

HIGHLIGHTS OF ANTARCTICA



BUENOS AIRES • DRAKE PASSAGE • USHUAIA • ANTARCTICA

THE OFFER

Antarctica, the Great White Continent, has stirred imaginations of travellers for centuries. Gazing across the snowy expanse and deep, sapphire waters; penguins in their hundreds of thousands and icebergs are far as the eye can see. It's a bucket list destination to rule them all. And you don't have to hitch a ride on a passing scientific vessel either - you can see it in serious luxury and style.

This 16 day package with return international flights, hotels and Hurtigruten expedition cruise is your ticket to make your Antarctic dreams a reality in 2022 and 2023. After two nights at leisure in the tango-filled streets of Buenos Aires, you'll fly to Ushuaia in Argentinian Patagonia and then embark on a once-in-a-lifetime journey down to the Antarctic continent. Sail through the infamous Drake Passage, witness icebergs as big as cathedrals, visit remote breeding grounds for penguins, seals and migratory birds - and so much more! The experienced expedition team will further bring the experience to life, sharing stories of the diverse wildlife that calls this region home as you make landings by tender and explore the wondrous landscape that unfolds before you. Package also includes three nights hotel accommodation, additional internal flights, select transfers and more.

Sound like a dream worth making reality? This is your chance!

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THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Australia - Buenos Aires, Argentina

Today depart from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or *Perth for Buenos Aires, Argentina. Fly with airlines such as Latam Airlines, Qantas Airways, Air New Zealand, United Airlines to name a few. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel accommodation.

Please note:

- Transfers on this tour are on a shared basis, meaning you will be joining other travellers on the same tour. Depending on flight schedules, travellers may be required to wait for a time before the transfer departs.

- Some customers may be required to depart the day prior (day 0). This will be confirmed in your travel documentation approximately 6 weeks prior to departure.

Overnight: Emperador Hotel or similar

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Buenos Aires Free Day

Buenos Aires, the lovely capital of Argentina. Check out the well-preserved Italian and French architecture, order delicious beef in one of the many great steakhouses and maybe practise your dancing moves in the famous hometown of tango. Make sure to embrace the heat from this sensuous city, because it is about to get much colder.

Overnight: Emperador Hotel or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3 Buenos Aires - Ushuaia - Embark on 10 Night Highlights of Antarctica Expedition cruise

Late nighters beware, we fly early in the morning to Ushuaia where hybrid-powered expedition ship MS Fridtjof Nansen

awaits you. This port city competes with Chilean Puerto Williams for the seemingly coveted title of the southernmost city in the world. The Martial Glacier sits north of the city, creating an impressive mountain backdrop for the 'end of the world'.

After a mandatory health and safety meeting on board the ship, kick off your journey with a welcome dinner hosted by the Expedition Team. You can then spend some time getting to know the ship that will be your home for the next several days.

Overnight: MS Fridtjof Nansen

Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner

Day 4 Drake Passage

In order to get to Antarctica, we have to cross the infamous Drake Passage. It was named after the English sea captain and privateer Sir Francis Drake who discovered it by chance in 1578 when his ship was taken south by heavy winds. Since there is no landmass at this latitude, wind and water roam freely, making it hard for ships to sail here. But don't worry, even the 'Drake Shake' isn't a big deal for our modern expedition ship.

It takes two days to cross the roughly 1000-km-wide Drake Passage. So, you'll have some time on your hands, which is definitely a good thing as there is plenty to do to get ready for your Antarctic adventure. The Expedition Team will start their lecture programme in the Science Centre, drawing on decades of experience to teach you how to make your visit as safe and as sustainable as possible. As per IAATO guidelines, we will all wear sterilised rubber boats when ashore and ensure we vacuum our clothing beforehand to remove any possible foreign contaminants. You will also learn about the various hands-on Citizen Science projects you can get involved in, all of which feed into live research and current science.



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MS Fridtjof Nansen lies at your feet to be explored as well, quite literally. Work out in the indoor or outdoor gym, or order a spa treatment in our Wellness Area. There are also three superb restaurants onboard where you can enjoy delicious meals that are a treat for your eyes and your taste buds. But even with all these mod cons, don't forget to head out on deck from time to time to look for your first iceberg, and to spot wildlife like whales, numerous types of petrels and albatrosses.

