

ANTARCTICA & sub-Antarctic Islands 2024-25

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SPECIAL RATES 2024-25 season

Voyage:	Cabin Categories:						
	Standard Plus	Standard	Standard	Premier	Premier	Superior	Suite
	Triple	Twin	Plus Twin	Twin	Single	Twin	Twin
A221124 - November 22 to December 01, 2024 CLASSIC ANTARCTICA Antarctic Peninsula & South Shetland Islands (9 nights/10 days)	5,730 4,500	6,140 4,700	7,800 5,850	9,280 6,900	11,120 8,400	9,830 7,400	10,330 7,800
A011224 - December 01 to 10, 2024 CLASSIC ANTARCTICA Antarctic Peninsula & South Shetland Islands (9 nights/10 days)	5,730 Not available	6,140 4,900	7,800 5,990	9,280 6,990	11,120 8,600	9,830 7,600	10,330 8,000
A101224 - December 10 to 20, 2024 CLASSIC ANTARCTICA Antarctic Peninsula & South Shetland Islands (10 nights/11 days)	6,370 4,600	6,820 4,900	8,670 6,150	10,310 7,250	12,360 8,700	10,920 7,800	11,480 8,200

The above mentioned rates apply to new bookings only, are subject to availability and are not combinable with any other offer or promotion.

All rates are quoted in US Dollars per person, based on twin or triple occupancy. Two dedicated Premier single cabins are available at a special single rate. A limited number of twin cabins (except Suites) are available for single occupancy at 1.5 times the share rate. Suites may be reserved at 2 times the share rate. A third berth in the Suites and Superior #301 may be occupied at 50% of the published twin share rate.

Shared accommodation can be arranged on request.

For further information on rates and availability for other departures, please refer to <https://antarply.com/en/ratesandavailability>

Highlights

Visiting **Antarctica** in the early season, will give you the opportunity to enjoy the masses of snow that are still covering most of the mountains, and which give the White Continent an especially pristine look. Also, the spring ice is breaking up creating beautiful sculptured shapes. Last winters sea-ice offers sometimes spectacular sailing among the floes with seals everywhere on the ice.

After the winter darkness, the sun causes an explosive growth of phytoplankton in areas of mineral upwelling which provides food to the zooplankton, including krill. Krill forms the base of the food chain for squid, fish and ultimately for seabirds, seals and whales.

As for the wildlife,

- November is the courting season for penguins and seabirds:
 - Gentoos Penguin, Chinstrap Penguin and Adelie Penguin have already returned to Antarctica. This is the most active time for mating, nest building and the laying of eggs. Expect a lot of activities alongside the beaches.
 - Penguin, petrel and cormorant eggs are laid in November and December.
- Crabeater seals are born between September and November and Elephant seals guard their harems until December.
- The first big whales come down to Antarctica to feed.

CLASSIC ANTARCTICA

Expedition cruise to the Antarctic Peninsula & South Shetland Islands aboard the USHUAIA

DAY 1: Depart from Ushuaia

Embark the USHUAIA in the afternoon and meet your expedition and lecture staff. After you have settled into your cabins we sail along the famous Beagle Channel and the scenic Mackinlay Pass.

DAY 2 & 3: Crossing the Drake Passage

Named after the renowned explorer, Sir Francis Drake, who sailed these waters in 1578, the Drake Passage also marks the Antarctic Convergence, a biological barrier where cold polar water sinks beneath the warmer northern waters. This creates a great upwelling of nutrients, which sustains the biodiversity of this region. The Drake Passage also marks the northern limit of many Antarctic seabirds. As we sail across the passage, Antarply Expeditions' lecturers will be out with you on deck to help in the identification of an amazing variety of seabirds, including many albatrosses, which follow in our wake. The USHUAIA's open bridge policy allows you to join our officers on the bridge and learn about navigation, watch for whales, and enjoy the view. A full program of lectures will be offered as well.



The first sightings of icebergs and snow-capped mountains indicate that we have reached the South Shetland Islands, a group of twenty islands and islets first sighted in February 1819 by Capt. William Smith of the brig *Williams*. With favorable conditions in the Drake Passage our lecturers and naturalists will accompany you ashore as you experience your first encounter with the penguins and seals on Day 3.

DAY 4 to 7: Exploring the Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands



The South Shetland Islands are a haven for wildlife. Vast penguin rookeries, beaches ruled by Antarctic fur seals and Southern elephant seals make every day spent in this amazing island group unforgettable. Sailing through the narrow passage into the flooded caldera of Deception Island is breathtaking.

King George Island, the largest of the South Shetland Islands, features colonies of nesting Gentoo and Chinstrap Penguins, Kelp Gulls, Blue-eyed Cormorants, Antarctic Terns and Southern Giant Petrels and is home to scientific bases of many different countries. Chinstrap and Gentoo Penguins as well as elephant seals await you at Livingston Island.

