

# The Small Cruise Ship Collection

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## ANTARCTICA - DISCOVERY AND LEARNING VOYAGE

This Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands cruise delivers you into a landscape of dark rugged rock, pure white snow, and a fantastic variety of wildlife. Come say hello to whales, seals, and thousands of penguins.



### ITINERARY

#### Day 1: End of the world, start of a journey

Your voyage begins where the world drops off. Ushuaia, Argentina, reputed to be the southernmost city on the planet, is located on the far southern tip of South America. Starting in the afternoon, you embark from this small resort town on Tierra del Fuego, nicknamed "The End of the World," and sail the mountain-fringed Beagle Channel for the remainder of the evening.

#### Days 2 - 3: Path of the polar explorers

Over the next two days on the Drake Passage, you enjoy some of the same experiences encountered by the great polar explorers who first charted these regions: cool salt breezes, rolling seas, maybe even a fin whale spouting up sea spray. After passing the Antarctic Convergence - Antarctica's natural boundary, formed when north-flowing cold waters collide with warmer

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sub-Antarctic seas - you are in the circum-Antarctic upwelling zone. Not only does the marine life change, the avian life changes too. Wandering albatrosses, grey-headed albatrosses, black-browed albatrosses, light-mantled sooty albatrosses, cape pigeons, southern fulmars, Wilson's storm petrels, blue petrels, and Antarctic petrels are a few of the birds you might see.

#### Days 4 - 7: Entering Antarctica

Gray stone peaks sketched with snow, towers of broken blue-white ice, and dramatically different wildlife below and above. You first pass the snow-capped Melchior Islands and Schollaert Channel, sailing between Brabant and Anvers Islands.

Sites you may visit include:

Danco Island - Activities here may focus on the gentoo penguins nesting on the island, in addition to the Weddell and crabeater seals that can be found nearby.

Neko Harbour - An epic landscape of mammoth glaciers and endless wind-carved snow, Neko Harbour offers opportunities for a Zodiac cruise and landing that afford the closest views of the surrounding alpine peaks.

Paradise Bay - You may be able to take a Zodiac cruise in these sprawling, ice-flecked waters, where there's a good chance you'll encounter humpback and minke whales.

Port Lockroy - After sailing through the Neumayer Channel, you may get a chance to visit the former British research station - now a museum and post office - of Port Lockroy on Goudier Island. You may also be able to partake in activities around

Jougla Point, meeting gentoo penguins and blue-eyed shags.

There are great opportunities also for kayaking in this area, and when conditions are right, you can even snowshoe around the shore and to the old ski-way at nearby Damoy Point.

#### Day 8: Scenes of South Shetland

The volcanic islands of the South Shetlands are windswept and often cloaked in mist, but they do offer subtle pleasures: There's a wide variety of flora (mosses, lichens, flowering grasses) and no small amount of fauna (gentoo penguins, chinstrap penguins, southern giant petrels).

In Deception Island, the ship plunges through Neptune's Bellows and into the flooded caldera. Here you find an abandoned whaling station, and thousands of cape petrels - along with kelp gulls, brown and south polar skuas, and Antarctic terns. A good hike is a possibility in this fascinating and desolate volcanic landscape.

As an alternative, you may be able to engage in activities near Half Moon Island. Here chinstrap penguins and Weddell seals often haul out onto the beach near Camara Base, an Argentine scientific research station. Conditions on the Drake Passage determine the exact time of departure.

#### Day 9 - 10: Familiar seas, familiar friends

Your return voyage is far from lonely. While crossing the Drake, you're again greeted by the vast array of seabirds remembered from the passage south. But they seem a little more familiar to you now, and you to them.

Day 11: There and back again



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Every adventure, no matter how grand, must eventually come to an end. It's now time to disembark in Ushuaia, but with memories that will accompany you wherever your next adventure lies.

*Please Note:*

All itineraries are for guidance only. Programs may vary depending on local ice, weather, and wildlife conditions. The on-board expedition leader will determine the final itinerary. Flexibility is paramount for expedition cruises. The average cruising speed of m/v Hondius is 10.5 knots.



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## YOUR SHIP: HONDIUS

**YOUR SHIP:** **Hondius**

**VESSEL TYPE:**

**LENGTH:**

**PASSENGER CAPACITY:**

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:**

Hondius is the first-registered Polar Class 6 vessel in the world, meeting the latest and highest Lloyd's Register demands for ice-strengthened cruise vessels. Hondius also exceeds the requirements of the Polar Code as adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), allowing you to enjoy the polar regions as much as possible while impacting them as little as possible. Upon completion, Hondius will be the most flexible, advanced, innovative ice-strengthened vessel in the polar regions. It is optimized for exploratory voyages that provide you the utmost first-hand contact with the Arctic and Antarctica. Hotel comfort, expedition class Hondius offers high-quality accommodation for 176 passengers in a range of suites and cabins. The spacious 'Hondius' suite (35 square metres, 377 square feet), six grand suites with balconies (27 square metres, 291 square feet), eight junior suites (19 to 20 square metres, 205 to 215 square feet), eight superior cabins (20 to 21 square metres, 215 to 226 square feet), 11 twin deluxe cabins, (19 to 21 square metres, 205 to 226 square feet), 14 twin window cabins (12 to 14 square metres, 129 to 151 square feet) as well as 28 twin porthole cabins, two triple porthole cabins, and four quadruple porthole cabins that vary in size from 12 to 18

