

17 DAY DISCOVERY PACKAGE

# ANTARCTICA EXPEDITION CRUISE

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## THE OFFER

Embark on a trip of a lifetime to the remote grandeur of Antarctica. The ice crowned wonder is yours to discover on this incredible 17-day package taking in some of the world's most rugged, remote and spectacular ecosystems, while also uncovering the highlights of Argentina's urban and natural wonders.

Despite the incredibly low price this trip will travel onboard Albatros Expeditions brand new expedition ship, Ocean Victory. This revolutionary and stylish cruise ship combines the advantages of a small expedition vessel with the stability and comfort of a larger cruise ship. To top it off, you will be travelling during a time when wildlife lovers will be in their element. The conditions are optimum for spotting curious penguin chicks, humpback whales and a plethora of bird species.

Beginning in Argentina, enjoy a sightseeing tour of historic Buenos Aires; take in Tierra del Fuego National Park; and explore Ushuaia, the world's southernmost town. Then, board the brand new Albatros Expeditions 'Ocean Victory' ship and cross the famed Drake Passage to arrive at the captivating South Shetland Islands.

This once-in-a-lifetime experience includes return international flights, five nights quality hotel accommodation on tour, a nine-night Antarctic Cruise aboard a purpose-built ship, 29 meals, an English-speaking expedition team and plenty more.

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\$11 999

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## THE ITINERARY

### Day 1 Australia - Buenos Aires, Argentina

Today depart from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, \*Adelaide or \*Perth for Buenos Aires, Argentina. Fly with airlines such as Latam Airways or Qantas Airways (subject to availability). Upon arrival at Buenos Aires Airport be welcomed and transferred to the hotel.

The name, Buenos Aires, literally means “good airs” in Spanish. It is one of the largest cities in Latin America, with a wide range of cultural offer and stunning sights. Being the capital of the country makes it the starting point for most of Argentinean Experiences. Let yourself be seduced by its busy and beautiful streets full of Tango aromas and football passion, a unique mixture which turns your stay into an exceptional urban adventure.

Please note: Due to flight times and scheduling some customers may be required to depart day 0. Flight times will be confirmed on your final documentation which you will receive at least 4-6 weeks prior to departure.

**Overnight: Ker San Telmo, Principado Hotel or similar, Buenos Aires**

**Meals included: In-Flight**

### Day 2 Buenos Aires Half Day Sightseeing Tour

Buenos Aires is one of the most fascinating cities in both Latin America and the world. Be it for its splendid and varied architecture, with its old Colonial buildings, French palaces and state-of-the-art skyscrapers; for its vibrant nightlife and endless cultural options; or maybe just for the rich identity of the Porteños, who proudly bear the European heritage of their ancestors, more and more visitors are coming to visit. Enjoy a fascinating tour of the elegant turn-of-the-century districts that earned Buenos Aires the sobriquet of the Paris of South

America.

From the colorful Caminito Street in La Boca, the charming cobbled alleys and colonial architecture of San Telmo along to the Plaza de Mayo, dominated by the Casa Rosada (Government House), the Nación Bank, the Cathedral and original Parliament House, up the leafy Avenida de Mayo towards the imposing grandeur of the Palace of Congress and then on to finish at the elegant district of Recoleta, home to haute-cuisine and haute-couture alike as well as the famous cemetery where the country’s founding fathers and patrician families lie in style, Including Eva Perón. Here, the leafy avenues among towering stone angels and mausoleums the size of country cottages occupy a full four blocks on the opposite side of a delightful esplanade lined with some of the city’s best restaurants. Afterwards return to the hotel.

