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TRIP DETAILS

11 days / 10 nts - Antarctica

Departures Daily

Trip Ref 2336

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Ushuaia

Drake Passage

South Shetland Islands

Antarctica Peninsula

PRICES FROM \$4,940



Antarctic Explorer

This journey takes you to one of the world's most awe inspiring destinations. With visits along the way through the South Shetland Islands arrive on the mainland, on the Antarctic Peninsula and are dazzled by perhaps the most dramatic scenery to be found anywhere on earth. These areas boast an extraordinary abundance of wildlife.

Day 1: Embark in Ushuaia

Board the expedition vessel in Ushuaia, on Tierra del Fuego at the southern tip of South America. In the early evening, set sail charting a course through the Beagle Channel.

Meals included: 1 dinner

Days 2 - 3: Drake Passage

As you cross the Drake Passage, the team of experts will be out on deck to help us spot whales and identify seabirds. You'll also have the chance to take part in the onboard presentation series preparing us for our adventures on the "White Continent". Talks on wildlife, ice and polar history will create enormous anticipation that continues to build as you cross the Antarctic Convergence. Here the cold waters of the Antarctic Ocean meet the warmer waters of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. You'll notice a sharp drop in temperature at this point. Huge icebergs loom up against the horizon and seabirds such as the wandering albatross and petrels are regularly in view.

Meals included: 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners



Days 4 - 8: South Shetland Islands - Antarctic Peninsula

Cruise among the volcanic South Shetland Islands and the waterways of the Antarctic Peninsula, travelling ashore as frequently as possible in inflatable 'zodiac' boats. You'll hope to make shore excursions to Livingston, Half Moon and King George Islands beginning on day 3 or day 4.

Admiralty Bay, on King George Island, is a favoured feeding ground for humpback whales and, with luck, you may see them dining on krill. At crescent-shaped Half Moon Island, you'll observe a breeding colony of chinstrap penguins that share their territory with fur seals and blue-eyed shags while at Livingston Island, you'll discover more flourishing wildlife. Here there are Weddell and elephant seals, skuas, giant petrels, Antarctic terns and rookeries of chinstrap, gentoo and macaroni penguins.

Weather permitting, you'll also hope to enter the flooded volcanic caldera of Deception Island, a recently active volcano and one of the most perfect crater islands in the world. Steam rises in places along its shores where the cold Antarctic waters mix with the thermal waters of the bay. Here, the very adventuresome may choose to take a dip, if conditions are suitable.

The journey continues onto Paradise Harbour or Hope Bay, both situated on the mainland. Here you'll see some of the most dramatic scenery in the world. You'll observe an impressive array of icebergs in many different shapes and sizes, including those that have eroded into natural ice sculptures as well as city-block sized tabular bergs which break from the thick ice shelves. If the weather is temperate, you'll have the chance to set foot on the Antarctic continent, and even, to spend a night camping out on shore if you wish. The lights of the southern sky bath the landscape in an eerie luminescence, making this camping experience truly remarkable.



The days are long, and the short nights are often preceded by a wonderful twilight. On board, you'll spend ample time on the bridge or on deck simply marveling at the glory of the passing scenery.

Meals included: 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 5 dinners.

Days 9 - 10: Drake Passage- Cape Horn

Leave the Antarctic Peninsula, heading back across the Antarctic Convergence and the Drake Passage. The crossing is completed with the

rounding of Cape Horn. Celebrate the conclusion of our adventure and last evening together on board, at the Captain's Dinner as you make your way down the Beagle Channel.

Meals included: 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners.

Day 11: Disembark in Ushuaia

In the early morning, arrive back in Ushuaia where the cruise ends. You'll be transferred to your hotel, or to the airport for your onward flight.

Meals included: 1 breakfast.

Price per person

Date	Main Triple	Main Deck	Upper Deck	Superior	Superior Plus	Peregrine Suite	Cook Suite
30 Nov - 10 Dec 2009	\$4,940	\$5,940	\$6,240	\$7,240	\$7,740	\$8,240	\$8,940
10 - 20 Dec 2009	\$4,940	\$5,940	\$6,240	\$7,240	\$7,740	\$8,240	\$8,940
12 - 22 Mar 2010	\$4,940	\$5,940	\$6,240	\$7,240	\$7,740	\$8,240	\$8,940

Prices subject to change without notice

This trip is operated on the MAR: [Peregrine Mariner](#) or VOY: [Peregrine Voyager](#)

Included: Airport arrival transfer in Ushuaia, Transfer on day one from cruise meeting point to pier and departure transfer on last day of voyage from Ushuaia pier to airport or hotel, Ship-board accommodation, Highly experienced expedition leader, crew and lecturers, All meals, afternoon teas most days, Access to public viewing areas, Shore excursions by zodiac boat, Overnight camping (subject to suitable weather), On-board lectures, videos, slide and film shows, On-board medical officer.

Not Included: All airfares, Visa and passport fees, airport departure taxes, Pre-cruise or post-cruise hotel accommodation Laundry, postage, telephone calls, drinks, medical expenses, Travel insurance, emergency evacuation charges, Gratuities to staff and crew.

Notes:

-Please note that due to the exploratory nature of this expedition, weather, ice, wildlife or other conditions may require changes be made to the itinerary and/or cancellation of certain shore excursions. Every effort will be made to provide regular shore excursions, within the limits of safety and time constraints. These conditions will also play a role in the decision to camp ashore. If conditions are not suitable, camping will not take place.

- Camping on the ice is a free optional activity arranged when on the ship and subject to weather conditions.

- * All departures are subject to a fuel surcharge.

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