19D18N : Antarctica Great Austral Loop & South Georgia



Trip Overview

Polar Expedition
Antarctica **South Georgia**

Join us on an19-day polar expedition cruise to Southern Ocean to reach the frozen shores of the nearly inaccessible White Continent, Antarctica. The expedition will cover the famous South Georgia Island which houses the thousands of King Penguin colonies and sail to the White Continent Antarctica Peninsula which cover with huge the icebergs, glaciers, mountains and frozen sea all around you. You will be one of the rare few travellers to have laid eyes on this legendary land, the theatre of the greatest expeditions and the witness of the most extraordinary adventures.

Trip Highlights

- A polar expedition cruise to the highest latitudes, from the Falkland Islands to South Georgia and the immaculate lands of Antarctica.
- Set sail from Ushuaia to the heart of the South Atlantic begins with the exploration of the Falkland Islands: as you sail in this archipelago of 200 islands,
- You will ultimately land on the frozen shores of the nearly inaccessible White Continent, Antarctica.

Trip Itinerary

Destination:	Antarctica, Argentina
Departure Location:	Buenos Aires
Return Location:	Ushuaia
Tour Validity:	27 Feb - 14 Mar 2027

Day 01: ARRIVE BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Meet and greet at the hotel by our local representative
Free at own leisure for the rest of the day. Overnight in Buenos Aires.

Day 02: BUENOS AIRES (FLIGHT) - USHUAIA (EMBARKATION)

Early breakfast, check out from hotel, and transfer to the airport for your flight to Ushuaia (depart around 9am).

Upon arrival, transfer to a restaurant for lunch and a short orientation tour before heading to the port (around 4pm).

Boarding between 4pm-6pm on your cruise ship.

Ship departure at 6pm.

Ushuaia, the capital of Argentina's Tierra del Fuego province, is considered the gateway to the White Continent and the South Pole. Nicknamed "El fin del mundo" (The End of the World) by the Argentinian people, this city is nestled among mountains and surrounded by fertile plains, making it a sanctuary for wildlife. With the Andes plunging straight into the sea, Ushuaia is one of the most fascinating places on earth, evoking a sense of adventure to the remote and inaccessible.

Welcome on board by the Captain and crew.

After dinner, the ship will slowly sail through the Beagle Channel into the open sea.

Day 03: AT SEA

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Day 04: NEW ISLAND - 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.
As you step off the boat and onto the white-sand beach, you might find yourself escorted by a few hospitable Commerson's dolphins, elegantly adorned in black and white.
A stroll along the grassy dunes will lead you to a vast plain of lush green grass, tended by a few sheep.
On the other side of the island you'll find one of the largest gentoo penguin colonies in the area. With some luck, you'll also glimpse a sea lion scouring the waves for his next meal.

Day 05: AT SEA

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Day 06: AT SEA

AT SEA

Day 07: AT SEA

AT SEA

Day 08: SOUTH GEORGIA

The Highlight of this voyage is South Georgia Island, The Home of the Largest King Penguin in the World
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 seals.
You might get the chance to discover the majestic glaciers of Gold Harbour and the vast plains of Fortuna Bay.

Day 09: SOUTH GEORGIA

Second Days to explore the beautiful South Georgia
Outings and shore visits in zodiac inflatables with a team of experienced naturalist guides.
Wildlife: black-browed and light-mantled albatrosses; Magellanic, Gentoo and southern rockhopper penguins in the Falkland Islands; king and macaroni penguins, elephant and fur seals in South Georgia; leopard seals,

Day 10: SOUTH GEORGIA

Third Days to explore the beautiful South Georgia
Outings and shore visits in zodiac inflatables with a team of experienced naturalist guides.
Wildlife: black-browed and light-mantled albatrosses; Magellanic, Gentoo and southern rockhopper penguins in the Falkland Islands; king and macaroni penguins, elephant and fur seals in South Georgia; leopard seals,

Day 11: AT SEA

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Day 12: AT SEA

AT SEA

Day 13: ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

Welcome to Antarctica Peninsula. You will spend 4 days here
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.
Outings and shore visits in zodiac inflatables with a team of experienced naturalist guides.
Enjoy a magical experience as you are introduced to sea kayaking. Lead by experienced, State-Certified kayak guides, you will skim the water’s surface amid the ice. For more information about your kayak tour, please go to the section ‘PONANT activities’ and to book your kayak tour, contact your cruise advisor.