**Overnight: Ker San Telmo, Principado Hotel or similar, Buenos Aires**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 3 Buenos Aires Free Day

Today, after breakfast, enjoy the day to perhaps wander the historic streets and enjoy some of the local food and wine at your own pace. Alternatively, you can join one of the below optional tours (not included):

Optional Tour: Santa Susana Ranch Full Day Tour - \$180 per person

Enjoy a day in the countryside, where you can learn about the aspects of the Gaucho lifestyle. We will head to the outskirts of the City. As we move, the landscape begins to transform. The plain begins to take space. The Gauchos will welcome us with empanadas and wine. Among the activities to enjoy, you will find: horseback riding and colonial carriage

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rides, a visit to the property houses and chapel, plus a mix of typical gaucho skills demonstrations, such as ring races, squad races, “boleadoras”, and more. Accompanying an exquisite and typical BBQ lunch, enjoy a show of songs and folk dances touring the different regions of the country. To close this unforgettable experience, enjoy a delicious tea time with “tortas fritas” and “mate”. Afterwards return to the hotel, arriving at approx 6:00pm

Optional Tour: Half-day Tigre & Delta with Boat Ride - \$60 per person

Head north on a journey of 30 km to the City of Tigre, crossing parks and beautiful buildings. Upon arrival visit the imposing Rio de la Plata, the widest river in the world, then make a stop at the Puerto de Frutos, where you can visit a magnificent local market, with its small jetty bordering the Lujan River. When you arrive in Tigre, board a Panoramic Catamaran to enjoy the Paraná Delta. In a quiet, stable and safe navigation, we can see a labyrinth of islands and islets crisscrossed by rivers and streams. This visit is an ideal way to learn about life on the islands, flora, fauna, recreation and water sports.

Optional Tour: La Ventana Dinner & Tango Show - \$125 per person

In the very heart of San Telmo neighborhood, this refurbished historic conventillo has become a classic of the Buenos Aires' culture and nightlife. Its interior preserves the architectural style of older times recreating the ideal setting for a unique experience. 35 artists in scene, two tango orchestras, a folklore band, dancers and singers; combine perfectly with a menu that consists of several traditional and international dishes, and a list of excellent Argentinian wines.

**Overnight: Ker San Telmo, Principado Hotel or similar,**

**Buenos Aires**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 4 Buenos Aires – Ushuaia - Tierra del Fuego National Park Tour

Early this morning be picked up and transferred to Buenos Aires Airport for the internal flight to Ushuaia. Ushuaia is the southernmost city in Argentina, located at more than 2,370 kilometers from Buenos Aires. Due to its location near the South Pole, it has approximately 18 hours of sunlight in the summer, whereas in the winter, it only has 7 or 8; however, this does not prevent tourists from visiting it. Its gastronomy and accommodation infrastructure meet all expectations of thousands of international visitors that have chosen this beautiful city for the most spectacular voyages along the Beagle Channel and Lapataia Bay in Tierra del Fuego National Park. Ushuaia offers you untouched places, waiting for you to discover them and live the adventure of being at “the world’s end”. Upon arrival, be transferred to the hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure or take the opportunity to join a half day tour to Tierra Del Fuego (included).

The National Park represents the southernmost natural area, being the only one that has maritime coasts. The tour will show you the main highlights of this unique environment. It is reached by National Route No. 3 to the Southwest of Ushuaia, meeting on the road Río Pipo, Monte Susana, Ensenada Bay, sighting Redonda Island, Lake Roca, Casita del Bosque, Green and Black Lagoon, beaver dam, Lapataia Bay. The topography of the Park is extremely varied; everything is a succession of rugged mountains, rivers, valleys and lakes, giving rise to varied landscapes, from the picturesque and happy stream to the mole of imposing mountains, or the extraordinary

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spectacle of the majestic Beagle Channel. During the spring and summer, you can admire varied and colorful flowers, as well as the varied tree species. The most frequent mammals are the foxes and rabbits, also living in the Park the muskrat and the beaver. Among the birds, it has the exclusivity of having birds from marine environments, such as the black-browed albatross, the oystercatcher overo, the white cauquén and also mammals, such as sea lions and sea otters.

Please note: due to flight schedules and availability, some customers may be required to depart on a 4:25am flight.

**Overnight:** Los Acebos, Fueguino or similar, Ushuaia

**Meals included:** None

#### Day 5 Ushuaia – Begin 9 Night Albatros Expeditions Antarctic Cruise

Today enjoy the morning at leisure to explore Ushuaia, the world's southernmost town. In the afternoon, be transferred to the cruise terminal to embark on the 'Ocean Victory' - your home for the next 9 nights.

