

Luxury Expedition Cruise  
**Antarctica**



**Emblematic Antarctica** (Ushuaia – Ushuaia (sp: O-Swi-A)

**10 Nights on board / 12 Days**

**January 28<sup>th</sup> - Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

International Flights from Canada not included

1 Night in Buenos Aires + flight Buenos Aires/Ushuaia + visit + flight Ushuaia/Buenos Aires

**From \$12,635/ person**

Double occupancy | USD  
Single Supplement- Please ask!

### Highlights

- An expedition cruise to discover the Antarctic Peninsula and its most beautiful secrets surrounded by stunning natural scenery.
- Outings and shore visits in zodiac inflatables with a team of experienced naturalist guides.
- Explore the magic of Antarctica with a sea kayak adventure. Lead by experienced, State-Certified kayak guides, you will skim the water's surface amid the ice.
- Hiking opportunity.
- Visit research stations and former whaling stations, if conditions allow.
- Lectures and information sessions hosted by our naturalist guides, covering wildlife, history, geopolitics, the great explorers, climate, environmental protection and educational discovery in the respect of environment.
- Landscapes: a multitude of drifting icebergs, ice floes, imposing glaciers, and tall, snow-covered mountains.
- Wildlife: humpback whales; Gentoo, Adélie and chinstrap penguins; leopard, crabeater and Weddell seals; and numerous seabirds.
- For your comfort, your cruise package includes an overnight in Buenos Aires the day before embarkation and the flights to/from Ushuaia

### Includes:

- All meals while on board the ship - Exceptional Cuisine!
- Standard Open Bar Package • Gratuities
- Port charges (\$560 per person) • Airport charges
- Flight Package 1 Night in Buenos Aires + flight Buenos Aires/Ushuaia + visit + flight Ushuaia/Buenos Aires
- Captain's welcome cocktail and gala dinner
- Unlimited Wi-Fi • Onboard credit (\$100 per person)
- Evening entertainment and events • Room service 24h
- Highly qualified expedition team
- Zodiac landings and park entry fees into protected areas
- Complimentary boot rental & a Polar Parka to keep



### Join us!

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## Itinerary – Ports of Call & Excursions

**January 28, 2026 - Buenos Aires (overnight & flight to Ushuaia)**

### January 29, 2026 - Ushuaia

*Embarkation 1/29/2026 from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM*

*Departure 1/29/2026 at 6:00 PM*



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### January 30, 2026 - January 31, 2026 - Crossing the Drake Passage

*Arrival 1/30/2026*

*Departure 1/31/2026*

Use your days spent in the **Drake Passage** to familiarise yourself with your ship and deepen your knowledge of the Antarctic. 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**. You will experience exceptional sailing moments on board and join the naturalist-guides on your ship’s exterior decks to look out for albatrosses, cape petrels, and other seabirds flying over the Drake Passage.



### February 1, 2026 - February 5, 2026 - Antarctic Peninsula

*Arrival 2/1/2026*

*Departure 2/5/2026*

Succumb to the magic of a place unlike any other. To this day, the mythical **Antarctic Peninsula** still holds real fascination and promises its visitors unforgettable moments. Throughout your adventure in this icy realm, you will find yourself in the heart of **spectacular decor** 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. Depending on which sites you will be lucky enough to visit, you may get the chance to observe them and share with them the beauty of these extreme parts.

Each day, based on ice conditions, the Captain and the Expedition Leader will suggest **zodiac outings or landings** to discover the infinite riches of the Antarctic Peninsula. Glaciers, ice floe, tabletop icebergs, mountain peaks that plunge straight into the sea, volcanic beaches, research stations, enchanting bays, and vestiges of the whaling industry: these are the faces of the Antarctic that will likely reveal themselves to you, in a hushed and surreal atmosphere. You will sail in the wake of Jean-Baptiste Charcot, Adrien de Gerlache and Sir Ernest Shackleton, great Antarctic explorers who, from the 19th century, set out to conquer these remote and uninhabited lands.