Overnight: MS Fridtjof Nansen

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 5 Drake Passage

Overnight: MS Fridtjof Nansen

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 6 Antarctica - Centring on the Science

Welcome to Antarctica. Being here, surrounded by icy waters, glaciers and icebergs big as cathedrals will probably make you feel like you've landed in a completely new world. Antarctica is magnificent, mesmerising and massive. You might need to stop for a moment to be able to take it all in. That awe-inspired silence is inevitably broken though when you see the first signs of wildlife like penguins, whales or seals and enthusiastic cheers erupt spontaneously all across the ship.

Just as the icescapes of Antarctica change through its seasons, so does its wildlife. In late spring from October to November, there will be much more snow, making the landscapes seem even more pristine. This forms the backdrop of penguin courting and nest building. Whales are still few and far in between during this time, most of them still on their way and beginning to arrive in greater numbers by December and January. The arrival of more whales marks the height of summer which is also when the first penguin chicks hatch.

Seeing the clumsy clumps of feathers run around and is always a charming sight. February and March are the peak of whale-watching opportunities, when large amounts of krill lure them to the area.

When we get here, the Expedition Team will seize every chance to take you ice-cruising and on landings to get closer to the impressive scenery and wildlife. Spotting penguins from the ship is already an experience, which becomes even more wondrous when you go ashore to see them. It's the same if a seal or whale suddenly appears next to you when cruising in our smaller explorer boats or when kayaking as part of an optional activity. Needless to say; keep your camera close at all times. To enhance your feeling of discovery, the Expedition Team will talk expertly about fascinating subjects like the frozen continent's history, the biology of local wildlife, and glaciology.

Overnight: MS Fridtjof Nansen

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 7 Antarctica

Overnight: MS Fridtjof Nansen

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 8 Antarctica

Overnight: MS Fridtjof Nansen

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 9 Antarctica

Overnight: MS Fridtjof Nansen

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner



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Day 10 Antarctica

Overnight: MS Fridtjof Nansen

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 11 Drake Passage - Heading Back to Civilisation

After having explored remote and wild Antarctica over five days, we will be due to sail back for home. By this point, both your head and your heart will be filled with lifelong memories. You'll hopefully also have captured many of these special moments on your camera. Crossing back over the Drake Passage, you'll probably spend the next couple of days going through those pictures just to try and stay in Antarctica a little longer. The Expedition Team will also be doing the same as they recap the journey's many experiences over in the Science Centre. Working out is also a great way of processing everything you have seen, or maybe let your mind wander back to Antarctica in the Explorer Lounge and Bar?

Overnight: MS Fridtjof Nansen

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 12 Drake Passage

Overnight: MS Fridtjof Nansen

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 13 Arrive Ushuaia - Buenos Aires, Argentina

Your expedition cruise reaches its end as we return to Ushuaia. From here, you join a transfer to the airport for your flight back to Buenos Aires and a second chance to experience the Argentine capital. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to the airport for your final night in Argentina.

You will now have travelled to the bottom of the world and back. You've journeyed to the fabled Seventh Continent and

have enchanting stories and photos of penguins to prove it. Antarctica will likely hold a place in your heart which few other places can match. Together with the other explorers who have been there, may we do all we can to preserve its unique beauty.

Overnight: Emperador Hotel or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 14 Buenos Aires, Argentina - Australia

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your flight home to Australia.

Please note:

- Due to flights schedules and availability, some customers may require an additional night complimentary airport accommodation prior to flying home.

- Due to flights schedules and availability, some customers may require a long transit through Santiago Airport.

Meals included: Breakfast;In-Flight

Day 15 In transit

Day 16 Arrive in Australia

Please note: some flights may arrive +1 days.



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TOUR INCLUSIONS

HIGHLIGHTS

Discover the beauty of Antarctica and Argentina

Enjoy a day at leisure in colourful Buenos Aires

Discover Ushuaia, the world's southernmost town

Cross the famed Drake Passage, the crossroads of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans

Spot penguins, seals and whales near the Antarctic Peninsula

Escorted landings with small expedition boats while in Antarctica

Experts on the Expedition Team deliver in-depth lectures on a variety of topics

Use of the ship's Science Centre, which has an extensive library and microscopes

Citizen Science programme allows guests to assist with live scientific research

Professional onboard photographer gives top tips and tricks for the best photos

Expedition Photographers help with your camera settings before landings

Loan of boots, trekking poles and all equipment for activities

Complimentary wind and water-resistant expedition jacket

Complimentary Wi-Fi on cruise

Reusable aluminium water bottle

FLIGHTS

Return international airfares ex SYD/MEL/BNE/ADL/*PER

Return flights in economy class between Buenos Aires and Ushuaia

CRUISE

10 night Highlights of Antarctica expedition cruise with Hurtigruten

Green sailing: Sailing on hybrid-electric, battery powered Expedition Ship MS Fridtjof Nansen