**Overnight:** Albatros Expeditions 'Ocean Victory' ship

**Meals included:** Breakfast;Dinner

#### Day 6 Drake Passage Crossing

Sailing onward, cross the famed Drake Passage - a body of water that marks the intersection of the cold Antarctic with the warmer Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Drake Passage is known for rollicking conditions and strong westerly winds, called the Roaring Fifties. While this passage may be challenging, you can rest confidently aboard the expedition vessel, 'Ocean Victory', which is purpose-built with stabilizers, powerful engines and a highly-qualified crew. The X-Bow®-Infinity class, which provides high stability in rough weather

allows for the smoothest movements through rough conditions. The most spirited sailors consider Drake Passage a lifetime achievement, and you will complete the crossing twice!

In the Drake, the excitement builds as Antarctic wildlife come into view. Weather permitting, you will catch your first sight of seals and penguins! The area is also well-known for its abundance of birds.

**Overnight:** Albatros Expeditions 'Ocean Victory' ship

**Meals included:** Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

#### Day 7 Drake Passage Crossing

**Overnight:** Albatros Expeditions 'Ocean Victory' ship

**Meals included:** Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

#### Day 8 South Shetland Islands

Over the next two days, begin an Antarctic experience your ancestors only dreamed of. During these days have the opportunity to explore the sub-Antarctic islands of the South Shetland chain and be captivated by the landscapes you will encounter along the way. Weather permitting, your projected landfalls could include: King George Island; Deception Island, an extinct volcano; and Half Moon Island, with nesting Wilson's storm petrels and chinstrap penguins.

The itinerary and activities over the next few days are dependant on weather and ice conditions. The route and shore landings will be determined by the captain and expedition leader and communicated to customers through regularly scheduled briefings.

**Overnight:** Albatros Expeditions 'Ocean Victory' ship

**Meals included:** Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

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#### Day 9 South Shetland Islands

**Overnight:** Albatros Expeditions 'Ocean Victory' ship

**Meals included:** Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

#### Day 10 Antarctic Peninsula

As the white shimmer of Antarctica looms on the horizon, the presence of wildlife multiples by tens of thousands with many species of lively penguins, inquisitive seals, nesting birds and the spray of marine mammals. Wildlife abounds along our projected route along the Antarctic Peninsula: leopard, fur and Weddell seals of Cuverville Island; humpback whales of Gerlache Strait; Paradise Bay; the dramatic Lemaire Channel's orcas and much more.

The itinerary and activities over the next few days are dependant on weather and ice conditions. The route and shore landings will be determined by the captain and expedition leader and communicated to customers through regularly scheduled briefings.

Please note: All outings and landings rely on weather, sea and ice conditions being favourable both for the ship to access the areas, as for the zodiacs and kayaks to manoeuvre under adequate conditions, ensuring the safety of all passengers and staff. For this reason, during moments of harsh weather and throughout the entire trip, 'Ocean Victory' has excellent public areas such as wellness/sauna, restaurant, bar and a library for passengers to spend their spare time. The ship is staffed by experts in the field who will also share great lectures along the way, ranging from exploration history to biology, geology, ice and wildlife.

**Overnight:** Albatros Expeditions 'Ocean Victory' ship

**Meals included:** Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

#### Day 11 Antarctic Peninsula

**Overnight:** Albatros Expeditions 'Ocean Victory' ship

**Meals included:** Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

#### Day 12 Depart Antarctica - At Sea

Depart Antarctica and spend two days at sea on the way back to the calms of Beagle Channel and Ushuaia, Argentina. En-route, cross the Drake Passage and cruise past Cape Horn, a legendary maritime landmark and the southern tip of South America.

During your time at sea, a variety of activities will be arranged onboard, which will provide the perfect opportunity to socialize with fellow travellers equally passionate for discovering the world. Enjoy the lectures by the expedition on board, visit the shop or relax at leisure in the ship's facilities, designed to provide a comfortable, relaxing time.

