

# Highlights of Antarctica

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## 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 2023 and 2024. 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.

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## 16 DAY FLY & CRUISE PACKAGE | HIGHLIGHTS OF ANTARCTICA

### The Itinerary

#### Day 1 Australia or New Zealand - Buenos Aires, Argentina

Today depart from Sydney, Melbourne, \*Brisbane. \*Adelaide, \*Perth or Auckland for Buenos Aires, Argentina. Fly with airlines such as Qantas Airways, LATAM Airlines, Air New Zealand and partners (subject to availability).

Buenos dias! Welcome to beautiful Argentina. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to the central hotel.

*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.
- Due to flight times and scheduling some customers may be required to depart day 0. Flight times will be confirmed on your final documentation which you will receive at least 4-6 weeks prior to departure.

**Overnight: Grand Brizo Buenos Aires Hotel (or similar)**

**Meals included: In-Flight**

#### Day 2 Buenos Aires Free Day

Known as the Paris of the south and for its multitude of theatres and world class steakhouses, Buenos Aires is the vibrant capital of Argentina and one of the most amazing cities in South America.

Today enjoy a wonderful sightseeing tour visiting the famous Playa del Mayo, Cabildo, the Metropolitan Cathedral and the impressive Plaza San Martín. Come across sumptuous French palaces in Palermo Chico, the area of Palermo best known for its large parks designed by celebrated landscape architects, such as the illustrious Frenchman Charles Thays. In Retiro and Recoleta, you will learn about the dream of local aristocrats in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, when they sought to build a small-scale Paris in the heart of Buenos Aires.

Take the rest of today to explore the sights, gastronomy and arts of this fantastic city. Come sundown, you might like to take a taxi to moody Baracas and enjoy one of the many traditional wine bars or maybe practise your dance moves in the hometown of Tango. Make sure to embrace the heat from this sensuous city, because you can be sure that it is about to get a whole lot colder.

**Overnight: Grand Brizo Buenos Aires Hotel (or similar)**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 3 Buenos Aires - Ushuaia - Embark Antarctic cruise

This morning be transferred from the hotel to the airport for your flight down to Ushuaia. Late nighters beware, the flight is early in the morning to the town of Ushuaia where a hybrid-powered state-of-the-art Hurtigruten expedition ship awaits. This port city competes with Chilean Puerto Williams for the coveted title of the southernmost city in the world. The Martial Glacier sits north of the city, creating an impressive mountain backdrop for what many refer to as 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 home for the next eleven days.

**Overnight: MS Fridtjof Nansen**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner**

#### Day 4 Drake Passage

In order to get to Antarctica, the ship has to cross the infamous Drake Passage. Named after the English sea captain and privateer Sir Francis Drake who discovered it by chance

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in 1578. Since there is no landmass at this latitude, wind and water roam freely, making it hard for some ships to sail here. But don't worry, even the 'Drake Shake' isn't a big deal for Hurtigruten's ultra modern expedition ships.

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 the Antarctic adventure. The Expedition Team will start their lecture programme in the on board Science Centre, drawing on decades of experience in Antarctica to teach you how to make your visit as safe and as sustainable as possible. As per IAATO guidelines, once you begin venturing on land you will all wear sterilised rubber boots when ashore and ensure to vacuum your 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, such as collecting samples and data or whale counting and cloud observation. All of which feed into live research and current science.

The stylish Hurtigruten expedition ship lies at your feet to be explored, quite literally. Work out in the indoor or outdoor gym or order a spa treatment in the Wellness Area. There are also three superb restaurants on board 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 the first icebergs, and to spot wildlife like whales, dolphins and numerous types of seabirds including petrels and albatross.