The Antarctic Peninsula's remarkable history will provide you with a type of excitement often only associated with the early explorers. You will have plenty of time to explore its amazing scenery, a pristine wilderness of snow, ice, mountains and waterways, and an incredible wide variety of wildlife. Apart from penguins and seabirds you are very likely to see Weddell, crabeater and leopard seals as well as Minke, killer (orca) and humpback whales at close range.

We hope to navigate some of the most beautiful waterways (depending on the ice conditions): the Gerlache Strait, the Neumayer Channel, and the Lemaire Channel, the latter are narrow passages between towering rock faces and spectacular glaciers. We plan to make at least two landings per day and possible landing sites may include:

Paradise Bay is perhaps the most aptly named place in the world and we attempt a landing on the continent proper. After negotiating the iceberg-strewn waters of the Antarctic Sound, we hope to visit the bustling Adélie Penguin (over 100,000 pairs breed here) and Blue-eyed Cormorant colonies on Paulet Island. The Nordenskjöld expedition built a stone survival hut here in 1903. Today its ruins have been taken over by nesting penguins.

Further exploration may take you to the Melchior Island group, Cuverville Island, Portal Point, NekoHarbour, Pléneau Island and if ice conditions permit, to Petermann Island for a visit to the southernmost colony of Gentoo Penguins.



DAY 8 & 9: At Sea crossing the Drake Passage, northbound

We leave Antarctica and head north across the Drake Passage. Join our lecturers and naturalists on deck as we search for seabirds and whales and enjoy some final lectures. Take the chance to relax and reflect on the fascinating adventures of the past days on the way back to Ushuaia.



DAY 10: Arrival in Ushuaia

We arrive at the port of Ushuaia in the early morning and disembark the USHUAIA after breakfast.

Please note: The above itinerary is a guide only. Our exact route and program will vary to take best advantage of local weather and ice conditions and opportunities to view wildlife. Changes will be made by the Captain and/or Expedition Leader to facilitate the best results from the prevailing conditions. A daily program sheet will be issued on board. Flexibility is the key to success.

The itineraries for A121124, A101224, A291224, A080125 and A260225 will offer an extra day in the area of the Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands.



THE USHUAIA



Originally built for the United States agency NOAA (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration), the USHUAIA has been refurbished to accommodate a maximum of 90 passengers in 46 comfortable cabins and suites.

The ice-strengthened polar vessel USHUAIA is very well appointed and provides ample deck space and an open bridge policy. The full complement of inflatable landing craft ensures superb landings and wildlife viewing opportunities on the otherwise inaccessible coastline.

All cabins include ample storage space. Public areas feature a large dining room (one sitting), an open-plan observation lounge / lecture room with modern multimedia equipment, bar and a well-stocked library. There is also a small infirmary.



Our expert captain, officers and crew are highly experienced in Antarctic navigation and have a great love of nature. We provide a specialist team of international expedition leaders and lecturers, all extremely knowledgeable, enthusiastic, helpful and dedicated to the protection of the environment. Our chefs prepare excellent cuisine including many local specialties and the bar is well-stocked with carefully selected wines and spirits.

Accommodation:

- Suites:** 4 Outside cabins with windows on the upper deck G, private facilities, two lower berths, lounge, TV, DVD player and fridge. Suite 201 features two double beds, Suite 202 one double bed and a sofa bed. Suites 204 and 207 feature three lower single beds.
- Superior:** 9 Twin outside cabins with windows on the upper deck G, private facilities, two lower berths. Cabin 301 has one double and one single bed.
- Premier:** 6 Twin outside cabins with windows on the upper deck G, private facilities, two lower berths;
2 Single cabins with portholes (view obstructed by lifeboat) on the upper deck G, private facilities.
- Standard Plus:** 11 Twin outside cabins with portholes or windows on deck E, private facilities, two lower berths. Cabin 640 has one double bed.
2 Triple outside cabins with windows on deck E, private facilities, three lower berths.
- Standard:** 12 Twin outside cabins with portholes on deck E, semi-private facilities, two berths (upper/lower).

N.B. Semi-private facilities: Two cabins share one bathroom accessible from both cabins (shower and wc). Each cabin is also equipped with its own washbasin.



