

Itinerary

16 Day Antarctica & Falklands Expedition Cruise

*IMPORTANT NOTE: Any extra nights, optional tours or other amendments, will not be visible on this itinerary.

Day 1: Arrive Buenos Aires

Upon reaching Buenos Aires, make your own way to the hotel. Spending a night in Buenos Aires sets the perfect tone for your Antarctic expedition.

This bustling city boasts a rich tapestry of porteños, the spirited denizens of its ports. Here, European grandeur mingles with Latin American flair, creating an irresistible blend of cultures.

Immerse yourself in the city's offerings, from savouring authentic Argentine steaks at traditional parrillas to honing your dance skills in the birthplace of the tango.

For a fuller experience, contemplate arriving a few days ahead to delve deeper into the vibrant essence of this metropolis.

MEALS:

Breakfast

OVERNIGHT:

Emperador Hotel, Buenos Aires or similar

Day 2: Buenos Aires ~ Ushuaia ~ Embark Ship

Embark on your journey with an early morning flight to Ushuaia, where you'll rendezvous with your ecoconscious expedition vessel, crafted for eco-friendly navigation through polar regions. Ushuaia, a vibrant port city and the capital of Argentina's Tierra del Fuego Province, awaits your arrival. Framed by the stunning Martial Glacier, it contends for the distinction of being the southernmost city in the world.

Following a briefing by your Expedition Team, take the opportunity to acquaint yourself with your cabin and discover the array of comforts and facilities available onboard.

MEALS:

Breakfast, Dinner

OVERNIGHT:

MS Roald Amundsen

Day 3-4: Crossing the Drake Passage

During the two-day journey across the Drake Passage, the Expedition Team will provide you with essential insights to enhance your polar expedition voyage. Explore the onboard Science Center to gain a glimpse into the adventures that lie ahead. Engage with passionate experts as they delve into Antarctica's rich history, the scientific wonders beneath its icy surface, and the pressing issues of climate change and plastic pollution. Discover ways to ensure your visit is both safe and environmentally responsible, and learn about the Citizen Science initiatives available for your participation.

With ample leisure time available, take advantage of the spa and wellness facilities for relaxation, savour delectable cuisine, and mingle with fellow travellers in the Explorer Lounge & Bar.

MEALS:

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT:

MS Roald Amundsen

Day 5-9: Antarctica

Prepare to be awe-struck as you venture into the heart of Antarctica. Surrounded by towering glaciers and colossal icebergs reminiscent of floating cathedrals, this pristine wilderness will ignite your sense of wonder. Yet, perhaps the most remarkable aspect of Antarctica is its profound silence, interrupted only by the occasional presence of its inhabitants – the wildlife.

In the Antarctic summer, you may encounter penguins nurturing their chicks, cormorants, sheathbills, and petrels gracefully soaring through the sky, or majestic orcas and humpback whales gracefully navigating the krill-rich waters. Here, nature reigns supreme, and we are but humble observers.

Over the course of five exhilarating days, you'll immerse yourself in a series of captivating explorations across various landing sites. Each day promises a new and thrilling experience, with opportunities to join the Expedition Team on landings and ice cruises. Engage in a range of activities, from kayaking and snowshoeing to hiking, and perhaps even embark on an unforgettable overnight camping adventure (surcharges apply).

Back onboard, the Expedition Team will enrich your understanding of the frozen continent through insightful lectures, further enhancing your appreciation of this extraordinary environment.

MEALS:

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT:

MS Roald Amundsen

Day 10-11: Crossing the Drake Passage

As you relish the memories of your Antarctic odyssey, brace yourself for further escapades as we set sail towards the Falkland Islands. Your Expedition Team will provide insightful briefings on the islands' history

and biology, enriching your understanding of this intriguing destination.

Delve into the fascinating world of Antarctic ecosystems at the Science Center, where you can peer through microscopes to observe the intricate life forms such as krill and phytoplankton, which sustain a multitude of wildlife in the region.