Day 14: ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

Second day exploring Antarctica Peninsula.
You will surely be occupied with the Outings and shore visits in zodiac inflatables with a team of experienced naturalist guides
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Day 15: ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

Third day exploring Antarctica Peninsula.
You will surely be occupied with the Outings and shore visits in zodiac inflatables with a team of experienced naturalist guides
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Day 16: ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

Fourth day exploring Antarctica Peninsula.
You will surely be occupied with the Outings and shore visits in zodiac inflatables with a team of experienced naturalist guides
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Day 17: CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE

Crossing Drake Passage. This is another great highlight of this expedition
The crossing takes 36 to 48hrs. Prepare yourself with sea-sick medicine and Ear Patches.
If there is one place, one sea, one waterway dreaded by tourists, researchers and hardened seafarers alike, it is undoubtedly Drake Passage.
Situated at the latitude of the infamous Furious Fifties winds, between Cape Horn and the South Shetland Islands, it is the shortest route to connect Antarctica to South America.
Seasoned navigators will tell you that you must earn your visit to the White Continent! As the Antarctic convergence zone where cold currents rising up from the South Pole meet warmer equatorial water masses,
Drake Passage harbours a very diverse marine fauna. Don't forget to look to the sky to catch a glimpse of elegant albatross and Cape petrels, playfully floating about in the wind around your ship.

Day 18: CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE - USHUAIA

Crossing Drake Passage on Day 2
Relax yourself while crossing the Drake.
Prepare yourself with sea-sick medicine and Ear Patches.
Arrive Ushuaia at night around 6pm

Day 19: USHUAIA-BUENOS AIRES

After breakfast, say goodbye to the Ponant crew and expedition team.
Disembark between 9-10am and transfer to the airport.
Fly on a Ponant chartered flight from Ushuaia to Buenos Aires.
Tour ends at Buenos Aires Airport.

What's included

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- 1 night pre-hotel stay in Buenos Aires
- 15 nights shipboard on Ponant Cruise
- Return air ticket Buenos Aires/Ushuaia v.v
- 24 hour room service (special selection)
- Butler service (special selection)
- Free unlimited WIFI onboard
- Evening entertainment and events

PACKAGE EXCLUDE

- International air ticket
- Airport transfer
- Gratuities

Price & Cost

Date	Price	Ship
16 Nov - 04 Dec 2026	**RM 106,350**	**Le Lyrial**
Superior Stateroom (pperson)	RM 106,350	Available
Deluxe stateroom (pperson)	FULLY BOOKED	Available
Prestige Stateroom (pperson)	FULLY BOOKED	Available
Deluxe Suite (pperson)	FULLY BOOKED	Available
19 Dec 2026 - 06 Jan 2027	**FULLY BOOKED**	**Le Lyrial**
Superior Stateroom (pperson)	FULLY BOOKED	Available
Deluxe stateroom (pperson)	RM 112,290	Available
Prestige Stateroom (pperson)	RM 117,480	Available
Deluxe Suite (pperson)	FULLY BOOKED	Available
14 Feb - 04 Mar 2027	**RM 102,150**	**Le Lyrial**
Superior Stateroom (pperson)	RM 102,150	Available
Deluxe stateroom (pperson)	RM 109,200	Available
Prestige Stateroom (pperson)	RM 114,180	Available
Deluxe Suite (pperson)	FULLY BOOKED	Available
27 Jan - 14 Feb 2028	**RM 107,610**	**Le Lyrial**
Superior Stateroom (pperson)	RM 107,610	Available
Deluxe stateroom (pperson)	FULLY BOOKED	Available
Prestige Stateroom (pperson)	RM 122,340	Available
Deluxe Suite (pperson)	RM 178,170	Available
23 Feb - 12 Mar 2028	**RM 107,610**	**Le Lyrial**
Superior Stateroom (pperson)	RM 107,610	Available
Deluxe stateroom (pperson)	FULLY BOOKED	Available
Prestige Stateroom (pperson)	RM 122,340	Available
Deluxe Suite (pperson)	FULLY BOOKED	Available