

ANTARCTICA

Small Ship Expedition



Antarctica Cruise from Ushuaia
on board the ice-strengthened MV Ocean Nova
29 February - 9 March 2024: 10 days



A small ship - the way to experience Antarctica!



More than just a cruise, this is a high-end wilderness adventure. This exceptional polar expedition will explore remote coastlines from the Lemaire Channel to the northern tip of the Antarctic Peninsula.

Small Ship Access

Best of all, we have an ice-class ship well under 100 passengers - which means no need to divide into groups and gives us more flexibility and time ashore. Feeling more like a private yacht than a cruise ship, our small vessel Ocean Nova gives you privileged access to Antarctica, taking you where larger ships cannot. With a smaller number of passengers, disembarkation is fast and efficient so you spend time exploring, not waiting!

Sail from the end of the World

Leaving from Ushuaia, Argentina, our expedition takes you through the Beagle Channel and across the mythical waters of the Drake Passage to the most spectacular place on earth - Antarctica.

The landscape will astonish you with its awe-inspiring beauty. Sharp snowy peaks jut straight from the sea. Peaceful bays are dotted with icebergs and deep fjords framed by massive glaciers.



Adventure

Adventure awaits in Antarctica! Cruise at sea level with our Zodiac boats and feel the spray of seawater on your cheeks. Follow in the footsteps of early explorers as you hike on Antarctic soil.

Glory

This is your once-in-a-lifetime chance to set foot on the seventh continent and add a new destination to your travel list. You will bring home indelible memories, while tales of your adventurous journey will arouse the curiosity and admiration of your friends and family.

Amazing Wildlife

In the austral summer, large numbers of penguins, whales, seals, and seabirds congregate all along the Antarctic Peninsula to feed and reproduce. Totally unafraid of human presence, these endearing animals will provide endless inspiration for your photographs.

In this late summer period, we can see the large penguin chicks moulting into adult plumage. This is also the very best time to look out for whales, which are well-fed and relaxed and can be seen both from the ship and Zodiacs.

Expert Guides

Travel with an expert team of at least twelve professional polar guides, many of whom have visited the southern region a hundred times or more. Passionate and engaging, they will make your trip memorable!

Unparalleled value

With an extensive list of trip inclusions, and rates cheaper than any other comparable ship, this exclusive expedition represents truly extraordinary value.

We hope you decide to join us!

Stewart Campbell
Expeditions Online



Itinerary



Day 1: Ushuaia

Your journey begins in Ushuaia, Argentina, the southern-most city in the world. (We recommend to arrive the day beforehand and stay overnight.) Make your way independently to the port in front of the centre of town where you board Ocean Nova this afternoon and sail out along the spectacular Beagle Channel.



Days 2-3 - Drake Passage

Sail towards Antarctica across the famous passage named in honour of Sir Francis Drake, the great 16th century British explorer. As you sail en route to the South Shetland Islands, attend an engaging program of lectures and presentations. In the company of expert guides, watch for wildlife from the glass-enclosed lounge or from the outside decks. You may spot magnificent sea birds, such as albatrosses and petrels, as well as different species of whales on their way south to Antarctica. After crossing the Antarctic Convergence, the environment changes noticeably. Keep your camera ready, as this is the time to watch for the first icebergs and the first sight of Antarctic land.

Days 4-7 - Exploring Antarctica

Cruise between the South Shetland Islands and the western coast of the Antarctic Peninsula, sailing along ice-filled fjords and among spectacular icebergs, while enjoying the company of sea birds, penguins, seals and whales. Each day, disembark by Zodiac boat and explore the landscape together with expert polar guides. From the ship enjoy spectacular vistas from the glass-enclosed lounge while sharing your daily adventures with fellow guests.

No journey is the same as flexibility is the key to success in Antarctica. The Expedition Team sets the voyage route to take advantage of the ever-changing opportunities provided by Nature, crafting a unique and extraordinary experience





Suggested Extensions



Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires, the elegant Capital of Argentina, is one of the largest cities in the world. We can organise a stopover including return airport transfers, a tour of the city and an evening dinner and Tango show at one of the famed Tango houses.

Ushuaia

Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world is a colourful port, situated on the shores of the Beagle Channel in a bay of incredible beauty. Arrive early and let us organise a stopover with tour of the Tierra del Fuego National Park with a ride on 'The Train at the End of the World'.

El Calafate Glaciers

Perhaps extend in Argentina and visit the World Heritage-listed Los Glaciers National Park with the active Perito Moreno Glacier, famous worldwide for its accessibility and constant activity, contrasted against the greenery of the flora and the woods. Flights are available from Ushuaia

All extensions can be customised or combined with other arrangements. Contact us for details!

each time. While the exact itinerary changes with each expedition, you will explore several spots that offer the best possible overview of the varied Antarctic environment. Your voyage may include visits to sites such as Paulet Island, Hope Bay, Port Lockroy, Petermann Island, Paradise Bay, Deception Island, the Lemaire Channel, or many other magnificent places. Our adventure will be very active, with several daily landings and cruises in Zodiac boats, lectures and a very enjoyable time on board. Departure from Antarctica will be in the afternoon or evening of Day 7, depending on weather conditions.

