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TRIP DETAILS

10 days / 9 nts - Antarctica

Departures Daily

Trip Ref 2417

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Ushuaia

Drake Passage

Half Moon Island

Deception Island

Lemaire Channel

Ushuaia



PRICES FROM \$6,990

Antarctic Peninsula with South Shetlands

The Antarctic Peninsula is part of the Antarctic Continent and is the southern continuation of the mountain chain that runs from North America through South America into the Scotia Sea. Here it continues as a mainly sub-marine ridge, the Scotia Ridge, until it comes above sea-level at the northern tip of the Antarctic Peninsula. The peninsula consists of an 800 kilometres (500 mile) long mountain chain, the highest peaks rising to approximately 2,800 metres (9,186 feet), and numerous off-lying islands. The Peninsula offers the most dramatic scenery and biggest variety of wildlife in Antarctica. Visitors are easily overcome by sensory overload by the huge amount of ice-bergs, glaciers, high mountains and the abundant and tame wildlife.

Day 1: Embark in Ushuaia

In the afternoon, we embark in Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, Argentina, the southernmost city in the world located in the shadow of the Andes and right at the Beagle Channel shore. We'll sail through this scenic waterway during the afternoon.

Day 2 & 3: Drake Passage

During these two days we sail across the Drake Passage. When we cross the Antarctic Convergence, we arrive in the circum-Antarctic upwelling zone. In this area we may see Wandering Albatrosses, Grey Headed Albatrosses, Black-browed Albatrosses, Light-mantled Sooty



Albatrosses, Cape Pigeons, Southern Fulmars, Wilson's Storm Petrels, Blue Petrels and Antarctic Petrels. Near the South Shetland Islands, we glimpse at the first icebergs. The Master of the vessel may decide to sail the narrow English Strait between Robert Island and Greenwich Island if the conditions are favourable. Then we might be able to do our first landing in Antarctic waters in the late evening of the third day at Aitcho Island at the South Shetlands. If the conditions will not allow to manoeuvre through the English Strait then we continue sailing South of Livingston. These volcanic islands or the South Shetlands are windswept and often shrouded in mist and fog, but do offer

subtle pleasures. There is a nice variety of flora (mosses, lichens and flowering grasses) and fauna, such as Gentoo Penguins, Chinstrap Penguins and southern Giant Petrels.

Day 4 - 7/8: Antarctic Peninsula

A typical itinerary in Antarctic Peninsula could be as follows. This is a sample only, the final itinerary will be determined by the Expedition Leader on board.

We may start our first day with a landing on Half Moon Island, where we will find a variety of Chinstrap Penguins, Seals often haul out on the beach. Later on, we sail to Deception Island. Deception is a sub ducted crater, which opens into the sea, creating a natural harbour for the ship. Here we find hot springs, an abandoned whaling station, thousands of Cape Pigeons and many Dominican Gulls, Brown and South Polar Skuas and Antarctic Terns. Wilson's Storm Petrels and Black-bellied Storm Petrels nest in the ruins of the whaling station in Whalers Bay. On our way further South we will sail across the Gerlache Strait to Cuverville Island, a small precipitous island, nestled between the mountains of the Antarctic Peninsula and Danco Island. It contains a large colony of Gentoo Penguins and breeding pairs of Brown Skuas. In Neko Harbour and Paradise Bay with its myriad icebergs and deep cut fjords, we have the opportunity to set foot on the Antarctic Continent. We shall have the opportunity for zodiac cruising between the icebergs in the inner parts of the fjords. In this area we have good chances to see Humpback Whales and Minke Whales. We sail through the spectacular Lemaire Channel to Petermann Island offering Adelie Penguins and Blue-eyed Shags. We also try to land at Pleneau Island with Elephant Seals and fair chances to encounter Humpback, Minke and Fin Whales. A visit to one of the scientific stations in Antarctica will give you an insight about the life of modern Antarcticans working on the White Continent. Further south we may visit the Ukrainian Vernadsky Station, where we will receive a warm welcome from the station crew. Sailing north through Neumayer Channel we arrive at the Melchior Islands with a very beautiful landscape and again possibilities for zodiac cruising among the icebergs, where we may encounter Leopard Seals, Crabeater Seals and whales. In the Neumayer Channel, we may visit the British research station and post office Port Lockroy on Goudier Island. Close to Port Lockroy we

can also offer a landing on Jougla Point with Gentoo Penguins and Imperial Shags.



Day 8 - 9/10: Drake Passage

In the Drake Passage we have again a chance of seeing many seabirds and to take advantage of the knowledge of our lecture team.

Day 10/11: Disembark in Ushuaia

We arrive in the morning in Ushuaia and disembark.

Prices per person

Aboard [Professor Multanovskiy](#)

Code MLT28 Code MLT29	14-24 February 2010	Triple non private	\$6,690
	24 February - 06 March 2010	Twin non private	\$7,690
		Twin private	\$9,090
		Superior	\$10,490
		Suite	\$11,490

Aboard Plancius

Code PLA26	26 January - 05 February 2010	Triple private	\$7,690
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		Kayaking p/p	\$750
Code PLA29	5-15 March 2010	Triple private	\$6,990
		Twin private	\$7,990
		Superior	\$9,190
		Field camping p/p p/night	\$100

Aboard Professor Molchanov

Code MOL26 Code MOL27	23 January-02 February 2010	Triple non private	\$6,690
	02 - 12 February 2010	Twin non private	\$7,690
		Twin private	\$9,090
		Superior	\$10,490
		Suite	\$11,490

Rates subject to change, without notice

Included:

- Voyage aboard the indicated vessel as indicated in the itinerary.
- All meals throughout the voyage aboard the ship including snacks, coffee and tea.
- Free use of rubber boots o/b mv Plancius.
- All shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage by Zodiac.
- Program of lectures by noted naturalists and leadership by experienced expedition staff.
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the programme.

Not included:

Any airfare, whether on scheduled or charter flights; pre- and post land arrangements; transfer / from the vessel; passport and visa expenses; Government arrival and departure taxes; meals ashore; baggage, cancellation and personal insurance (which is strongly recommended); excess baggage charges and all items of a personal nature such as laundry, bar, beverage charges and telecommunication charges; and the customary gratuity at the end of the voyages for stewards and other service personnel aboard (guidelines will be provided).

Notes:

- All rates are quoted per person in US Dollar, based on twin occupancy.
- Please note that all dates & rates are subject to change
- All voyages will operate subject to a minimum of 70 participants. Plancius carries a maximum of 110 passengers
- Single occupancy: All cabins on Plancius 1.7 times the share price.
- It is agreed that if world fuel prices will reach or exceed US Dollar 80 per Barrel Brent 90 days prior to departure, The Expeditions cruise reserves the right to levy a fuel surcharge of US Dollar 25 per passenger per night.

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