Use of the ship's hot tubs, panoramic sauna, outdoor and indoor

gyms and outdoor running track

Daily landings and explorer boat ice cruising

Daily lectures and guidance from the onboard scientists and expedition team

Premium onboard inclusions

ACCOMMODATION

2 nights pre-cruise 4 to 5-star accommodation in Buenos Aires

1 night post-cruise 4 to 5-star accommodation in Buenos Aires

DINING

Daily breakfast in Buenos Aires

Breakfast, lunch and dinner during the Cruise, including beverages (house beer and wine, sodas, and mineral water) in restaurants Aune and Fredheim

TOUR ESSENTIALS

English Speaking Expedition Team

Informal gatherings with the crew such as daily recaps and preparation for the day to come

Airline and cruise taxes and surcharges

TRANSFERS

Day 1: Buenos Aires airport to hotel

Day 3: Buenos Aires hotel to airport

Day 3: Buenos Aires airport to cruise terminal

Day 13: Ushuaia cruise terminal to airport

Day 13: Buenos Aires airport to hotel

Day 14: Buenos Aires hotel to airport

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*Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.

BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

Changes due to Covid-19 - Cruise Component

If you are unable to travel to the port of embarkation due to requirement to quarantine, a travel ban in either your home country or country of embarkation, a positive COVID test, a government issued order to self-isolate or a requirement to be vaccinated and you are unable to be vaccinated, we will offer your guests a free date change or Voucher. This will be assessed at 30 days prior to the voyage/tour commencing.

Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in AUD (unless otherwise stated).

OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 3rd of March 2023.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement applies:

- Polar Outside Cabin: \$4000

- Arctic Superior with Balcony: \$5000
- Suite with Balcony: Not available

Please note: Single cabins are limited and available at checkout.

Departure Dates

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

Surcharges

Please note:

- Dates/months with a * incur a cruise high season surcharge of \$1200 per person.
- Dates/months with a ** incur a cruise peak season surcharge of \$1600 per person.
- Dates/months with a ^ incur a flight high season surcharge of \$200 per person.

Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or
*Perth

Departure City Surcharges

*Perth: \$200 per person

FLIGHTS

Full Service Airline(s) Used

LATAM Airlines, Qantas Airways, Aerolineas Argentinas, United Airlines and airline partners (subject to availability).

Please note: One way flights can not be accommodated. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

Arrive Early in Buenos Aires, Argentina

\$200 per person, subject to availability

Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Blackout dates:
 - 15 September 2022 - 15 October 2022
 - 30 November 2022 - 26 February 2023

Stay Behind in Buenos Aires, Argentina

\$200 per person, subject to availability

Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Blackout dates:
 - 15 September 2022 - 15 October 2022
 - 30 November 2022 - 26 February 2023
 - 30 March 2023 - 30 April 2023

Stopover Packages

Twin share: \$450 per person/one way

Solo Traveller: \$700 one way

Locations:

* Santiago, Chile

Includes:

- 2 nights in 4 star accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Return airport transfers

Please note:

- A pre and post-tour stopover may be chosen; however, the stopover location must be the same each way, due to the airline used.
- Stopover packages are subject to availability.
- Blackout dates:
 - 15 September 2022 - 15 October 2022
 - 30 November 2022 - 26 February 2023
 - 30 March 2023 - 30 April 2023

Flight Class Upgrades

- Premium Economy: Not available

- Business Class (International Sectors Only):
Buy now for \$6999 per person

Please note:

- All Premium Economy and Business Class upgrades are subject to availability (if we are not able to fulfil your business class request the upgrade cost will be refunded).
- On any upgrade purchase, short haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed in a Premium or Business cabin; subject to aircraft configuration.

CRUISES

Cabins

All cabins are subject to availability; some

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cabins may have restricted views.

Large suite with balcony

Large Corner Suite with private balcony, flexible sleeping arrangements, sofabed, TV, minibar, bathrobe, kettle, espresso maker. Adapted for guests with wheelchairs.

