ANTARCTICA CRUISE WITH BUENOS AIRES



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Antarctica Cruise with Buenos Aires Tour

Duration: 18 days

Stay: 14 nights cruise, 3 nights hotels

Travel style: Cruise & escorted tour

Booking code: ACHBFG18M

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About the holiday

This could be your Antarctica dream come true!

The bucket-list trip starts in Buenos Aires, where you'll get to discover the city's many highlights and even learn to tango. Then fly south to Ushuaia to board purposebuilt MS Roald Amundsen for a spectacular voyage to Antarctica. Named after the famous Norwegian explorer, this impressive Hurtigruten ship features state-of-theart comforts and environmentally sustainable hybrid technology, that reduces fuel consumption and proves that hybrid propulsion on large ships is possible.

Witness the awe of Antarctica's wildlife and unique glaciers, see breathtaking icebergs, spot whales or dolphins from outdoor observation decks and take in the many once-in-a-lifetime moments. Each expedition voyage is accompanied by a hand-picked team of specialists and modern-day explorers. Highly experienced, passionate and knowledgeable, the Expedition team will be your guides and guardians on your incredible voyage of exploration!

Why you'll love this trip...

Tick Antarctica off the bucket list with an extraordinary small ship cruise journey. Enjoy all the facilities & many dining options aboard MS Roald Amundsen. Have fun touring Buenos Aires with expert local guides.

Travel dates

2024 - 19 November & 13 December

Note: Dates are subject to availability at time of booking. Price will vary depending on your travel date. Dates listed are lead-price departures, contact us for other cruise dates.

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Cruise & Tour Package Includes:

- All intra-flights: Buenos Aires-Ushuaia & Ushuaia-Buenos Aires
- 17 nights First Class accommodations
 - 3 nights Buenos Aires
 - o 14 nights Antarctica Cruise on the MS Roald Amundsen
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Hotel & cruise porterage
- 46 meals: 17 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 16 dinners
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned vehicles
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- · Services of English-speaking local guides
- Entrance fees per itinerary

Cruise amenities:

- Welcome dinner reception
- Wine and beer included during lunch and dinner
- WiFi
- Sauna, hot tub, and indoor gym
- Complimentary wind- and water-resistant expedition jacket
- Complimentary walking poles and boots for all escorted landings

Package excludes:

Flights to Buenos Aires - contact us for the latest airfare deals Airport transfers in Buenos Aires

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary Optional shore excursions, tours & activities

Gratuities for tour managers, guides & drivers

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry etc.

Travel insurance is essential

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

Subject to confirmation by hotels, cruise company & local operators.

Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.

Special features:

- Tour of cosmopolitan Buenos Aires, the sophisticated "Paris of South America"
- Enjoy Tango lessons with professional Argentine Tango Dancers
- Navigate through the calm waters of the Beagle Channel in the Tierra del Fuego Archipelago
- An exciting journey takes you along the Drake Passage where the Atlantic & Pacific converge
- From the observation deck, opportunity to view various species of sea birds, whales, dolphins, seals, penguins and the elusive albatross
- Reach the spectacular wilderness of the South Shetland Islands a haven for prolific wildlife
- Exciting explorations by zodiac with expedition leaders in the glacial wonderland of Antarctica
- Explore the wonders of nature in the Falkland Islands, home to five species of penguins and abundant birdlife
- Onboard activities while at sea: enriching lectures, discussions and wildlife spotting

Itinerary:

DAY 1 - Arrive in Buenos Aires

Arrive in cosmopolitan Buenos Aires; make your own way to your hotel (or ask if you'd like to pre-book a transfer). The city's beauty is apparent as you drive through this 19th century "Paris of South America" with its elegant architecture, wide tree-lined boulevards, striking monuments and sprawling parks. The rest of the day is yours to get acquainted with this city that has a distinct European flavour. Tonight, attend an orientation meeting at approximately 6 PM with your Tour Manager, followed by a festive dinner with your fellow travellers. We recommend that you select flights which arrive in Buenos Aires no later than 4 PM.

Overnight: Buenos Aires

Meals: Dinner

DAY 2- Buenos Aires City Tour

Discover the city's highlights this morning on a tour that includes the Plaza de Mayo, Metropolitan Cathedral and Casa Rosada (government palace); see the balcony where Eva and Juan Peron made their speeches. Then, to the colourful La Boca neighbourhood, a working-class barrio, and the old quarters of San Telmo and Caminito, a mix of colonial style homes, narrow lanes, artists' lofts and very trendy cafes. Drive to the Recoleta Cemetery, final resting place of many of the wealthiest and most important Argentine historical figures.