## February 6, - February 7, 2026 - Crossing the Drake Passage

Arrival 2/6/2026

Departure 2/7/2026

If there is one place, one sea, one waterway dreaded by tourists, researchers and hardened seafarers alike, it is undoubtedly **Drake Passage**. Situated at the latitude of the infamous Furious Fifties winds, between Cape Horn and the South Shetland Islands, it is **the shortest route to connect Antarctica to South America**. Seasoned navigators will tell you that you must earn your visit to the White Continent! As the Antarctic convergence zone where cold currents rising up from the South Pole meet warmer equatorial water masses, Drake Passage harbors a very diverse marine fauna. Don't forget to look to the sky to catch a glimpse of elegant albatross and **Cape petrels**, playfully floating about in the wind around your ship.



## February 8, 2026 - Ushuaia

Arrival 2/8/2026

Disembarkation 2/8/2026 at 7:00 AM



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## Night in Buenos Aires + flight Buenos Aires/Ushuaia + visit + flight Ushuaia/Buenos Aires

For your serenity, PONANT has organized the following included program for you, which starts the day prior to embarkation

### The day before embarkation – Buenos Aires

Meet at Ezeiza International Airport in the arrival hall. Look for PONANT sign. You will be greeted by our local representative. A shuttle from the airport will permit you to join your hotel.

Day at leisure.

Overnight at the hotel.

### Embarkation Day – Buenos Aires/Ushuaia

An early morning breakfast will be served before leaving for the airport for your flight Buenos Aires – Ushuaia. Transfer to the airport.

Flight Buenos Aires/Ushuaia selected by PONANT in economy class.

Approximate flight duration: 3 hours, 30 min.

Meet and greet at the airport (English-speaking assistance).

According to the flight schedule, PONANT will adapt services and activities before your transfer to the pier for embarkation.

### - Cruise on board your ship -

### Disembarkation Day – Ushuaia/Buenos Aires

Disembarkation.

Meet and greet at the port (English-speaking assistance).

Transfer to the airport in time for check-in of the flight Ushuaia/Buenos Aires selected by PONANT in economy class.

Approximate flight duration: 3 hours, 30 min.



## Antarctica's Unmissable Sights

The White Continent is a dream destination for any explorer at heart, and travelers certainly won't be disappointed when they see it in all its splendor. Here are five highlights to experience during an Antarctic cruise.

### Mingle within a penguin colony in South Georgia

Once a major whaling station, South Georgia is now a favorite spot for many seabirds. Among them, the king penguin is a happy resident. If you're lucky enough to stop off at Salisbury Plain, you'll enjoy a unique experience in the middle of a colony of no fewer than 250,000 penguins. They move around happily without regard for the few human beings who come to visit them. A unique and touching moment.



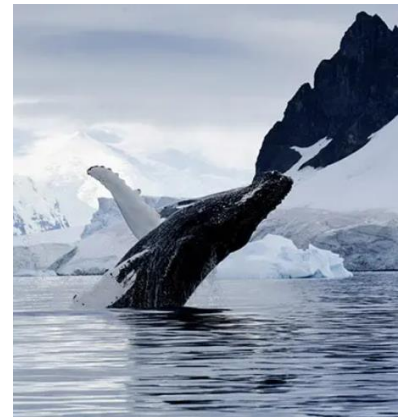
### Crossing the Antarctic Circle

What does it mean when the navigational instruments show the fateful numbers '66°33'? You're in the middle of Antarctica, beyond the 66th parallel! First crossed by the British explorer James Cook in 1773, it's an integral part of the history of Antarctica. Travelers will feel a true sense of accomplishment and joy as they follow in the footsteps of the great explorers.

### Get up close to a majestic marine fauna

From the Falkland Islands to the Antarctic Peninsula, Antarctic cruises are an opportunity for unforgettable encounters with marine mammals. It's not uncommon to

encounter many seals, including subantarctic fur seals and elephant seals, as well as killer whales. When the humpback whales arrive, it truly is the icing on the cake.



### Behold the great icebergs



Be they tabular, blocky, or pinnacled, icebergs all have a tendency to leave travelers speechless. These giants of the seas are indescribable! As majestic as they are worrying, their silhouettes rise up with the waves and plunge deep into the waters with a colorful blend of a thousand shades of blue, from light turquoise to the darkest navy, all sparkling under the icy sun of Antarctica.