square metres, or 129 to 194 square feet all offer a high level of accommodation. The passenger capacity certificate for Hondius is 196 persons. One deck consists of a large observation lounge and separate lecture room, which are reserved for a wide variety of interactive workshops, exhibitions, and performances particular to Hondius. Though elegantly designed in stylish mid-century modern decor, this vessel holds true to Oceanwide's distinctive cozy and informal atmosphere. Swift & safe ship-to-shore operations It is the philosophy of Hondius' managers to keep sea time as short as possible so that they can focus instead on fast, effective access to shore and near-shore activities. To give you the maximum contact with the nature and wildlife you traveled so far to see, they employ a tough fleet of rigid-hull inflatable Zodiac boats that guarantee swift and safe landing operations for all passengers at the same time. Hondius has two separate gangways and a sheltered indoor Zodiac embarkation platform that can also be used for special outdoor activities, such as kayaking. The fast, flexible, friendly heart of the polar regions The top priority is taking advantage of every wildlife and terrain opportunity as it occurs. To keep the itineraries flexible itineraries and the response time rapid, Hondius is equipped with advanced stabilizers and two main engines capable of powering the vessel up to 15 knots. But Hondius sacrifices no warmth to achieve its keen polar edge: You will have 72 crew and staff members (including expedition and hotel staff) at your service while on board, ensuring that what little time you do spend on the ship you will spend comfortably

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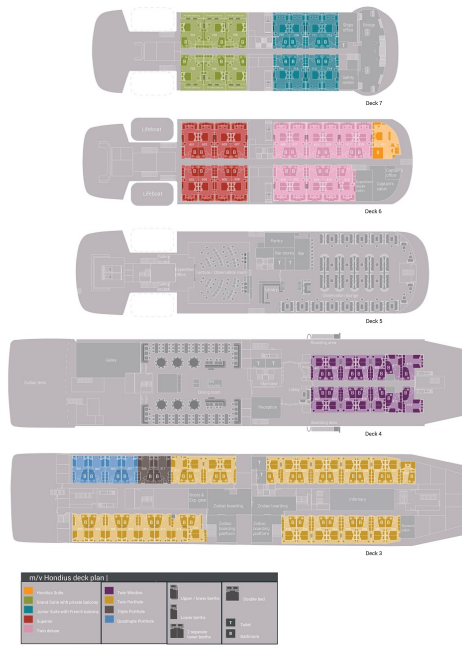
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## INSIDE YOUR SHIP



Grand Suite with Private Balcony    Junior Suite



Quadruple Porthole

Superior



Triple Porthole

Twin Deluxe

Twin Porthole

Twin Window



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### 17-Dec-2026 to 27-Dec-2026

Triple Porthole	£7892 GBP pp
Quadruple Porthole	£7046 GBP pp
Twin Porthole	£8662 GBP pp
Twin Window	£9009 GBP pp
Twin Deluxe	£9933 GBP pp
Superior	£10472 GBP pp
Junior Suite	£11088 GBP pp
Grand Suite with Private Balcony	£12744 GBP pp

### 27-Dec-2026 to 06-Jan-2027

Quadruple Porthole	£7919 GBP pp
Triple Porthole	£8875 GBP pp
Twin Porthole	£9789 GBP pp
Twin Window	£10139 GBP pp
Junior Suite	£10649 GBP pp
Twin Deluxe	£11185 GBP pp
Superior	£11789 GBP pp
Grand Suite with Private Balcony	£14355 GBP pp

### 06-Jan-2027 to 16-Jan-2027

Quadruple Porthole	£7919 GBP pp
Triple Porthole	£8875 GBP pp
Twin Porthole	£9789 GBP pp
Twin Window	£10139 GBP pp
Twin Deluxe	£11185 GBP pp
Superior	£11789 GBP pp
Junior Suite	£12529 GBP pp
Grand Suite with Private Balcony	£14355 GBP pp

### 08-Feb-2027 to 18-Feb-2027

Quadruple Porthole	£7919 GBP pp
Twin Porthole	£9789 GBP pp
Twin Window	£10139 GBP pp
Twin Deluxe	£11185 GBP pp
Superior	£11789 GBP pp
Triple Porthole	£13249 GBP pp

