

THE GREAT AUSTRAL LOOP

FALKLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA & ANTARCTICA



Between South America and the Antarctic Peninsula, a fabulous 16-day itinerary. An exceptional expedition cruise discovering the most beautiful sites of the southern polar lands. Once you've arrived at the Antarctic Peninsula, discover the exceptional face of the southern lands: the Falkland Islands, and wonderful South Georgia Island, home to thousands of King Penguins.



DATES: 2022 – 11/04-20 (A); 11/06-22 (B);
11/15-12/01 (L); 11/21-12/07 (B)

2023 – 1/28-2/13 (A); 12/20-1/05 (A)

2024 – 1/04-20 (A); 2/01-2/17 (L)

Duration: 17 days / 16 nights

Departure Port: Ushuaia

Port of arrival: Ushuaia

Ships: A - Le Austral; B - Le Boreal;
L - Le Lyrial

From: \$14,350

HIGHLIGHTS:

ABUNDANT ANTARCTIC WILDLIFE

- Outings and shore visits in Zodiac® inflatables with a team of experienced naturalist guides.
- Lectures and information sessions hosted by our naturalist-guides, covering wildlife, history, geopolitics, the great explorers, climate, environmental protection
- Hiking opportunities.
- Landscapes: moors scattered with moss and lichen, white-sand beaches and turquoise waters in the Falkland Islands; alpine landscapes, lush green plains and suspended glaciers in South Georgia; drifting icebergs, ice floe, glaciers and snow-capped mountains in the Antarctic Peninsula.
- Wildlife: black-browed albatrosses, snowy albatrosses, Magellanic penguins, Gentoo penguins and southern rockhopper penguins in the Falkland Islands; king penguins, elephant seals, fur seals and macaroni penguins in South Georgia; humpback whales, Gentoo penguins, Adeline penguins, chinstrap penguins, leopard seals, crabeater seals and Weddell seals in the Antarctic Peninsula.

ITINERARY:

Day 1: ARRIVE BUENOS AIRES

Transfer on own to your included Deluxe hotel. Dinner tonight.

Day 2: ARRIVE USHUAIA – Embarkation

Transfer to the airport for your included flight to Ushuaia. Meet and transfer to the ship. Capital of Argentina's Tierra del Fuego province, Ushuaia lies in a bay opening into the Beagle Channel, at the country's southernmost tip. Its colorful houses are framed against towering mountains, snow-capped in winter and summer alike.

Day 3: AT SEA

Day 4: FALKLAND ISLANDS

New Island – This island with its distinctive jagged relief is located on the western edge of the Falkland Islands and is home to a tiny village of two families. A narrow pathway weaves around typical Falkland moorlands. Follow it and in under 20 minutes you'll find yourself at the heart of a colony of southern rockhopper penguins, black-browed albatross and imperial shags.



Grave Cove - Make your way through the turbulent Woolly Gut strait and emerge in the stillness of Grave Cove. Located in the northern edge of the Falkland Islands, this bay owes its name to the vestiges of whalers' graves that overlook the beach. On the other side of the island you'll find one of the largest gentoo penguin colonies in the area.

Day 5-6: AT SEA

Days 7-9: SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND -

Aboard your ship, discover South Georgia, a region formed by an underwater mountain chain that extends from the Andes to the Antarctic Peninsula. All the wildlife of the Far South can be found there: king and Gentoo penguins, elephant seals, fur seal. You might get the chance to discover the majestic glaciers of Gold Harbor and the vast plains of Fortuna Bay. If you are fortunate enough to land at Salisbury Plain, you can



expect a wonderful spectacle: more than 300,000 king penguins, which you will recognize by the bright orange mark on their head and neck, have taken up residence there.

Days 10-11 – AT SEA



Days 12-14: ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

Succumb to the magic of a place unlike any other. To this day, the mythical Antarctic Peninsula still holds real fascination and promises its visitors unforgettable moments. Throughout your adventure in this icy realm, you will find yourself in the heart of a spectacular decor in subtle shades of blue and white, surrounded by exceptional wildlife. Penguins, humpback whales, seals and giant petrels are at home here, as are elephant seals, fur seals, Antarctic minke whales, and orcas. Depending on which sites you will be lucky enough to visit, you may get the chance to observe them and share with them the beauty of these extreme parts. Each day, based on ice conditions, the Captain and the Expedition Leader will suggest Zodiac® outings or landings to discover the infinite riches of the Antarctic



Peninsula. Glaciers, ice floe, tabletop icebergs, mountain peaks that plunge straight into the sea, volcanic beaches, research stations, enchanting bays, and vestiges of the whaling industry: these are the faces of the Antarctic that will likely reveal themselves to you, in a hushed and surreal atmosphere. You will sail in the wake of Jean-Baptiste Charcot, Adrien de Gerlache and Sir Ernest Shackleton, great Antarctic explorers who, from the 19th century, set out to conquer these remote and uninhabited lands.