The grounds here cover more than four city blocks, filled with tombs adorned by works of local and international sculptors, and more than 6,400 mausoleums including the tomb of Eva "Evita" Peron, always heaped with flowers and letters from adoring fans. Spend the rest of the afternoon at your leisure, exploring some of Buenos Aires neighbourhoods or fabulous collection of shops, before this evening's tango lesson with professional Argentine Tango dancers. Tonight is free, or participate in the *optional* Argentine Dinner and Tango Show

Optional: Buenos Aires Dinner & Tango Show (PM)

Overnight: Buenos Aires

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 3 - Flight to Ushuaia, Cruise Embarkation

Arrive in the quaint city of Ushuaia at the southern tip of South America; transfer to the port for embarkation on the MS Roald Amundsen. After a warm welcome by the Captain and crew, time to settle in and get acquainted with your new surroundings. Tonight's dinner celebrates the beginning of your extraordinary voyage of discovery to the Great White Continent

Overnight: Antarctica Cruise
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4 - Beagle Channel, Drake Passage

The journey begins as you navigate through the Beagle Channel, a strait in the Tierra del Fuego Archipelago. Sailing onward, reach the legendary Drake Passage, a body of water that marks the convergence of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, where the nutrients are pushed to the surface attracting a multitude of seabirds and whales. Spend time on deck observing the horizon and the variety of seabirds that float in the air currents of the ship's wake, such as the black-browed albatross, sooty shearwaters, and white-chinned petrels. On board, the ship's expedition team provides enriching lectures on various topics ranging from history to wildlife that will enhance your experience and prepare you for the extraordinary days that lie ahead.

Overnight: Antarctica Cruise Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5 - Crossing the Drake Passage

The ship continues through the 600-mile-wide Drake Passage,* an important trade route named after the 16th-century explorer Sir Francis Drake who sailed these rich ocean waters, prolific in marine life. On board, there'll be lectures on various topics ranging from history to wildlife in preparation for your visit to Antarctica. Approaching Antarctica, you'll be informed about current guidelines for visiting this vulnerable environment. From the deck, view numerous species of seabirds, whales, dolphins, seals, albatross and more. Wildlife is plentiful in this starkly beautiful area *The Drake Passage is known for its rough waters.

Overnight: Antarctica Cruise Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6 - South Shetland Islands

When land is spotted for the first time, you'll know you have reached the spectacular wilderness of the South Shetland Islands. This group of islands, lying to the north and roughly parallel to the Antarctic Peninsula, is a haven for wildlife. Here, observe vast penguin rookeries, Antarctic fur seals, and wallowing southern elephant seals. The exploration of these sub-Antarctic islands includes a hike (weather and conditions permitting) at crescent-shaped Half Moon Island, to a view point that is a popular place to look for whales in the bay facing towards the Bransfield Strait. Enjoy staggering panoramas of sheer cliffs rising from the sea and snow-covered peaks **Overnight:** Antarctica Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7 - South Shetland Islands

The South Shetland chain of Islands, with its breathtaking mountainous views and looming glaciers, is completely ice covered. At lunar-like Deception Island, sail into the natural harbor of this volcanic island and view the abandoned whaling station known as Hektor. On board, there are lectures, scientific experiments and astonishing views from the deck

Overnight: Antarctica Cruise Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 8 - South Shetland Islands

Antarctica is truly unlike anything you have ever experienced. Be prepared for an incomparable discovery of Antarctica with your experienced expedition leaders. Today, a thrilling passage through the scenic Errera Channel and crunching icebergs, takes you to the islands of Danco and Cuverville, the latter being home to one of the largest known colonies of chinstrap penguins. The Errera Channel, a waterway between Rongé Island and the Arctowski Peninsula, is narrow and truly magnificent. Because of its shallow and narrow waters, you may be treated to a fantastic spectacle of icebergs wedged against each other creating a massive ice sculpture

Overnight: Antarctica Cruise Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 9 - Antarctic Peninsula

Go ashore at Neko Harbor, one of the few places where you can land on the mainland. The scenery is stunning. Surrounded by mountains and nestled in fjord-like Andvord Bay, that stretches far into the Antarctic Peninsula. Here, visit a gentoo penguin colony, view elephant & leopard seals and hike to a viewpoint to soak in the stunning scenery

Overnight: Antarctica Cruise Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 10 - Antarctic Peninsula

