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TRIP DETAILS

5 days / 4 nts - Chile

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Australis Cruises

The southernmost region of the world is where the expedition cruise ships Via Australis and the brand new Stella Australis invite you to travel legendary maritime routes. You may re-live the history of navigators and aborigines who lived and sailed these unexplored parts; a beautiful and untameable region, unlike any other on the American continent. Sail through the legendary Strait of Magellan, along channels, bays and fjords, passing glaciers, snow-capped peaks, islands and unexplored forests of incomparable beauty.

Cruceros Australis has a modern fleet of ships to make your navigation more enjoyable: [Stella Australis](#) and [Via Australis](#)

Punta Arenas - Ushuaia (4 nights)

Day 1: Punta Arenas

Check in at Magallanes 990, Punta Arenas, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Cruise ship boarding at 6:00 p.m. The Captain and crew give a welcome cocktail reception on board. Afterwards, the ship departs for "the uttermost part of the earth". Our excursion will take us through the Strait of Magellan and Beagle Channel to explore one of the most breathtaking wilderness regions in the world: Southern Patagonia, and Tierra del Fuego.



Day 2: Ainsworth Bay - Tuckers Islets

At dawn, we continue navigating through Almirantazgo Sound, arriving at Ainsworth Bay, inside the Alberto De Agostini National Park. From a distance we may see the Marinelli Glacier which descends from the Darwin Mountain Range, and we will learn how life begins after the retreat of the ice. We will also take a walk to discover a beaver dam in the marvelous subpolar Magellanic forest. On the beach, we will try to see elephant seals, but we cannot guarantee this as the precise location of the colony is unpredictable. Later, we sail to Tuckers Islets, and after lunch we board the Zodiac boats to view Magellanic Penguins (which only live in the Southern Hemisphere), and Cormorants. In September and April this excursion is replaced by Brookes Bay where we land for a short walk to approach a glacier.

Day 3: Pia Glacier - Glacier Alley

We navigate along the main part of the Beagle Channel to reach Pia Fjord, where we disembark near Pia Glacier. We take a short hike to a look-out point with a spectacular view of the entire glacier tongue, stretching from high in the mountains all the way to the sea. After this unforgettable experience, we continue sailing along the northwest arm of the Beagle Channel through majestic "Glacier Alley".

Day 4: Cape Horn - Wulaia Bay

We sail through the Murray Channel and Nassau Bay to reach Cape Horn National Park, where we will disembark (weather permitting). The mythical Cape Horn was discovered in 1616, and it is a sheer, 425 meter (1394 foot) high rocky promontory. For many years it was an important navigation route between the Pacific and Atlantic oceans, and it is known as the End of the Earth. In the afternoon, we go ashore at historic Wulaia Bay, once the site of one of the region's largest Yamana aboriginal settlements. Charles Darwin landed here on January 23rd, 1833, during the voyage of the HMS Beagle. This area is also renowned for the mesmerizing beauty of its vegetation and geography. We will walk through a Magellanic forest of Lengas, Coihues, Canelos, ferns, and other native vegetation to reach a look-out point.



Day 5: Ushuaia

Arrival at Ushuaia, Argentina most important city on Tierra del Fuego, and the southernmost city in the world. We disembark at 8:00 am

Ushuaia - Punta Arenas (3 nights)

Day 1: Ushuaia

Check in at San Martin 245, Ushuaia, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cruise ship boarding from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Captain and crew give a welcome cocktail reception on board. Afterwards, the ship departs for "the uttermost part of the earth." Our excursion will take us through the Beagle Channel and the Strait of Magellan to explore one of the most captivating wilderness regions in the world: Southern

Patagonia, and Tierra del Fuego.

Day 2: Cape Horn - Wulaia Bay

We sail through the Murray Channel and Nassau Bay to reach Cape Horn National Park, where we will disembark (weather permitting). The mystical Cape Horn was discovered in 1616, and it is a sheer, 425 meter (1394 foot) high rocky promontory. For many years it was an important navigation route between the Pacific and Atlantic oceans, and it is known as the End of the Earth. In the afternoon, we go ashore at historic Wulaia Bay, once the site of one of the region's largest Yamana aboriginal settlements. Charles Darwin landed here on January 23rd, 1833, during the voyage of the HMS Beagle. This area is also renowned for the mesmerizing beauty of its vegetation and geography. We will walk through a Magellanic forest of Lengas, Coihues, Canelos, ferns, and other native vegetation to reach a look-out point.