**Overnight: MS Fridtjof Nansen**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner**

#### Day 5 Drake Passage

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**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner**

#### Day 6 Antarctica

Land ho! Welcome to Antarctica. For the next 5 days, surrounded by icy waters, looming glaciers and icebergs as big as cathedrals could make you feel as though you've landed on another planet. Antarctica is as magnificent as it is mesmerising and massive. You may need to take a moment once in a while in order to take it all in. Although, the awe-inspired silence will inevitably be broken by the first signs of wildlife. It is not uncommon on board when penguins, whales or seals appear, that the serene silence will be broken by loud enthusiastic cheers erupting spontaneously all across the ship.

Just as the ice-scapes 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 surreal and pristine. This forms the backdrop of penguin courting and nest building. Whales are still few and far between during this time, most of them still on their way and begin to arrive in greater numbers by December and January. Arrival of more whales marks the height of summer which is also when the first penguin chicks hatch. Watching the clumsy clumps of feathers playing in the snow is always a charming sight. February and March are the peak of whale-watching opportunities, when they are lured to the Antarctic Seas by vast amounts of krill.

Once you arrive, the Expedition Team will seize every chance they can to take you ice-cruising and on Zodiac landings to get closer to the impressive scenery and wildlife. Spotting penguins from the ship is already an experience, which

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becomes even more wondrous when you go ashore to see them up close and personal. It's the same if a seal or whale suddenly appears next to you when cruising in the smaller explorer boats or when kayaking as part of an optional activity. Needless to say, keep your camera close at all times. To enhance the feeling of discovery, the Expedition Team will talk expertly about fascinating subjects like the history of the frozen continent, the biology of local wildlife, and the intriguing aspects of 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**

#### Day 10 Antarctica

**Overnight: MS Fridtjof Nansen**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner**

#### Day 11 Drake Passage - Heading Back to Civilisation

After having delved into the remote and wild continent of Antarctica over five whole days, it will be time to set sail homeward bound. By this point, both your head, heart and camera will be filled with lifelong memories. Crossing back over the Drake Passage, you'll probably spend the next couple of days replaying those memories 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 in the Science Centre. Working out in the state of the art on-board gymnasium is also a great way of processing everything you have seen. Or maybe just 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 Ushuaia to Buenos Aires, Argentina

The expedition cruise reaches its inevitable conclusion today upon return to Ushuaia. Having travelled to the bottom of the world and back - you've journeyed to the fabled Seventh Continent, something that only a handful of lucky humans have ever accomplished. Not only that, you have enchanting stories and the penguin photos 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.

From Ushuaia, disembark and join a transfer to the airport

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for the flight back to Buenos Aires and a second chance to experience the Argentine capital. Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, be transferred to the hotel for the final night in Argentina.

Optional Activity - La Ventana Tango Show - approx \$100 USD per person

Once you are settled back in, there is an optional night of superb entertainment and Argentine cuisine at the La Ventana Tango show. Choose to enjoy a tantalising 3 course dinner and Tango show with beverages, a bottle of wine for every 2 guests and return hotel transfers.

*Please Note: This optional activity is available for purchase whilst on tour with the tour guide.*

**Overnight: Grand Brizo Buenos Aires Hotel (or similar)**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 14 Buenos Aires, Argentina - Australia

Today you will be transferred to the airport for the journey back to Australia.

*Please note:*

- *Due to flight schedules and availability, some customers may require an additional night complimentary airport accommodation prior to flying home.*
- *Due to flight schedules and availability, some customers may require a longer transit through Santiago Airport.*
- *Flight times will be confirmed on your final documentation which you will receive at least 4-6 weeks prior to departure.*

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 15 In transit

**Meals included: In-Flight**

#### Day 16 Arrive in Australia

*Please note: some flights may arrive +1 days*

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### Tour Inclusions

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Discover the surreal beauty of Antarctica

Be amazed by the cosmopolitan city of Buenos Aires

Revel in the once-in-a-lifetime chance to spot colonies of inquisitive penguins, majestic blue whales, pods of playful Orca whales, Antarctic fur seals, Leopard seals, elephant seals and Antarctic seabirds

