EXPLORE ANTARCTICA

Tuesday March 1st–Thursday March 10th

itinerary

March 1st: Ushuaia, Argentina. Ushuaia is the world's southernmost city, lying in the foothills of the Andes, with beautiful views. We leave at 8.00 p.m., so there will be plenty of time for you to look around Ushuaia first.

March 2nd–3rd: Drake Passage.

Named after the famous explorer, Sir Francis Drake, this passage is well-known for strong winds and high seas. We will head for the South Shetland Islands, discovered in 1819 by the British explorer William Smith.

March 4th: King George Island. King George Island is the biggest island of the South Shetlands. In the afternoon, we will land at Aitcho Island which is in between Greenwich and Robert Islands. There you will see gentoo penguins and possibly leopard and elephant seals.

March 5th: Pleneau – Petermann Island. We sail south through the narrow Lemaire Channel, one of the most beautiful places in the world. Provided climate and ice conditions are good enough, we will be able to visit Petermann Island which is the most southern land point of our expedition.

March 6th: Paradise Bay. At this point of our programme, we begin our return voyage. During the morning, if weather permits, we will use the small boats in Paradise Bay.

March 7th: Deception Island – Whaler's Bay – Pendulum Cove. We continue sailing to Deception Island, where there is the largest active volcano in the area. If the weather is good enough to land, you can try the unique experience of swimming in warm water - warmed by the volcano – while surrounded by ice and penguins. In the afternoon we will visit Hannah Point on Livingstone Island. With luck you will be able to see sea elephants.

March 8th–9th: Drake Passage. We leave the Antarctic and head back across the Drake Passage to Ushuaia.

March 10th: Ushuaia, Argentina. We land early in the morning, at about 7.00 a.m., and say goodbye after an incredible journey.

Please note that because of the weather conditions no two voyages are ever exactly the same. The itinerary given here is for your guidance only.

Cost: £2,155–£5,025 depending on the type of cabin required.
Twin cabins are available for single occupancy at one and a half times the Twin Shared price. All boats are smoke-free.

1 There will not be much time to explore Ushuaia before the expedition starts.
2 It takes two days to cross the Drake Passage.
3 You will see gentoo penguins on Robert Island.
4 The visit to Petermann Island will happen whatever the weather conditions are like.
5 You will not go to an island any further south than Petermann Island.
6 The water at Deception Island is warm because of the volcano nearby.
7 You will certainly see sea elephants at Hannah Point.
8 The itinerary in the text describes exactly what will happen on the trip.
9 If you do not share a cabin, you pay 50% extra.
10 Smoking is not allowed on board.

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