Days 8-9 - Drake Passage

Return to South America with a northbound crossing of the Drake Passage. Relax and take the time to watch for wildlife from the bridge or outside decks, and take part in our program of presentations on Antarctic topics in the lounge.

Day 10 - Ushuaia

The program ends after breakfast upon arrival at the port in Ushuaia. (In case of any delays, we advise not book a departure before lunchtime.)



Our Vessel: Ocean Nova



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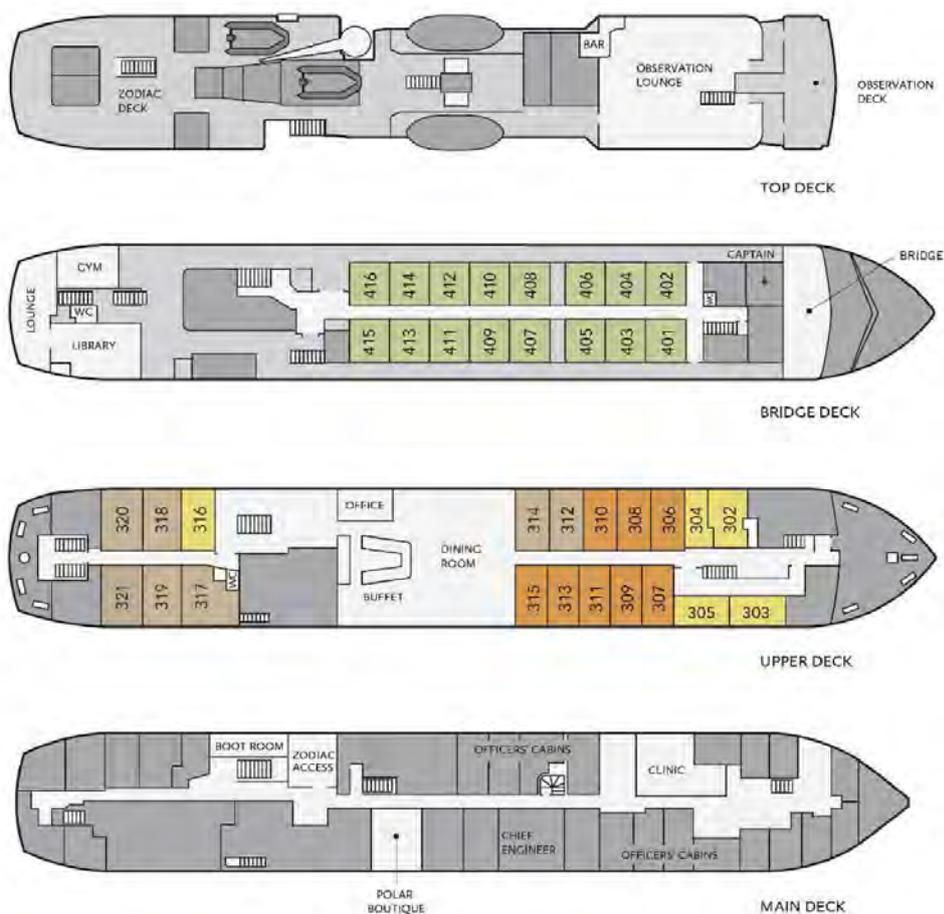
- Triple private facilities
- Twin Upper Deck private facilities
- Twin Bridge Deck private facilities
- Twin Bunkbeds or Single private facilities

Ocean Nova is a modern and comfortable expedition vessel. She was built in Denmark in 1992 to sail the ice-choked waters of Greenland. She was fully refurbished in 2006 and has since benefitted from annual upgrades and improvements. Her ice-strengthened hull is ideally suited for expedition travel in Antarctica.

Ocean Nova has capacity for 71 passengers accommodated in comfortable outside cabins. The ship offers three categories of accommodation: dedicated Single Cabins, Twin Cabins, and Triple Cabins. All cabins feature a picture window, a writing desk with chair, a wardrobe, individually controlled heating system, and a private bathroom with shower.

In addition to a glass-enclosed observation lounge and presentation room, Ocean Nova also has a spacious dining room, a bar, a library, a small gym, and an infirmary. The ship has a fleet of 7 Zodiac boats that are well suited for disembarking and wildlife watching.

More pictures and information at www.expeditionsonline.com/vessels/ocean-nova.



2024 departure: 29 Feb - 9 March - 10 days

Rates per person in USD. Payments may be made in other currencies on request (EUR, GBP, AUD and SEK) subject to exchange rate variations.

