

NEW TOUR EXPLORATIONS CRUISING

Antarctica: The White Continent

12 DAYS
\$10,449 pp*



About This Tour

Discover the magic and wonder of the “White Continent” – Antarctica. Arrive in the “Paris of South America,” Buenos Aires, before flying over Patagonia to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, and seeing Terra del Fuego. Begin your Antarctic expedition by crossing the Drake Passage. See breaching whales crashing and scenes of pure ice walls as you observe from the deck of the ship. Explore on shore with our passionate ship's naturalists and learn about the local populations of penguins, seals, and humpback whales. Explore vistas of blue-white glaciers and busy penguin rookeries on an unforgettable expedition cruise.

Your Tour Includes

- 2 Handpicked Accommodations
- 28 Meals

Included Highlights

- Buenos Aires
- Ushuaia
- Tierra del Fuego
- The Drake Passage

Your Tour at a Glance

Stay	12 Days
	11 Nights
Meals	28 Meals
	10 Breakfasts
	9 Lunches
	9 Dinners
Activity	4
	
Travel Style	Explorations
	Cruising

Customize Your Tour

Pre Tour 5 Night Easter Island	\$3,796.00 pp
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Itinerary.

Day 1: Overnight Flight



An overnight flight takes you to Buenos Aires, the launching point for your adventure into Antarctica.

Day 2: Buenos Aires, Argentina



Hotel

Sofitel
Buenos
Aires-
Recoleta

Arrive in cosmopolitan Buenos Aires, birthplace of the tango and the “Paris of South America.” Stretching along the banks of the Rio de la Plata, the city is a mosaic of European-style architecture and South American spirit. Spend the day however you wish before setting out to begin your voyage tomorrow. There are no included activities today.

Day 3: Fly to Ushuaia - Embark Ship - At Sea



Hotel

Atlas
Ocean
Voyages

Culinary

Breakfast
& Lunch &
Dinner

This morning, we fly over Patagonia before landing in Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, surrounded by spectacular mountain scenery. Set out on a panoramic tour of Tierra del Fuego National Park and soak in this dramatic landscape on the southern tip of South America featuring glaciers, lakes, mountains, and waterfalls. From Ushuaia, embark on the expedition ship that will be your home for the next nine days during a cruise to Antarctica.

Day 4: The Drake Passage - At Sea



Hotel

Culinary

Cruise south through the fabled Drake Passage, named after the explorer Sir Frances Drake. Set between Cape Horn and the Antarctic Peninsula,

Atlas	Breakfast
Ocean	& Lunch &
Voyages	Dinner

crossing the legendary Drake Passage is unforgettable – a milestone for any adventurer! Warmer waters of the north meet colder, denser waters of the south here in the Antarctic Convergence, making the area rich in marine life such as humpback whales and hourglass dolphins.

Day 5: The Drake Passage - Antarctica



Hotel Culinary

Atlas	Breakfast
Ocean	& Lunch &
Voyages	Dinner

During the 48-hour journey through the Drake Passage, the soundtrack includes the crash of waves against the ship and the cry of petrels, skuas, and gulls overhead. While the waterway is famous for its challenging navigation, on some occasions the channel is calm and tranquil – this unpredictable nature is part of the adventure. As you emerge from the Drake Passage, reaching the northern point of the "White Continent", the mammoth, icy peaks of the South Shetland Islands greet you.

Day 6: Antarctica



Hotel Culinary

Atlas	Breakfast
Ocean	& Lunch &
Voyages	Dinner

Part of the greater Antarctica region, the South Shetland Islands hold a bounty of wildlife, scenic landscapes, hiking opportunities, and magnificent views that inspire a sense of discovery. According to sea and weather conditions, there are several possible shore landing opportunities. A possible landing on Elephant Island, named for the shape of its cliffside and the elephant seals that call it home, sets you on the same path as the famous Shackleton Expedition. Another possible landing is Deception Island, a volcanic caldera with heated

springs and black sands. Other possible stops include Half Moon Island, Yankee Harbor, Point Wild, and Barrientos Island with its gentoo penguin rookeries.

Day 7: Antarctica



Hotel	Culinary
Atlas	Breakfast
Ocean	& Lunch &
Voyages	Dinner

Your days are filled with discovering Antarctica, the last great wilderness stretching across ice-covered desert and mountains for over five million square miles. The ethereal beauty and immense scale of the continent are like nowhere else on the planet. The voyage keeps a flexible schedule as your captain expertly navigates ice floes, icebergs, and changing sea and weather conditions to ensure you experience the most from your expedition.

Day 8: Antarctica



Hotel	Culinary
Atlas	Breakfast
Ocean	& Lunch &
Voyages	Dinner

Nicknamed the "White Continent" for its vast expanse of icebergs, snow, and glaciers, Antarctica is often a final frontier for experienced explorers to conquer. As you navigate Antarctic waters, you may set foot on sites like Beak Island, Brown Bluff, Cierva Cove, Hidden Bay, and many more. Each landing throughout the continent offers its own unique landscape, from expansive tundra to rugged mountain peaks, all beckoning you to follow the paths that few explorers have trekked before.

Day 9: Antarctica



Hotel	Culinary
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Each day is a new adventure filled with a spontaneous sense of exploration. Your captain works with the expedition team to determine

Atlas	Breakfast
Ocean	& Lunch &
Voyages	Dinner

possible shore landings and Zodiac safaris. You may take a Zodiac foray among towering icebergs or hike along the shoreline near penguin colonies. On one day of the cruise, you can even take the chance to experience a polar plunge by jumping in with a harness from the side of the ship!