**Overnight:** Albatros Expeditions 'Ocean Victory' ship

**Meals included:** Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

#### Day 13 At Sea

**Overnight:** Albatros Expeditions 'Ocean Victory' ship

**Meals included:** Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

#### Day 14 Arrive in Ushuaia - Free Day

This morning, arrive back in Ushuaia. Upon disembarkation, make your own way to the hotel, and enjoy one final night in South America.

**Overnight:** Los Acebos, Fueguino or similar, Ushuaia

**Meals included:** Breakfast

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### Day 15 Ushuaia, Argentina - Australia

Today, at the appropriate time, be transferred to the airport for the return flight back to Australia (via Buenos Aires) after one trip of a lifetime!

Please note:

- Customers may be required to change airports in Buenos Aires before departing for Australia. Transfers will be provided where necessary.
- Some customers may be required to stay overnight in Buenos Aires before departing for Australia. Accommodation and transfers will be provided where necessary. Affected customers will depart Argentina on Day 16 and arrive in Australia on Day 18.

**Meals included: Breakfast;In-Flight**

### Day 16 In Transit

### Day 17 Arrive in Australia

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## TOUR INCLUSIONS

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the mysteries of Antarctica and Argentina
- Witness the highlights of Buenos Aires on a guided tour
- Explore the beautiful parks of the Recoleta and Palermo neighbourhoods
- See the Colon Theatre, Mayo Square and more
- Enjoy a day at leisure in colourful Buenos Aires
- Discover Ushuaia, the world's southernmost town
- Explore the remarkable Tierra del Fuego on a half day tour
- Cruise to Antarctica during one of the busiest wildlife seasons
- Cross the famed Drake Passage, the crossroads of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans
- Be captivated by the scenic South Shetland Islands
- Discover wild life with up to 2 x Zodiac cruises daily during the cruise (weather permitting)
- Step foot on Antarctica with up to 2 x Zodiac Land excursions daily during the cruise (weather permitting)
- Stop at Deception Island, an extinct volcano with warm waters
- Look for nesting storm petrels and chinstrap penguins on Half Moon Island
- Spot penguins, seals and whales near the Antarctic Peninsula
- Pass the famous Gerlache Strait, where 3000ft ice cliffs rise straight out of the still water
- Cruise past the legendary maritime landmark of Cape Horn

### FLIGHTS

- Return international flights (economy class) ex SYD/MEL/BNE/\*ADL/\*PER
- 1 x internal flight from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia

### CRUISE

- 9 night Albatros Expeditions Antarctic Cruise
- Sail aboard the brand new 'Ocean Victory' Ship
- Guiding and lectures by expedition leader and teams
- Small ship experience with a maximum of 185 guests
- Complimentary 24 hour tea and coffee during cruise
- Complimentary access to gym and sauna facilities and a library

### ACCOMMODATION

- 5 nights 4-star hotel accommodation

### DINING

- Enjoy 29 meals including all meals whilst cruising
- Experience Lava Sone Cooking at the Panorama Specialty Restaurant once during the voyage (entrance only)

### TOUR ESSENTIALS

- English-speaking expedition team
- English-speaking tour leader
- English-speaking guides
- Airline and cruise taxes and surcharges

### TRANSPORT

- Transportation by private A/C vehicles

### TRANSFERS

- Airport and Cruise terminal transfers

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*\*Please note: all information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

## BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

*Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in AUD (unless otherwise stated).*

## OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates on the 17th of February 2022.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

## Single Traveller Supplement

Single staterooms are available for purchase in the cart.

When selecting a 'Solo Traveller Cabin' the Twin Share Traveller will appear to be ticked (✓). Please disregard this, and proceed to select a quantity of '1' traveller. When you select this, a message will appear stating you will need to provide details of a travel partner. This does not apply when choosing the 'Solo Traveller Cabin', so please disregard this message and proceed to checkout. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact our friendly customer service team and they will be more than happy to assist.

