

ANTARCTICA - THE ANTARCTICA ADRENALINE ADVENTURE | OCEAN ALBATROS



INTRODUCTION

CHIMU EXCLUSIVE - 50% OFF DISCOUNT ON SELECTED DEPARTURES*

Come experience the grandeur and mystery of Earth's final frontier up close and personal by boarding our specially designed ice-class expedition ship. With a team of knowledgeable, experienced expedition guides and a fleet of Zodiac landing craft, our vessels allow us to go closer to the world of nature. This tailored journey, which includes additional camping opportunities, snowshoeing excursions, and a kayaking excursion for each guest, is especially tailored for people looking for adrenaline in Antarctica.

This trip has NO SET ITNERARY and we will allow the rhythms of the ice, sea and weather to lead us to adventure.

UPGRADE to a Premium Deck Category C Cabin (Deck 6) - Book a Category C Cabin on an Antarctica voyage & pay an extra Upgrade Fee to enjoy the benefits of the Premium Category C Cabin on Deck 6. Along with the benefits of a higher deck cabin with an enclosed balcony, you will also be eligible for priority boarding & suite amenities (like daily replenished mini-bar, welcome fruit basket & sparkling wine). Subject to availability & upgrade must be booked at time of booking. Please contact us for more details and full Terms and Conditions.

**Exclusive Chimu 50% Off Discount is valid only on selected 2024/25 Antarctica season departures. Offer is valid in all cabin categories, subject to availability. This offer applies only to new bookings and cannot be combined with any other promotions, discounts, or group deals. The sale ends on 31 August 2024. Pricing and availability is subject to change and offer and may be withdrawn or varied at any time.*

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DEPARTURE

08/11/2024

DURATION

12 Days

LOCATIONS

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ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival in Ushuaia & Embarkation - Day 1

Arrive in Ushuaia, Argentina - the world's southernmost city. Explore this vibrant Patagonian city, or stretch your legs in the surrounding forests. Alternatively, consider a day trip off the beaten path into the raw nature of Tierra del Fuego. The island of Tierra del Fuego is a hiker's paradise with rugged snow-capped mountains, glaciers, flower-filled meadows and rich boggy wetlands. In the afternoon, we board our vessel, waiting to welcome us in port. After our mandatory safety drill, our expedition begins as we navigate through the calm waters of the famous Beagle Channel (named for Charles Darwin's ship). This steep-sided strait divides southern Tierra del Fuego between Chile and Argentina, and has been the jumping-off point for thousands of expeditions into the unknown. Watch out for whales and dolphins as we sail off the edge of the map into the tempestuous Drake Passage.

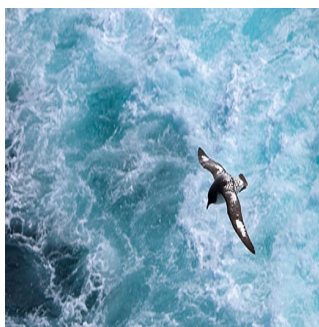


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DAY 2: Crossing the Drake Passage - Days 2 & 3

Sailing onward, we cross the famed Drake Passage - the body of water separating Patagonia and the Antarctic Peninsula. The Drake Passage is known for rollicking conditions and strong westerly winds, nicknamed the Roaring Fifties. While this passage may be challenging, you can rest comfortably aboard our expedition vessels, which are purpose-built with stabilizers, powerful engines and manned by a highly-qualified crew. The most spirited sailors consider Drake Passage a lifetime achievement - and you will complete the crossing twice! Our days in the Drake Passage will be put to good use preparing for our arrival in Antarctica - your Expedition Leader will brief you comprehensively on how to stay safe and minimise your impact on this precious wilderness, as well as briefing you thoroughly on our plans for our time spent exploring, including hints and tips for wildlife watching. Our dedicated Expedition Team will assist you to biosecure your clothing and equipment (a vital process to protect Antarctica's delicate ecology), as well as sharing tailored lectures on Antarctic exploration history, wildlife, geology, glaciology and more! We will cross into the Antarctic Convergence on the third day of our voyage - watch the mercury plummet as we sail southwards into Antarctic waters, an abrupt cooling that marks the intersection of Antarctic waters with the warmer waters of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. As the sea cools, wildlife multiplies; these are some of the most biologically productive water on Earth, so expect to see petrels, albatrosses and potentially penguins, seals and whales in abundance. Weather permitting, we may be able to make landfall in the South Shetland Islands (a small but spectacular archipelago to the north of the Antarctic Peninsula) on the afternoon of our second day in the Drake Passage, marking the start of our exploration on the Last Continent.



