

VOYAGE TO ANTARCTICA

Optional Buenos Aires & the End of the World Pre-tour

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30+ Participants: \$9,975 * 25–29 Participants: \$11,900

This is not your garden variety Adventure! Flying to the bottom of the world, sailing through the oft-tumultuous Drake Passage, going ashore in Zodiac rafts, walking/hiking over uneven, rocky terrain, encountering wildlife and icebergs close-up and in color—all combine to make this the most adventurous Adventure we offer to date. This is a continent like no other! This is an experience like no other!

The itinerary described below reflects possible stops and possible walks we may experience during the voyage based upon the likely route of our cruise and past experience. A final projected itinerary will be established during the summer of 2019 when the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO) meets to approve 2020 itineraries for all small ships cruising Antarctic waters. IAATO was founded in 1991 to promote the practice of safe and environmentally responsible travel to the Antarctic. Managing itineraries also serves to reduce the likelihood that ships will encounter one another while cruising and especially during shore excursions.

The approved itinerary will then remain tentative due to the possible need for the captain to reroute according to variables such as weather and ice and other changing conditions. These variables make for a fluid and exciting program (we once spent an hour circling a huge slanting iceberg because a colony of penguins was entertaining us by attempting to jump out of the waves onto the ice), but rest assured that you will see plenty of the 7th continent with two shore excursions per day while we are in Antarctic waters (days 4 through 8), lots of great viewing from the ship as we sail, and a full slate of outstanding naturalist lectures!

HIGHLIGHTS —

- Penguins – pinstriped stars of any trip to Antarctica provide entertainment on many shore excursions
- Birds – albatrosses, petrels, terns, skuas, and shags amazing us with antics and acrobatics
- Seals – crabeater seals and fur seals are likely; leopard seals, the penguin predator, are also lurking; if lucky, we'll see bobbing blobs of blubber called elephant seals
- Whales – humpbacks and minke are most likely, though several species feed in these waters
- Ice – you may be surprised at how fantastic and full of color, light, and texture ice can be
- Naturalists – education was never this fun and fascinating when we were in school!
- Wow Walks – stroll amidst surreal southern landscapes that few humans have trod!



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