

Antarctica in Depth



Tour Name: Antarctica in Depth

Tour Code: 101S

Days: 13

Day 1

Tue, 11 Nov

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Welcome to Buenos Aires, where you'll have an overnight hotel stay. Perhaps spend some time in the city, nicknamed the 'Paris of South America'. Resplendent with Belle Epoque buildings, sidewalk cafes and green spaces, there's the fiery passion of Latin America – a collective love for football, flame-cooked meats (asado) and the tango.

Highlights include La Boca, a colourful, creative mecca with a must-do art walk, and San Telmo, a former aristocratic neighbourhood that was abandoned during a 19th-century epidemic. Mansions were turned into conventillos (shared housing), boutique hotels, antique shops, and tango clubs, exuding a captivating bohemian vibe.

Day 2

Wed, 12 Nov

Buenos Aires > Ushuaia (B,L,D)

From Buenos Aires your included transfer flights will take you to Ushuaia, the main island of Tierra del Fuego and the southernmost city in the world. The Captain and crew will warmly greet you as you board your ultra-luxury Discovery Yacht.

Toast the start of your once-in-a-lifetime expedition as you depart South America and cruise through the calm and scenic Beagle Channel, named so for the ship that carried Charles Darwin on his five-year discovery journey. Admire the dramatic views of the Andean mountains from the comfort of your private verandah or from the Observation Deck with its commanding view of the bow.

Day 3

Thu, 13 Nov

At sea (B,L,D)

Wake up in your own time as we cruise across the Drake Passage, the infamous waterway that connects South America to Antarctica. Perhaps ask your butler for breakfast to be delivered to your spacious suite or meet fellow guests in the Yacht Club.

Join an introductory presentation about your polar expedition by the Discovery Team in the state-of-the-art theatre. This is where you can watch talks, lectures, movies and documentaries during the day. At night, enjoy world-class productions from musical theatre and cabaret to pop music, dance and fun interactive game shows.

Day 4 Fri, 14 Nov	Antarctica (B,L,D) <p>Today you will enter Antarctic waters, an unpredictable but stunningly beautiful environment that always surprises. Put on your complimentary polar parka and head to the Observation Deck to spot icebergs for the first time – it's a feeling that will stay with you forever.</p> <p>Watch out for whale blows in the distance and your expert polar Discovery team will be on hand to provide and answer any insightful information. Comprised of up to 20 members, this team of geologists, historians, ornithologists, marine biologists, and glaciologists is at the heart of your Antarctic Voyage.</p>
Day 5 Sat, 15 Nov	Antarctica (B,L,D) <p>Slide open the floor-to-ceiling doors of your verandah suite to see icebergs and glacial mountains rising from the ocean. Antarctica is a birdwatcher's paradise, with more than 40 different species, so keep your eyes peeled for wandering albatrosses, shearwaters, giant petrels and more.</p> <p>Due to the extraordinary nature of the region, excursions throughout your Expedition Voyage are dependent on the ice and weather conditions. Your experienced Captain and specialist Discovery Team, who have made countless journeys to Antarctica, will use their expertise to design your voyage from day to day, making the most of 18–20 hours of daylight.</p> <p>Discovery: Daily experiences may include cruising on Zodiacs, stepping ashore to view vast penguin rookeries or historic huts, and kayaking or paddle boarding around icebergs. Wherever your voyage takes you, you will have countless "pinch me" moments.</p>
Day 6 Sun, 16 Nov	Antarctica (B,L,D) <p>Remarkable wildlife encounters await during your time exploring Antarctica. Going ashore to visit a penguin colony is an unforgettable experience.</p> <p>For a truly unique and exclusive experience, book a helicopter excursion[^] to visit Snow Hill Island (subject to weather and operational conditions). This is home to a colony of around 10,000 Emperor penguins. Departing by helicopter from your Discovery Yacht, you'll land on Snow Hill Island and walk 1.5 kilometres with your Discovery Team to see the colony. The Emperor penguins are only present at this location at the start of the Antarctica season and there are only a couple of voyages with this experience each season.</p> <p>Discovery: Explore by Zodiac, kayak or stand-up paddleboard with possible shore landings (weather and ice permitting). To see Antarctica from above or below the horizon book a helicopter[^] or a submersible[^] experience.</p>
Day 7 Mon, 17 Nov	Antarctica (B,L,D) <p>Various species of penguins can be found in Antarctic and the sub-Antarctic region, including Adélie, Chinstrap, Gentoo, and the very rare Emperor penguins. Guided by the expert Discovery Team, you'll witness colonies up close; hear their mighty calls and watch as they clumsily waddle along and interact with each other.</p> <p>Whales are another majestic creature you may encounter, whether a minke, a humpback or an Orca. Watch them from the comfort of your ultra-luxury Discovery Yacht, in a Zodiac with an experienced Discovery Team member, or from their level in a kayak or stand-up paddleboard – a breathtaking experience.</p> <p>Discovery: When enjoying daily Scenic Discovery excursions, ask for your expert Discovery Leader for photography tips and guidance on how to spot the wildlife around you. They will help you immortalise these incredible moments while cruising on the Zodiacs, kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding around impressive ice formations.</p>
Day 8 Tue, 18 Nov	Antarctica (B,L,D) <p>Lemaire Channel (subject to weather and operational conditions) is renowned for its picturesque views and often referred to as 'Kodak Alley', could be our next exciting destination. If during your voyage your Discovery Yacht weaves through this channel, make sure you set your alarm and embrace the cool air from the Observation Terrace. Pass through the 11-kilometre-long channel, just 700 metres wide at its narrowest point, and be amazed at the dramatic rocky mountains and glowing blue icebergs so close to the ship.</p> <p>In between Discovery experiences, enjoy a specialty tea or coffee in the Observation Lounge and watch the world float by through Swarovski telescopes.</p>