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DAY 4: The Antarctic Peninsula - Days 4 - 9

With no set itinerary in Antarctica, this voyage offers adventurous travellers the chance to experience Antarctica as it was meant to be - flowing with the wind, sea and ice, and taking the best opportunities Mother Nature provides. This voyage departs in the first half of the brief Antarctic summer, when sea ice is at its maximum - this offers us ample opportunities to explore in the icy wilderness of the last continent. Our exact route will be subject to careful planning by the Expedition Leader and Captain - however we will aim to visit a range of sites which showcase the best of this staggeringly beautiful region. Marvel at the massive icebergs and vast glaciers in Paradise Bay. Be moved by penguins tenderly caring for their precious eggs, and fiercely defending their nests on Cuverville Island. Watch cataracts of ice tumble into clear blue ocean on a snowshoe hike over the active glaciers of Neko Harbour. Experience the Antarctica of old at historic huts such as Damoy Point, lovingly restored and open to all. Awake to the icy wind and the bray of penguins during one of this voyage's several camping options. Feel the spray of water from the blow of a humpback whale on a Zodiac safari in Wilhelmina Bay. Wonder at awe-inspiring scenery on a ship cruise through the Lemaire Channel. Watch city-sized tabular icebergs drift silently past the ship in the Antarctic Sound. Wherever we go on the Antarctic Peninsula, endemic wildlife, tantalising history and breathtaking natural beauty abound. This time of year, expect to see penguins carefully constructing their pebble nests and fiercely defending their precious eggs from hungry skuas and Giant Petrels. The start of the Antarctic summer also sees the return of groups of humpback whales - these ocean wanderers come to Antarctica to feed on the abundant krill this time of year. With luck, we may even see the young of these gentle giants. There is no set itinerary on this trip, which allows our staff onboard to maximize the experience for all onboard. Whilst our suggestions above are just possible routes and landings, we can be sure that this will be the ultimate adrenaline-fuelled experience on the White Continent.




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DAY 10: Crossing the Drake Passage - Days 10 & 11

We eventually depart Antarctica, and spend two days at sea on our way northwards back across the infamous Drake Passage towards the more welcoming shores of the Beagle Channel and Ushuaia, Argentina. During our time at sea, a variety of activities will be arranged on board to provide our guests with the chance to reflect on their voyage. Relax with an expertly crafted cocktail in the Nordic Bar in the company of new friends, soak up the knowledge and passion of our Expedition Team during lectures in the Shackleton Lounge, or simply enjoy the flight of the albatross which accompany us northwards. During your last evening onboard, join the Captain and Officers for the Farewell Cocktail Party, followed by a presentation of photos and video by our onboard photographer - the ideal opportunity to re-live your Antarctic adventure.



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DAY 12: Arrival in Ushuaia & Disembarkation - Day 12

On the morning of the final day of our voyage, we will arrive back at the pier of Ushuaia, Argentina. Trees, grass and a busy city may seem strange to you after the white wilderness of Antarctica! After a hearty breakfast, it is time to bid a fond farewell to the crew and descend the gangway back to dry land with memories of the voyage of a lifetime.



INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin on board a ship
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Stateroom accommodation on board during your voyage
 Embarkation shuttle transfer to the vessel from Ushuaia city centre
 Shuttle transfer after disembarkation from the ship to Ushuaia city centre or airport
 All Zodiac excursions, as per itinerary, guided by our Expedition Team
 Expedition parka
 Rubber boots loan scheme
 Briefings and lectures by our Expedition Leader and Team
 English-speaking Expedition Team
 Full board on the ship - breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks
 Complimentary house wine, beer and soda at dinner (selected labels and brands, served at our a-la-carte dinners)
 Free tea and coffee available 24 hours
 Taxes and landing fees
 Special photo workshops
 Welcome and Farewell Cocktail Parties
 Digital visual journal link distributed after the voyage, including voyage log, gallery, species list and more!

Inclusions

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International or internal flights flights
 Extra excursions and optional activities not mentioned in the itinerary
 Single room supplement and stateroom upgrades
 Meals not on board the ship
 Beverages (other than coffee and tea)
 Tips for the crew (we recommend USD 16 per person per day)
 Personal expenses (e.g. Albatros Polar Spa services, Albatros Ocean Boutique purchases)
 Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac landings and excursions
 Laundry, bar, and other personal charges, unless specified
 Travel and medical insurance (compulsory)
 Pre or post cruise travel expenses
 Visa (if applicable) and passport fees
 Fuel surcharge may be applied to all bookings
 Anything not mentioned under 'Inclusions'

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

Single Surcharge

Available on request. No single supplement if willing to share (select cabins only). Contact us for more details.

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Notes	<p>Prices are based on per person, and may be based off quad/triple/ or twin share cabins* (please contact us for more details)</p> <p>Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.</p> <p>Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.</p>
Price Dependent upon	<p>Departure Date, Fuel Surcharges, Cabin Category, Currency Fluctuations, Seasonality & Availability.</p>

SUSTAINABILITY

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