

Celebrating Antarctica

16 – 28 February 2025



Join private guide Pierre Duval on a journey to the edge of the world.

A voyage that takes you to a frontier few will ever see and brings to life all that was endured by Shackleton and the men of the Heroic Age of Exploration.

Due to its incredible remoteness and weather and temperature extremes it is one of the last pristine wilderness landscapes left.

This is not just a visit to the Antarctic Peninsula but a hands-on emersion into the ecology and conservation of the region with a specific focus on the Earth's most colossal marine mammals...Whales.

Join us on this unique, one of a kind expedition to the back of beyond...To the far off wild reaches of the planet.





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DAY ONE, ARRIVAL

We've eliminated the anxiety of missed connections and flight delays by providing a two-night hotel stay at the beautiful Arakur Resort & Spa. Most flights arrive in Ushuaia in the late afternoon or early evening. Bring your bathing suit, lounge in the spa, or take a bath, and then get over your jet lag with good night's sleep. You'll have a full day or two to relax at the resort or explore town, before embarkation on day three.



DAY TWO, USHUAIA

Today is all yours: explore some of the sights that Ushuaia has to offer, from museums to an optional visit to the heart of Tierra del Fuego. Travel in 4x4 vehicles and explore this wild and remote area. The excursion finishes with an Argentine BBQ...always a winner amongst visitors to Ushuaia.

In the early evening, you can join the optional pre-embarkation briefing at the hotel which is a great opportunity for you to ask questions and meet some of your fellow travellers. All guests need to arrive at the hotel no later than the evening of day two.



DAY 3, EMBARKATION

After a complimentary buffet breakfast, you're free to explore Ushuaia or unwind at the resort until our mid-afternoon transfer to the ship. Once on board, you'll be greeted by our Expedition Team and the ship's officers. A concise safety and orientation briefing will be followed by the Captain's welcome dinner. After dinner, relax and take in the scenery on our early evening sail through the Beagle Channel, past porpoising Magellanic penguins, Rock Cormorant, and Black-browed Albatross.



DAY 4 AND 5, DRAKE PASSAGE

As we make our way ever closer to the white continent, numerous Polar Experts will prepare you with presentations on everything Antarctic, from wildlife to history. Eventually, we'll cross the Antarctic Convergence where we'll notice a distinct drop in temperature as we enter the waters of the Antarctic Ocean. Those interested in Citizen Science can take part in a seabird sighting surveys, or help collect salinity samples and weather data along the way. We're likely to witness some spectacular sights, from icebergs to an array of seabirds and whale species. If we're lucky, we may see some of them fully breach from the sea.



DAY 6 AND 7, SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS

In the waterways of the Antarctic Peninsula, we will hope to make as much time as possible to explore by inflatable Zodiac boats and marvel up close at nature's glory. Our Expedition Leader and Captain will create a flexible itinerary based on weather, ice, and opportunity. We will aim for the most scenic bays and channels of the Peninsula with stops at penguin rookeries, seal wallows, bird colonies and whale feeding areas, as well as sites of historic and scientific interest.

Our first sight of land will likely be that of the South Shetland Islands. These highly volcanic islands offer amazing abundance and beauty. We may visit Half Moon Island nestled inside Livingston's eastern shore, or conditions permitting visit historic Deception Island. Being further north, sub-Antarctic species are more commonly found here, including Chinstrap penguins and Southern Elephant seals



DAY 8, 9 AND 10, ANTARCTICA

As we head south across the Bransfield Strait, we enter the Trinity Coast and Gerlache Strait. Here we may explore picturesque Neko Harbour, sheltered Paradise Harbour, the Humpback whale favoured Wilhelmina Bay, the striking Lemaire Channel, the wildlife-filled Penola Channel, or the majestic Neumayer Channel.

We may stop at an active scientific base such as Poland's Arctowski or Ukraine's Vernadskiy as well as a historic base such as U.K.'s Port Lockroy or Wordie House.

Adelie, Chinstrap and Gentoo Penguins abound, and Weddell and Crabeater seals are often found hauled out to rest along with predatory Leopard seals and the assertive Antarctic Fur seal. Minke and Humpback whales are frequent visitors in the late season and Orca sightings are also common.