Day 3: Aguila Glacier

We will sail through the Brecknock, Ocasión, Cockburn, and Magdalena Channels to enter the spectacular Agostini Sound, In the heart of the Darwin Cordillera, in Tierra del Fuego. Here you can see the glaciers flowing down the mountainside, often all the way to the sea. In the afternoon we will get into the Zodiac boats and head to the Águila Glacier where we will take an easy walk on the shore of a lagoon surrounded by mountains until we reach the base of the glacier. We will learn about Patagonia's cold rainforest and the forces that molded the landscape.

Day 4: Magdalena Island - Punta Arenas

Early in the morning, we go ashore on Magdalena Island (weather permitting). Located in the Strait of Magellan, it was an essential source of supplies for navigators and explorers in the past. The island is inhabited by an immense colony of Magellanic Penguins which can be sighted during our walk to a lighthouse, which guides ships on their way through the strait. In September and April this excursion is replaced by a Zodiac boat ride at Marta Island to observe sea lions. After our visit, we sail to Punta Arenas, disembarking at 11:30 a.m.



Ushuaia - Punta Arenas (4 nights)

Day 1: Ushuaia

Check in at San Martin 409, Ushuaia, between 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., with cruise ship boarding from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. The captain and crew give a welcome cocktail reception on board, and afterwards the ship departs for the journey through one of the most captivating wilderness regions in the world

Day 2: Cape Horn - Wulaia Bay

We sail through the Murray Channel and Nassau Bay to reach Cape Horn National Park, where we will disembark (weather permitting). The mythical Cape Horn was discovered in 1616, and it is a sheer, 425-meter (1,394-foot) high rocky promontory. For many years it was an important navigation route between the Pacific and Atlantic oceans, and it is known as the "End of the Earth". The park was declared a World Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in June 2005. In the afternoon, we go ashore at historic Wulaia Bay, once the site of one of the region's largest Yamana aboriginal settlements. Charles Darwin landed here on January 23rd, 1833, during the voyage of the HMS Beagle. This area is also renowned for the mesmerizing beauty of its vegetation and geography. We will walk through a Magellanic forest of Lengas, Coihues, Canelos, ferns, and other native vegetation to reach a look-out point.



Day 3: Pia Glacier - Garibaldi Glacier

In the morning we navigate along the northwest arm of the Beagle Channel to enter Pia Fiord where we disembark near Pia Glacier. We take a short hike to a vantage point with a spectacular view of the mountain chain giving origin to this impressive glacier moving slowly down the valley until it falls into the sea.

In the afternoon we enter Garibaldi fiord on the southern coast of Tierra del Fuego, where we will do an incredible excursion through Patagonia's cold jungle and a hike through the forest up to a waterfall of glacial origin. There is a spectacular view from this spot. For those who stay onboard, our Captain will point the bow towards the beautiful blue Garibaldi glacier, and the panoramic views may be enjoyed from the outdoor decks

Day 4: Piloto and Nena Glaciers - Agostini Sound - Aguilar Glacier

In the morning we sail through Cockburn Channel to anchor in Chico Sound. Our adventure begins in the Zodiac boats to explore Alakaluf Fiord, where we will see beautiful waterfalls and observe the Piloto and Nena Glaciers from the sea. The intense blue color of Piloto Glacier due to its compression and age draws attention. We will learn about the formation of glaciers and their influence on the abrupt geography of the Fuegian-Patagonian channels.

In the afternoon we enter Agostini Sound, a spectacularly beautiful area located in the heart of the Darwin Mountain Range in Tierra del Fuego. Here we can view glaciers descending from the mountains, some of which reach the sea. We will head to Águila Glacier where we will disembark to take an easy walk along a beach bordering a lagoon surrounded by mountains until reaching a spot in front of the glacier. We can get to know Patagonia's cold rainforest and the movements that molded the region's geography.

Day 5: Strait of Magellan - Magdalena Island - Punta Arenas

Early in the morning, we go ashore on Magdalena Island (weather permitting). Located in the Strait of Magellan, it was an essential source

of supplies for navigators and explorers in the past. The island is inhabited by an immense colony of Magellanic Penguins which can be seen during our walk to the lighthouse, which guides ships on their way through the strait. In September and April this adventure is replaced by an excursion to Marta Island where we can observe South American sea lions from the Zodiac boats. After our visit, we sail to Punta Arenas, disembarking at 11:30 a.m.



