THE ANTARCTICA EXPLORER

Experience incredible wildlife, stunning scenery and gigantic icebergs

13 Days

From Ushuaia

M/V Ocean Albatros

19 Feb, 2025

Adventure Options

Join our 13-day Antarctica Explorer voyage, our lengthiest Antarctica-only cruise, where we will discover the stunning scenery, glacier-clad peaks, and extraordinary wildlife of the Great White Continent. This expeditionary escapade promises to be one-of-a-kind, as we will have no predetermined schedule - a genuine exploratory expedition, experiencing Antarctica as it was meant to be!
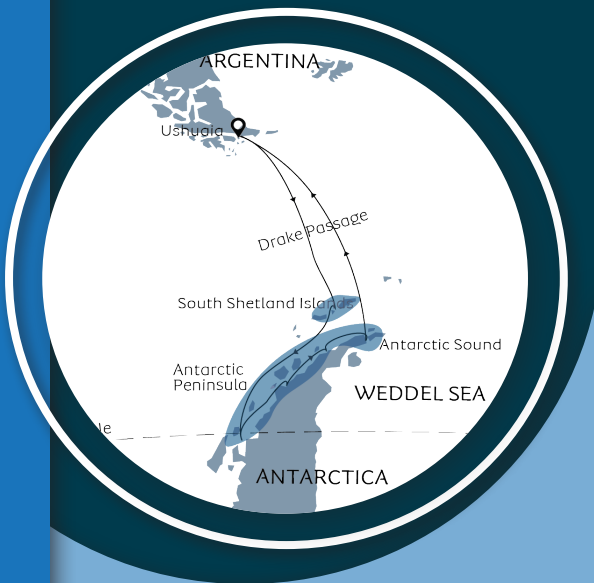
Join us onboard our purpose-built, ice-class expedition vessel, Ocean Victory to experience the majesty and wonder of Earth's last frontier up close and personal. Our vessels enable us to get closer to nature, with a fleet of Zodiac landing craft, a team of experienced expert expedition guides, and the Antarctic Peninsula as our spectacular destination.

Departing Argentina's southernmost city of Ushuaia, we cross the mighty Drake Passage en-route to the South Shetland Islands, aiming to arrive on the afternoon of the third day of our voyage (weather permitting). As we weave through the South Shetland Islands, a glittering chain of ice-covered islands and dormant volcanoes, keep your eyes peeled for whales, sea lions, elephant seals, and an incredible amount of seabirds and penguins. Our expedition will include numerous Zodiac excursions and landings, allowing us to explore these magnificent lands up close.

But that's just the beginning! We'll continue onward to the awe-inspiring beauty and peaceful silence of the Antarctic Peninsula itself. This voyage has no set itinerary beyond the aim to reach the Circle - however, we always aim to visit locations which showcase the best of Antarctica; wildlife sightings and weather conditions will decide the exact sites we visit as we move with the rhythms of nature; perhaps a well known penguin colony will draw us west, and whale and seal sightings will draw us back again! With an extra two days to explore compared to our Classic Antarctic voyages, you will have even more time to experience the majesty of the White Continent.

ITINERARY

DAY 1 — Arrival In Ushuaia, Embarkation

DAY 2-3 — At Sea - Crossing The Drake Passage Southbound

DAY 4-10 — The Antarctic Peninsula

DAY 11-12 — At Sea - Crossing The Drake Passage Northbound

DAY 13 — Return To Ushuaia And Disembarkation

ARGENTINA
Ushuaia
Drake Passage
South Shetland Islands
Antarctic Sound
Antarctic Peninsula
WEDDEL SEA
ANTARCTICA

INCLUSIONS

· 13-day/12-night cruise with accommodation in a shared outside double stateroom with private facilities

· Ushuaia shuttle transfers to ship from city centre (embarkation) / from the ship to city centre or airport (disembarkation, morning)