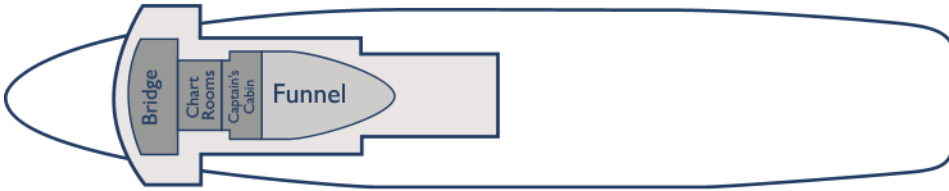
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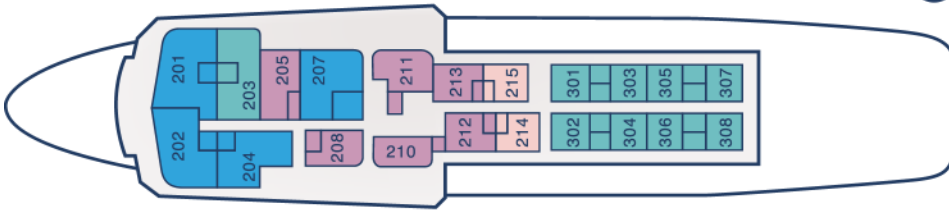
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DECK PLAN

BRIDGE DECK **H**

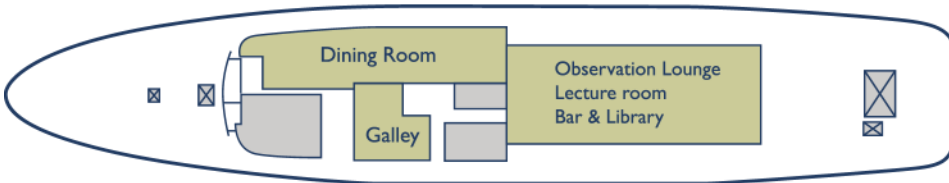


UPPER DECK **G**

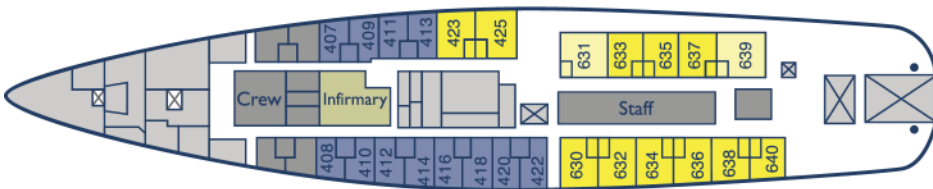


- 4 Suites
- 6 Premier twin private cabins
- 2 Premier single private cabins
- 9 Superior twin private cabins

MAIN DECK **F**



DECK **E**



- 12 Standard twin semi-private cabins
- 11 Standard Plus twin private cabins
- 2 Standard Plus triple private cabins

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All rates are subject to change and Antarply Expeditions reserves the right to modify the published rates without prior notice.

Included in the cruise price:

- Voyage aboard the USHUAIA as indicated in the itinerary.
- All meals throughout the voyage aboard the USHUAIA.
- All shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage by zodiac.
- Program of lectures by noted naturalists and leadership by experienced expedition staff.
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program.
- Comprehensive pre-departure material.
- Detailed post-expedition log.

Not included in the cruise price:

Any airfare, whether on scheduled or charter flights; pre- and post land arrangements; transfers to / from the vessel; passport and visa expenses; Government arrival and departure taxes; meals ashore; baggage, cancellation and personal insurance (strongly recommended); excess baggage charges and all items of a personal nature such as bar and beverage charges and telecommunication charges; and the customary gratuity at the end of the voyages (guidelines will be provided).

Reservations and Payments

A deposit of 10% of the cruise fare is required per person to confirm reservations. A further deposit of 20% of the cruise fare is required 270 days prior to departure with final payment due 90 days prior to departure.

Cancellations

All requests for cancellations must be received in writing.

Cancellations received 90 days prior to departure are not refundable but may be used as future credit.

From 89 days up to and including the day of departure all deposits and tariffs are forfeited. If cancellation occurs within the 89 day period and full payment has not yet been received, the full penalty will still apply and unpaid monies are due immediately.

For these and other reasons mentioned below, you are strongly encouraged to obtain trip cancellation insurance.

Antarply Expeditions reserves the right to cancel any voyage prior to departure in which case payments will be refunded in full without further obligation on our part.

Itineraries

The itineraries published are for reference only and are subject to change due to weather and ice conditions, or due to any other reason beyond our control, at the Master's and Expedition Leader's discretion without prior notice. Passengers have no right to any refund, any other consideration or claim whatsoever in the event of inevitable itinerary changes.

Insurance

Antarpply Expeditions requests their passengers to purchase a comprehensive travel insurance including trip cancellation and mandatory medical evacuation and repatriation coverage with a minimum of US\$100,000. Antarpply Expeditions shall not be responsible for any injuries to persons (whether or not resulting in death) or damage or loss to property. In case of a medical problem arising during the voyage, either on board or on shore, which results in costs for evacuation, use of aircraft or repatriation, the responsibility for payment of these costs belongs solely to the passenger and Antarpply Expeditions specifically decline any responsibility whatsoever (also if not covered by travel insurance).

Passenger Contract

The passenger must sign a passenger contract which constitutes the sole contract and his/her agreement to all the terms and conditions relative to the cruise. By accepting the cruise ticket the passenger also agrees to its terms & conditions.

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