

# Antarctica - Basecamp

*The best activity voyage in Antarctica*



Title:	Antarctica - Basecamp
Dates:	18 Dec - 29 Dec, 2019
Tripcode:	PLA25-19
Duration:	11 nights
Ship:	<a href="#">m/v Plancius</a>
Embarkation:	Ushuaia
Disembarkation:	Ushuaia
Language:	English speaking voyage
More about:	<a href="#">Antarctica cruises</a> <a href="#">Antarctic Peninsula cruises</a>

## ITINERARY

*PLEASE NOTE: All itineraries are for guidance only. Programs may vary depending on local ice, weather, and wildlife conditions. The on-board expedition leader will determine the final itinerary. Flexibility is paramount for expedition cruises. Average cruising speed of m/v Plancius is 10.5 knots.*

### Day 1: End of the world, start of a journey

Your voyage begins where the world drops off. Ushuaia, Argentina, reputed to be the southernmost city on the planet, is located on the far southern tip of South America. Starting in the afternoon, you embark from this small resort town on Tierra del Fuego, nicknamed “The End of the World,” and sail the mountain-fringed Beagle Channel for the remainder of the evening.

### Included in this voyage

*Voyage aboard the indicated vessel as indicated in the itinerary*

*All meals throughout the voyage aboard the ship including snacks, coffee and tea.*

*All shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage by Zodiac.*

*Program of lectures by noted naturalists and leadership by experienced expedition staff.*

*Free use of rubber boots and snowshoes.*

## Day 2 - 3: Path of the polar explorers

Over the next two days on the Drake Passage, you enjoy some of the same experiences encountered by the great polar explorers who first charted these regions: cool salt breezes, rolling seas, maybe even a fin whale spouting up sea spray. After passing the Antarctic Convergence – Antarctica’s natural boundary, formed when north-flowing cold waters collide with warmer sub-Antarctic seas – you are in the circum-Antarctic upwelling zone. Not only does the marine life change, the avian life changes too. 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 are a few of the birds you might see.

## Day 4 - 9: Entering Antarctica

Gray stone peaks sketched with snow, towers of broken blue-white ice, and dramatically different wildlife below and above. You first pass the snow-capped Melchior Islands and Schollaert Channel, sailing between Brabant and Anvers Islands.

Places you might visit includes:

**Neumayer Channel** – The vessel may position itself here, launching its multiple basecamp activities from the protected waters around Wiencke Island. You can enjoy the splendors of this alpine environment at sea with Zodiac and kayaking trips, or if you’re in the mood for a walk, there are possible snowshoe hikes and soft-climb mountaineering options farther inland. Naturally, favorable weather conditions determine the possible activities.

**Port Lockroy** – After sailing through the Neumayer Channel, you may get a chance to visit the former British research station – now a museum and post office – of Port Lockroy on Goudier Island. You may also be able to partake in activities around Jougla Point, meeting gentoo penguins and blue-eyed shags. There are great opportunities also for kayaking and camping here, and when conditions are right, you can even snowshoe around the shore.

**Pléneau & Petermann Islands** – If the ice allows it, you can sail through the Lemaire Channel in search of Adélie penguins and blue-eyed shags. There’s also a good chance you’ll encounter humpback and minke whales here, as well as leopard seals. Kayaking, glacier walks, and more ambitious mountaineering trips are the

*Luggage transfer from pick-up point to the vessel on the day of embarkation, in Ushuaia.*

*Pre-scheduled group transfer from the vessel to the airport in Ushuaia (directly after disembarkation).*

*All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the programme.*

*Comprehensive pre-departure material.*

*During our “Basecamp” departures, all offered activities (including camping, kayaking, snowshoe/hiking, mountaineering, photo workshop) as well as our standard included shore excursions and zodiac cruises) are free of charge.*

### **Excluded from this voyage**

*Any airfare, whether on scheduled or charter flights*

*Pre- and post- land arrangements.*

*Passport and visa expenses.*

*Government arrival and departure taxes.*

*Meals ashore.*

*Baggage, cancellation and personal insurance (which is mandatory).*

*Excess baggage charges and all items of a personal nature such as laundry, bar, beverage charges and telecommunication charges.*

*The customary gratuity at the end of the voyages for stewards and other service personnel aboard (guidelines will be provided).*

potential activities of this location.

**Neko Harbour** – An epic landscape of mammoth glaciers and endless wind-carved snow, Neko Harbour offers opportunities for a Zodiac cruise and landing that afford the closest views of the surrounding alpine peaks.

**Paradise Bay** – You have the chance to make camp here like a true polar explorer (but with a better tent), enjoying a supreme overnight Antarctic adventure.

**Errera Channel** – Possible sites in this area include Danco Island and Cuverville Island, but also the lesser known (though equally picturesque) Orne Island and Georges Point on Rongé Island.

On your last day of near-shore activities, you pass the Melchior Islands toward the open sea. Keep a sharp lookout for humpback whales in Dallmann Bay. You might also shoot for Half Moon Island, in the South Shetlands, with further chances for activities.