Day 9
Wed, 19 Nov

Antarctica (B,L,D)

In the distance on a clear day you can see Mount Francis (subject to weather and operational conditions) standing tall as Anvers Island's highest peak, showcasing the rugged beauty of Antarctica. Every day is unique, you might get the chance to hike or spend time on the pebbled beach, enjoying the view surrounded by curious penguins. Back on board, explore some the indulgent spaces, from the welcoming Observation Lounge to the expansive Senses Spa#. Soothe your muscles in the sauna or heated therapy lounge, join a yoga or Pilates class. Choose one of up to 10 world-class dining experiences on board tonight.

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Day 10
Thu, 20 Nov

Antarctica (B,L,D)

The polar plunge is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and a rite of passage on an expedition to Antarctica. Once throughout your voyage, the marina will be set up for anyone who'd like to jump into the Antarctic waters. As you stand on the edge, ready to jump, you'll feel the adrenaline rush. When you jump, an invigorating, exciting and surprisingly refreshing sensation will take over. If you choose to skip the polar plunge, make sure you find a good viewing location to watch the chilly jumpers emerge. Join them for a cup of hot chocolate or a glass of whiskey.

Day 11
Fri, 21 Nov

At Sea (B,L,D)

Cruising the Drake Passage back to South America, there's time to indulge in the ultra-luxury of your Discovery Yacht and reflect on the magic moments you've experienced in the Southern Ocean.

Freshly squeezed juice, steaming coffee or tea delivered by your butler will help start your day. Perhaps have an invigorating workout, a Pilates class, some guided stretching or aerial yoga.

In the evening, settle in at the spacious Scenic Lounge Bar to enjoy your beverage of choice. With Scenic's signature all-inclusive ultra-luxury philosophy, indulge in top shelf spirits, over 130 whiskeys, a premium wine list and French champagne.

Day 12
Sat, 22 Nov

At sea > Ushuaia (B,L,D)

Have you visited the bridge yet? Thanks to the Captain's open bridge policy, guests are welcome any time to learn more about the technical abilities of The World's First Discovery Yacht and see it in full operation. The bridge is also one of the best viewing areas on the ship.

Make sure you book a treatment# at the tranquil Senses Spa before your Discovery expedition ends. Perhaps an ESPA facial or massage# or an alternative therapy including Ayurvedic massage or Japanese shiatsu. Afterwards, retain that feeling of calm for a while longer in the Zen-like space of the Vitality Lounge.

Day 13
Sun, 23 Nov

Ushuaia, Argentina > Buenos Aires (B)

Your voyage ends this morning as you farewell the crew and fellow guests. Disembark after breakfast in Ushuaia, Argentina for your included transfer flight to Buenos Aires where your journey concludes, taking away memories of a truly unforgettable experience.

Please book your flight to depart out of Buenos Aires after 09:30 PM.

^Flights on board our two helicopters and submersible experiences are at additional cost, subject to regulatory approval, availability, weight restrictions, medical approval and weather, ice and tidal conditions. Helicopter not available in South Georgia. #Spa treatments at additional cost. +All drinks on board, including those stocked in your mini bar, are included, except for a very small number of rare, fine and vintage wines, Champagnes and spirits. Specialty restaurants require a reservation, enquire on board.

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