## Departure Date

17th of February 2022

## Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, \*Adelaide or \*Perth

## Departure City Surcharges

\*Adelaide Adelaide or \*Perth: \$200 per person

## FLIGHTS

### Full Service Airline(s) Used

Latam Airlines, Qantas Airways, Aerolineas Argentina, United Airlines and airline partners

*Please note: One way flights can not be accommodated. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.*

### Arrive early in Buenos Aires

\$200 per person, subject to availability

*Please note:*

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Due to airline schedules, departures from Australia
- Blackout Dates:

\* 30 November 2021 - 31 January 2022

### Stay behind in Buenos Aires, Argentina

\$200 per person, subject to availability

*Please note:*

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Blackout Dates:

\* 17 February 2022 - 3 March 2022

\* 31 March 2022 - 30 April 2022

### Stopover Packages

Twin share: \$550 per person/one way

Solo Traveller: \$800 one way

Locations:

\* Santiago

Includes:

- 2 Nights in 4 star accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Return airport transfers

*Please note:*

*- A pre and post-tour stopover may be chosen; however the stopover location must be the same each way, due to the airline used.*

*- Stopover packages are subject to availability.*

*- Blackout Dates:*

\* 30 November 2021 - 31 January 2022

\* 17 February 2022 - 3 March 2022

\* 31 March 2022 - 30 April 2022

### Flight Class Upgrades

- Premium Economy: Not Available

- Business Class (Australia - Buenos Aires / Buenos Aires - Australia only): \*Starting from \$4999 per person

*Please note:*

- \*Starting from quotes will be processed and returned for your consideration.
- All Premium Economy and Business Class upgrades are subject to availability (if we are not able to fulfill your business class request the upgrade cost will be refunded).
- On any upgrade purchase, short haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed in a Premium or Business cabin; subject to aircraft configuration.

## CRUISE

### OCEAN VICTORY:

Albatros Expeditions is honored to announce the acquisition of its new luxury infinity vessel, Ocean Victory, which will join the fleet from November 2021, being established as one of the most modern small ship vessels in the market.

This stylish cruise ship, ideally suited for our business model of small ship expeditions, will be deployed and dedicated to varied Antarctic region voyages, with sales launching from November 2021.

With a total of 93 comfortable staterooms for our guests, all with a view of the ocean,





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(and 90% with their own balcony), several restaurants, a wellness area, an Albatros Nordic Bar, an open deck dining facility, a modern lecture lounge, and other amenities, the vessel will also be environmentally-friendly onboard, with an implementation of the Green Initiative Program, ensuring both absolute comfort and sustainability for our guests.

## Practical Information:

- X-Bow for more stability and comfort
- Polar code Class 6
- Highest Ice Class 1A
- 4 diesel engines and 2 electro engines
- Solas classification
- Environmentally friendly in all aspects
- Green initiative program & CSR
- Unique hydraulic observation platforms

## Cabins

### Balcony Suite (35 m2)

Ocean Victory has 2 Balcony Suites on board located on the Bering & James Cook deck respectively, located on deck 4. The suites feature double or twin beds and a seating area, bathroom with bath and private balcony. The balcony suites can host 2 people.

### Other inclusions:

- VIP service
- Unlimited access to the specialty restaurant on deck 8, Lava stone cooking.
- Julius Meini coffee machine
- Upgraded hair and lotion products
- Stocked minibar
- Wine and fruit in-room at commencement of cruise
- Free laundry

### Balcony Stateroom (24 m2)

The most abundant type of stateroom on Ocean Victory, the Balcony State Staterooms are located in decks 4 & 6. They have a private balcony, a double bed or two single beds, a bathroom with bathtub and a sofa that can be used as a bed for a child if traveling as a family. If you desire to book two staterooms with connecting doors, this is

also a possibility under this category.

### French Balcony Suite (Porthole) (16 m2)

The French Balcony Suite is a standard stateroom with a french balcony, a double bed or two single beds, floor-to-ceiling windows and a bathroom. All French Balcony Suites are located on Deck 7.

### Albatros Stateroom (Porthole) (22 m2)

The standard stateroom on Ocean Victory is close to the Mudroom and has quick access to the zodiac platforms for disembarkation during landings. This is very convenient if you have more limited mobility and would like a short distance to the zodiacs. The staterooms are perfect for those who wish a comfortable base during their stay onboard Ocean Victory. The standard staterooms all have a double bed or 2 single beds and bathroom with bathtub. The staterooms are located on deck 3 except for 1 which is located on deck 4.

