

Basecamp Antarctica Incl. Anvers Island and Flandres Bay Free camping, kayaking, mountaineering, snowshoe, navigational workshop

Embark on an activity-centered expedition that lets you chart and explore the remote Anvers Island and Flandres Bay



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Dates:	4 Dec - 16 Dec, 2022
Tripcode:	OTL24-22
Duration:	12 nights
Ship:	m/v Ortelius
Embarkation:	Ushuaia
Disembarkation:	Ushuaia
Language:	English speaking voyage

ITINERARY

PLEASE NOTE: All itineraries are for guidance only. Programs may vary depending on ice, weather, and wildlife conditions. Landings are subject to site availabilities, permissions, and environmental concerns per IAATO regulations. Official sailing plans and landing slots are scheduled with IAATO prior to the start of the season, but the expedition leader determines the final plan. Flexibility is paramount for expedition cruises. The average cruising speed for our vessel is 10.5 knots.

In this adventurous multi-activity voyage, we visit Antarctica's Anvers Island and Flandres Bay, where you can learn to chart and make depth measurements while exploring in our Zodiac boats and kayaks. Camping, navigation workshops, and fascinating presentations about historic Antarctic voyages are also part of this immersive expedition.

Exploring and charting Anvers Island and Flandres Bay: -

Be part of a true polar expedition! During this adventurous basecamp voyage, we will visit Antarctica's remote Anvers Island and Flandres Bay, charting and making depth measurements while we explore the area in our Zodiac boats and kayaks. Camping, navigation workshops, and presentations about the legendary Antarctic voyages of history are all part of this exciting activity-based expedition.

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 petrels, southern fulmars, Wilson's storm petrels, blue petrels, and Antarctic petrels are a few of the birds you might see.

Day 4: The first glimpses of Antarctica

As we head toward Antarctica, our first stop is the impressive Spert Island, where you can enjoy views of its towering cliffs and canyons from our Zodiacs and kayaks. After an exhilarating morning, we head to Mikklesen Harbor, where the goal is to land at the tiny D'Hainaut Island. Gentoo penguins can be seen on this island, which is surrounded by awe-inspiring glaciers and

mountains welcoming us to Antarctica.

Day 5: Dobrowolski Island and possible leopard seals

Today we visit Dobrowolski Island. Landings here can be tricky, but the reward is a beautiful island that is seldom visited, with a range of penguins and seals that rest on the rocks. A channel around the island offers kayakers a pleasant view of the terrain and wildlife. This is also where we've had the most luck seeing hauled-out leopard seals on the ice floes in recent years. Naturally, we cannot guarantee you will see any, but keep your fingers crossed!

Day 6: Exploring and charting Flandres Bay

Today we head to the area of Flandres Bay, an uncharted area that will provide you the opportunity to see how we use technology to read the sea bed for navigational purposes. We hope to find new information about the coastline as well as finding new landing sites. This is a real expedition day, so flexibility is key, and venturing into the unknown is our aim.

Day 7: Anvers Island hikes and history

We begin the day on the south side of Anvers Island, in Neumayer Channel, and hope to land at Damoy Point. This is a favorite of our program, with the secluded Dorian Bay nearby and the chance to snowshoe to a ridge that was once used as a ski-way for aircrafts. After a well-deserved lunch, we head along the Neumayer Channel to Børgen Bay and explore this dramatic area of coastline. Weather permitting, we might alternately visit Access Point, once used by John Biscoe to land on Anvers Island, and re-trace his historic footsteps.

Day 8: 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.

Day 9: Paradise Bay and Brown Station

Today you may be able to take a Zodiac cruise in these sprawling, ice-flecked waters, where there's a good chance we will encounter humpback and minke whales. We might also be able to make a stop at Brown Station (Almirante Brown), an Argentine research facility with nearby nesting gentoos. A short hike up the hill behind the station offers exceptional views across Paradise Bay.

Day 10: Meeting the Melchior Islands

These islands offer a beautiful landscape rich with icebergs. Leopard seals, crabeater seals, and whales are found here, and there are excellent opportunities for kayaking as well as shore-based activities.

Day 11 – 12: Familiar seas, familiar friends

Your return voyage is far from lonely. While crossing the Drake, we are 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 13: There and back again

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

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).*
- *Program of lectures by noted naturalists and leadership by experienced expedition staff.*
- *All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program.*
- *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

FREE



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

Kayaking

FREE



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.

Snowshoeing

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

Hiking

FREE



There will be easy, moderate and more demanding walks available in the vicinity of the landing sites. Rubber boots with a grip sole appropriate for hiking will be provided on our motor vessels but not on our smaller sailing vessel- for our sailing vessel you should bring your own sturdy ankle-high hiking boots and gaiters.

Navigational workshop

FREE



Select this activity if you're interested in learning the history, theory, and practice of land and sea navigation. Topics covered include the use of sextants, chart positioning, and GPS functions, among others. All courses led by experienced expedition guides. No additional equipment needed.

Mountaineering

FREE



Mountaineering knowledge is preferable, but not required. Physical fitness is essential. Mountaineering must be pre-booked prior to departure. Mountaineering is subject to weather and local site conditions.

CABINS & PRICES

Quadruple Porthole



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



Complete cabin
Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

35400 USD



Sharing berth
Share your cabin with others for the best price

8850 USD

Triple Porthole



2 portholes
1 upper / lower berth + 1 single lower berth
Private shower & toilet
Desk & chair
Flatscreen TV
Telephone & WiFi (supplemented)
Hair dryer
Ample storage space



Complete cabin
Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

32550 USD



Sharing berth
Share your cabin with others for the best price

10850 USD

Twin Porthole



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



Complete cabin
Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

21700 USD



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

18445 USD



Sharing berth
Share your cabin with others for the best price

10850 USD

Twin Window



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

Complete cabin
Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied. 22800 USD

Single cabin
Price for the complete cabin occupied by 1 person (1.7x the shared rate). 19380 USD

Sharing berth
Share your cabin with others for the best price 11400 USD

Twin Deluxe



- 3 windows
- 2 lower berths
- Private shower & toilet
- Desk & chair
- Small sofa
- Refrigerator
- Coffee & tea maker
- Flatscreen TV
- Telephone & WiFi (supplemented)
- Hair dryer
- Ample storage space

Complete cabin
Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied. 24200 USD

Single cabin
Price for the complete cabin occupied by 1 person (1.7x the shared rate). 20570 USD

Sharing berth
Share your cabin with others for the best price 12100 USD

Superior



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

Complete cabin
Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied. 25600 USD

Single cabin
Price for the complete cabin occupied by 1 person (1.7x the shared rate). 21760 USD