Enjoy a day at leisure in colourful Buenos Aires

Explore Ushuaia, the world's southernmost town

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

Escorted Zodiac landings with small expedition boats while in Antarctica

Listen in as experts on the dedicated Expedition Team deliver in-depth lectures on a variety of topics

Explore the ship's Science Centre with its extensive library and advanced biological and geological microscopes

Participate in the Citizen Science programme which gives guests the chance to assist with live scientific research during their visit to Antarctica

Take amazing photographs with the help of the professional onboard photographer giving pro tips for the best landscape, wildlife photos and camera settings to best capture this amazing adventure

#### FLIGHTS

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

Return flights in economy class between Buenos Aires and Ushuaia

#### CRUISE

10 Night 'Highlights of Antarctica' expedition cruise with Hurtigruten

Cruise on board Hurtigruten MS Fridtjof Nansen ship

Spend 5 days in Antarctica with multiple small group Zodiac landings at numerous spectacular locations

#### ACCOMMODATION

3 nights of 4 star accommodation in Buenos Aires

#### DINING

Daily breakfast in Buenos Aires

Breakfast, lunch and dinner during the Cruise

Drinks included (house beer and wine, sodas, and mineral water) in restaurants Aune and Fredheim on board Hurtigruten MS Fridtjof Nansen

#### 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

Return airport & cruise port transfers

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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.

*Please note: All countries and territories have different entry requirements in relation to vaccinations, quarantine/isolation periods and travel restrictions. Due to the evolving nature, we would ask all of our customers to monitor, meet and adhere to the specific requirements of their intended destination(s) in the lead up to and immediately prior to travel, as well as any requirements post-travel upon their return.*

## CANCELLATION POLICY

### Covid-19 Booking Policy

• TripADeal Tour packages are non-refundable. If your Tour package is affected by Covid-19 related travel restrictions and you are unable to travel, you will receive either a free date change (credit that is specific to your original package and purchase value) or an open credit less any non-recoverable supplier fees to the value of your original purchase for use on any other package available via the TripADeal website.

*Please note: Date change credits are subject to availability and not guaranteed until confirmed by TripADeal, not the tour operator you are due to stay with.*

It is strongly advised that you purchase travel insurance with Covid-19 protection after purchase. If you are unable to travel because you have tested positive for Covid-19, the standard cancellation policy will apply.

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

## Offer essentials

This travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 6th March 2024.

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

### Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, exclusive solo cabins are available for purchase in the cart.

### Departure Dates

Please note: See website for live dates and availability.

### Surcharges

*Please note:*

- Dates/months with a \* incur a peak season surcharge of \$600 per person
- Dates/months with a \*\* incur a peak season surcharge of \$800 per person
- Dates/months with a \*\*\* incur a peak season surcharge of \$1000 per person
- Dates/months with a ^ incur a peak season surcharge of \$1200 per person
- Dates/months with a ^^ incur a peak season surcharge of \$1500 per person
- Dates/months with a ^^ ^ incur a peak season surcharge of \$1600 per person.

### Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, \*Brisbane, \*Adelaide, \*Perth or Auckland

### Departure City Surcharges

- \*Brisbane: \$150 per person
- \*Adelaide: \$250 per person
- \*Perth: \$1000 per person

## Flights

### Full-Service Airline(s) Used

Qantas Airways, LATAM Airlines, Air New Zealand 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

Not Available

### Stay Behind in Buenos Aires, Argentina

\$300 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 are permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Blackout dates apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:
  - 30 November 2023 - 28 February 2024
  - 31 March - 26 April 2024

### Stopover Packages

Twin share: \$600 per person/one way

Solo Traveller: \$800 one way

Locations:

\* Santiago, Chile

Includes:

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

*Please note:*

- When a pre and post-tour stopover is chosen, the same stopover location must be chosen each way, due to the airline used.
- Stopover packages are subject to availability.
- Blackout dates apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:
  - 30 November 2023 - 28 February 2024
  - 31 March - 26 April 2024

### Flight Class Upgrades

- Premium Economy: Not Available
- Business Class (International Sectors Only): Buy Now \$8999 per person

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• 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 cabins may have restricted views.