Conditions on the Drake Passage determine the exact time of departure.

### **Day 10 - 11: Familiar seas, familiar friends**

Your return voyage is far from lonely. While crossing the Drake, you're again greeted by the vast array of seabirds remembered from the passage south. But they seem a little more familiar to you now, and you to them.

### **Day 12: There and back again**

Every adventure, no matter how grand, must eventually come to an end. It's now time to disembark in Ushuaia, but with memories that will accompany you wherever your next adventure lies.

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## **M/V PLANCIUS**

The ice-strengthened vessel Plancius is an ideal vessel for polar expedition cruises in the Arctic and Antarctic. [Full ship info >>](#)

## ACTIVITIES YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN

### Camping

FREE



#### **Camp out overnight under the Antarctic skies**

Looking to take your Antarctic adventure further? Join us for a night of camping out under the Antarctic night sky. We bring the camping gear, you bring your sense of adventure. Wake up the next morning to enjoy some of the cleanest air in the world, go home with a new fantastic memory under your belt.

### Kayaking

FREE



#### **Paddle your way through the Polar waters.**

An optional activity, kayaking is a fantastic way to explore the shorelines of the Polar Regions. You'll set out from your mother ship in the calm waters of a secluded bay, exploring the coastline at your own pace. Paddling your way through the quiet of the scenery you'll be able to fully enjoy the serene beauty of the Arctic or Antarctic landscapes that surround you.

## Mountaineering

ON REQUEST



### **Push further. Climb higher. See more.**

Looking for a way to push yourself beyond the usual Antarctic cruise fare? Sign on for one of our mountaineering excursions. Snowshoe out to where the Antarctic foothills begin, then strap on some crampons and get ready for amazement as you make your way up to some of the best views available on the Antarctic Peninsula.

## Photo Workshop

FREE



### **When words aren't enough**

Landscapes. Icebergs. Polar bears, whales, or penguins. Describing them to your friends is one thing, showing them is a whole other level. New to photography? We have photo pros on our cruises that can help you build up your basics. A shutterbug expert? Then bring your gear and get ready to wear out your memory cards.

## Snowshoeing

FREE



**Take a casual stroll along the Polar shores, or challenge yourself with a more advanced trek.**

We offer a variety of snow-shoeing treks to suit your experience and your desired level of activity. No snowshoeing experience? No problem! We'll get you suited up and get you marching across the pristine snows of the Arctic and Antarctic landscapes in no time at all.

## CABINS & PRICES

### Quadruple Porthole



- 1 porthole
- 2 upper & lower berths
- Private shower & toilet
- Desk & chair
- Flatscreen TV
- Telephone & WiFi (supplemented)
- Hair dryer
- Ample storage space

This cabin is suitable for families traveling with children, or passengers who do not require a twin or more luxurious cabin



Sharing berth  
Share your cabin with others for the best price

8400 USD



Complete cabin  
Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

33600 USD

### Triple Porthole



- 1 porthole
- 1 upper berth & 2 lower berths
- Private shower & toilet
- Desk & chair
- Flatscreen TV
- Telephone & WiFi (supplemented)
- Hair dryer
- Ample storage space

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Sharing berth  
Share your cabin with others for the best price

9450 USD



Complete cabin  
Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

28350 USD

## Twin Porthole



1 porthole  
2 lower berths  
Private shower & toilet  
Desk & chair  
Flatscreen TV  
Telephone & WiFi (supplemented)  
Hair dryer  
Ample storage space



Sharing berth  
Share your cabin with others for the best price

10300 USD



Single cabin  
Price for the complete cabin occupied by 1 person (1.7x the shared rate).

17510 USD



Complete cabin  
Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

20600 USD

## Twin Window



1 window  
2 lower berths  
Private shower & toilet  
Desk & chair  
Flatscreen TV  
Telephone & WiFi (supplemented)  
Hair dryer  
Ample storage space



Sharing berth  
Share your cabin with others for the best price

10750 USD



Single cabin  
Price for the complete cabin occupied by 1 person (1.7x the shared rate).

18275 USD



Complete cabin  
Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

21500 USD



## Twin Deluxe



2 windows  
2 lower berths  
Private shower & toilet  
Desk & chair  
Flatscreen TV  
Telephone & WiFi (supplemented)  
Hair dryer  
Ample storage space  
These cabins are corner cabins and are slightly more spacious than the normal twin porthole/window cabins



Sharing berth  
Share your cabin with others for the best price **11550 USD**



Single cabin  
Price for the complete cabin occupied by 1 person (1.7x the shared rate). **19635 USD**



Complete cabin  
Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied. **23100 USD**

## Superior



2 windows  
1 double bed  
1 sofa bed  
Private shower & toilet  
Desk & chair  
Flatscreen TV  
Telephone & WiFi (supplemented)  
Refrigerator  
Coffee & tea maker  
Hair dryer  
Ample storage space



Single cabin  
Price for the complete cabin occupied by 1 person (1.7x the shared rate). **20655 USD**



Complete cabin  
Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied. **24300 USD**