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## TRIP DETAILS

15 days / 14 nts - Antarctica

Departures Daily

Trip Ref 2229

## ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Ushuaia

Drake Passage

King George Island

Antarctic Peninsula

Petermann Island

Deception Island

Drake Passage

Ushuaia



PRICES FROM \$6,450

## Antarctic Dream Expedition

This adventure expedition is an ideal introduction to the great White Continent. Departing from and ending in the port of Ushuaia, Argentina, this itinerary includes the most exciting sites of Patagonia, Cape Horn, South Shetland Islands, and the Antarctic Peninsula. Explore the breathtaking sceneries of glaciers, icebergs and rugged mountains while cruising through clear blue and narrow waterways.

### Day 1: Ushuaia, Argentina

Passengers board the [MV/Antarctic Dream](#) where you will be greeted by the Expedition Leader and staff and shown to your cabin. Check-in begins at 2:30 PM at the Hotel Fuegino in Ushuaia.

### Day 2 - 3: Drake Passage

Wandering albatrosses, storm petrels and other seabirds will escort the vessel as you sail south across this famous passage named after Sir Francis Drake, the 16th-century English navigator. We will continue towards the Antarctic Convergence, a biological barrier where cold polar waters sink beneath the warmer waters of the more temperate zone. In 1819, the British explorer William Smith described the South Shetland Islands as "barren and covered with snow, with seals in abundance".



### Day 4: King George Island

King George Island will give us an early taste of what the Antarctic really is. It is the biggest island of the South Shetlands. and here we will have a chance to disembark in Potter Bay. In the afternoon we will disembark at Aitcho Island which is in between Greenwich and Robert Islands. We will continue with the crossing of the Bransfield and Gerlache Straits to enter Andvord Bay where we find Neko Bay.

### Day 5: Antarctic Peninsula & Neko Bay

Besides the magnificent scenery of mountains, snow and ice, in Antarctica you can expect to see a wide variety of the native wildlife. Other birds to look out for are blue-eyed shags, gulls, cape petrels, skuas, snowy sheathbills and Antarctic terns. Marine mammals that you are likely to see include Weddell crab-eaters and leopard seals while orcas, humpback and mink whales may be spotted at close range. The program includes your first landing on the White Continent (Neko Bay) and another on Port Lockroy (Gaudier Island). Neko Bay was discovered by Adrian de Gerlache, a Belgian explorer. Port Lockroy is close to Wiencke Island in the Antarctic Peninsula and was the principle base of the 1944 Tabarin Operation - the scientific research included the Antarctic's first ionosphere measurements and also the first recording of an atmospheric whistle.

### Day 6: Pleneau - Petermann Island

Sail south through the narrow Lemaire Channel whose high, sheer cliffs suggest that no passage could be found. Once through the channel, known as one of the most beautiful places in the world, and provided climate and ice conditions are good enough, we will be able to visit Petermann Island which is the most southern land point of our expedition. Here we will disembark and will be able to see the most southern colony of Gentoo penguins which nest near our landing spot. On this island we will also be able to see a colony of beautiful Adelei penguins, skuas and blue-eyed shags. At Pleneau we should have the opportunity to take our zodiacs and visit impressive ice formations.

### Day 7: Paradise Bay - Cuverville Island

At this point of the program we will begin our return voyage. During the morning and, stressing again that if weather permits, we will disembark or use our zodiacs in Paradise Bay. In the evening we will visit Cuverville Island. Beside its dramatic scenery it is home to one of the largest colony of Gentoo penguins and skuas. This rocky island is on the north side of the Errera Channel, between Ronge Island and the Arctowski Peninsula.

**Day 8: Deception Island - Whaler's Bay -Pendulum Cove**

Continue sailing to Deception Island which is the largest active volcano in the area at the northwest side of the Peninsula. During the morning we will try to disembark in Whaler's Bay and Pendulum Cove where you can live the unique experience of swimming in this water. In the afternoon we will disembark at Hannah Point (Livingstone Island). This is one of the best places in the Antarctic to see fauna and we should see Chinstrap and Gentoo penguins, giant petrels, Wilson petrels, skuas and blue-eyed shags. With luck we should also see sea elephants.



**Days 9 and 10: Drake Passage**

Today, we will leave the Antarctic and head north back across the Drake Passage. Now is the chance to compare and revise notes and dwell on the adventures of the past week, to take in the final lectures and to enjoy the delicious gastronomy on board as you return to Ushuaia.

**Day 11: Ushuaia, Argentina**

After an early breakfast you will land at 9:00 am and bid farewell to the guests. Thus ends an incredible and unique expedition.

**Price per person**

Season 2010		Suite Cape Horn	Suite Piloto Pardo	Shackleton	Amundsen
Shoulder	SGL	\$17,200	\$15,570	\$12,410	\$10,300
	DBL	\$11,450	\$10,450	\$8,250	\$6,900
High	SGL	\$21,300	\$19,300	\$15,350	\$12,800
	DBL	\$14,200	\$12,900	\$10,200	\$8,550

Shoulder Season	High Season
February 2010: 28	January 2010: 07 / 18 / 28
February 2010: 10 / 20	February 2010: 08 / 18

Prices can change without notice

**Tour includes:** Accommodation in selected cabin, Breakfast, lunch, diner, cocktails & wines as on the menu, Admission to the exposition ballroom & library, Work-out room & sauna, Lectures on board by specialist scientists and leaders, Expeditions on Zodiac boats, Medical emergencies

**Not Included:** Domestic & international flights to port of embarkation, Visas or passport taxes, Taxes or boarding rates at airports & ports, Additional transfers other than those in itinerary, Telephone calls, Internet, Meals and beverages not on the menu, Fines for changes of dates or assistance for cancellation of flights, Travel and health insurance, Tips. Fuel Surcharge.

**Notes:**

- The exact route and program varies according to ice and weather conditions and the wildlife you encounter Flexibility is the key to success for this expedition.
- MV Antarctic Dream reserves the right to alter prices in case of substantial changes on exchange rates and price of fuel, service and labour.
- MV Antarctic Dream reserves the right to cancel the trip when minimum of pax is not reached.
- There is a fuel charge of US\$ 30 aprox per passenger per day (total increment of USD 300,00 per booking).

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