

Antarctica - Discovery and learning voyage

Classic Antarctica including Deception Island



Title:	Antarctica - Discovery and learning voyage
Dates:	7 Jan - 17 Jan, 2020
Tripcode:	HDS27A-20
Duration:	10 nights
Ship:	m/v Hondius
Embarkation:	Ushuaia
Disembarkation:	Ushuaia
Language:	English speaking voyage
Important:	Camping and kayaking are optional activities
More about:	Antarctica cruises Antarctic Peninsula cruises South Shetland Islands cruises

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 Hondius 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

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

Fuego, nicknamed “The End of the World,” and sail the mountain-fringed Beagle Channel for the remainder of the evening.

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 – 7: Enter the Antarctic

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.

Sites you may visit include:

Danco Island – Activities here may focus on the gentoo penguins nesting on the island, in addition to the Weddell and crabeater seals that can be found nearby.

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 may be able to take a Zodiac cruise in these sprawling, ice-flecked waters, where there’s a good chance you’ll encounter humpback and minke whales.

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

and leadership by experienced expedition staff.

Free use of rubber boots and snowshoes.

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.

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).

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.

Day 8: Scenes of South Shetland

The volcanic islands of the South Shetlands are windswept and often cloaked in mist, but they do offer subtle pleasures: There's a wide variety of flora (mosses, lichens, flowering grasses) and no small amount of fauna (gentoo penguins, chinstrap penguins, southern giant petrels). In Deception Island, the ship plunges through Neptune's Bellows and into the flooded caldera. Here you find hot springs, an abandoned whaling station, and thousands of cape petrels – along with kelp gulls, brown and south polar skuas, and Antarctic terns. A good hike is a possibility in this fascinating and desolate volcanic landscape.

As an alternative, you may be able to engage in activities near Half Moon Island. Here chinstrap penguins and Weddell seals often haul out onto the beach near Cámara Base, an Argentine scientific research station. Conditions on the Drake Passage determine the exact time of departure.

Day 9 – 10: 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 11: 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.

M/V HONDIUS

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ACTIVITIES YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN

Camping

ON REQUEST



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

ON REQUEST



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.

Hondius Special Activities

FREE



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Being a *Hondius* passenger comes with its share of perks, among them an extensive array of activities entirely unique to the ship itself. In addition to vibrant musical acts and performances, *Hondius* offers a wide range of interactive workshops that explore such topics as astronomy, navigation, and other related fields. These interactive workshops, captivating exhibitions, and vibrant performances are planned both on the ship as well as out in nature.

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



- 2 portholes
- 2 upper & lower berths
- Small sofa
- Private shower & toilet
- Flatscreen TV
- Desk & chair
- Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
- Hair dryer
- Cabinet
- Wardrobe

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 7950 USD



Complete cabin
Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied. 31800 USD

Triple Porthole



- 2 portholes
- 1 upper berth & 2 lower berths
- Small sofa
- Private shower & toilet
- Flatscreen TV
- Desk & chair
- Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
- Hair dryer
- Cabinet
- Wardrobe

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 8950 USD



Complete cabin
Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied. 26850 USD

Twin Porthole



2 portholes
2 single beds
Small sofa
Private shower & toilet
Flatscreen TV
Desk & chair
Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
Hair dryer
Cabinet
Wardrobe
Safe



Sharing berth
Share your cabin with others for the best price

9850 USD



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

16745 USD



Complete cabin
Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

19700 USD

Twin Window



1 window
2 single beds
Small sofa
Private shower & toilet
Flatscreen TV
Desk & chair
Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
Hair dryer
Cabinet
Wardrobe



Sharing berth
Share your cabin with others for the best price

10250 USD



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

17425 USD



Complete cabin
Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

20500 USD

Twin Deluxe



2 windows
 2 single beds
 Sofa
 Private shower & toilet
 Flatscreen TV
 Desk & chair
 Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
 Refrigerator
 Coffee & tea maker
 Bathrobe
 Hair dryer
 Cabinet
 Wardrobe



Sharing berth
 Share your cabin with others for the best price
 10900 USD



Single cabin
 Price for the complete cabin occupied by 1 person (1.7x the shared rate).
 18530 USD



Complete cabin
 Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.
 21800 USD

Superior



2 windows
 1 double bed
 Sofa
 Private shower & toilet
 Flatscreen TV
 Desk & chair
 Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
 Refrigerator
 Coffee & tea maker
 Bathrobe
 Hair dryer
 Cabinet
 Wardrobe



Single cabin
 Price for the complete cabin occupied by 1 person (1.7x the shared rate).
 20060 USD



Complete cabin
 Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.
 23600 USD

Junior Suite



1 double window
1 double bed
Private shower & toilet
Flatscreen TV
Desk & chair
Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
Refrigerator
Coffee & tea maker
Bathrobe
Hair dryer
Cabinet
Wardrobe



Single cabin

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

21335 USD



Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

25100 USD

Grand Suite with private balcony



1 double window
1 double bed
Sofa
Private balcony
Private shower & toilet
Flatscreen TV
Desk & chair
Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
Refrigerator
Coffee & tea maker
Bathrobe
Hair dryer
Cabinet
Wardrobe



Single cabin

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

24565 USD



Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

28900 USD

Hondius Suite



- 4 windows
- 1 double bed
- Sofa
- Private shower & toilet
- Desk & chair
- Flatscreen TV
- Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
- Refrigerator
- Coffee & tea maker
- Bathrobe
- Hair dryer
- Cabinet
- Walk-in closet



Single cabin

28305 USD

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



Complete cabin

33300 USD

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.