Day 10: The Drake Passage - At Sea



Hotel Culinary

Atlas	Breakfast
Ocean	& Lunch &
Voyages	Dinner

Today, Antarctica falls into your wake as you begin sailing back towards Ushuaia, crossing the southern waters of the Drake Passage. As you make your return through this famed channel, stay on the lookout for the incredible wildlife around you in the sea and sky.

Day 11: The Drake Passage - At Sea



Hotel Culinary

Atlas	Breakfast
Ocean	& Lunch &
Voyages	Dinner

On your final day of sailing the channel, enjoy time to relax on the ship and reflect on all you have seen and learned along the journey.

Day 12: Ushuaia - Disembark Ship - Fly to Buenos Aires - Tour Ends



Culinary

Breakfast

After breakfast, disembark in Ushuaia and proceed to the airport for your flight* to Buenos Aires before flying home.

Enhance Your Trip

- [Tour Extensions](#)

EXTENSION STYLE



Hosted

What's This?

Pre Tour Extension

5 Night Easter Island Extension

\$3,796.00 pp

Embark on a journey to experience the legendary wonders of Easter Island and Santiago. On Easter Island, or Rapa Nui, discover the mysterious moai statues and delve into the island's rich history. Throughout Rapa Nui, marvel at restored sites where giant statues stand upon ahu platforms, explore the geological features surrounding Rano Kau Volcano, and visit the ceremonial village of Orongo, once the location for the birdman competitions. Experience the mysticism of Easter Island's ancient culture and breathtaking landscapes. It all begins and finishes in Santiago, Chile, including a panoramic tour of this vibrant capital city. Don't miss this chance to experience the awe-inspiring sights and history of Easter Island and cultural hub of Santiago. Or you can add a pre-night.

Hosted Enjoy a mix of time on your own and some planned tour activities. A local expert is available during part of your stay to guide you during scheduled activities and provide recommendations. In addition, your accommodations, daily breakfast, and any transfers to connect with your main tour are included.

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- Day 0
- Overnight Flight
- You're on your way to Santiago, Chile, kicking off an adventurous pre-tour extension featuring Easter Island, known for the moai, the legendary monolithic statues carved in stone.
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- Day 1
- Dinner
- Santiago, Chile
- Arrive in Santiago, the vibrant 500-year-old capital city nestled in a valley of the Andes Mountains. This afternoon, meet your fellow travelers for a panoramic tour of Santiago with a local guide. Take in the charming character of the city, getting a look at the city's blend of modern and colonial architecture and learning about its diverse history. Tonight, toast to the beginning of your adventure at a local restaurant.
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- Day 2
- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Santiago - Easter Island (Rapa Nui)
- Today, set off for Easter Island, known locally as Rapa Nui. Discover the island famous for its stone statues, or moai, erected hundreds of years ago by the Rapa Nui people and positioned on stone platforms called ahu all around the island. After a morning flight over the Pacific, embark on a half-day tour with a local guide. Marvel at the Ahu Akivi, with the seven moai facing the ocean said to represent the explorers sent by the king, Hotu Matu'a. Visit Ahu Huri Aurenga, where the single statue aligns to the winter solstice sunrise. Conclude at Puna Pau, the quarry for the red scoria stone used for the pukao, or topknot, representing the hair of the moai statues. Later, settle in at your hotel and enjoy the evening at leisure.
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- Day 3
- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Easter Island (Rapa Nui)
- Continue your adventure along Easter Island's south coast to Ahus Vaihu and the reconstructed village in the Bay of Hanga Te'e. Visit Akahanga, believed to be the burial site of the king Hotu Matu'a, and see Rano Raraku, the primary quarry for the island's moai statues — where 397 still remain in various states of completion on

the volcano slopes. Discover Ahu Tongariki, the island's largest restoration with 15 mighty moai statues. Enjoy lunch overlooking Rano Raraku before continuing along the east coast this afternoon. Visit Ahu Te Pito Kura, the "navel of the world," and the restored Ahus Nau Nau and Ature Huke at Anakena Beach. After an incredible day of exploration, tonight is yours to spend as you wish.

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- Day 4

- Breakfast

- Dinner

- Easter Island (Rapa Nui)

- Today's half-day tour begins with a drive up the extinct Rano Kau Volcano, one of the three volcanoes whose eruption caused the island to emerge from the sea. Take in views of the island and its geological features from the crater lake outlook. In the ancient ceremonial village of Orongo, learn about the birdman competition, a ritual steeped in local mythology, and take in views of the three islets off the coast: Motu Nui, Motu Iti, and Motu Kao Kao. Visit the area of Vinapu, where the ahu platforms show pre-Incan architectural influence. At Hanga Piko harbor, visit the restored Ahu Riata, then enjoy free time for lunch and to explore on your own. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a dinner celebrating your Easter Island adventure.

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- Day 5

- Breakfast

- Easter Island (Rapa Nui) - Santiago

- As your time on Rapa Nui comes to an end, enjoy a relaxed morning, perhaps rising early to catch the sunrise. Later, leave the lore and mysticism of Easter Island behind as you catch a flight back to Santiago. Arriving this evening, transfer to your hotel for some rest and relaxation before you continue to Buenos Aires tomorrow.

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- Day 6

- Breakfast

- Santiago - Buenos Aires, Argentina - Extension Ends

- Today, fly from Santiago to Buenos Aires, the vibrant cosmopolitan capital city of Argentina, for the next chapter of your adventure!

Pre Night Stay

Hotel-Sofitel Buenos Aires

\$220.00 pp