14D13N : Emperor Penguins of The Weddell Sea



Trip Overview

WORLD'S ONLY LUXURY POLAR ICEBREAKER

Experience one of the planet's most exclusive wildlife viewing opportunities by reaching the emperor penguin colony, located in the Weddell Sea, Antarctica through three unique voyages in 2027. Enjoy the luxury service on board **Le Commandant Charcot Icebreaker** ship.

Set off on an ultimate quest, the promise of unprecedented encounters in the heart of the mysterious **Weddell Sea**, the kingdom of ice and polar legends. **Endless ice floe, majestic tabular icebergs** and immaculate silence make up the landscapes of this pristine world. **Emperor penguins** live here, these guardians of Antarctica that we see only at the boundaries of these highest latitudes. Alongside them, **Adelie penguins** liven up the ice floe. During your journey aboard ***Le Commandant Charcot*****,** a strikingly elegant ship capable of navigating the planet’s most extreme environments, the echoes of the **great expeditions** still resonate, from Shackleton to the modern explorers, while the ice unveils all its many nuances. A unique experience that will plunge you into the heart of a universe unlike any other.

Trip Highlights

- Crossing the legendary Drake Passage
- Explore the magic of Antarctica with a sea kayak adventure. Led by experienced, State-Certified kayak guides, you will skim the water's surface amid the ice.
- 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
- Visiting research stations and former whaling stations
- Hiking opportunity
- Immense icebergs, ice floe, glaciers and snow-capped mountains in the Antarctic Peninsula
- Observe wildlife animals in their natural habitat

Trip Itinerary

Destination:	Antartica, Argentina
Departure Location:	Santiago
Return Location:	Santiago
Tour Validity:	19 Nov - 02 Dec 2027

Day 01: ARRIVE IN SANTIAGO

Airport pick up transfer to hotel included. Meet and greet by our local representative.

Day 02: USHUAIA

Capital of Argentina's Tierra del Fuego province, Ushuaia is considered the gateway to the White Continent and the South Pole. Nicknamed "El fin del mundo" by the Argentinian people, this city at the end of the world nestles in the shelter of mountains surrounded by fertile plains that the wildlife seem to have chosen as the ultimate sanctuary. Depart at 16h00

Day 03: CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE

Use your days spent in the Drake Passage to familiarise yourself with your ship and deepen your knowledge of the Antarctic. The Expedition Leader will first present the IAATO rules of conduct that must be observed during landings in the region and will explain everything you need to know about the zodiac outings. Lectures about the history and wildlife of the Antarctic will be an opportunity for you to learn more about this magical region, where every cruise is a unique experience.

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Day 05: NORTH ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

Throughout your time in the north of the Antarctic Peninsula, you will find yourself in the heart of a spectacular decor in subtle shades of blue and white, surrounded by exceptional wildlife. You will sail through the Antarctic Sound, the gateway to the Weddell Sea, this sound is filled with gigantic tabular icebergs and plates of sea ice drifting northward from the coastal areas of this vast sea. It is home to Adelie penguins and a great many leopard seals.

Day 06: THE WEDDELL SEA EXPLORATION

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Day 14: DISEMBARK USHUAIA - BUENOS AIRES

Cruise arrive in Ushuaia. Relax and have a last stroll at Ushuaia, also best know as the ” Southern Tip of the world” the before boarding the intra- flight to Santiago enroute to Kuala Lumpur (recommended on late evening flight) or perhaps add an extra night before heading home. Disembarkation at 08h00

What's included

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- 1 Pre Night Stay in Santiago
- Flights Credit offer
- 13 nights shipboard on Ponant Cruise
- Return air ticket Santiago/Ushuaia v.v
- 24 hour room service (special selection)
- Zodiac outing
- Polar Hike
- Polar Plunge led by Ponant expedition crew
- Butler service (special selection)
- Free unlimited WIFI onboard
- Evening entertainment and events
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PACKAGE EXCLUDE

- International air ticket
- Airport transfer
- Gratuities

Price & Cost

Date	Price	Ship
26 Oct - 08 Nov 2027	**RM 126,090**	**Le Commandant Charcot Ice-Breaker**
Prestige Stateroom	RM 126,090	Available
Deluxe Suite (pperson)	RM 133,770	Available
Prestige Suite (pperson)	RM 181,290	Available
Grand Prestige Suite (pperson)	RM 192,300	Available
07 Nov - 20 Nov 2027	**RM 126,090**	**Le Commandant Charcot Ice-Breaker**
Prestige Stateroom	RM 126,090	Available
Deluxe Suite (pperson)	RM 133,770	Available
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19 Nov 2027 - 02 Dec 2027 (Special Offer)	**RM 117,390**	**Le Commandant Charcot Ice-Breaker**
Prestige Stateroom	RM 117,390	Available
Deluxe Suite (pperson)	RM 124,650	Available
Prestige Suite (pperson)	RM 169,350	Available
Grand Prestige Suite (pperson)	RM 179,730	Available