

ANTARCTIC PENINSULA EXPEDITION MICRO CRUISE BY AIR & SEA

Sail the Drake Passage, the most storied ocean crossing in the world, with albatross for company. Then fly out of Antarctica, landing in Patagonia. The crossing is the point. The flight is the exit. With 36 guests, six Senior Polar Guides, and four Zodiacs in the water at once, all guests reach the Peninsula together, with the time and space to go further. This voyage combines what neither format alone can offer. The Drake Passage south from Ushuaia: two days at sea across open ocean, Cape Horn astern, wandering albatrosses tracing the swell, the continent building on the horizon. Four full days on the Antarctic Peninsula. Then a 2.5-hour charter flight from King George Island to Puerto Natales, arriving in Patagonia with a farewell night at Weskar Lodge rather than two more days at sea. Somewhere around the second day, the water changes. You cross the Antarctic Convergence, the line where warmer subantarctic water meets the cold, nutrient-dense Southern Ocean. Sea temperature drops several degrees within hours. The air sharpens. Bird numbers increase. It's the moment the ocean tells you you've reached Antarctic waters, well before the ship does. Aureum's ice-class hull and fin stabilisers are built for this crossing specifically, sustained Southern Ocean swell, not sheltered coastal water. The result is a safer, steadier crossing. Nine days total. The Drake Passage as an experience, not a delay. Patagonia as a landing, not a transit. 36 guests throughout.



ITINERARY

Day 1 Ushuaia, Argentina

Arrival Day

Upon arrival in Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, the southernmost city in the world, you will be transferred to Arakur Ushuaia Resort & Spa, Ushuaia's premier luxury resort.

Relax and enjoy the hotel's exceptional facilities, including the fitness centre, indoor swimming pool, indoor and outdoor relaxation pools, outdoor hot tubs, and pool bar. Alternatively, immerse yourself in Patagonia by exploring the scenic walking trails of the Cerro Alarken Nature Reserve.



A complimentary overnight stay at Arakur Ushuaia Resort & Spa is included as part of your expedition.

Airport transfer to the hotel is included.

Day 2 Ushuaia, Argentina

Embarkation Day

Enjoy a leisurely morning to explore Ushuaia at your own pace. For ideas on what to see and do, please refer to our Ushuaia Handbook.

Embarkation takes place between 16:00 and 17:00, with a complimentary transfer provided from the hotel to the pier.

After mandatory safety briefings, join your fellow travellers for a welcome cocktail and dinner as Explorer Yacht Aureum departs through the Beagle Channel, marking the beginning of your expedition to Antarctica, with the legendary Drake Passage ahead.

Days 3 - 4 Drake Passage

The Drake is where the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans meet with nothing to slow them. Aureum's fin stabilisers hold the crossing steady; the programme on board holds your attention: polar science lectures, photography workshops, personal accounts from the expedition team.

Weather permitting, time on deck to watch wandering albatrosses trace the swell. The birds are large enough to be genuinely surprising at close range, and the guides know their species on sight.

The Antarctic Peninsula appears on the horizon toward the end of day three.

Days 5 - 8 Antarctic Peninsula

Four full days on the Peninsula. Where we go is shaped by conditions and opportunity:

We often sail into the heart of the Antarctic Peninsula through the scenic Gerlache Strait, flanked by jagged peaks. With the aim to explore Wilhelmina Bay, Cuverville Island, Paradise Bay, Lemaire Channel, Deception Island, and the sites between them.

Leopard seals on ice floes. Gentoo and Chinstrap penguin colonies. Humpback whales surfacing in the channels. Glaciers calving into water that carries no traffic. And the moment that defines your voyage: landing on the continent and setting foot on Antarctica.

Possible locations: Cierva Cove, Trinity Island, Mikkelsen Harbour, Hydrurga Rocks, Hughes Bay, Wilhelmina Bay, Cuverville Island, Errera Channel, Neko Harbour, Paradise Bay, Almirante Brown Station, Dallman Bay, Melchior Islands, Neumayer Channel, Port Lockroy, Lemaire Channel, Half Moon Island, Yankee Harbour, Whalers Bay, Baily Head, Deception Island.

Day 9 King George Island to Puerto Natales

If the flight window shifts, the expedition continues in Antarctica. There is no shortage of Peninsula to explore, and every additional day is unplanned time in one of the most

extraordinary places on earth.

The final night is at Weskar Lodge in Puerto Natales: farewell dinner, the expedition settling, Torres del Paine in the distance.

Aircraft: BAE 146-200 / RJ-85 / RJ-100. Luggage allowance: 25kg checked, 5kg carry-on within standard size limitations.

Day 10 Puerto Natales, Patagonia

Enjoy your last day in Puerto Natales, Chile

After your expedition, take the opportunity to explore Puerto Natales, the gateway to Chilean Patagonia--a frontier town with genuine character, exceptional local seafood, an unhurried pace, and an atmosphere entirely its own.

From here, discover nearby Torres del Paine National Park, part of the UNESCO Torres del Paine Biosphere Reserve, renowned for its granite towers, glaciers, turquoise lakes and remarkable wildlife.

Want to stay a little longer? Every Antarctica By Air expedition includes our Peace of Mind approach, with up to three additional nights in Puerto Natales at no extra accommodation cost.

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

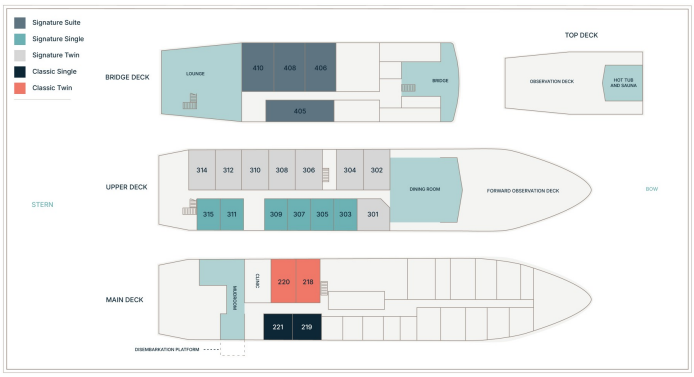
Accommodating just 36 guests, Aureum embodies everything that defines the Secret Atlas experience: small-ship exploration, exceptional flexibility, and a level of immersion that larger expedition vessels simply can't offer. Purpose-built for polar exploration, Aureum features a high ice class, allowing her to navigate through sea ice with confidence, along with wing stabilisers for enhanced comfort in open water. One of the features we're most excited about is her hybrid propulsion system. When conditions allow, we can switch off the engines and glide silently through the polar wilderness, experiencing the extraordinary stillness of the ice while watching whales and wildlife undisturbed. Onboard, you'll enjoy exceptional service alongside thoughtfully designed facilities, including a panoramic observation lounge and wellness centre with gym equipment, sauna, and outdoor hot tub. I particularly love the open bridge policy, so at any time you can watch the captain at work, ask questions, search for wildlife and feel in the heart of the expedition operations. With just 36 passengers onboard, MV Aureum is particularly well suited to solo travellers. You embark as strangers but often disembark as friends. Because the group is so small, you'll have the opportunity to meet everyone onboard, share the experience together and quickly become acquainted as one close



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