

# SOUTH AMERICA & ANTARCTICA

including the South Georgia Islands

MARCH 2023



Begin your extraordinary journey to the end of the earth in vibrant and glamorous Buenos Aires. This is a city full of fabulous food and architecture where the Tango still reigns supreme. Then set sail in the wake of explorers aboard the elegant L'Austral for Antarctica and the South Georgia Islands where the silence is only broken by the crack of icebergs, the call of penguins or seals and the splash of humpbacks. This is your opportunity to be one of the fortunate few to explore this wild and remote part of our planet.

22-NIGHT ESCORTED JOURNEY FEATURING BUENOS AIRES TO MONTEVIDEO ABOARD L'AUSTRAL





**MAR 2023 ITINERARY**

WED 01	<p>Depart Australia on your flight to Buenos Aires via Santiago**</p> <p><b>Buenos Aires</b> - On arrival at Ezeiza International Airport transfer to your hotel. Evening at leisure</p> <p>Overnight: Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta (or similar)</p>
THU 02	<p><b>Buenos Aires</b> - After breakfast join your sightseeing tour. Drive down 9 de Julio Ave, the widest avenue in the world, past the famous Colon Opera House and Obelisk to Plaza de Mayo (May Square). View Government House, Metropolitan Cathedral and the colonial town hall built in 1751. Head to La Boca and the colourful 'Caminito' street. Continue to Recoleta elegant district to visit the Recoleta Cemetery where Eva Peron is laid to rest. Tonight you will experience one of the best Tango shows in Buenos Aires - Tango Porteño including a one hour tango lesson, dinner and show.</p> <p>Overnight: Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta (or similar) - <b>B,D</b></p>
FRI 03	<p><b>Buenos Aires</b> - Today's full day tour will take you out of the city of Buenos Aires and into the Pampas (countryside) to spend a day on a Gaucho farm. Enjoy a typical "asado criollo" barbecue with wine followed by a folklore show featuring traditional music and dances and a gaucho (Argentine Cowboy) skills demonstration.</p> <p>Overnight: Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta (or similar) - <b>B,L</b></p>
SAT 04	<p><b>Buenos Aires</b> - Full day at leisure to explore the Paris of the South.</p> <p>Overnight: Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta (or similar) - <b>B</b></p>
SUN 05	<p><b>Buenos Aires to Ushuaia</b> - Transfer from hotel to Aeroparque Domestic Airport for your private flight to Ushuaia, the capital of Argentina's Tierra del Fuego province. Ushuaia is considered the gateway to the White Continent and the South Pole. This city at the end of the world is situated where the Andes plunge straight into the sea and is one of the most fascinating places on earth.</p> <p>Board L'Austral this afternoon - depart 6pm</p>
06 - 07	<p><b>Drake Passage</b> - The Expedition Leader will first present the IAATO rules of conduct that must be observed during landings in the region and will explain everything you need to know about the zodiac outings. Lectures about the history and wildlife of the Antarctic will be an opportunity for you to learn more about this magical region, where every cruise is a unique experience. Keep an eye out for albatrosses, cape petrels and other seabirds.</p>
08 - 10	<p><b>Antarctic Peninsula</b> - Succumb to the magic of a place unlike any other. Find yourself in the heart of spectacular scenery in subtle shades of blue and white, surrounded by exceptional wildlife. Penguins, humpback whales, seals and giant petrels are at home here, as are elephant seals, fur seals, Antarctic minke whales, and orcas. Zodiac® outings or landings are organised subject to ice conditions. Encounter glaciers, ice floes, tabletop icebergs, mountain peaks that plunge straight into the sea, volcanic beaches, research stations and vestiges of the whaling industry.</p>
11 - 12	At sea
13 - 15	<p><b>South Georgia</b> - discover South Georgia, a region formed by an underwater mountain chain that extends from the Andes to the Antarctic Peninsula. You are likely to see King and Gentoo penguins, elephant and fur seals. You might get the chance to discover the majestic glaciers of Gold Harbour and the vast plains of Fortuna Bay. If you are fortunate enough to land at Salisbury Plain, you can expect a wonderful spectacle: more than 300,000 king penguins, which you will recognise by the bright orange mark on their head and neck, have taken up residence there.</p>

**CONT'D**

16 - 19	At sea
MON 20	<p><b>Montevideo</b> - disembark L'Austral and enjoy a sightseeing tour of Montevideo. In the Old City you will see the different architectural styles such as Art Nouveau and Art Deco. Visit Plaza Independencia, which contains the remains of the national hero Jose Gervasio Artigas, and then continue to the Legislative Palace. You will also visit the traditional Prado neighborhood, Punta Gorda, and other residential areas. The tour finishes in the famous Mercado del Puerto where you can have lunch in one of the famous grills. After lunch check in to your hotel</p> <p>Overnight: Hyatt Centric Montevideo (or similar) - <b>B,L</b></p>
TUE 21	<p><b>Montevideo</b> - transfer to the airport for your flight home to Australia via Santiago**</p>
WED 22	Arrive Australia



**INCLUSIONS**

- ✦ Return Economy Class airfare from Sydney to Buenos Aires and from Montevideo including all taxes and fees. Fares from other cities available
- ✦ 4-nights Buenos Aires accommodation at the Sofitel Recoleta (or similar) including breakfast daily
- ✦ Extensive Buenos Aires sightseeing as per the itinerary
- ✦ Private charter flight from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia
- ✦ 15-night all-inclusive expedition aboard L'Austral including Antarctic Zodiac® landings
- ✦ Half-day Montevideo sightseeing tour
- ✦ 1-night Montevideo accommodation at the Hyatt Centric (or similar) including breakfast
- ✦ Group transfers throughout
- ✦ Cruise Express Tour Director

**FARES**

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