DAYS 15-16: AT SEA - DRAKE PASSAGE

Cross Drake Passage.

DAY 17: USHUAIA– DISEMBARKATION

Transfer from ship to your flight from Ushuaia to Buenos Aires to connect with your flight home, or to see more of Argentina.



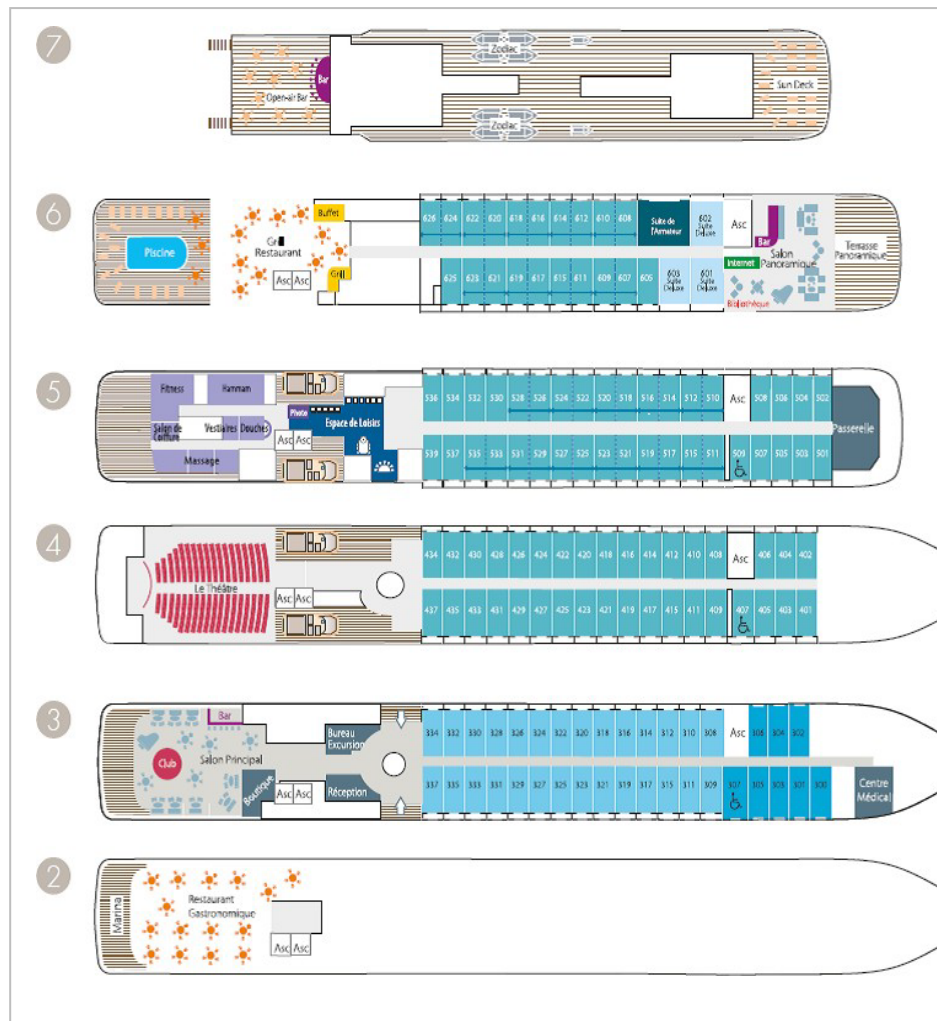
DECK PLAN

All-Inclusive - Rates Include:

Pre cruise hotel in Buenos Aires, Argentina;
Round trip flights Buenos Aires-Ushuaia; Meet and Greet by our representatives in Ushuaia and direct luggage transfer from the airport to the ship for port clearance; On disembarkation days in Ushuaia: direct transfer from the ship to the airport; Complimentary boot rental; Complimentary polar parka for you to keep; Gratuities to ship crew; All meals onboard; 24-hour room service; Taxes & Port fees; Butler service in the suites; Unlimited Wi-Fi; Hermès® bath products; Open Bar throughout the cruise; Port fees and taxes.

SUITE – RATES FROM* -	2022- 24
Superior – Deck 3	\$14,350
Deluxe - Deck 3	\$15,370
Prestige – Deck 4	\$16,840
Prestige – Deck 5	\$17,580
Prestige – Deck 6	\$18,450
Deluxe Ste – Deck 6	\$24,910
Prestige Ste – Dk 5	\$26,820
Privilege Ste – Dk 6	\$28,140
OWNER SUITE	\$44,700

***RATES VARY ACCORDING TO
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