### Icebergs: Small or Large?

The largest icebergs in the world are found in the South Pole. Veritable mountains of frozen freshwater, they are an almost unbelievable sight to behold. In 2017, an iceberg measuring 2,200 m<sup>2</sup> in area broke off from an ice shelf in West Antarctica.

### Visit a unique natural sanctuary

Little known and completely preserved, New Zealand's subantarctic islands are among the last remaining areas completely unspoiled by human presence on the planet. Some of these little pieces of land dotted around the ocean are inaccessible and therefore totally protected from human activity. The Snares Islands, Bounty Islands, Antipodes Islands, Auckland Islands and Campbell Islands thus represent an invaluable haven of peace for the endemic species that inhabit them, including 126 bird species.



### Cold or very Cold

In Antarctica during the winter months, the mercury can easily drop below -67°F, especially in mountainous areas. It was also on the frozen continent that the **lowest natural temperature on Earth** was recorded: -128.56°F!

Inaccessible prior to the modern era, the South Pole remained **untouched by human presence** until 1821. Today still, this southern continent does not have any permanent inhabitants, just scientific teams that rotate on a regular basis.



## The advice and expertise of Ducasse Conseil

In January 2016, PONANT announced it had joined forces with Ducasse Conseil, a catering centre of excellence run by Alain Ducasse Enterprise, continuing its route to excellence aboard our ships. From the conception of the culinary offering to the training of the company's Chefs, this long-term project aims to ensure that PONANT's culinary standards are as high as possible and to satisfy the exacting requirements of our passengers.

### On the menu...

Every day experience new taste sensations. They transform every meal into a **feast for the eyes and the tastebuds.**



#### Appetizers

**Cep and chestnut velouté**

#### Starters

**Lobster, celery "rémoulade", truffle cooking juices**

#### Main course

**Langoustines with pepper, tender fennels, light broth  
Beef Rossini, Anna potatoes and candied shallots, sauce Périgueux**

#### Dessert

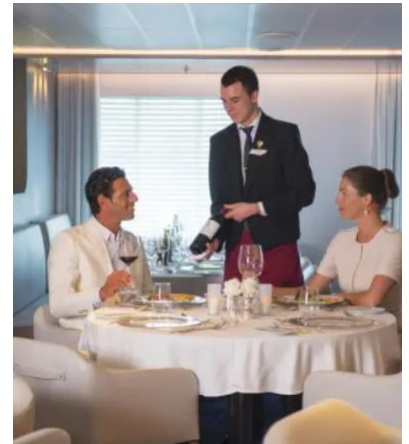
**Voiles Ponant chocolat-praliné**



*Sample menu for information only, non-contractual.*

## Gastronomic restaurant

A la carte meals are served at the table in the gastronomic restaurant. At lunch, a selection of dishes inspired by contemporary French brasseries will be offered. At dinner, it is time to sample the grand traditions of French fine dining, with menus to go with one of the best wines from our cellar, as recommended by our sommelier.



## On board *Le Ponant*



It's at Le Diamant, a panoramic restaurant serving delicate cuisine featuring the flavours of the sea accented by ingredients from the coastal areas sailed to and visited, that you'll have the pleasure of dining on board *Le Ponant*.

## On board *Le Commandant Charcot*

*Le Commandant Charcot's* onboard restaurant, Le Nuna, is the first-ever shipboard restaurant by celebrated French chef Alain Ducasse. It's here that you'll have the pleasure of enjoying breakfast, lunch, à la carte dinners and a selection of special signature dishes, all accompanied by the kind of service you'd expect to find at a luxury hotel on land.



## Special diets

And so that everyone's tastes are catered to, special menus are available on request for guests with specific dietary requirements (low-fat, vegetarian, gluten-free, etc).



## The French way of life

We want to make sure the French way of life voyages across all of the world's oceans. As part of our ongoing search for excellence, we associate with partners who share the same policy.

In terms of gastronomy take advantage of a sweet snack with Pierre Hermé Paris macaroons, taste a selection of bread, baguettes and Viennese bread and clink glasses of champagne at gala dinners. Dyptique bath products embalm the cabins while Fragonard environment scents diffuse a pleasant fragrance around the ship.

## Butler service

Our butler service is reserved for passengers traveling in one of the suites situated on Deck 6 aboard *L'Austral*. Attentive and discreet, your butler will provide a fully personalized service. Throughout your cruise, he will be at your service. You will benefit in this way from a bespoke, carefree voyage.