### Single Stateroom (Porthole) (18 m2)

Standard single stateroom onboard, located on deck 3. This is a conveniently located stateroom close to the Mudroom which facilitates access to the zodiacs during embarkation and disembarkation to begin your adventures on the zodiacs.

## Albatros Expeditions 'Ocean Victory' Facilities

### **Beagle Restaurant:**

Dinner always starts with delicious hot soups, cold cuts and crisp, fresh salads. Several choices of entrees are offered each evening, to accommodate different tastes and dietary requirements; always including a meat choice, fish choice and vegetarian choice. After dinner, freshly prepared desserts, including ship-made ice cream or cakes are a great way to end a meal and satisfy any sweet tooth.

A selection of wines and beers is available to perfectly compliment your visit to the restaurant... and if you're interested in relaxing during your time off from activities and landings, delight onboard Ocean Victory by raising your glass to the experience of a lifetime! The bar is fully equipped with a variety of cocktails, beers, non-alcoholic beverages and more, to quench your thirst and reward the explorer in you.

### **Panorama Specialty Restaurant:**

The specialty restaurant on Deck 8 offers unforgettable views while enjoying a unique way of food preparation: Lava Stone Cooking. Guests are able to dine at the Panorama Specialty Restaurant once during the voyage.

The method of cooking on stones can be traced back to the Ancient Egyptians and our Nordic ancestors, the Vikings!

Lava stone cooking offers a unique interactive dining experience, where meat and fish dishes are served cooking at your own table on super-heated natural volcanic stones. The high temperature sears the food faster and locks in the natural juices and nutrients, enhancing the full flavors and tenderness of all foods.

The cooking method uses no added fats or oils and sears the food without burning. It ensures a clean, and completely natural food flavor, not achievable with any conventional cooking methods.

The result is a freshly grilled, healthy and nutritious meal with a sensational taste.

*Please note: the Panorama Specialty Restaurant is reserved for suite cabin passengers, however all passengers will be able to enjoy the Specialty Restaurant once during the voyage.*

### **Shackleton Lecture Lounge**

What makes a good expedition? It is a combination of its landings and the experiences onboard the ship. Albatros Expeditions are honoured to have an amalgam of experts in the expedition team, from climatologists and geologists to renowned photographers, all eager to share their adventures and knowledge with guests.

### **Knud Rasmussen Library**

Honoring the great explorers, the lecture room allows for an adventure within an adventure. Here you can find sagas, narratives and practical information on the polar regions, in various languages and subjects. From encyclopedias of the polar wildlife and fauna to narrations of the many challenges faced by the first expeditions, this is the perfect location for entertaining your brain while we sail.

### **Albatros Observation Lounge**

Celebrate your dream polar adventure, engage in conversation and relax while



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admiring the icy landscape of the polar regions. At the Nordic Bar Lounge Albatros aim to create a fun and enjoyable atmosphere with varied cocktails and drinks, appetizers and smaller events. Or try one of the unique wine-tasting menus from Gerard Bertrand.

## Albatros Nordic Bar Lounge

The Albatros Nordic Bar Lounge provides a bit of warm Nordic hospitality to the Antarctic. Offering a large choice of drinks, including wine tasting menus from Gerard Bertrand, this is the perfect place to relax after an unforgettable day and make new international friends.

Other Features include:

- Albatros BBQ Deck
- Outdoor bar
- 2 lounges
- The Polar Spa
- Gym
- Pool Deck with a Heated infinity pool and 2 hot tubs
- Albatros Ocean Boutique
- Mudroom
- Hydraulic viewing platforms
- Front facing windows in the Bow

## Shore Excursions & Landings

The expedition team will organise a series of Zodiac excursions and shore landing activities to bring you closer in touch with your natural surroundings. Weather permitting, there can be up to 4 excursions per day; two zodiac cruises, and two land excursions.

Zodiac brand has earned a well-deserved reputation as the sturdiest and safest small watercraft available. These boats have a low draft and great stability. Zodiacs are constructed for professional use and are outfitted with a top-quality outboard engine, yet their design minimally impacts the environment.