Today's route will focus on the most scenic bays and channels of the Peninsula with stops at penguin rookeries, seal wallows, and whale feeding areas. Enjoy Pleneau Island with its beautiful iceberg scenery, located west of Booth Island at the southern end of the Lemaire Channel. Here, watch for southern elephant seals, gentoo penguins, kelp gulls and south polar skuas

Overnight: Antarctica Cruise Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 11 - Crossing the Drake Passage

After spending remarkable days in Antarctica, gather together to share your impressions and recap everything you have experienced thus far. Perhaps spend time on deck looking for wildlife and join lectures to learn more about your next destination, the Falkland Islands

Overnight: Antarctica Cruise Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 12 - Crossing the Drake Passage

Today, the ship continues through the Drake Passage towards the Falkland Islands. During your time at sea, a variety of activities will be arranged on board

Overnight: Antarctica Cruise Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 13 - Port Stanley, Falkland Islands

Today, arrive in the Falkland Islands, home to more than 70 animal and bird species including king penguins and albatross. Discover Port Stanley, capital of the Falklands. After the Antarctic peninsula, it's almost surreal to arrive in a town that looks like an old-style English seaside town with red phone boxes, red buses, and pubs. Several excursions will also be offered to explore the wilderness and the wildlife. As you reach the westernmost settled outposts in the Falklands, you will see remote farms that have been owned by families for over several generations

Overnight: Antarctica Cruise Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 14 - New Island, Carcass Island in the Falklands

There are several potential landing sites in the Falklands including New Island, with its impressive colony of albatross. Bird lovers will enjoy going ashore on Carcass Island, a paradise abundant with ducks, geese, penguins, albatross, caracaras, and wrens. You may opt to hike to Leopard Cove, a fantastic sandy beach where you can meet Magellanic and gentoo penguins. Many different options lie ahead, conditions permitting

Overnight: Antarctica Cruise Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 15 - The Falkland Islands - East and West

The archipelago consists of two main islands, East Falkland and West Falkland, which you'll explore during daily zodiac excursions and landings. The Falklands, teeming with wonders of wildlife and nature, is a totally unpolluted environment with fantastically clear blue skies, seamless horizons, vast open space, and beautiful white sand beaches

Overnight: Antarctica Cruise Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 16 - Beagle Channel

Departing the Falklands, sail through the Beagle Channel, a strait in the Tierra del Fuego Archipelago towards Ushuaia. During the final day at sea, you will continue your lecture series and discuss your experiences of the Falkland Islands. On this last night on board, it's time to wish a fond farewell to the caring staff and crew **Overnight:** Antarctica Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 17 - Disembarkation in Ushuaia, Flight to Buenos Aires

Disembark this morning in Ushuaia, and transfer to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires. On your last night in Argentina, share memories of your fabulous journey and bid farewell to your Tour Manager at dinner

Overnight: Buenos Aires Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 18 - Depart Argentina

Check out of the hotel this morning, and if you're flying out today please make your own way to the airport for your departure flight

Meals: Breakfast

The Antarctica cruise route and program may vary according to weather conditions, seasonal changes, safety issues and wildlife migration patterns

Note: The day-by-day descriptions published are intended as an indicative guide only. All sightseeing and itinerary inclusions are subject to favourable weather conditions and safety issues. Weather and conditions in the Antarctic region are often unpredictable and the Captain of the ship will make adjustments according to passenger comfort and safety. Travel by nature is unpredictable, sea & road conditions, travel restrictions and a multitude of other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that ultimately are for the client's benefit.

Is this trip right for you?

This itinerary requires a high level of physical fitness. All passengers must be able to walk on uneven or slippery surfaces and to climb on and off the small boats used for landings. An expedition cruise is not recommended for people who have difficulty walking, have heart conditions or require frequent medical care.

Life aboard MS Roald Amundsen

MS Roald Amundsen first sailed in 2019 and is the first of two hybrid ships that Hurtigruten Expeditions has added to its fleet. Emissions are cut by sailing with electrical propulsion. Innovative sustainable technology reduces the ship's fuel consumption and CO2 emissions by 20 percent.

The stunning scenery is reflected in a rich and comfortable interior design. Scandinavian materials from nature, such as granite, oak, birch and wool are used to create relaxed and stylish cabins and public areas. All cabins are outside cabins, of which 50% have private balconies, and aft suites feature private outdoor hot tubs with spectacular views. One of the most eye-catching exterior design features is the two-level indoor/outdoor Observation Deck. It is an ideal place to scan the scenery and watch for wildlife with your binoculars.

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