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TRIP DETAILS

11 days / 10 nts - Antarctica

Departures Daily

Trip Ref 2229

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Ushuaia

Drake Passage

Aitcho Island

Antarctic Peninsula & Neko Bay

Paradise Bay

Cuerville Island

Pleneau

Petermann Island

Deception Island

Whalers Bay

Pendulum Cove

Drake Passage

Ushuaia



PRICES FROM \$6,450

Antarctic Dream Expedition

This expedition provides the ideal trip to the great white continent. With departure and return from Ushuaia, the provincial capital of Tierra del Fuego, Argentina, we make an exciting crossing of the legendary Drake Passage to arrive in the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula. From the waters of Patagonia to the gateway of the spectacular landscape of fjords, glaciers and icebergs, the Antarctic Dream will transport you in a comfortable environment, full of on board entertainment, hotel and dining services, and above all, under the attentive care of the crew

Day 1: Ushuaia, Argentina

Passengers board the [M/V Antarctic Dream](#) where you will be greeted by the Expedition Leader and staff and shown to your cabin. Check-in will begin at 2:30 pm. aprox. on departure day.

Day 2 to 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: Aitcho Island

Aitcho Island will give us an early taste of what the Antarctic really is. It is the biggest island of the South Shetlands, where we will 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: Paradise Bay - Cuerville Island

At this point of our 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 Cuerville Island. Beside its dramatic scenery it is home to one of the largest colony of Gentoo penguins and skuas. We will continue with the crossing of the Bransfield and Gerlache Straits to enter Andvord Bay where we find Neko Bay.

Day 7: Pleneau - Petermann Island

We 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 Adelie penguins, skuas and blue-eyed shags. At Pleneau we should have the opportunity to take our zodiacs and visit impressive ice formations.



Day 8: Deception Island - Whalers Bay - Pendulum Cove

We 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 we will land at 9:00 am. aprox. and bid farewell to our 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 February 2010: 10 / 20	January 2010: 07 / 18 / 28 February 2010: 08 / 18

Prices can change without notice

Sailing Dates			
Shoulder Season		High Season	
November 2010:	07 / 17 / 27	December 2010:	28
December 2010:	07 / 18	January 2011:	07 / 18 / 28
February 2011:	28	February 2011:	08 / 18
March 2011:	10		

Tour includes: Accommodation in cabin of choice. Breakfast, lunch, tea, dinner and. Welcome cocktail. Use of the library. Use of fitness room and sauna. On board lectures and exhibits. Passenger insurance (P&I) Expedition in zodiac boats. Medical attention

Not Included: Domestic & international flights to port of embarkation, Passports or visas. Taxes or boarding taxes at airport/ports. Transfers not specified in the program. Telephone calls. Use of the internet. Meals or beverages not included in the menu. Fines or Flight Cancellation Assistance. Travel or Health Insurance. Medical attention in clinic. 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 has the right to charge a Fuel Surcharge of USD 25,00 per passenger per night in any case fuel prices reach or exceed USD 70,00 per Barrel Brent 90 days prior to departure.
- What to bring: We suggest you bring appropriate clothing for the region's temperatures. For disembarking, crew members will give passengers special clothing which must be worn (jackets and rubber boots). Casual clothing on the ship. Thermal clothing, non- synthetic is recommended. Sun Block. Swimming Suit. Comfortable walking shoes. Impermeable clothing, pants
- MV Antarctic Dream reserves the right to cancel the trip when minimum of pax is not reached.
- Please note that you should regard this itinerary as a guide only; our exact route and program varies according to the weather conditions we encounter. Flexibility is the key to success for all expedition to the Antarctic.