Please note that all excursions and landings are based on weather and ice conditions, and may change at any stage.



DAY 11 AND 12, DRAKE PASSAGE

As we leave this magical place and make our way north, heading again across the Antarctic Convergence and the Drake Passage, we will continue our presentation series and wildlife spotting. Sailing back to Ushuaia through the Beagle Channel, we celebrate the conclusion of our expedition with a special slideshow.

DAY 13, DISEMBARKATION

Morning disembarkation lets you catch a flight to Buenos Aires or stay in Ushuaia for more sights and adventure.





Ushuaia

SCOTIA SEA

SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN

DRAKE PASSAGE

SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN

SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS

King George Island

Elephant Island

Livingston Island

Deception Island

Port Lockroy

Lemaire Channel

Hope Bay

Petermann Island

Paulet Island

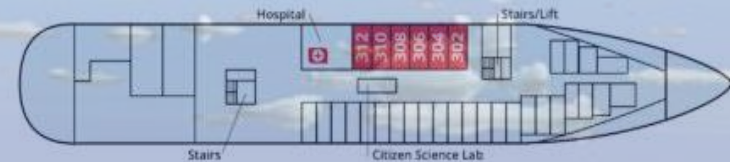
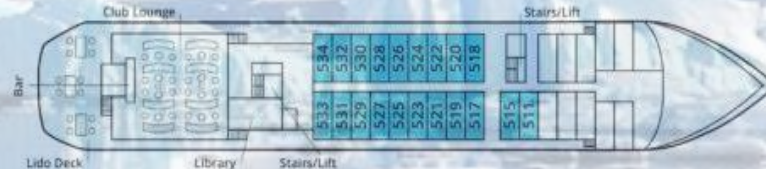
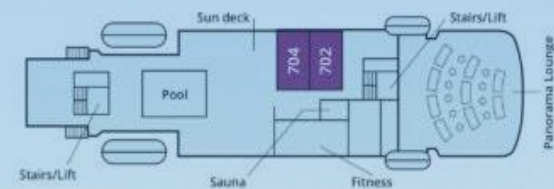
ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

ANTARCTIC CIRCLE





2021-2022 MS Seaventure Deck Plan



- Owner's Suites
- Veranda Staterooms
- Window Staterooms Decks 4 & 5
- Triple Staterooms
- Porthole Staterooms



SHIP: Seaventure

START: Feb 16, 2025 – **END:** Feb 28, 2025

13 days = 2 nights in Ushuaia + 10 nights
aboard the Seaventure

CABIN TYPE

COST per person in US\$

– **Triple Suite:**

US\$ 10187

– **Porthole Suite:**

US\$ 11717

– **Window Suite:**

US\$ 13128

– **Veranda Suite:**

US\$ 17064

– **Owner's Suite:**

US\$ 23039

EARLY BOOKING INCENTIVE – SUPER SAVER VOYAGE

Super saver voyage costs can be requested directly from
Guiding The Wild.





Day-by-Day Overview

- Day 1: Arrival
- Day 2: Ushuaia
- Day 3: Embarkation
- Day 4-5: Drake Passage
- Day 6 -7: South Shetland Islands
- Day 8 -10: Antarctica
- Day 11-12: Drake Passage
- Day 13: Disembarkation



Payment and Trip details: Antarctica

A 25% deposit secures your berth.

Please request our terms and conditions and do contact us if you have any queries.

Payment terms:

Payment to be made directly to Guiding The Wild, we can receive payment in US dollars.

Payment details will be provided when you have approved your itinerary and any additional activities or requirements.

What's included in my trip:

Private guide Pierre Duval,

All accommodation and meals, all local drinks.

Tailored outdoor polar gear, expedition jacket (yours to keep).

A pair of boots for use during the voyage.

WiFi from the public computers. 200 MB WiFi for use on your personal devices.

Daily international news service.

All port fees. All landing fees.

