



Antarctica

ANTARCTICA BASECAMP

THE BEST ACTIVITY VOYAGE IN ANTARCTICA

Kayaking, photography, snowshoeing, mountaineering, camping, Zodiac Cruises

BEST SEASON

November to March

PRICE

From US \$11,100 pp excluding local flights

HOW LONG

13 Days/12 Nights



ITINERARY OVERVIEW

Peer beyond the extremities of the globe, and discover Antarctica realm of unspoiled wilderness, colossal ice formations, and surreal landscapes. An Antarctic cruise transcends the conventional notion of "getting away," navigating the expanses of pristine white wilderness, embracing its stark beauty and evoking a sense of serene solitude. Embark on a 12-night Antarctic expedition, commencing in Ushuaia, Argentina, famously known as the southernmost city. Sail through the Beagle Channel, following the path of polar explorers on the Drake Passage amidst this remote icy world. Encountering a flourishing ecosystem,

witness diverse marine and avian life, including myriad penguins, seals, whales, and albatross thriving in the heart of the Antarctic expanse. Witness the striking Antarctic landscape, passing Melchior Islands, Schollaert Channel, and exploring iconic sites like Neumayer Channel, Port Lockroy, Pléneau & Petermann Islands, Neko Harbour, and Paradise Bay. Engage in various activities such as Zodiac cruises, kayaking, snowshoe hikes, mountaineering, and camping (all included). The return voyage across the Drake Passage is accompanied by familiar seabirds. Throughout, all activities are seamlessly included, ensuring a truly immersive experience. Expert naturalists lead engaging lectures, providing a deeper understanding of the expedition's significance, and making each moment feel like an integral part of the journey. Your expedition concludes with disembarkation in Ushuaia on Day 13. This compelling destination awaits adventurers at 'the end of the earth'—an entire continent, virtually uninhabited by humans, coupled with an abundance of marine life, a once-in-a-lifetime voyage that beckons those seeking extraordinary experiences, an essential exploration for intrepid souls.

ITINERARY IN DETAIL



Day 1 | End of the world, start of a journey

Your voyage begins where the world drops off. Ushuaia, Argentina, reputed to be the southernmost city on the planet, is located on the far southern tip of South America. Starting in the afternoon, you embark from this small resort town on Tierra del Fuego, nicknamed "The End of the World," and sail the mountain-fringed Beagle Channel for the remainder of the evening.



Day 2-3 | Path of the polar explorers

Over the next two days on the Drake Passage, you enjoy some of the same experiences encountered by the great polar explorers who first charted these regions: cool salt breezes, rolling seas, and maybe even a fin whale spouting up sea spray. After passing the Antarctic Convergence – Antarctica's natural boundary, formed when north-flowing cold waters collide with warmer sub-Antarctic seas – you are in the circumAntarctic upwelling zone. Not only does the marine life change, but the avian life changes too. Wandering albatrosses, grey-headed albatrosses, black-browed albatrosses, light-mantled sooty albatrosses, cape pigeons, southern fulmars, Wilson's storm petrels, blue petrels, and Antarctic petrels are a few of the birds you might see.



Day 4-10 | Antarctica Adventures

Gray stone peaks sketched with snow, towers of broken blue-white ice, and dramatically different wildlife below and above. You first pass the snowcapped Melchior Islands and Schollaert Channel, sailing between Brabant and Anvers Islands.

Places you might visit include:

Neumayer Channel – The vessel may position itself here, launching its multiple basecamp activities from the protected waters around Wiencke Island. You can enjoy the splendors of this alpine environment at sea with Zodiac and kayaking trips, or if you're in the mood for a walk, there are possible snowshoe hikes and soft-climb mountaineering options farther inland. Naturally, favorable weather conditions determine the possible activities.

Port Lockroy – After sailing through the Neumayer Channel, you may get a chance to visit the former British research station – now a museum and post office – of Port Lockroy on Goudier Island. You may also be able to partake in activities around Jouglia Point, meeting gentoo penguins and blue-eyed shags. At the nearby sites, such as Damoy Point there may be the opportunity for snowshoeing to the old ski-way, this is also one of our favorite camping sites.

Pléneau & Petermann Islands – If the ice allows it, you can sail through the Lemaire Channel in search of Adélie penguins and blue-eyed shags. There's also a good chance you'll encounter humpback and minke whales here, as well as leopard seals. Kayaking, glacier walks, and more ambitious mountaineering trips are the potential activities of this location.