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Grand Suite with Private Balcony	£12744 GBP pp
Triple Porthole	£7892 GBP pp
Twin Porthole	£8662 GBP pp
Twin Window	£9009 GBP pp
Twin Deluxe	£9933 GBP pp
Superior	£10472 GBP pp
Junior Suite	£11088 GBP pp
Quadruple Porthole	£7046 GBP pp

### 17-Mar-2027 to 27-Mar-2027

Triple Porthole	£6776 GBP pp
Twin Porthole	£7392 GBP pp
Junior Suite	£9356 GBP pp
Twin Window	£7738 GBP pp
Grand Suite with Private Balcony	£10857 GBP pp
Quadruple Porthole	£5968 GBP pp
Twin Deluxe	£8547 GBP pp
Superior	£8970 GBP pp

### 18-Mar-2027 to 28-Mar-2027

Twin Deluxe	£8547 GBP pp
Triple Porthole	£7392 GBP pp
Superior	£8970 GBP pp
Quadruple Porthole	£5968 GBP pp
Twin Porthole	£7392 GBP pp
Twin Window	£7738 GBP pp

### 09-Dec-2027 to 19-Dec-2027

Quadruple Porthole	£8085 GBP pp
Triple Porthole	£9165 GBP pp
Twin Porthole	£10015 GBP pp
Twin Window	£10395 GBP pp
Twin Deluxe	£11515 GBP pp
Superior	£12089 GBP pp

### 10-Dec-2027 to 20-Dec-2027

Triple Porthole	£9165 GBP pp
Twin Porthole	£10015 GBP pp
Twin Window	£10395 GBP pp
Twin Deluxe	£11515 GBP pp
Superior	£12089 GBP pp
Quadruple Porthole	£8085 GBP pp

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### 19-Dec-2027 to 29-Dec-2027

Superior	£12089 GBP pp
Triple Porthole	£9165 GBP pp
Twin Porthole	£10015 GBP pp
Junior Suite	£12785 GBP pp
Twin Window	£10395 GBP pp
Twin Deluxe	£11515 GBP pp
Grand Suite with Private Balcony	£14709 GBP pp
Quadruple Porthole	£8085 GBP pp

### 20-Dec-2027 to 30-Dec-2027

Quadruple Porthole	£8085 GBP pp
Triple Porthole	£9165 GBP pp
Superior	£12089 GBP pp
Twin Porthole	£10015 GBP pp
Twin Window	£10395 GBP pp
Twin Deluxe	£11515 GBP pp

### 29-Dec-2027 to 08-Jan-2028

Superior	£11011 GBP pp
Twin Deluxe	£10434 GBP pp
Quadruple Porthole	£7392 GBP pp
Triple Porthole	£9124 GBP pp
Twin Porthole	£9124 GBP pp
Twin Window	£9471 GBP pp

### 29-Dec-2027 to 08-Jan-2028

Quadruple Porthole	£8085 GBP pp
Triple Porthole	£9165 GBP pp
Twin Porthole	£10015 GBP pp
Twin Window	£10395 GBP pp
Twin Deluxe	£11515 GBP pp
Superior	£12089 GBP pp
Junior Suite	£12785 GBP pp
Grand Suite with Private Balcony	£14709 GBP pp

### 08-Jan-2028 to 18-Jan-2028

Superior	£12089 GBP pp
Twin Window	£10395 GBP pp
Twin Deluxe	£11515 GBP pp
Junior Suite	£12785 GBP pp
Grand Suite with Private Balcony	£14709 GBP pp
Quadruple Porthole	£8085 GBP pp
Twin Porthole	£10015 GBP pp
Triple Porthole	£9165 GBP pp

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Twin Window	£10395 GBP pp
Twin Porthole	£10015 GBP pp
Twin Deluxe	£11515 GBP pp
Superior	£12089 GBP pp
Quadruple Porthole	£8085 GBP pp
Triple Porthole	£9165 GBP pp

### 02-Feb-2028 to 12-Feb-2028

Quadruple Porthole	£8085 GBP pp
Twin Deluxe	£11515 GBP pp
Superior	£12089 GBP pp
Triple Porthole	£9165 GBP pp
Twin Porthole	£10015 GBP pp
Twin Window	£10395 GBP pp

### 05-Feb-2028 to 15-Feb-2028

Quadruple Porthole	£8085 GBP pp
Triple Porthole	£9165 GBP pp
Twin Porthole	£10015 GBP pp
Twin Window	£10395 GBP pp
Twin Deluxe	£11515 GBP pp
Superior	£12089 GBP pp

### 05-Feb-2028 to 15-Feb-2028

Quadruple Porthole	£8085 GBP pp
Triple Porthole	£9165 GBP pp
Twin Porthole	£10015 GBP pp
Twin Window	£10395 GBP pp
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