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Land of the Penguins: Antarctic Adventure

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South Shetland Islands. Photo: ravas51



Penguin parent with baby. Photo: Terry Petkau

Inhale the pristine air while surveying brilliant white icescapes brushed with hints of blue. Lean back in awe and wonder as you take in the enormity of glaciers and mountains. Observe the hardy wildlife—including penguins, seabirds, seals, and whales—that thrive in this forbidding but beautiful unspoiled wilderness. Learn more about this incredible natural world from experts. In the midst of the cold, build warm friendships with tour leader Terry Petkau and other TourMagination adventurers. Your Antarctic experience awaits.

Itinerary

Tuesday, January 5 Ushuaia, Argentina

Begin your tour in Ushuaia, Argentina—the southernmost town in the world. Depending on your arrival time, you may have free time to explore the town, perhaps choosing to visit the many shops and artisan markets, relax in a café, or explore some of the excellent museums. Meet your fellow travellers over dinner.

Wednesday, January 6 Ushuaia

This morning you may explore Ushuaia further. Or avail yourself of an optional excursion to see the spectacular waterfalls, forests, mountains, and glaciers of Tierra del Fuego National Park. Board your ship late this afternoon and familiarise yourself with its many amenities.

Thursday & Friday, January 7 & 8 At Sea (Drake Passage)

While travelling through the scenic Beagle Channel to the Drake Passage, expert lecturers will prepare you for some of the fascinating sights of Antarctica

as they inform you about the region's wildlife and natural history. Keep your eyes open for large seabirds including the albatross and petrel. Dolphins and humpback whales may also be seen frolicking around the ship. Keep a lookout on the evening of January 8 for your first sighting of land—heralding your arrival at the White Continent.

Saturday to Tuesday, January 9 to 12 South Shetland Islands & Antarctic Peninsula

After crossing the open sea, it's time to explore the untamed Antarctic peninsula. The ship's captain will shepherd your journey—stopping at various locations when weather conditions allow and the time is right. Cruise by Zodiac amongst magnificently sculpted icebergs, mingle with vast colonies of penguins during shore landings, and climb to vantage points that reveal spectacular panoramic views of the Antarctic scenery. There may even be opportunities to visit a scientific or historic base, to go kayaking, or to snowshoe.

Wednesday & Thursday, January 13 & 14 Antarctic Circle

Depending on the weather conditions, your ship will continue southwards in an attempt to reach latitude 66°33'S and cross the fabled Antarctic Circle. The voyage south travels past colossal icebergs, to a point on Earth only a few intrepid travellers have sailed. This is home to the midnight sun, shifting ice, and incredible ice formations. Weddell seals are found in this region, as are humpback whales and minke whales that feed in the krill-rich waters.

Friday, January 15 South Shetland Islands & Antarctic Peninsula

Set a course northwards once more, exploring the Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands further by Zodiac and during shore landings.

Fare per person:

	CAD	USD
Category 6	\$19,670	\$14,426
Category 7	\$21,034	\$15,426
Category 8	\$22,397	\$16,426
Category 9	\$23,761	\$17,426
Category 10	\$25,124	\$18,426

Single Supplement costs available upon request.

Fare includes

- Arrival and departure transfers
- Ship accommodations and onboard amenities
- All onboard dining
- Expert tour leader and knowledgeable local guides
- Included shore excursions

Fare excludes

- International airfare and airport transfers
- Porterage
- Tips and gratuities
- Any additional or optional excursions or services
- Mandatory medical evacuation insurance (Must cover \$75,000)
- Travel medical (out-of-country emergency) and cancellation/interruption insurance

Continue to scan the waters for whales and seals and the skies for seabirds soaring above the ship.

Saturday & Sunday, January 16 & 17 At Sea (Drake Passage)

While sailing back through the Drake passage, swap photos and stories with other tour participants. Deepen your knowledge of Antarctica as you ask questions fuelled by personal experiences during lectures with expert naturalists.

Monday, January 18 Ushuaia

Arrive in Ushuaia, disembark, and say farewell to your fellow adventurers. Depart for home from the Ushuaia airport. Note: You are advised not to book a flight out of Ushuaia before midday, in case of delays caused by weather conditions.

Insurance

Travel medical (out-of-country emergency) insurance is **mandatory** and cancellation/interruption insurance is **highly recommended**.

Payments

Rates shown are in effect Oct. 2019. Though every effort is made to maintain established prices, TM reserves the right to adjust prices should it become necessary. The price is guaranteed when paid in full. We accept cheque and credit card payments. Credit card payments are charged a 3% fee.

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