The Zodiacs are designed to provide unrestricted access to the world's last great frontier. Their versatility enables us to make landfall on remote shores, cruise along awe-inspiring coastlines and share breathtakingly close encounters with whales, seals, penguins, seabirds and more. We will come

within arm's reach of icebergs and set foot on land discovered by pioneering explorers just over a century ago.

Your safety and comfort is the #1 priority, and your expedition leader will carefully plan for as many Zodiac excursions as possible, dependent upon the local weather and prevailing conditions. In each case, the expedition leader makes the final decision if the landing is possible or not. Particular safety regulations apply on landings. All guests receive a mandatory instruction of the safety guidelines. Life jackets are mandatory to wear.

*Please note: we highly recommend the use of waterproof bags in order to protect your personal camera or binoculars, as both hands have to be free of everything during boarding. Participation is fairly easy and comfortable for able-bodied guests, but can be more challenging for those with physical handicaps.*

*Please note: All outings and landings rely on weather, sea and ice conditions being favourable both for the ship to access the areas, as for the zodiacs and kayaks to manoeuvre under adequate conditions, ensuring the safety of all passengers and staff.*

For more information regarding the 'Ocean Victory' ship, please visit; <https://albatros-expeditions.com/ships/ocean-victory>

## ACCOMMODATION

### Accommodation Used

#### 4 Star (self-rated)

Buenos Aires: Ker San Telmo, Principado Hotel or similar

Ushuaia: Los Acebos, Fueguino or similar

Albatros Expeditions Antarctic Cruise - 'Ocean Victory' ship

*Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.*

### Extra Nights

Not Available

### Maximum Room Capacity

3 People (triple cabin available on request, subject to availability).

*Please note: Triple cabins are limited and subject to availability.*

## Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.

- Valid for Children 16 years old and over.

*Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.*

## Triple Share

Available on request (subject to availability)

## Bedding Configuration

Twin or Double bedding (subject to availability).

## Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

## GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 18, maximum group size 44 per vehicle.

## Optional Tours / Activities

Day 3: Santa Susana Ranch Full Day Tour - \$180 per person

Day 3: Tigre & Delta with Boat Ride - \$60 per person

Day 3: La Ventana Dinner & Tango Show - \$125 per person

*Please note:*

*- prices are based on per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions.*

*- The optional tours listed above must be purchased on checkout or over the phone prior to submitting your passenger information form (subject to availability)*

*- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.*

*- The above tours are not TripADeal exclusive and may be shared with members of the public*

## Optional Tours - Payable onboard

Snowshoeing: \$150 USD

Kayaking: \$250 USD per outing

Polar Plunge: Free of charge



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## EXCLUSIONS

- Visa fees and requirements (A tourist visa is not required for Argentina if travelling on an Australian passport)
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary (including any specialty restaurants onboard cruise)

## Gratuities/Tipping:

- \* Recommended land: \$5 USD - \$10 USD per person per day
- \* Expected cruise tips: \$13.50 USD per person per day
- Optional activities/tours (including any 'onshore' excursions as part of cruise)
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Mandatory)

*Please note: A comprehensive travel Insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised.*

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

#### Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

#### Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however they

are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

*Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.*

## CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

### Buenos Aires:

The February temperatures in Buenos Aires are friendly, ranging between 19°C (66.2°F) and 25°C (77°F), warm enough for any outdoor activities.

### Ushuaia:

Ushuaia, Argentina, in February, the average high-temperature is 13.7°C (56.7°F), and the average low-temperature is 5.3°C (41.5°F).

### Antarctica:

In February temperatures are still warm and stable, making travel pleasant. Average temperatures range from 1°C - 7°C.

February is Antarctica's most active wildlife month. Penguin chicks are learning to swim, and whale sightings become very common. As February is later in the tourists season, the ice sheets have receded allowing the expeditions ships to get closer to the action.

## FLIGHTS

### Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:

At TripADeal we do not arrange seat selection. It is important to highlight that some Airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the Airline directly with seating allocation requirements and or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the Airline once you have your flight information.