· All Zodiac landings and excursions as per itinerary

· Expedition parka
· Rubber boots in assorted sizes, suitable for shore landings (loan)
· Guiding and lectures by our expedition leader and team
· Special Photo Workshop
· English-speaking expedition team
· Full board on the ship - breakfast, lunch, dinner and afternoon snacks
· Complimentary house wine, beer and soda at dinner (selected labels and brands, served at our a-la-carte dinners)
· Free tea and coffee 24 hours' daily
· Welcome and farewell cocktails
· Port fees, IAATO fees, taxes and tariffs

· Digital visual journal link distributed after the voyage, including voyage log, gallery, species list and more!
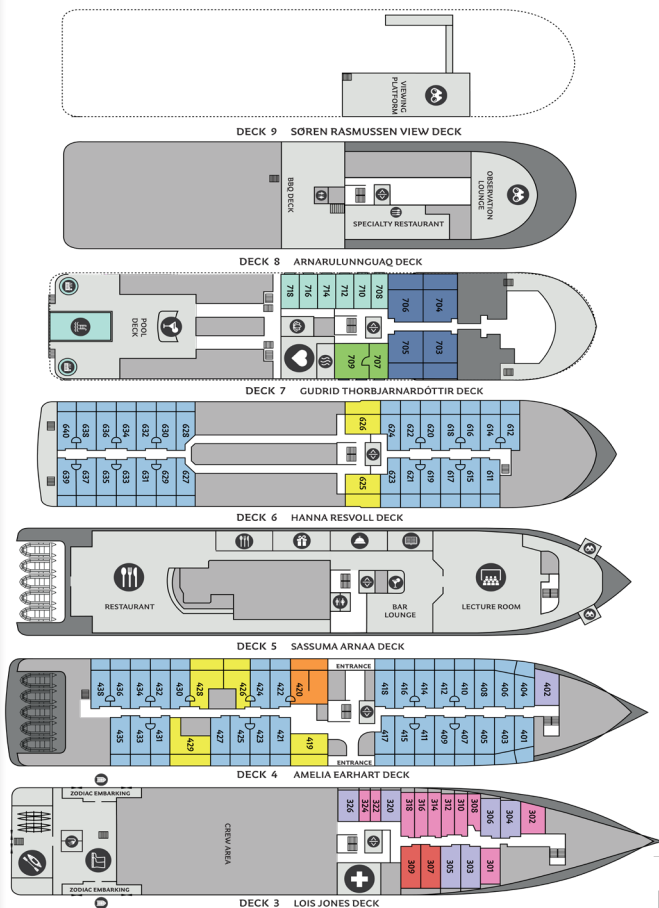
A TYPICAL DAY

· After crossing the Drake Passage, you'll be exploring Antarctica. The goal for the days around the South Shetland islands and Antarctic peninsula is to offer activities which will allow everyone to explore off the ship as much as possible (weather permitting). Weather dependent, we will try to offer two activities per day, usually either a landing or a Zodiac cruise.

· A "TYPICAL" EXPEDITION DAY MAY LOOK LIKE THIS (SUBJECT TO WEATHER AND SEA CONDITIONS AND SAILING SCHEDULE):

· 06:45: Wake-up call

· 07:00-08:00: Breakfast

· 08:30-11:30: Morning activity - landing and/or Zodiac cruise

· 12:30-13:30: Lunch during vessel repositioning

· 14:30-17:30: Afternoon Activity - landing and/or Zodiac cruise

· 18:30-19:30: Evening Recap and Briefing with the Expedition Team

· 19:30: Dinner

· 21:00: Evening entertainment or presentations with the Expedition Team.