### MS Fridtjof Nansen

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

Combining state of the art technology and premium on board experience with Hurtigruten's 125 years of experience and unparalleled destinations, the Norwegian built ship introduces the next generation of adventure travel.

### Facilities on board

#### Cabins and public areas

The stunning scenery will be 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 and 50 % with a private balcony.

#### Science Centre

The core of the onboard experience is the Nansen Science Centre, an edutainment venue where guests and crew meet to create a deeper understanding of the areas we explore. Nansen Science Centre will also be the on board 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.

#### Everything you need for an expedition cruise

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 Blueeye underwater drones and Expedition Boats for safe landings in remote areas.

### Cabins

#### RR Polar Outside Cabin

These are large cabins on lower or middle decks. Rooms are 19 - 23m2 and feature a window, ensuite bathroom, double bed and TV.

#### XT Arctic Superior Cabin

These cabins are located on upper decks. Rooms are 15 - 19m2 and feature a balcony, ensuite bathroom, double bed, TV and tea & coffee facilities.

#### ME Expedition Suite

These suites are located on upper or top decks. Rooms are 20 - 28m2 and feature sofa bed, ensuite bathroom, double bed, minibar, TV, bathrobe, tea & coffee facilities and espresso maker.

## Accommodation

### Accommodation Used

#### 4 Star (self-rated)

Buenos Aires: Grand Brizo Hotel or similar

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.*

### Maximum Room Capacity

2 people

### Child Policy

• No child discounts. The full price applies to

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 are allowed.*

### Triple Share

Not Available

### Bedding Configuration

Double or Twin bedding (subject to availability).

### Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotel's discretion. Please inquire upon booking if you require this option.

## General tour information

### Optional Tours / Activities

Day 13: La Ventana Tango Show - approx \$100 USD per person

*Please note:*

- Prices are based per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions, and are payable direct to the tour operator in the currency specified
- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.

## Exclusions

- Visa fees and requirements
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary (including any specialty restaurants onboard the 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

### 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!

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On board all our ships you will find a shop with a wide range of clothes and practical items.

- On board 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 balm with UV protection. Dry, cold wind and sun often cause chapped lips.
  - Money in the correct currency. Remember, the 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 this ship.
  - Rubber boots are available on loan, at no extra cost.
- 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 the 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 at 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 of 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 makes 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 temperatures 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?

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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 moulting 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 essential to highlight that some airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the airline 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 the cancellation of the booking. In this instance, customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred.

## CRUISE

### Embarkation / Disembarkation:

- Begins approximately 2 hours after docking.
- Due to security reasons, all guests must be on board 2 hours before sailing.
- Itineraries are subject to change at any time without notice.
- Check your specific sailing for exact departure and arrival times. All times are local to the port.

*Please note: strict COVID 19 terms may also apply regarding proof of insurance covering COVID 19 and/or vaccination. Please refer to the cruise lines' terms and conditions for further information prior to boarding.*

### Cruise Loyalty Discounts:

*Please note: Travellers booked via TripADeal will not be entitled to receive any cruise line customer loyalty discounts. Similar to airline frequent flyer programs, this is outside of the TripADeal booking process. However, customers may contact the cruise line directly upon receiving their TripADeal travel documents to request any membership benefits they are entitled to.*

### 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 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 at least six months on entry with one blank visa page. More information can be found at <https://visasdirect.com.au/> requirements

### Chile

Australian passport holders visiting Chile for tourism purposes or transit between 8 to 72 hours must apply for a single or multiple tourist visas. Visas must be lodged through the SAC CIUDADANOS portal only <https://tramites.minrel.gov.cl/>

Visa rules may have changed since COVID-19. Check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination you're entering. Please start arranging your visa at least 3 weeks prior to departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.

*Please note: Passengers who are not Australian citizens must also 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 that 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

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# Important Information

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.

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