



Antarctica Classic in Depth

Highlights

- › Spend six full days exploring the Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands
- › Conquer the notorious Drake Passage
- › Learn from polar experts about the wonders of the Antarctic region
- › Come face-to-face with amazing polar wildlife
- › Marvel at immense icebergs
- › Spend time on deck watching soaring albatross

What's Included

11 nts aboard the *G Expedition*. 1 nt hotel in Ushuaia. Arrival and departure transfers. Zodiac excursions with our expert expedition team. Lectures and educational programs. Waterproof boots supplied for USA sizes 4 - 16. Expedition parka. **ACCOMMODATIONS** Twin-share hotel (1 nt), aboard the *G Expedition* in quad-, triple-, twin-share cabins, or suites (all with en suite bathrooms and porthole or window, 11 nts). Please note that all cabins consist of twin-size berths and are ocean-facing. Suites have one queen-size bed. **TRANSPORT** *G Expedition*, Zodiac, private bus, walking. **GROUP LEADER** One expedition team member per 10 guests. **MEALS** 12 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 11 dinners. Allow USD20-30 for meals not included. Drinks and tips on board not included.

ITINERARY

Like our "Antarctica Classic" tour, this 13-day expedition introduces you to the magic of the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula, but adds on two additional days to better explore its majesty. Part of the reward of arriving in Antarctica is the challenge of negotiating the Drake Passage — and the *G Expedition* will bring you there safely. Encounter leopard seals lazing on ice floes and immense rookeries of penguins surrounded by towering glaciers. The *G Expedition's* expert guides and lecturers offer knowledge and insight that really bring the nature and history of the region to life, creating the adventure of a lifetime.

DAY 1 USHUAIA Arrive in Ushuaia at any time. Arrival transfer included. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the world's most southerly city. **DAY 2 USHUAIA** Enjoy a free morning in Ushuaia. Do any last minute shopping, explore the town, or visit the surrounding countryside. Embarkation on the *G Expedition* begins in the afternoon at the port in Ushuaia. Enjoy the evening sailing through the Beagle Channel.

(1B, 1D) **DAYS 3-4 DRAKE PASSAGE** The adventure begins with an 1000km (600 mi) crossing of the passage named in honour of 16th-century English sea captain and privateer, Sir Francis Drake. The ship is at home in this part of the Southern Ocean. Take in daily lectures from the expedition team and keep an eye out for icebergs and albatross following in the *G Expedition's* wake. (2B, 2L, 2D) **DAYS 5-10 ANTARCTIC PENINSULA/SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS** With a total of six nights to explore the world's most southerly ecosystem, there's more time to encounter the unique wildlife and awe-inspiring scenery of the Antarctic. Attempt two shore landings per day (weather permitting) to encounter penguin rookeries and get a good look at the variety of seal species. During the voyage, learn about some of the most important and dramatic expeditions to this remote corner of the world. Take an optional polar plunge, visit an abandoned whaling station or a working scientific research station, and gain a new perspective on this part of world. (6B, 6L, 6D) **DAYS 11-12 DRAKE PASSAGE** Begin the journey north to the home port of Ushuaia. Review the highlights of the Antarctic experience with the lecturers and staff. Keep a look out on the observation deck for some last-minute whale sightings. (2B, 2L, 2D) **DAY 13 USHUAIA** Disembark the *G Expedition* after breakfast. (1B)

PERSONALIZE YOUR TOUR

ANTARCTICA CAMPING: Spend a night ashore and see this land's splendors first-hand — the sounds of heaving ice and the stars await. See Personalize your tour on page 64.

ANTARCTICA KAYAKING: See some of the world's most impressive, icy landscapes aboard a kayak where you'll get an authentic seal's eye view. See Personalize your tour on page 64.

Guaranteed Departures IF YOU'RE BOOKED, YOU'RE GOING

This tour has two special departures.

Nov 11 - Nov 23, 2019 • Dec 1 - Dec 13, 2019

GO YOUR OWN WAY

Freedom and independence are a big deal for us. We include a destination's must-see highlights on most every tour, freeing up the rest of your time to exploring according to your whims.

