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UNFORGETTABLE AND MAGICAL PATAGONIA (VIA AUSTRALIS)

Explore the Ushuaia route where you will enjoy the stunning, natural beauty of Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego. You will experience a great adventure to the uttermost End of the Earth, with accommodations aboard an amazingly comfortable ship accompanied by expert crew and guides. Their mission in addition to safety is to make sure your journey is remarkable and unforgettable. Our expedition cruises provide you with the opportunity to experience natural and wildlife like you never have before. Get up close and personal with wildlife like penguins, sea birds, and sea lions. Feel the warm embrace of Patagonian sunsets, view the beautiful snow-capped mountains, coast through Cape Horn, and much more.

Punta Arenas - Ushuaia (4 nights)

M/V Stella Australis - M/V Via Australis
Excursions per trip: 5



ITINERARY

Day 1: Punta Arenas

Check in at 990 Magallanes Street between 13:00 and 17:00. Board the M/V Via Australis cruise ship at 18:00. After a welcoming cocktail reception hosted by the Captain and his crew, the ship will depart for one of the remotest parts of the planet. Our trip will take us through the Strait of Magellan and Beagle Channel to explore one of the most breathtaking wilderness regions in the world: Southern Patagonia, which includes the Tierra del Fuego archipelago.

Day 2: Ainsworth Bay - Tuckers Islets*



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At dawn, we will navigate our way through Almirantazgo Sound, arriving at Ainsworth Bay which is sited within Alberto De Agostini National Park. It's the perfect spot from which to see the Marinelli Glacier descending from Darwin Mountain Range in the distance; and to appreciate how the land returns to life after glacial retreat. We will also take a walk to a beaver dam in the stunning sub-polar Magellan Forest. Whether on the beach or the island, there's a good chance of sighting Southern Elephant Seals. But do bear in mind the fact that sightings cannot be guaranteed due to the colony's unpredictable movements. Later, we will be sailing to Tuckers Islets, and after lunch, we will board well-equipped Zodiac boats to get close to a colony of Magellan Penguins (indigenous to the Southern Hemisphere) and cormorants.* In September and April, this excursion is replaced by a short walk to a nearby glacier at Brooke's Bay.

Day 3: Pia Glacier - Glacier Alley

We will navigate along the northwest arm of the Beagle Channel before disembarking at Pia Fjord. From there, we'll take a short hike to a panoramic viewpoint from where we can enjoy spectacular views of the awe-inspiring Pia Glacier whose main tongue extends from the mountaintops down to the sea. After this memorable experience, we will continue our voyage along the Beagle Channel through the majestic Glacier Alley.

Day 4: Wulaia Bay - Cape Horn

During the morning we will be sailing through Murray Channel, going ashore at historical Wulaia Bay, originally the site of one of the region's largest Yamana aboriginal settlements. Charles Darwin landed there in 1833 during his voyage on the HMS Beagle. This area is also renowned for the mesmerizing beauty of its vegetation and geography. We will take an enchanted walk through the Magellan Forest of lengas, coigues, canelos, ferns,

and other endemic vegetation, to reach a panoramic viewpoint. In the afternoon we will go South through Nassau Bay to reach Cape Horn National Park, where, weather permitting, we shall go ashore. The legendary Cape Horn was discovered in 1616 and is a sheer 425-meter (1,394-foot) high rocky promontory. For many years it was an important navigation route between the Pacific and the Atlantic, and is referred to as the End of the Earth. The park was declared a World Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in 2005.

Day 5: Ushuaia

Disembarkation in Ushuaia. Via Australis: arrival at 09:30 a.m.

Please Note:

The excursions described in the itineraries can normally be carried out. Notwithstanding the above, Transportes Maritimos Terra Australis S.A., Transportes Maritimos Via Australis S.A., and Transportes Maritimos Geo Australis S.A. reserve the right to reschedule, shorten, or alter all or part of the itineraries and/or excursions without prior notice, in order to safeguard the well-being and safety of passengers, preserve the environment, or due to any extraordinary circumstances, acts of God or force majeure. For the same reasons, the hours of departure or arrival of the vessels may be subject to change. There is no guarantee of wildlife sighting because the precise location of these animals cannot be confirmed.



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YOUR SHIP: VENTUS AUSTRALIS

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VESSEL TYPE: Expedition

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY: 210

BUILT/REFURBISHED: 2017

Ventus Australis is a new state-of-the-art ship that went into service in 2018. The name – Latin for "Southern Wind" – reflects Tierra del Fuego's distinctive weather, a factor that has long determined the region's socio-cultural development and that so impressed the early mariners who endeavoured to explore Patagonia's southernmost waterways. Tailor-made for exploring the remote southern tip of South America, all aspects of the 210-passenger ship -- including size, length, draft and engine power - are designed to give Ventus Australis the extreme maneuverability necessary to navigate narrow fjords and channels where no other cruise ships can venture. Ventus Australis will feature the latest regulations regarding safety at sea and protecting the marine environment. Ventus Australis will give travelers a chance to experience the remoteness of Patagonia and step ashore at fabled Cape Horn.



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