

# Antarctica - Discovery and learning voyage

## The 'Classic Antarctic' route



Title:	Antarctica - Discovery and learning voyage
Dates:	15 Dec - 24 Dec, 2021
Tripcode:	HDS23-21
Duration:	9 nights
Ship:	m/v Hondius
Embarkation:	Ushuaia
Disembarkation:	Ushuaia
Language:	English speaking voyage
Important:	Camping and kayaking are optional activities

## ITINERARY

*PLEASE NOTE: All itineraries are for guidance only. Programs may vary depending on local ice and weather conditions and in order to take advantage of opportunities to see wildlife. The on-board expedition leader determines the final itinerary. Itineraries may mention places that require permission to land, which must be granted by the relevant national authorities. Such permission is not granted prior to the publishing of these itineraries. Flexibility is paramount for expedition cruises. Average cruising speed of m/v Hondius is 10,5 knots.*

This cruise delivers you to wondrous landscapes found in one of the harshest environments on Earth. The great star-actors of Antarctica are the penguins and in total seven species could appear before your very own eyes.

### 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.

### 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: 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.

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.

**Pléneau & Petermann Islands** – If the ice allows it, you could sail through the Lemaire Channel in search of Adélie penguins and blue-eyed shags. There is also a possibility you’ll encounter humpback and minke whales here, as well as leopard seals.

**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.

**Wilhelmina Bay & Guvernøren** – This is a great place to spot humpback whales. You also may embark on a Zodiac cruise ending at the ghostly wreck of the Guvernøren, a whaling vessel that caught fire here in 1915. Around the Melchior Islands, amid a frozen landscape peopled with icebergs, you may encounter even more whales, leopard seals, and crabeater seals.

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

## Day 8 - 9: 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 10: 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.

### 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.
- 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 strongly recommended).*

*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).*

## ACTIVITIES YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN

### Camping

195 USD

31 places left



Special gear and field equipment will be provided. Camping is subject to weather, local site and environmental regulations.

### Kayaking

450 USD

9 places left



Basic kayaking experience is of advantage, but it is not a requirement. Physical fitness is essential. Kayaking is subject to weather and prevailing ice conditions.

### Snow-Shoeing

FREE



Snowshoe walking is easy and does not require any technical skills. The snowshoes will fit all boot sizes and can be used in combination with Oceanwide's rubber boots

# 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



Complete cabin  
 Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

26600 USD



Sharing berth  
 Share your cabin with others for the best price

6650 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



Complete cabin  
 Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

22500 USD



Sharing berth  
 Share your cabin with others for the best price

7500 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



Complete cabin  
 Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

16300 USD



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

13855 USD



Sharing berth  
 Share your cabin with others for the best price

8150 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  
 Please be aware that the view from some windows might be partially obstructed due to the design requirements of the ship



Complete cabin  
 Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

17000 USD



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

14450 USD



Sharing berth  
 Share your cabin with others for the best price

8500 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



Complete cabin  
 Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

18100 USD



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

15385 USD



Sharing berth  
 Share your cabin with others for the best price

9050 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



Complete cabin  
 Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

19500 USD



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

16575 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



Complete cabin  
Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

20800 USD



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

17680 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



Complete cabin  
Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

23500 USD



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

19975 USD