OCEAN ALBATROS DECKPLAN

Deck Plans

DECK 9 SØREN RASMUSSEN VIEW DECK
- VIEWING PLATFORM

DECK 8 ARNARULUNNGUAQ DECK
- BBQ DECK
- OBSERVATION LOUNGE
- SPECIALTY RESTAURANT

DECK 7 GUDRID THORBJARNARDÓTTIR DECK
- POOL DECK
- 718, 716, 714, 712, 710, 708, 706, 704
- 709, 707, 705, 703
- 717, 715, 713, 711

DECK 6 HANNA RESVOLL DECK
- 640, 638, 636, 634, 632, 630, 628, 626, 624, 622, 620, 618, 616, 614, 612
- 639, 637, 635, 633, 631, 629, 627, 625, 623, 621, 619, 617, 615, 611

DECK 5 SASSUMA ARNAA DECK
- RESTAURANT
- BAR LOUNGE
- LECTURE ROOM

DECK 4 AMELIA EARHART DECK
- ENTRANCE
- 438, 436, 434, 432, 430, 428, 426, 424, 422, 420, 418, 416, 414, 412, 410, 408, 406, 404, 402
- 435, 437, 433, 431, 429, 427, 425, 423, 421, 419, 417, 415, 413, 411, 409, 407, 405, 403, 401
- ENTRANCE

DECK 3 LOIS JONES DECK
- ZODIAC EMBARKING
- CREW AREA
- 326, 324, 322, 320, 318, 316, 314, 312, 310, 308, 306, 304, 302
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- ZODIAC EMBARKING

Room Categories Legend

- **Brynhilde Suite, Two Bedroom Suite** — 1 Cabin, Size 52 sqm, French Balcony
- **Freydis Suite** — 1 Cabin, Size 43 sqm incl. Balcony
- **Category A, Junior Suite** — 4 Cabins, Size 40 sqm incl. Balcony
- **Category B, Balcony Suite** — 6 Cabins, Size app. 32 sqm incl. Balcony
- **Category C, Balcony Stateroom** — 57 Cabins, Size 22 sqm incl. Balcony
- **Category D, Porthole Stateroom** — 7 Cabins, Size 16 sqm
- **Category E, French Balcony Stateroom** — 6 Cabins, Size 16 sqm
- **Category F, Porthole Triple Stateroom** — 2 Cabins, Size 20 sqm
- **Category G, Porthole Single Stateroom** — 10 Cabins, Size 13 sqm

Facilities Legend

- Restaurant
- Bar
- Observation Area
- Shackleton Lecture Room
- Knud Rasmussen Library
- Albatros Ocean Boutique
- Reception
- Medical Clinic
- Fitness
- Albatros Polar Spa
- Infinity Pool
- Jacuzzi
- Mudroom
- Zodiac embarking
- Kayak platform
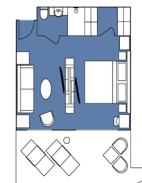- Toilet
- Sauna
- Elevator
- Shower
- Stairs

ROOM CATEGORIES

Brynhilde Suite BS
Two Bedroom Suite (1)
52 sqm, French Balcony

Freydis Suite FS
Premium Suite (1)
43 sqm, incl. Balcony

CATEGORY A
Junior Suite (4)
40 sqm, incl. Balcony

CATEGORY B
Balcony Suite (6)
app. 32 sqm, incl. Balcony

CATEGORY C
Balcony Stateroom (57)
app. 22 sqm, incl. Balcony

CATEGORY D
Porthole Stateroom (7)
16 sqm, Porthole

CATEGORY E
French Balcony Stateroom (6)
16 sqm, French Balcony

CATEGORY F
Triple Stateroom (2)
20 sqm, Porthole

CATEGORY G
Single Stateroom (10)
13 sqm, Porthole

FACILITIES

- 2 Restaurants and 1 Open Deck Dining
- Observation Lounge
- Lecture Lounge
- Piano Bar
- Gym, Spa & Sauna Facilities
- Polar Library
- Albatros Ocean Boutique
- Changing Facilities for Zodiac Excursions
- 18 Zodiacs
- Jacuzzies and Pool Bar