Show, round trip air to Ushuaia; one pre-voyage hotel night in Ushuaia; Group transfers from the airport to the hotel in Ushuaia 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 and 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; 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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## 2021-22 RATES –

**\*Book by Aug 13, 2021 – SAVE 22%**

Date (days) \ Suite	MAIN DECK	CLASSIC	SUPERIOR	DELUXE BALCONY	PREMIUM BALCONY	OWNER SUITE
Dec 9, 2021 (13) Early Booking Rate	\$12,149 \$9,686	\$12,949 \$10,310	\$13,149 \$10,466	\$14,549 \$11,558	\$15,549 \$12,228	\$19,449 \$15,380
Feb 6, 16, 2022 Early Booking Rate	\$13,049 \$10,448	\$13,949 \$11,090	\$14,149 \$11,246	\$15,649 \$12,416	\$16,749 \$13,274	\$20,949 \$16,550

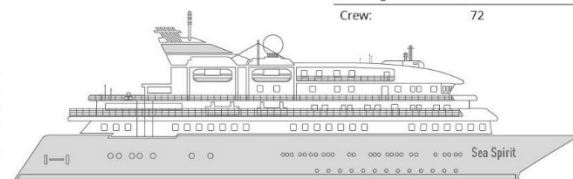
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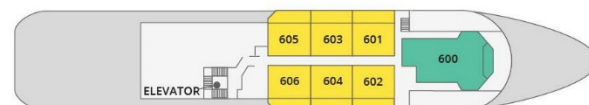
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- Premium
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- Superior
- Classic
- Triple
- Main Deck

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Crew: 72

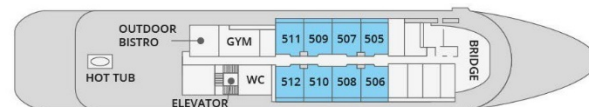
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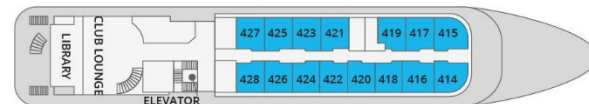
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