



# **Antarctica Cruise & Weddell Sea**

# 16 days | 18 days with Buenos Aires extension

Start your adventure on the sophisticated streets and squares of Buenos Aires, the South American capital of food and fashion. Then, in Ushuaia, board a ship bound for the lands known as one of Earth's final frontiers. You'll witness towering, glittering glaciers, icebergs in a thousand shades of blue, and teeming colonies of penguins and seals that call these rocky shores home.



### Your tour package includes

3 nights in handpicked hotels 10 nights aboard M/V USHUAIA cruise ship

13 breakfasts

9 lunches

12 dinners, select meals with beer or wine 3 sightseeing tours
Expert Tour Director & local guides

Private deluxe motor coach
2 on-tour flights

# Included highlights

Buenos Aires Tierra del Fuego National Park crossing the Drake Passage South Shetland Islands penguin rookeries Elephant Seals on Livingston Island

#### Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for about 1 hour daily across uneven terrain, including snow and ice, with some hills.

### Group size

15-30

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# Overnight Flight → 1 night

### Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Buenos Aires today.

# **Buenos Aires** → 1 night

#### Day 2: Arrival in Buenos Aires

Included meals: dinner

Welcome to Argentina! Touch down in Buenos Aires, where you'll meet your fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

### **Ushuaia** → 1 night

### Day 3: Flight to Ushuaia

Included meals: breakfast

Fly to Ushuaia and get acquainted with the city on a walking tour led by your Tour Director.

Then, spend the rest of the day exploring at your leisure.

# Cruise → 10 nights

# Day 4: Tierra del Fuego National Park & cruise embarkation

Included meals: breakfast, dinner
Travel through coastal landscapes and glacial valleys on an excursion to Tierra del Fuego
National Park.

- Visit Bahia Ensenada and view evidence of the 6,500-year-old native settlements
- Take in views of Roca Lake and Lapataia Bay Board a cruise ship bound for the Antarctic this afternoon. Then, sit down for an included dinner aboard the ship.

# Day 5: Day at sea

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner Spend the day crossing the legendary Drake Passage and enjoy an included lunch aboard the ship.

Later, sit down for an included dinner.

### Day 6: Day at sea

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Spend another day crossing the legendary Drake Passage and enjoy an included lunch aboard the ship.

Later, sit down for an included dinner.

#### Day 7: Weddell Sea

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner
Start your five-day exploration of the Weddell
Sea, the rocky South Shetland Islands, and the
northernmost tip of the Antarctic continent.
You'll also enjoy an included lunch aboard the
ship.

Later, sit down for an included dinner.

Please note: The contents of your Antarctica itinerary are weather-dependent.

### Day 8: Weddell Sea

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner
Encounter Adélie and Emperor penguins on
Devil Island and Paulet Island in Hope Bay. You'll
also enjoy an included lunch aboard the ship.
Later, sit down for an included dinner.
Please note: Your Antarctica itinerary is weatherdependent.

### Day 9: Weddell Sea

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner
Cruise along the Weddell Sea off to the east
coast of the Antarctica Peninsula.

- Spy the calving icebergs from the Arsen, Ronne, and Filchner ice shelves
- View the Erebus & Terror Gulf filled with resting icebergs
- Enjoy an included lunch aboard the ship Later, sit down for an included dinner. Please note: Your Antarctica itinerary is weatherdependent.

# Day 10: Antarctic Peninsula & the South Shetland Islands

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner
Cruise along the Antarctic coast in the Gerlache
Strait and gaze in awe at the towering sea cliffs
lining the Lemaire and Neumayer Channels. You'll
also enjoy an included lunch aboard the ship.
Depending on your ship's itinerary, you may:

- Discover the gentoo penguin rookery and the towering icebergs of Cuverville Island
- Venture into the placid waters of Paradise Bay, where the sea serves as a mirror for the surrounding mountains

Later, sit down for an included dinner.

Please note: The contents of your Antarctica itinerary are weather-dependent.

# Day 11: Antarctic Peninsula & the South Shetland Islands

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner Enjoy your final day of cruising in Antarctica.

- Sail into the flooded caldera of Deception Island and the crescent shaped island of Half Moon, home to Chinstrap Penguins
- Visit Elephant Island, site of Shackleton's famous rescue story (visit is dependent on your ship's itinerary)
- Enjoy an included lunch aboard the ship Later, sit down for an included dinner. Please note: The contents of your Antarctica itinerary are weather-dependent.

### Day 12: Day at sea

Included meals: breakfast, light lunch, dinner Begin the first of two days of uninterrupted cruising back to South America.

- Join the ship's lecturers and naturalists on deck for whale- and bird-watching
- Enjoy an included lunch aboard the ship Later, sit down for an included dinner.

#### Day 13: Day at sea

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner
Spend another day cruising to the South
American mainland and enjoy an included lunch
aboard the ship.

Later, sit down for an included dinner.

### **Buenos Aires** → 1 night

# Day 14: Cruise disembarkation & flight to Buenos Aires

Included meals: breakfast, dinner
After disembarking your cruise ship, board a
flight to Buenos Aires. There, you'll celebrate
your trip with your fellow travelers at a farewell
dinner, including a special tango performance.

# Overnight Flight → 1 night

# Day 15: Sightseeing tour of Buenos Aires & departure

Included meals: breakfast

Before heading home, take in the highlights of
Buenos Aires on a guided sightseeing tour.

- Drive through the aristocratic Retiro and Recoleta neighborhoods to visit the grave of Eva Perón, the former First Lady of Argentina
- Make your way past the National Museum of Fine Arts and the beautiful parks and gardens of Palermo
- Drive along 9 de Julio Avenue, the widest street in the world
- Explore Plaza de Mayo, site of the May Revolution in 1810, and enter the neoclassical Metropolitan Cathedral
- Enjoy free time in the La Boca neighborhood, where the influence of Italian settlers can still be felt today

This afternoon, relax in a dayroom before transferring to the airport to board your overnight flight home, or extend your stay to explore Buenos Aires.

### **Arrive home**

#### Day 16: Arrive home

Arrive home after your overnight flight.

### + Buenos Aires extension

Look to your Tour Director as you explore more of the Paris of South America. Why the nickname? It has to do with the city's fashion scene (which is world-class), the cafes (where you'll find the best empanadas ever), and renowned museums and parks (don't miss Museo Evita!).

# **Buenos Aires** → 2 nights

## Day 15: Free day in Buenos Aires

Included meals: breakfast
Spend the day exploring Buenos Aires at your
leisure. Please note: Some of the contents of your
itinerary today will overlap with the main tour.

### Day 16: Free day in Buenos Aires

Included meals: breakfast

Enjoy another free day in the city or add an excursion.

This evening, enjoy a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members.

+ Estancia Visit: Argentine Barbecue & Gaucho Show

### Day 17: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your overnight flight home.

## Flight Home

### Day 18: Arrive home

Arrive home after your overnight flight.

# Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.\* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: **goaheadtours.ca/AR1 | 1-800-754-5066** 

### **Extension excursion options**

# Day 16: Estancia Visit: Argentine Barbecue & Gaucho Show

\$225CAD/\$235CAD\* (7.5 hours, departs in the morning with lunch)

Head to Argentina's countryside for a day at a traditional estancia, or ranch, where you'll get to know the culture of the Pampas. You'll be welcomed with empanadas, a local specialty, and Argentine wine, then have a chance to visit the estancia's museum and church. Later, enjoy a delicious barbecue lunch along with entertainment. Experience the folklore of the region through music, dance, and a horse-riding show as gauchos (traditional ranch hands) show off their skills in the center of the ring, or sortija.