Neko Harbour – An epic landscape of mammoth glaciers and endless wind-carved snow, Neko Harbour offers opportunities for a Zodiac cruise and landing that afford the closest views of the surrounding alpine peaks.

Paradise Bay – You have the chance to make camp here like a true polar explorer, enjoying a supreme overnight Antarctic adventure.

Errera Channel – Possible sites in this area include Danco Island and Cuverville Island, but also the lesser known (though equally picturesque) Orne Island and Georges Point on Rongé Island.

On your last day of near-shore activities, you pass the Melchior Islands toward the open sea. Keep a sharp lookout for humpback whales in Dallmann Bay. You might also shoot for Half Moon Island, in the South Shetlands, with further chances for activities. Conditions on the Drake Passage determine the exact time of departure



Day 11-12 | Familiar seas, familiar friends

Your return voyage is far from lonely. While crossing the Drake, you're again greeted by the vast array of seabirds remembered from the passage south. But they seem a little more familiar to you now, and you to them.



Day 13 | There and back again

Every adventure, no matter how grand, must eventually come to an end. As you disembark in Ushuaia, cherish the memories that will forever be yours. But for those who crave more, the adventure doesn't have to stop here! We offer exciting extensions to various South American destinations, including the majestic peaks of Patagonia, the mystical ruins of Machu Picchu, and the enchanting wildlife of the Amazon.

Pricing	2026	2027
Quadruple Porthole	From \$11,100	From \$11,100
Triple Porthole	From \$13,650	From \$13,650
Twin Porthole	From \$13,650	From \$13,650
Twin with window	From \$13,650	From \$13,650
Twin deluxe	From \$15,400	From \$15,400
Superior	From \$16,500	From \$16,500
Junior Suite	Inquire	Inquire
Grand Suite with Private balcony	Inquire	Inquire

SINGLE TRAVELLER | CHILDREN Single travelers can choose between “single occupancy” at a supplement of 1,7 x the Twin or Superior cabin rate, or “sharing basis” in the Twin, Triple, or Quadruple category at no additional cost. Children under 16 with parents may receive 40% discount in Grand Suite, Superior, Triple (sharing with 2 parents/adults), and Quadruple Cabins (sharing with 3 parents/adults).

RATES All rates are quoted per person, based on twin occupancy. Please note that all dates & rates are subject to change. All voyages will operate subject to a minimum of 70 participants on Plancius and Ortelius and 90 participants on Hondius.

Embarkation and Disembarkation Location: Ushuaia

Antarctica 2025 Legend and Notes (Subject to change)

All itineraries are for guidance only. Programs may vary depending on ice, weather, and wildlife conditions. Landings are subject to site availabilities, permissions, and environmental concerns per IAATO regulations (International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators). Official sailing plans and landing slots are scheduled with IAATO prior to the start of the season, but the expedition leader determines the final plan. Flexibility is paramount for expedition cruises. The average cruising speed of our vessel is 10.5 knots.

Basecamp (C H K M P): By definition, a basecamp is a temporary storing location from which activities can be carried out. During our designated Basecamp cruises, the ship navigates to carefully chosen areas in the Antarctic, staying in fewer locations than it does during our regular trips so that it can serve as a comfortable hub for additional outdoor activities. Mountaineers (M) can climb the alpine terrain, hikers (H) can embark on vigorous walks among the glaciers, photographers (P) can capture the dramatic surroundings in pictures, campers (C) can sleep overnight at rugged shoreline camps, and kayakers (K) can explore waterways through which the ship cannot always sail. Passengers who do not wish to engage in these activities will enjoy our Zodiac excursions and easy to moderate shoreline walks that focus on wildlife. All activities are free of charge.

Included

- Voyage aboard the indicated vessel as indicated in the itinerary
- All meals throughout the voyage aboard the ship including snacks, coffee, and tea.
- All offered activities (including camping, kayaking, snowshoeing/hiking, mountaineering, photo workshops, shore excursions, and zodiac cruises), are free of charge.
- Program of lectures by noted naturalists and leadership by experienced expedition staff.
- Free use of rubber boots and snowshoes. Very Comfortable!
- Luggage transfer from pick-up point to the vessel on the day of embarkation, in Ushuaia.
- Pre-scheduled group transfer from the vessel to the airport in Ushuaia (directly after disembarkation).
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program.
- Comprehensive pre-departure material.
- Permanent assistance during the trip
- Green Planet Expeditions travel consultation and pre-departure services

Not Included

- International and domestic airfares
- Pre- and post-land arrangements.

