

Voyage to Antarctica

11 Day Package from Ushuaia, Argentina

Starting from **\$7,651**



DAILY ITINERARY

On this Monograms vacation explore one of the most remote places on earth, Antarctica! Explore the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula on a 9-night cruise aboard the Ocean Atlantic. The team of expert Naturalists will point out the colonies of penguins, leopard seals, orcas, humpback whales, and much more on this expedition to the South Pole. This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience!

DAY 1 ARRIVE IN USHUAIA

Arrive in Ushuaia, where your hotel is available for mid-afternoon check-in.

day 2 USHUAIA (EMBARKATION)

Wake up at the "End of the World," situated on the island of Tierra del Fuego. Once a secluded outpost and penal colony, Ushuaia is now a growing community thriving on timber, fishing, and tourism. Perhaps venture into Tierra del Fuego National Park to learn about its bountiful flora and fauna. With the Chilean Andes as the backdrop, the scenery is nothing short of spectacular. Later this afternoon, embark the Ocean Atlantic for a nine-night cruise bound for the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula. This evening, navigate the Beagle Channel as the expedition staff welcomes you on board with a welcome cocktail, dinner, and briefing.

DAY 3 CRUISING: DRAKE PASSAGE

During the next two days, cross the famed Drake Passage, a body of water that marks the intersection of the cold Antarctic with the warmer Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Throughout the voyage, enjoy a multitude of lectures on the ecology of area and the wildlife found here from the expert team of Naturalists on board. As you sail closer to the South Pole, the excitement builds as Antarctic wildlife comes into view. Weather permitting, catch the first sight of seals, whales, and penguins and make your first zodiac cruise and landing! The area is also well-known for its abundance of birds.

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DAY 5 CRUISING: SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS

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penguins. Other wildlife sighting here include elephant, Weddell, and leopard seals, and Adelie and Gentoo penguins. Please note: The itinerary and activities over the next few days depend on weather and ice conditions. All outings and landings rely on weather, sea, and ice conditions being favorable both for the ship to access the sites, as well as for the zodiacs and kayaks to maneuver under adequate conditions, ensuring the safety of all passengers and staff.

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DAY 7 CRUISING: ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

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DAY 9 CRUISING: DRAKE PASSAGE

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USHUAIA (DISEMBARKATION)

Arrive back in Ushuaia this morning and disembark the ship. Please schedule flights after 10am.