## Laundry service

For optimal comfort, a laundry service\* is offered on each of our ships. You will find laundry pricing, bags and slippers inside your stateroom. During your entire cruise, your steward or stewardess will be available to take care of washing and ironing\*\* your clothing within 48 hours.

*\*Dry cleaning is not available.*

*\*\*These are paid-for services and will be directly charged to your stateroom's account.*

## Room service

Whether you wish to have breakfast in the privacy of your stateroom, savour a snack in the middle of the day or enjoy your dinner in an intimate setting, our Room Service is available for you. Have a gourmet interlude and treat yourself from a varied menu at any time of day or night\*.

## Pillow Menu

All of our teams are available to help ensure your ultimate comfort onboard. That means paying attention to the smallest details. That's why, you can select the pillow that best suits you from our "special menu".



## Open Bar



From the moment you board and throughout your cruise, your unlimited drinks are included\*, at any time of the day. A drink with friends at the bar, refreshments on your return from an excursion or in the calm of your Stateroom's balcony: enjoy a large selection of beverages (mineral waters, cold drinks, cruise wines, beer, champagne, spirits, coffee, tea). A selection of premium alcoholic drinks is also available "à la carte".

*\*It doesn't include premium alcoholic drinks indicated in the Bar Menu. It is valid only for individual personal consumption, without limitations.*

## Free & unlimited Wi-Fi

Whatever their cabin class, all our passengers have access to Wi-Fi free of charge everywhere on board and on all the vessels in our fleet. By means of a satellite link, Wi-Fi is accessible in most of the regions we sail to, even the most isolated.

## **Packing Checklist**

Expedition programs include activities such as zodiac outings and landings (sometimes with "wet landing"), moderate walks to more active hikes, all accompanied by your expedition team of naturalist guides.

Ports of call, visited sites, outings, and landings will depend on weather conditions, position of ice, winds, and the state of the sea. These can force a change of plans at any time. The Captain and the Expedition Leader may at any time cancel or stop any activity, or even modify the itinerary. The final itinerary will be confirmed by the Captain, who will take into account the touristic quality of the sites and above all, the safety of the passengers. His decision will be based on advice from experts and authorities.

Travelling to polar/isolated regions is an exhilarating experience in remote areas: please remember that you are far from modern hospitals with full medical facilities, thus evacuation is extremely expensive. Without adequate medical coverage, all expenses will have to be immediately paid with your personal funds. We urge you to subscribe to full coverage insurance, choose your insurance company very carefully, be extremely vigilant and ensure your insurance is fully comprehensive, especially if you are insured by your credit card. PONANT offers an insurance contract with extensive guarantees, please contact us for more information.

### **Clothing tips:**

- A PONANT polar water-resistant parka is offered on board for all departures with an expedition program (no children sizes, in case of consecutive cruises, only one complimentary parka).
- Half calf rubber boots with non-slip soles, which will allow you to go ashore in 20 cm of cold water, keeping your feet dry for walks and visits on steep paths. Boot rental will be offered onboard (for adults only) on Expedition cruises.
- Comfortable trousers: classic Winter trousers, warm cotton tracksuit, wool leggings
- Waterproof and windproof over-trousers – MANDATORY
- Winter trousers with waterproof over trousers are the ideal combination: water-resistance and comfort of trousers are essential
- Pullover, sweat-shirt or fleece jacket
- Woollen or thermolactyl Thermal underwear
- A warm hat, woollen ear muffs or fleece ear muffs, fleece or woollen neck warmer (avoid scarves that do not stay in place)- MANDATORY
- Wool or silk glove liners, water-resistant and supple gloves
- Thick warm socks (ideally woollen)

### **Accessories:**

- Small waterproof backpack (to protect your camera from water).
- Binoculars (strongly recommended for wildlife viewing).
- Highly protective sunglasses.
- Walking poles (highly recommended).

### **Ideal clothes for life on board:**

During the days spent on board, you are advised to wear comfortable clothes or casual outfits. The entire ship is air-conditioned, so a light sweater, a light jacket or a shawl may be necessary. When moving about in the public areas of the ship and the decks, light but comfortable shoes are recommended.

