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Best of Antarctica: Wildlife Explorer

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Prices are for the cruise portion as described and are subject to availability.

Prices are per person, dbl occupancy, except where noted. Solo travellers can share upon request.

Information & Documents



Provider: Intrepid Travel

About Intrepid Travel

Intrepid Travel is B Corp certified .

B Corps are a new kind of business that creates benefit for all stakeholders, not just shareholders. They meet the highest standards of verified social and environmental performance, public transparency, and legal accountability to balance profit and purpose.

Being a B Corp means Intrepid Travel is more dedicated and accountable than ever to being better – in the ways that matter. It's not only their official pledge to be a responsible business, but also to use travel as a force for good in the world.

Intrepid Travel has been carbon-neutral since 2010, carbon offsets their trips, and has a seven-point commitment plan that supports their Climate Emergency declaration.

The company is the first global tour operator with verifiable science-based targets through the Science Based Targets initiative, to limit global warming to 1.5C in the next decade.

The Intrepid Foundation empowers travellers to make real impact in the communities they visit. Intrepid Travel covers all administrative costs, so 100% of the entire donation to The Intrepid Foundation goes directly to the chosen cause.

The Foundation supports carefully chosen partners to make a positive impact and create solutions on important issues.

Since 2002 the Foundation has raised and distributed over \$12M AUD to 130 projects around the world, fundraised specific causes to support communities affected by things like the Australia Bush fires, the Nepal Earthquake, and more recently for vaccine equity.

Intrepid Travel works with local and global partners to create positive impact through the joy of travel, community and connection. Some, but by no means all, of the partners include the Spain Flood Appeal, Greening Australia, World Bicycle Relief, Gorilla Doctor, Coral Triangle Center, and the Cambodia Rural Students Trust.

Day 1



Ushuaia, Argentina

Welcome to Ushuaia – the gateway to Antarctica. Located at the southern tip of Argentina, these parts are known as Tierra del Fuego, often called 'The End of the World', but this is just the beginning of your Antarctic adventure. Those with a day or two may want to head to Tierra del Fuego National Park on a full day's adventure, or if you've only got a few hours to kill, why not stroll around town and visit the waterfront overlooking the Beagle Channel. You might also like to sample some handcrafted chocolate at a local cafe in town. Tonight, you'll have a welcome meeting at about 5 pm at your hotel, then maybe head for a traditional dinner at a local restaurant and sample some of Argentina's famous red wine.

Accommodation

- Hotel (1 night)

Meals

There are no meals included on this day.

Special information

An arrival transfer from the airport on Day 1 is included in your voyage fare. Full details will be sent with your final joining instructions.



Day 2



Embarkation in Ushuaia

This afternoon you will board the ship and your epic adventure south begins. Take some time to settle into your cabin as you begin cruising the stunning Beagle Channel, named after the famed vessel 'The Beagle' that facilitated some of Charles Darwin's most significant voyages. The channel transects the Tierra del Fuego archipelago in the extreme south of South America, and as the ship pulls away from the port, there's always an air of anticipation. Wave goodbye to Argentina and know that the next time you see land, you will be gazing upon the White Continent of Antarctica.

Accommodation

- expedition ship (1 night)

Meals

- Breakfast
- Dinner

Included activities

- Welcome Briefing



Day 3 - 4



At Sea, Drake Passage

The infamous Drake Passage, named after the famous English explorer Sir Francis Drake, separates the tip of the Antarctic Peninsula from the southernmost tip of South America. It is often rough and turbulent, but sometimes as calm as a lake. It is unpredictable, so be prepared! The next two days at sea offer time to enjoy the fabulous onboard facilities. Maybe join a yoga class, or attend a presentation or two given by your expedition team to prepare you for what lies ahead, from the geology of Antarctica to the history, wildlife and even the ice!

Sailing towards Antarctica, the temperature falls as you cross the Antarctic Convergence and enter the waters of the Antarctic Ocean. The Antarctic Convergence is marked by an increased number of seabirds, whales and other species that are attracted by the nutrient-rich waters pushed to the surface by the colder waters of the polar region flowing north and meeting the warmer equatorial waters flowing south.