- Meals or any other item not described in the itinerary
- Early check-in, late check-out services.
- Excess baggage charges and all items of a personal nature such as laundry, bar, beverage charges, and telecommunication charges.
- Government arrival and departure taxes.
- The customary gratuity at the end of the voyages for stewards and other service personnel aboard (guidelines will be provided).
- **Mandatory Travel Insurance:** To ensure a smooth travel experience, all participants are required to have a comprehensive travel insurance policy. This policy should include trip cancellation, medical services, and coverage for active adventures or evacuations. "Cancel For Any Reason" (CFAR) coverage is highly recommended to protect your investment in case of unforeseen circumstances. For Antarctica Baggage, cancellation and personal insurance are mandatory as well as evacuation insurance.
- Any other items not mentioned above

ACCOMMODATIONS



Ship Details

Find the PDF with Ship Details below. The ship changes depending on the dates of departure:
[Antarctica Basecamp Itinerary - Ship Details](#)

Booking your Green Planet Expedition

How to reserve a trip

To secure your spot on a trip, you can conveniently book online using our [Reserve a Trip form](#) or by calling **1-800-430-9498**. Your reservation is confirmed upon receipt of the reservation form and the initial 50% trip deposit.

Please note that we are unable to hold space until the deposit is received. If the requested space is unavailable, we will promptly provide alternative options for your consideration (if an upgrade is necessary, higher rates may apply).

Pre departure service

Upon receipt of your deposit and completed reservation form, we will email you a comprehensive Predeparture Dossier. This contains important information to help you prepare including immunizations, visas, trip insurance, packing checklist, reading list, maps, cross-cultural information, optional trip extensions, and more. You will receive a final trip email including Final Reminders and local contact information in your destination 2-3 weeks before departure.

Terms and Conditions

Green Planet Expeditions has arranged your trip utilizing the travel services of local in-country ground operators who are independent contractors. These local outfitters, lodges, hotels, and other suppliers of your travel services will make every effort to conduct this trip as described in the itinerary; however, it is possible that due to transportation schedule changes, weather, delays, and unforeseeable acts of God, humans or nature, this itinerary may vary from what is described. Participants must assume all risks whether identified in advance or unforeseen. All optional activities are at your own risk. Extra costs due to unexpected changes in your itinerary for reasons beyond our control are not included.

Caring for our planet is integral to our ethos. In alignment with our commitment to sustainability, a carbon emissions mitigation fee is incorporated into all our trips. This fee contributes to environmental initiatives that offset the carbon footprint associated with our journeys, ensuring a positive impact on the destinations we explore. Your safety and peace of mind during the journey is our top priorities. **The purchase of traveler's insurance is mandatory for all participants, and it must cover trip delays, trip cancellations, baggage, accident, or sickness. In some specific cases like Antarctica, it must cover evacuation.**

All information and services provided are subject to our [Terms and Conditions](#).

At Green Planet Expeditions, we craft strategically curated journeys that immerse travelers in the finest of nature, culture, and local traditions, always seeking out opportunities for exceptional dining experiences. Our expertise lies in tailor-made trips to destinations where we maintain close relationships with local partners, ensuring flawless execution with the assistance of passionate guides deeply connected to their heritage and committed to its preservation.

We believe that tourism, when harnessed thoughtfully, becomes a powerful catalyst for conservation and community upliftment in the destinations we visit.

As with any good recipe, our trips are infused with the following flavors:

- Positive impact on the areas you choose to visit, directly or indirectly.
- Amazing private local guides.
- Lovely small boutique hotels according to your budget.
- Good food, no matter how remote the destination is, we strive to offer good cuisine.
- Our trips frequently include surprises, which often turn out to be the highlight of the journey.
- When open to it, visits to less-known destinations, reserved for the daring few, and engages in intimate and meaningful encounters with locals—a cherished treasure highly valued by discerning travelers, as we have discovered through our years of experience in the industry.

Still haven't found what you're looking for?

We offer a wide range of amazing trips that may not all be listed on our website. Plus, we can custom-build pretty much whatever your heart desires, so let us know what we can do for you. If you have any questions about our expedition cruises, private trips, or just want to talk travel, give us a call at + 1 800- 430 9498 or contact us via email at travel@greenplanetexpeditions.com