### **Informal evening:**

In the evening, you are advised to wear smart-casual attire, especially when dining in our restaurants where wearing shorts and tee-shirts is not allowed.

#### **For women:**

- Simple dress
- Skirt or trousers
- Blouse
- Polo

#### **For men:**

- Pleated trousers or chinos
- Sports jacket
- Shirt
- Polo



**Officer's evening:**

For all cruises longer than 8 nights, an Officer's Evening with a white dress code may be organized. Therefore, we encourage you to bring a stylish white outfit for the occasion (otherwise black and white).

**Gala evening:**

During the cruise, two gala evenings will be organized on board. Thus, we recommend that you bring one or two formal outfits.

**For women:**

- Cocktail attire
- Evening dress (if you wish to)

**For men:**

- Dark suit
- Tie recommended, possibly bow tie (if you wish to)

**SHOP:**

A small shop is available on board offering a wide range of outfits, jewellery, leather goods and many accessories.

*A laundry service (washing/ironing) is available on board, but unfortunately, there are no dry cleaning services. For safety reasons, your cabin is not equipped with an iron.*

**Advice****INSULATED BASE LAYER:**

- Wool or thermolactyl technical underwear
- Polar or technical jacket
- Polar sweater or sweatshirt
- Silk or wool glove liners
- Wool leggings
- Warm hiking socks

**WATERPROOF OUTER LAYER:**

- Waterproof over-trousers - Mandatory
- Waterproof parka - Offered on board (not available in children's sizes)
- A warm woollen hat covering your ears
- Polar or woollen neck warmer
- Waterproof technical gloves

**HEALTH CARE:**

- Sunscreen
- Lip protection balm
- Medications and prescriptions

**OUTFITS ON BOARD:**

- Casual outfits for the day
- Smarter outfits for dinners
- Elegant outfits for Gala evenings
- White or black and white outfit

**ACCESSORIES:**

- Highly protective sunglasses
- Binoculars
- Walking poles
- Small waterproof backpack
- Swimsuit (for the spa on board)
- Gym wear (fitness)
- Battery charger and memory cards for your camera
- Mobile phone charger



## Your Expedition Program Includes:

- 10 Nights cruise onboard / 12 Days
- 1-night accommodation in a 5\* hotel the night before embarkation with shuttle services
- Flight Package: Return flight Buenos Aires/Ushuaia/Buenos Aires selected by PONANT, in economy class.
- Airport charges
- All meals while on board the ship - Exceptional Cuisine!
- Captain's welcome cocktail and gala dinner
- Standard Open Bar Package & 24-hour room service
- Gratuities
- Port charges (\$560 per person)
- Services of local guides, in Ushuaia.
- Highly qualified expedition team
- Zodiac landings and park entry fees into protected areas
- Hospitality desk at the hotel in Buenos Aires.
- Unlimited Wi-Fi
- Onboard credit (\$100 USD per person)
- Evening entertainment and events
- Complimentary boot rental & a Polar Parka to keep
- Transfers as mentioned in the program.
- Individually controlled air conditioning
- Dressing room with shelves, closet, and hairdryer
- Dyprique Paris top-of-the-line bath products
- Minibar, Nespresso coffee maker and boiler
- Electronic safe, Direct line telephone, Bose Bluetooth speaker
- Flat screen TV, international channels (availability dependent on navigation) and videos on demand
- 110V American (two flat pins)/220V European (round sockets with two round pins)



## Your program does not include:

- Tips for the local guide.
- Personal expenses.
- Other meals and services not mentioned in the program.

## Pricing - Stateroom Categories \$USD

Cat Superior Stateroom - \$12,635

Cat Deluxe Stateroom - \$13,393

Cat Prestige Stateroom Deck 4 - \$13,944

Cat Prestige Stateroom – Deck 5 - \$14,143

Cat Deluxe Suite - \$19,934

**Note:** No Single Supplement - 2 suites excluding Owner Suite and Superior Stateroom - subject to availability

## Deposits / Payments

25% per person is required to hold your spot

\$250 USD is Non-refundable

Final Payment: 60 Days prior to Sailing in 2026

## Please Note:

This cruise is typically sold out 14 months prior to sailing.

## Join us!

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