



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 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, 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 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 three
special departures.

Dec 21, 2019 - Jan 3, 2020 • Jan 30 - Feb 2, 2020
Mar 1 - Mar 14, 2020