Head out on one of the spacious outer decks to look out for the mighty albatrosses that fly overhead. Scan the waters for breaching whales and icebergs or gaze out from the panoramic windows of the Ocean Endeavour's observation deck. Keep on the lookout for the first sighting of land early evening on day four – heralding your arrival to the White Continent!

Accommodation

- expedition ship (2 nights)

Meals

- Breakfast (2)
- Lunch (2)
- Dinner (2)

Included activities

- Citizen Science Program
- Daily Briefings and Recap
- Onboard Lecture Program

Optional activities

- On-board gym- Free



Day 5 - 8



South Shetland Islands and Antarctica Peninsula

You'll spend the next four days exploring the South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula – a region that has captivated explorers for centuries. Explore the region by Zodiac, cruising among the sculpted icebergs and making shore landings where you'll mingle with penguins, climb to vantage points for panoramic views and maybe visit a scientific or historical base. There may be an opportunity to indulge in optional activities like an overnight ice camping experience, a snowshoeing trek, a paddling excursion or to take a polar plunge into the icy Antarctic waters! You'll see extensive colonies of chinstrap, gentoo and Adelie penguins as well as crabeater, Weddell, fur and elephant seals and many birds. Look and listen for the mighty crack of a glacier calving. A typical expedition day begins with a wake-up call at around 7 am, followed by breakfast. Weather permitting, you can look forward to at least two excursions each day, offering plenty of chances to immerse yourself in the Antarctic landscape.

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- expedition cruise ship (4 nights)

Meals

- Breakfast (4)
- Lunch (4)
- Dinner (4)

Included activities

- Guided walking Excursions
- Zodiac Excursion/Cruising
- Citizen Science Program
- Daily Briefings and Recap
- Onboard Lecture Program

Optional activities -

- Antarctic Camping (Ocean Nova ship only) - USD399
- Polar Plunge - Free
- Day Paddle - USD349
- Snowshoeing - USD150
- Onboard Spa treatments (various prices apply) starting from - USD95
- Onboard Gym - Free

Special information

Optional activities are very dependent on weather and sea ice conditions. Your experienced expedition team will provide regular updates on which days they are available throughout your voyage.

Optional Activities have limited spaces available and must be prebooked via your booking agent prior to travel. Snowshoeing must be booked onboard via your expedition team.



Day 9 - 10



At Sea, Drake Passage

As you set sail back to Ushuaia, take a moment to reflect on the extraordinary journey you've just experienced. During the final days, join additional onboard lectures and view a slideshow featuring captivating images captured by your Expedition Photographer throughout your journey, which are yours to keep as a reminder of your incredible Antarctic expedition. By the evening of Day 10, you'll enter the tranquil waters of the Beagle Channel, marking the beginning of your trip home.

Accommodation

expedition cruise ship (2 nights)

Meals

- Breakfast (2)
- Lunch (2)

- Dinner (2)

Included activities

- Onboard Lecture Program
- Daily Briefings and Recap
- Citizen Science Program

Optional activities

- Onboard Gym and Sauna - Free

Day 11



Disembarkation in Ushuaia, Argentina

Your Antarctic adventure draws to a close as you disembark the ship following breakfast. Farewell your fellow guests and your expedition team and join a transfer to Ushuaia airport for your onward journey today. Or perhaps extend your stay to spend some more time exploring this incredible part of the world.

Meals

- Breakfast

Special information

On the day you disembark in Ushuaia, we recommend scheduling your flights for departure after 12 noon to allow for any potential delays due to weather conditions.

On this day, we've got your transfers covered! Choose between a morning transfer from the port to Ushuaia airport for your onward flight or a morning transfer from the port to Ushuaia downtown. Enjoy complimentary luggage storage for the day. If you plan to head to the airport at a later time or to your Ushuaia accommodation, it's entirely up to you and at your own expense.