Enhance your skills and creativity with guidance from our professional photographer, who will offer tips to elevate your photography, or partake in workshops on wildlife painting and mastering nautical knots. For moments of relaxation and rejuvenation, indulge in a spa treatment, engage in a workout session at the gym, and savour the culinary delights of our restaurants featuring locally sourced, regionally inspired dishes.

MEALS:

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT:

MS Roald Amundsen

Day 12-14: The Falkland Islands

The Falkland Islands boast expansive horizons and pristine white beaches bustling with birdlife. Amidst the serene landscape, occasional farms punctuate the scenery, while verdant grassy hills and vibrant wildflowers offer a stark contrast to the icy vastness of Antarctica.

During your visit, embark on a community walk through Stanley, where you'll wander through the charming Jubilee Villas gardens, admire the historic Christ Church Cathedral, and delve into the intriguing exhibits of the Historic Dockyard Museum.

Our explorations, whether landings, hikes, or excursions, are always conducted with careful consideration of prevailing conditions. With luck, we aim to visit albatross and penguin colonies, where these majestic creatures share their habitat with seals, ensuring minimal disruption to their natural rhythms.

MEALS:

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT:

MS Roald Amundsen

Day 15: At Sea

As your extraordinary expedition cruise, encompassing the marvels of Antarctica and the captivating wildlife of the Falkland Islands, draws to a close, savour your final day at sea as we sail towards Ushuaia. Partake in enriching experiences with the Expedition Team at the Science Center, delving deeper into your areas of interest. Whether honing your photography skills or simply immersing yourself in relaxation on deck, reflect on the cherished moments of this unforgettable journey.

onclude the day in camaraderie at the Explorer Lounge & Bar, surrounded by the newfound friends you've made during your voyage. Share anecdotes and reminisce about the remarkable experiences you've

shared over leisurely drinks, fostering lasting memories of your expedition.

MEALS:

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT:

MS Roald Amundsen

Day 16: Ushuaia ~ Buenos Aires

As your expedition cruise concludes in Ushuaia, the vibrant hub of Tierra del Fuego, Argentina's southernmost province. You'll then catch a flight back to Buenos Aires for your return home. However, consider extending your adventure by immersing yourself in the sights and sounds of Buenos Aires. Explore the bustling streets, soak in the rich culture, and indulge in the flavors of this captivating city. From tango performances to delectable cuisine, Buenos Aires offers a myriad of experiences to delight the senses and create lasting memories.

MEALS: Breakfast

IGUAZU FALLS AND BUENOS AIRES EXTENSION

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MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Hotel Carles, Buenos Aires or similar

Day 17: Buenos Aires ~ Iguazu Falls - Triple Frontier

Begin your day with a delicious breakfast before making your way to the airport for your flight to the magnificent Iguazu Falls. Upon arrival, your friendly driver will greet you at the airport and ensure a smooth, comfortable transfer to your accommodation. After settling in, your adventure continues with a visit to the iconic Triple Frontier—the remarkable point where Brazil, Paraguay, and Argentina converge. Here, you'll experience the vibrant energy and cultural diversity that comes from three nations meeting at

a single landmark.

Spend a relaxing evening at your hotel, resting up for the unforgettable exploration of one of the world's greatest natural wonders that awaits you in the days ahead.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Hotel Guaminí Mision, Iguazu Falls or similar

Day 18: Iguazu Falls - Argentinian Side

After breakfast, you'll set out for a full-day adventure exploring one of the world's most awe-inspiring natural wonders: Iguazu Falls. Today's itinerary takes you to the Argentinian side of the National Park, where entrance fees are not included and should be purchased directly at the park entrance. Accompanied by bilingual guides (English/Spanish), you'll enjoy a scenic open train ride to the heart of the park and back, taking in lush rainforest scenery along the way.

