



# Quest for the Antarctic Circle

## Highlights

- > Spend seven full days exploring the Antarctic Peninsula
- > Go farther south than most have ever gone
- > Spend time on deck searching for whales and watching soaring albatross
- > Get up close and personal with a variety of penguin species
- > Discover the intricacies of the Antarctic region through our onboard lecture program

## What's Included

12 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 6 - 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, 12 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** 13 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 12 dinners. Allow USD25-35 for meals not included. Drinks and tips on board not included.

## ITINERARY

A massive rookery of penguins shuffles across a frozen shore; a pod of whales glides through frigid waters; dramatic landscapes float off in the distance – welcome to Antarctica. Join us on a voyage of discovery to our planet's last frontier – a mysterious and virtually pristine paradise. Our ice-strengthened expedition ship is ideally suited to cruising this icy wilderness, and her expert staff are on hand to ensure you'll fully appreciate all the majesty you encounter. Sail the Drake Passage past the South Shetland Islands, then really explore the western coast of the Antarctic Peninsula. Prepare yourself for an adventure like no other – more like a private expedition than a traditional cruise.

**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 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 800km (497 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. Enjoy daily lectures from the expedition team and keep an eye out for sightings of icebergs, whales, and albatross following in the *G Expedition's* wake. (2B, 2L, 2D) **DAYS 5-6 ANTARCTIC PENINSULA/SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS** Encounter some of the region's unique wildlife and awe-inspiring scenery as you set foot on the Antarctic continent. Attempt two shore landings per day (weather permitting) and encounter gentoo, chinstrap, and Adélie penguin rookeries; Weddell, crabeater, and leopard seals; and orca, humpback, and minke whales in the cold Antarctic waters. The peninsula also has a remarkable human history; during the voyage, learn about some of the most important and dramatic expeditions to this remote corner of the world. (2B, 2L, 2D) **DAYS 7-8 ANTARCTIC CIRCLE** Set off southward along the western coast of the Antarctic Peninsula, passing colossal icebergs and countless colonies of penguins. (2B, 2L, 2D) **DAYS 9-11 ANTARCTIC PENINSULA/SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS** Turn north for the first time to continue exploring the Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands. (3B, 3L, 3D) **DAYS 12-13 DRAKE PASSAGE** Begin the journey to the home port of Ushuaia. Review the highlights of your Antarctic experience with the lecturers and staff, and keep your eyes open on the observation deck for some last-minute whale sightings. (2B, 2L, 2D) **DAY 14 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 60.
- 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 60.
- ANTARCTICA FLIGHT AND HOTEL ADD-ON:** Get from point A to B easily by booking Buenos Aires accommodation, Ushuaia flights, and airport transfers, all in one. See Personalize your tour on page 60.

**Guaranteed Departures** | This tour has three special departures.  
**IF YOU'RE BOOKED, YOU'RE GOING**

Dec 21 - Jan 3, 2019 • Feb 8 - Feb 21, 2019 • Feb 20 - Mar 5, 2019



WHY THIS TOUR?

## Into the deep, deep south

This tour goes farther into Antarctica than most, exploring the lesser-visited areas of the peninsula and crossing the Antarctic Circle. Departures occur during high season, when whale encounters are most common.



**EXPEDITION  
CRUISING**

14 DAYS—USHUAIA TO USHUAIA

FROM  
**\$9499**

Valid for Feb 20, 2019 departure. Based on Category 1a cabins. For triple and twin cabins, as well as suites, see page 61.

TOUR CODE: XVQCSX

IS THIS TOUR FOR ME? See back foldout.

TRAVEL STYLE: MARINE

TYPE: SMALL GROUP – MAX 134

PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - LIGHT



THIS TOUR SUPPORTS A  
G ADVENTURES FOR GOOD PROJECT