### Passport Validity:

Customers are required to provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase, or no later than 45 days prior to departure date. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the booking. In this instance customers will

be responsible for any costs and fees incurred.

## CRUISE

### Disembarkation:

- Begins approximately 2 hours after docking.
- Due to security reasons, all guests must be on board 2 hours before sailing.
- Itineraries are subject to change at any time without notice.
- Check your specific sailing for exact departure and arrival times. All times are local to the port.

### Cruise Loyalty Discounts:

*Please note: Travellers booked via TripADeal will not be entitled to receive any cruise line customer loyalty discounts. Similar to airline frequent flyer programs, this is outside of the TripADeal booking process. However, customers may contact the cruise line direct upon receiving their TripADeal travel documents to request any membership benefits they are entitled to.*

## COACH TOUR

### Meals:

28 meals are included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements. Please note; we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

### Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

## OTHER

### Fitness Level Required / Mobility:

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.



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*Please note: a general level of fitness will be required. You will need to climb into and out of zodiacs during excursions, however there will be staff and crew members on hand to assist. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.*

## Yellow Fever:

A valid international certificate of vaccination against Yellow Fever is required in many countries. You may need to present this on arrival at the airport or border crossing. Some countries will refuse entry if you are unable to present your certificate. It's also quite common for your home country to request a Yellow Fever certificate on your arrival back home.

It is your responsibility to check with your doctor well in advance of leaving home about the Yellow Fever requirements for the countries you'll be visiting.

## Gratuities / Tipping:

### Land

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip is \$5 - \$10 USD per person per day this covers the guide/leader and the driver, which will be collected whilst on tour.

Tipping for all services provided on tour is always a matter of personal discretion, however please be aware that tipping is considered by many locals to be a part of their normal remuneration and they may approach you for payment and there is no need to be intimidated by the request.

### Cruise

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for the services of the cruise staff throughout the cruise component of this tour. Albatros Expeditions is an internationally registered company & operates to US & European standards, both of which have an economy driven by a gratuities culture. Gratuities are expected on your cruise and will be charged to your onboard account at \$13.50 USD per person per day. If you have any questions in regards to the gratuities on your cruise please speak to the guest services staff onboard the ship.

## Sightseeing:

Please note: In the event entrance to a site

is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary where possible, will be adjusted or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).

## Shopping:

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all of your receipts.

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader.

Please refer to our Terms and Conditions in regards to shopping for further information.

## VISAS

A tourist visa for Argentina is no longer required if travelling on an Australian Passport. Passengers must hold a passport valid at least six months on entry with one blank visa page. More information can be found at <https://visasdirect.com.au/> requirements

*Please note: Customers choosing the stopover package will be required to pay a Chilean Reciprocity Fee of approximately \$117 USD (subject to change) per person paid at airport customs in Chile. This fee is paid in US dollars and we recommend customers carry sufficient US dollars in cash to pay this fee as credit card facilities may be unavailable. This does not affect customers who do not choose to take the stopover package.*

*Please note: Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important to note, some areas of employment such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may in turn affect the type of application required.*

## INSURANCE

We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products - please ask your Travel

Consultant for more information.

*Please note: In line with the Polar-cruise industry standard, all passengers are required to have mandatory Emergency Evacuation Insurance when cruising in Polar waters. For Antarctica, we recommend a minimum of USD \$150,000 insurance coverage per guest, though USD \$200,000 per guest is better. Kindly see this link for more general information: <https://www.antarcticaguide.com/antarctica-travel-insurance/>*

## SCHEDULE OF FEES

### Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- 1st Change - \$100.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- 2nd Change - \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Subsequent changes - \$250.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Changes within 30 days of departure \$350.00 person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Changes within 14 days of departure \$500.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

### Supplier Fees

In the event the Travel Offer you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/ or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the Travel Offer due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. TripADeal has committed to these costs as your Agent and will endeavour to



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recover all funds committed and/or paid for your Travel Offer, but this may not be possible in all circumstances. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event, TripADeal is unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee. This fee is not revenue-raising and is paid to or withheld by our suppliers when recovering payments.

## **Name Changes Due To Passenger Error**

- If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