Your guided tour covers both the upper and lower circuits, giving you a comprehensive perspective of the falls' stunning beauty. The highlight of the day is a visit to the dramatic Devil's Throat Falls, where you'll witness the immense power and grandeur of the cascading water up close. Expect an unforgettable day filled with natural wonder, incredible photo opportunities, and immersive experiences at every turn.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Hotel Guaminí Mision, Iguazu Falls or similar

Day 19: Iguazu Falls - Brazilian Side ~ Buenos Aires

After breakfast, you'll enjoy a guided tour of the Brazilian side of Iguazu Falls, where you'll experience breathtaking panoramic views and unique perspectives of this natural wonder. Transfers will be provided as you cross the border into Brazil for your visit. Please note that entrance fees to the national park are not included and must be purchased directly at the park entrance.

APPROXIMATE TIMES: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Following your tour, you'll be transferred back to the airport for your return flight to Buenos Aires. Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, you will be transferred to your hotel.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Hotel Carles, Buenos Aires or similar

NOTE: As this tour crosses into Brazil, please be aware that from 30 July 2025, Australian passport holders will require a visa to enter Brazil. It is your responsibility to check and confirm all current visa requirements via www.smartraveller.gov.au

Day 20: Buenos Aires - City Tour

Get set for a brilliant introduction to Buenos Aires today. This half-day tour is just the ticket for striking that ideal balance between relaxed driving and a bit of easy walking, letting you soak up the energy and spirit

of Argentina's lively capital. As we make our way through the city, you'll get a solid feel for its signature neighbourhoods and major sights, from the storied centre to the cutting-edge waterfront.

We'll stop several times to hop out, stretch our legs, and really take in the atmosphere. Standouts include Plaza de Mayo, the historic and political core of the country; the colourful lanes of La Boca, well-known for their tango heritage and eye-catching street art; the character-filled streets of San Telmo with their cobblestones and quirky antique shops; and Puerto Madero, a contemporary showpiece that's worlds apart from the older parts of town.

Throughout the outing, you'll also catch glimpses of other iconic spots and pick up fascinating tidbits about Buenos Aires' history, architecture, and everyday life — making this tour the perfect way to discover one of South America's most remarkable cities.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Hotel Carles, Buenos Aires or similar

Day 21: Depart Buenos Aires

Today you will transferred to the airport for your return journey home. Due to flight availability and scheduling you may be required to spend an extra night in Buenos Aires at your own cost.

MEALS: Breakfast

IGUAZU FALLS, BUENOS AIRES AND RIO DE JANEIRO EXTENSION

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APPROXIMATE TIMES: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

In the evening, take your flight to Rio de Janeiro. Upon arrival, you'll be transferred from the airport to your hotel, where you can check in and relax for the night.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Copacabana Premier Hotel, Rio de Janeiro or similar

Day 21: Rio de Janeiro - City Tour

Today you can immerse yourself in the vibrant culture and breathtaking beauty of Rio de Janeiro, home to some of the world's most iconic landmarks. Stand in awe of the majestic Christ the Redeemer statue, a symbol of peace and faith perched high above the city on Corcovado Mountain. Stroll along the famous golden sands of Copacabana Beach, where the lively atmosphere and stunning ocean views capture the heart of Brazil's beach culture. Finally, take a cable car ride up Sugarloaf Mountain for panoramic views of the city, coastline, and lush surrounding landscapes. Rio promises a blend of natural beauty, cultural richness, and unforgettable experiences.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Copacabana Premier Hotel, Rio de Janeiro or similar

Day 22: Rio de Janeiro - Free Day

Enjoy a day a leisure or contact MyHoliday2 for some optional excursions.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Copacabana Premier Hotel, Rio de Janeiro or similar

Day 23: Depart Rio de Janeiro

Your unforgettable journey comes to an end today. After enjoying your morning at leisure, transfer from your hotel to the airport in time for your departing flight.

Take with you the incredible memories of the breathtaking landscapes, vibrant cities, and extraordinary experiences from your adventure. Safe travels, and we hope to welcome you back for another incredible journey in the future.

MEALS: Breakfast