Features:

- 35m2
- Balcony
- Window
- Bathroom
- TV
- Double Bed

Arctic Superior with Balcony

High deck cabins with balcony. Spacious cabins, different sizes, flexible sleeping arrangements, some with sofabed, TV, kettle, tea and coffee.

Features:

- 15 - 19m2
- Balcony
- Window
- Bathroom
- TV
- Double / Twin Bed

Polar Outside Cabin

Larger cabins on middle decks. Most 20 square meters, flexible sleeping arrangements, some with sofabed, TV. Please note: This cabin is automatically made with a double bed. To order twin beds, please notify us at time of booking.

Features:

- 19 - 23m2
- Window
- Bathroom
- TV
- Double / Twin Bed

About the Hurtigruten Fridtjof Nansen

- Featuring Hurtigruten's revolutionary battery hybrid powered propulsion system, MS Fridtjof Nansen is an identical twin to her sister ship MS Roald Amundsen..

- Combining state of the art technology and premium onboard experience with Hurtigruten's 125 years of experience and unparalleled destinations, the two Norwegian built ships introduces the next generation of adventure travel.

Practical information: https://www.hurtigruten.com.au/ships/ms-fridtjof-nansen/practical-information/?_hrgb=3

Cabins and public areas

The stunning scenery is reflected in a rich and comfortable interior design. Scandinavian materials from nature, such as granite, oak, birch and wool will be used to create relaxed and stylish cabins and public areas. All cabins are outside, 50% have private balconies, aft suites feature private outdoor hot tubs with spectacular views.

Science Center

The core of the onboard experience is the Nansen Science Center, an edutainment venue to guests and crew meet to create a deeper understanding of the areas we explore. Nansen Science Center will also be the onboard HQ for the Expedition Team.

Restaurants

MS Fridtjof Nansen's three restaurants will host a variety of dining options, with menus drawn from our rich Norwegian and Nordic tradition, as well as international cuisine and local inspiration.

Whether enjoying your meal at Aune Main Dining, Fredheim – the informal international meeting place, or the specialty restaurant Lindstrøm, you will indulge in low key yet refined, modern Norwegian Nordic cooking – where our honest and delicious cuisine reflects our destinations.

Other Info

- 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 voyage of exploration, instructing you on safety, sustainability and science.

- MS Fridtjof Nansen will feature a variety of custom built expedition equipment, including kayaks, a fleet of Blueye underwater drones and Expedition Boats for safe landings in remote areas.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Used

4-5 Star (self-rated)

- Buenos Aires: Emperador Hotel or similar

Unrated:

- Cruise: MS Fridtjof Nansen

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.

Extra Nights

Not available at check-out.

Please note: If you are interested in booking additional nights accommodation pre or post tour, please wait until you receive your travel documentation approximately 6 weeks prior to departure for the confirmed list of hotels. If booking your own additional accommodation directly with the hotel please be aware that you may be required to change rooms at the start/end of your tour.

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.

- Valid for Children 12 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

Triple Share

Not available

Bedding Configuration

Double or Twin bedding (subject to availability).

Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

EXCLUSIONS

- Visa fees and requirements (A visa is not required if travelling on an Australian passport)

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- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary (including any specialty restaurants onboard cruise)
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Mandatory)

Please note: A comprehensive travel Insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

THE LANDING EXPERIENCE

- Completing successful landings require experience - in Hurtigruten we have 125 years of it, and take pride in offering seamless landings to all our guests. From our tender pit - a small pier folded out on the side of the ship - you board small rubber boats that take up to 20 people. Then we take you ashore. But before this happens, we make sure to follow a few simple principles to make every landing run smoothly:

- Guests are divided into boat groups of approximately 40 guests. To make it easier for guests to remember their group, we name them after animals in Antarctica, like albatross, krill or penguin species.

- Groups are called by name over the ship's speakers to avoid lines. All guests get a patch with the animal of their group for their Explorer jacket before the very first landing.

- Groups are put together by the Expedition Coordinator by language. Friends and family also stay together.

- All guests can eat whenever they want - before or after their outdoor activity. We put expeditions first, and fit your meals around them, which is what our explorer guests really love.

- Once ashore, you will be greeted by the Expedition Leader or Assistant Expedition Leader at the landing site, offering you steps and helping hands to make the landing easier. Information about the landing site is provided, with tips on where to go and where to see animals. All guests are free to walk around the landing sites on their own, with the Expedition Team members nearby to answer questions or provide information. Special hikes and other excursions are always guided by experienced

lecturers and team members.