Triple	\$6795
Twin Upper Deck	\$7795
Twin Bridge Deck	\$7795
Single cabin	\$9795
KAYAKING OPTION (limited to 10 places)	\$895



Payments

Reservations require a deposit of USD \$1500 at the time you receive a booking confirmation. A payment link will be sent to you and this may be paid by Visa/Mastercard alternatively bank transfer. Bookings within 120 days of departure require full payment by bank transfer (balance payments may be made by credit card subject to a 2% surcharge).



Cancellations

All requests for cancellation must be received in writing. All payments are non-refundable, cancellation received more than 120 days prior to departure = loss of deposit. After final payment there will be no refund whatsoever. We strongly recommend taking out travel insurance to protect you if you need to cancel.

Included

Comprehensive pre- and post-voyage information material; All meals on board with buffet breakfast and lunch offering a wide choice of dishes and served dinner with choice of three main courses; wine, beer, juice, and soft drinks served with lunch and dinner; Coffee, tea, chocolate, cappuccino, water and snacks on board throughout the expedition; Loan of waterproof boots for landing in Antarctica (additional clothes may be rented or pre-purchased); All guided shore excursions and Lectures and entertainment on board; IAATO passenger fees.

Excluded

Accommodation, meals, excursions and transfers other than those included in the itinerary; Beverages purchased at the ship's bar; Personal travel insurance; Extra expenses (communication, laundry, souvenirs, etc.); Gratuities; Visa for Argentina, passport expenses, and any arrival and/or departure tax, if applicable.

Insurance

Emergency medical evacuation insurance is required for this expedition and must be obtained prior to departure. We strongly recommend that your insurance cover also has adequate trip cancellation insurance should you need to cancel your participation for any unforeseen reasons.

Sharing and Single Occupancy

If you are travelling alone and wish to share, we are happy to match you with someone of the same gender at the share rate. If a sole use cabin is desired, two dedicated Single cabins are available - alternatively sole occupancy of a twin cabin costs 1.85 times the twin share rate.

Children

Children are admitted from the age of 12 years if accompanied by a fully responsible adult.

Terms and Conditions

Full terms and conditions will be forwarded to you at the time of deposit.



Planning Your Trip

The Nature Of Expedition Travel

These expeditions are suitable for adventurous travellers who enjoy full mobility and reasonably good health. Expedition travel to Antarctica requires flexibility and adaptation to ever-changing circumstances. There is no port infrastructure anywhere in the Antarctic Peninsula. Travellers reach the shore by Zodiac boat.

Your Travel Companions

We offer these expeditions worldwide. Each year we welcome travellers from over 40 different countries. They may travel alone, as a family, or as part of a group. While some of your travelling companions may speak different languages and have different customs, they will share your passion for adventure and interest in the natural world.

Entry Visa

The voyage detailed in this brochure visits Argentina. It is your responsibility to obtain any required entry visas. We can assist if required with a so-called Letter of Invitation - contact us for details.

Extra Travel In South America

We can assist with all manner hotel bookings, flight advice and tour package extensions within South America - just contact us for details!

Arrival And Departure To Ushuaia

We strongly recommend to arrive Ushuaia at least one day beforehand in case of delayed flights or missing luggage. Boarding in Ushuaia is between 3 PM and 4 PM. At 4 PM boarding will close. Please be on time. Keep your passport at hand and allow enough time to clear port security and to reach the vessel. On the last day of the expedition, disembarkation in Ushuaia is planned for the morning. Please avoid scheduling tight flight connections in case unfavourable weather delays the return of the ship to Ushuaia.

Participation Form

Participants will be required to fill and sign an on-line Participation Form, and to return it at least 120 days prior to departure. Participants 75 years of age and older or with pre-existing conditions must submit a medical certificate.

Insurance

All participants must be adequately covered by a travel insurance policy that covers aero-medical evacuation from Antarctica as a result of a medical emergency during the trips, including emergencies related to pre-existing health conditions. We strongly urge participants to also be adequately covered by trip cancellation and interruption insurance.

Itinerary

Every effort will be made to adhere to the planned program. However, with this type of adventurous travel, changes may occur due to severe and unpredictable weather. Safety is always the paramount concern on any Antarctic voyage. For this reason the right is reserved to change the itinerary described due to weather conditions or other factors beyond control without consulting the participants.

Expedition Language

The official expedition language of our expeditions is English. The voyage will take travellers to remote destinations where the interaction with our polar guides is essential. In the interest of safety and for the enjoyment of the experience we strongly recommend that travellers who do not understand English are accompanied by someone who does, such as a friend, a family member, or a Tour Leader.

Clothes

Clothing guidelines will be provided. Loan of waterproof boots is provided on board for landing in Antarctica. If you wish, an opportunity will be given to pre-purchase special Jacket and Pants for delivery to the ship.

Questions?

Contact the experts at Expeditions Online should you have any questions regarding preparation in the leadup to your Antarctic adventure - we are always happy to help!

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