Digital Voyage Log

All listed activities

What's not included in my trip:

International flights

Additional kayaking activity – From US\$250.00 (requires pre-booking)

Airport taxes. Tourist visas. Any airfare or travel expenses associated with arrival in Ushuaia

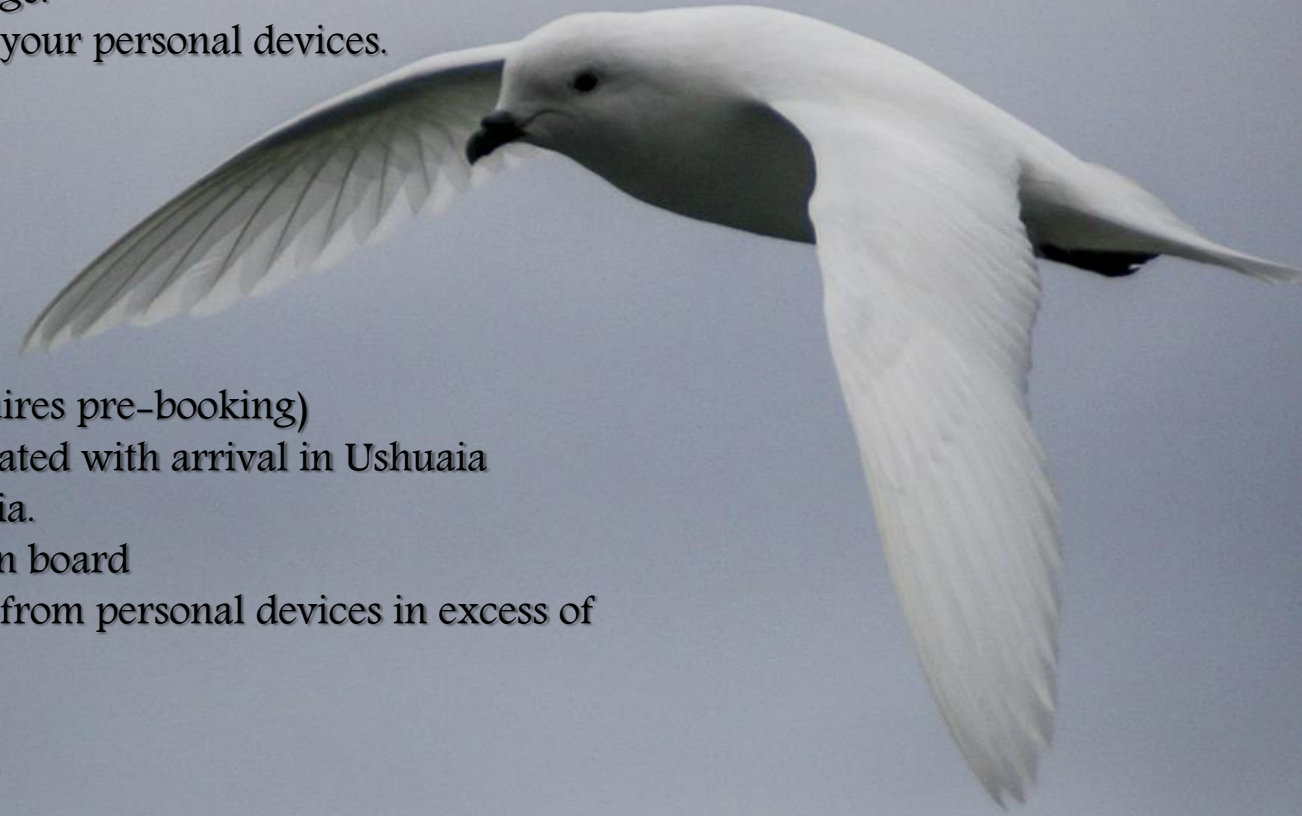
Pre or post voyage expenses in Ushuaia.

Laundry and personal expenses incurred on board

Onboard communication charges such as outgoing phone calls, WiFi from personal devices in excess of the 200 MB provided.

Tips and extras.

Multi-risk and personal insurances



What to pack – Celebrating Antarctica

Standard winter clothing and thermal under-garments are all that is needed, as gear for the harsh, outside weather will be provided.

Please contact us at admin@bushbaby.co.za for a comprehensive list of what to pack.

IMPORTANT:

There will be a doctor based on the ship to treat potential ailments.

Please provide details of any allergies and specific dietary requirements or preferences e.g. vegetarian.