Price per person

PUNTA ARENAS - USHUAIA (5 days/ 4 nights)					
MV Mare Australis (Saturdays to Wednesdays)					
MV Via Australis (Tuesdays to Saturdays)					
Season September 2009 - April 2010	Cabins				
	B	A	AA	AAA	Single
Promotion	\$1,550	\$1,820	\$1,910	\$2,000	\$2,640
Low	\$1,930	\$2,270	\$2,380	\$2,490	\$3,290
High	\$2,350	\$2,760	\$2,890	\$3,030	\$3,990
Special	\$2,590	\$3,040	\$3,180	\$3,340	\$4,390

USHUAIA - PUNTA ARENAS (4 days/ 3 nights)					
MV Mare Australis (Wednesdays to Saturdays)					
MV Via Australis (Saturdays to Tuesdays)					
Season September 2009 - April 2010	Cabins				
	B	A	AA	AAA	Single
Promotion	\$1,150	\$1,360	\$1,430	\$1,510	\$1,960
Low	\$1,440	\$1,690	\$1,780	\$1,880	\$2,450
High	\$1,750	\$2,060	\$2,180	\$2,270	\$2,990
Special	\$1,930	\$2,270	\$2,400	\$2,500	\$3,290

Promotional departures: September: 19, 22, 23, 26 2009
 Low Season: September & October 2009 / 2nd half of March & April 2010
 High Season: November & December 2009 / January, Feb and 1st half of March 2010
 Special departure: Dec 23, Dec 30 2009

(Prices can change without notice)

Price per person USD

4 nights / 5 days (September 2012 - April 2013)				
Cabin	Promotional	Low	High	Special
B	\$1258	\$1573	\$1989	\$2187
A	\$1806	\$2252	\$2738	\$3012
AA	\$1895	\$2361	\$2868	\$3154
AAA	\$1985	\$2471	\$3006	\$3008
AA Sup	\$2323	\$2894	\$3515	\$3867
AAA Sup	\$2432	\$3028	\$3685	\$4054
Single	\$2261	\$2822	\$3429	\$3772

3 nights / 4 days (September 2012 - April 2013)			
Cabin	Promotional	Low	High
B	\$944	\$1,180	\$1,491
A	\$1,355	\$1,689	\$2,054
AA	\$1,422	\$1,771	\$2,150
AAA	\$1,489	\$1,853	\$2,255
AA Sup	\$1,742	\$2,171	\$2,636
AAA Sup	\$1,824	\$2,272	\$2,764
Single	\$1,696	\$2,117	\$2,571

Australis Cruise Season (September 2012 - April 2013)
Low season: October & December: 8, 9, 12,13, 15, 17 & 19, 2012. 2nd Half of March 2013

Promotional season: September 2012 & April 2013

High season: November & December 2012. January, February & 1st half of March 2013.

Peak Season: Christmas & New Year

Included in the prices:

Accommodation aboard, sea transportation, meals (breakfast,lunch,dinner), free bar, daily land excursions as scheduled by the ships, Whisky and hot chocolate during the excursions, English and Spanish speaking guides

Not included in the prices:

international and domestic airfare, airport and port taxes, optional tours and transportation, gratuities and personal expenses

Price notes:

- Prices per person in USDollars

- Single rate applies in B or A category. Single rate in AA, AAA, AASup or AAA Sup will be 1.5 of the category rate. AASup and AAASup are only available in M/V Stella.

- The following port fees are subject to change without prior notice (not included):

PUQ - USH: Punta Arenas port tax:USD 10/ Ushuaia port tax: USD 15 / Chilean National Parks tax (CONAF): USD5

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PUQ - PUQ or USH - USH: Punta Arenas port tax:USD 10 / Ushuaia port tax: USD 15 / Ushuaia Migratory tax: USD 10 / Chilean National Parks Tax (CONAF): USD10

- Children policy: Infants between 0 and 3 years old have a 100% discount, sharing the bed with their parents. Children between 4 and 12 years old have a 50% discount, sharing a cabin with an adult.

- Required Clothing: Trekking or hiking boots are required for all passengers. The company does not hire out outfits any more, tourists have to buy their own!

- The services are subject to the availability & rates at the moment of the reservation

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