Landing sites in Antarctica

Weather, wind, ice and local conditions will determine the exact nature of your programme and schedule. Safety is paramount and the ship's captain will decide the final sailing itinerary during the voyage. Therefore every voyage is unique and all advertised routes, by the very nature of the region, can only be indicative.

Below you will find a selection of some of the possible landing sites in Antarctica depending on your voyage's planned itinerary:

Deception Island, South Shetland Islands

One of the highlights of the South Shetlands, Deception Island is a distinctive ring-shaped volcanic caldera, a portion of which has collapsed and created a navigable opening into the flooded interior. The natural harbour within includes Whalers Bay, home to an abandoned whaling station known as Hektor, as well as a derelict British base.

Half Moon Island, South Shetland Islands

Staggeringly photogenic and blessed with some of the most spectacular Antarctic scenery imaginable, Half Moon Island is a glittering gem amongst these island treasures. Its serrated and creviced cliffs are home to a large colony of chinstrap penguins, as well as Antarctic terns, kelp gulls, snowy sheathbills, Wilson's storm petrels and several species of seals who are regular visitors to the island.

Yankee Harbour, South Shetland Islands

Early sealers in the area used Yankee Harbour on Greenwich Island as a frequent base of operations, its remarkable setting providing a natural safe haven for the sailors. Remnants of those early days can still be seen littering the shoreline, but the big draw for visitors here is the large colony of Gentoo penguins, whose numbers are estimated to be around 4,000 breeding pairs.

Cuverville Island

Situated in the scenic Errera Channel, Cuverville Island boasts the largest known colony of Gentoo penguins. The narrow Errera Channel offers a spectacular passage to and from Cuverville as icebergs become trapped and grounded in the nearby shallows. Watching from the observation decks as our navigators weave the ship carefully between

the icebergs is as exciting as being surrounded by the throngs of nesting penguins onshore.

Neko Harbour

Neko Harbour with its Gentoo penguin colony lies nestled in Andvord Bay, surrounded by the mountains and high glacier walls of the peninsula. Named after a factory whaling ship from the early 1900s, Neko is one of the rare places in this area where you may land on the Antarctic mainland.

Paradise Bay

The harbour is paradise not only in name, but in splendour and scenery as well. Protected from the winds of the nearby Gerlache Strait, Paradise Harbour offers another rare opportunity for a mainland landing and some of the finest vistas the Peninsula has to offer. Here you can find the Argentine base Almirante Brown and the Chilean base Gonzalez Videla, as well as colonies of neighbouring penguins.

WHAT TO PACK FOR AN EXPEDITION CRUISE

- To make packing a bit easier, Hurtigruten has drawn up a packing list.
- If you should forget something, don't worry! Onboard all our ships you will find a shop with a wide range of clothes and practical items.
- Onboard it's smart to wear ordinary shoes
- Bring a memory card with a large capacity
- there are sockets in the cabins to recharge photo equipment
- The dress code aboard the ship is relaxed and casual and you are not expected to dress formally for meals
- Extra shoelaces are also a good idea
- Bring a good pair of binoculars
- A small waterproof backpack is necessary for carrying essentials
- Please remember to bring your passport and a copy of it
- Sun protection
- Sunglasses with UV filter lenses
- Lip salve with UV protection. Dry, cold wind and sun often cause chapped lips
- Money in the correct currency. Remember,

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our ships also accept several credit cards.

- Remember to bring sufficient medication to last through any unforeseen delays

- You will receive a wind and water resistant parka as a memento on all expedition ships except MS Nordstjernen

- Rubber boots are available on loan, at no extra cost, aboard all expedition ships, except MS Nordstjernen.

Expeditions to polar waters:

- Warm winter jacket

- Wind and water resistant trousers and long thermal underwear and top (we recommend wool)

- Warm cap or headband

- You should also bring swimwear for use in our on-deck whirlpools

- Scarf or fleece tube

- Warm woollen jumper and fleece jumper/jacket, remember layers are essential

- Sunglasses with UV filter lenses

- Gloves and mittens, fleece and wool

Warm socks

- Bring extra batteries for your camera, as battery life is shorter in cold areas

- Shoes with good soles are recommended for outdoors, on deck, and for excursions ashore. Make sure they are worn-in walking boots.

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip.

Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however, they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

If you've never visited a polar destination, you're probably wondering what you can expect weather-wise when you travel to Antarctica. Even if you've spent time in the Arctic Circle, the Antarctic is an entirely different experience. The high elevation and large landmass make the south pole significantly colder than the north. Of course, temperature is only one piece of the antarctic weather puzzle. Here's an overview of what weather conditions are like on Earth's southernmost destination:

Seasons in Antarctica

- Antarctica only has two seasons: summer and winter. Because it's located in the southern hemisphere, Antarctica's summer is from October to February. During this time, the sun is almost always in the sky. Days rapidly get longer there in summer, until, eventually, the sun doesn't set at all. This phenomenon is called the Midnight Sun. Although there are multiple places in the northern hemisphere that experience this perpetual sunlight during half of the year, Antarctica is the only southern location where it can be seen.

- January is the warmest month in Antarctica, during which average temperatures climb all the way up to 0 degrees in the Antarctic Peninsula. However, the average temperature ranges from -10 degrees Celcius to -60 degrees, depending on how far into the continent you travel.

- If anyone is in Antarctica once winter comes, they're staying until summer returns. Flights

and ships cease travel to and from Antarctica once the weather starts to turn, as conditions become too treacherous for travel. Typically, researchers are the only people who brave the antarctic night. This is a valuable time for astronomers, who can use the complete darkness to get spectacular views of the universe. Climatologists are also busy during this time of year tracking and comparing the temperatures on and below the continent's surface.

LATE SUMMER CRUISING IN ANTARCTICA: February - March

If you choose to go on an Antarctica cruise in February or March, you will be seeing the continent during its late summer period. This provides a variety of benefits, including the ability to explore more thoroughly as the ice melts and breaks apart, allowing for a high chance of seeing whales on the Peninsula.

What whales might you see?

Late summer is the best time to see whales in Antarctica. It is most common to see humpback whales, minke whales and killer whales, though it's possible to see many other species as well. These can include blue whales, fin whales, sei whales, southern right whales and sperm whales.

What about penguins?

By March, those adorable penguin chicks are growing up. They begin to fledge and grow into their adult feathers, while their parents may already have gone out to sea to begin to prepare for their own moult season.

Why go during this season?

If you're an explorer who wants to see as much of Antarctica as possible, choose a late-summer cruise. As the polar ice melts, you'll have access to points much farther south than you would during other travel seasons. You will certainly see some wildlife, as well, and will get to know the untouched majesty of Antarctica in this particular form.

FLIGHTS

Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points

At TripADeal we do not arrange seat selection. It is important to highlight that some Airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the Airline

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directly with seating allocation requirements and or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the Airline once you have your flight information.

Passport Validity

Customers are required to provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no later than 45 days prior to the departure date. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the booking. In this instance, customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred.

Luggage

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

OTHER

Fitness Level Required / Mobility

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so, unfortunately, our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

Please note: a general level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Gratuities / Tipping

- Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for the services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. Tipping is optional and at the customers discretion.

- Tipping for all services provided on tour is always a matter of personal discretion, however, please be aware that tipping is considered by many locals to be a part of their normal remuneration and they may approach you for payment and there is no need to be intimidated by the request.

Sightseeing

Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary where possible, will be adjusted or similar activity will be offered

in its place (subject to availability).

Shopping

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all of your receipts.

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader.

Please refer to our Terms and Conditions in regards to shopping for further information.

VISAS

Argentina

A tourist visa for Argentina is no longer required if travelling on an Australian Passport. Passengers must hold a passport valid with at least six months on entry with one blank visa page. More information can be found at <https://visasdirec.com.au/> requirements

Please note: Customers choosing the stopover package will be required to pay a Chilean Reciprocity Fee of approximately \$117 USD (subject to change) per person paid at airport customs in Chile. This fee is paid in US dollars and we recommend customers carry sufficient US dollars in cash to pay this fee as credit card facilities may be unavailable. This does not affect customers who do not choose to take the stopover package.

Please note: Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important to note, some areas of employment such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may in turn affect the type of application required.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a

Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- Changes - \$100.00 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

- If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$100.00 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Supplier Fees

In the event the Travel Offer you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the Travel Offer due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. TripADeal has committed to these costs as your Agent and will endeavour to recover all funds committed and/or paid for your Travel Offer, but this may not be possible in all circumstances. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event, TripADeal is unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee. This fee is not revenue-raising and is paid to or withheld by our suppliers when recovering payments.