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WHALES IN ANTARCTICA

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Voyage



M/V Hondius



12 Days | 2026
March 09th - 20th



Embark on an 11-day Antarctica Whale-Watching and Discovery Voyage, exploring stunning sites like Cuverville Island, Neko Harbor, and Paradise Bay. Enjoy bird-watching, including albatrosses and petrels, and visit iconic places like Deception Island and Neptune's Bellows. Experience activities like hiking, snowshoeing, and Zodiac rides, and be among the lucky few to set foot on the White Continent.

Aboard M/V HONDIUS

Hondius is an expedition ship built for polar cruises and the first to meet the LR PC6 ice class, making her one of the strongest vessels in polar waters. With high-tech stabilizers and powerful engines, the Hondius is fast, flexible, and designed for polar conditions.



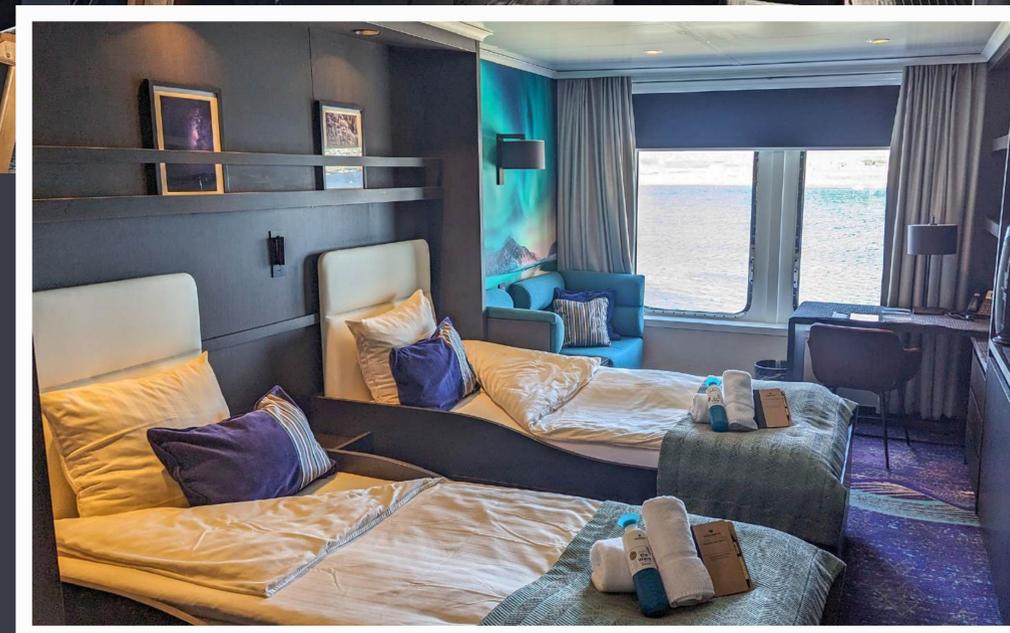
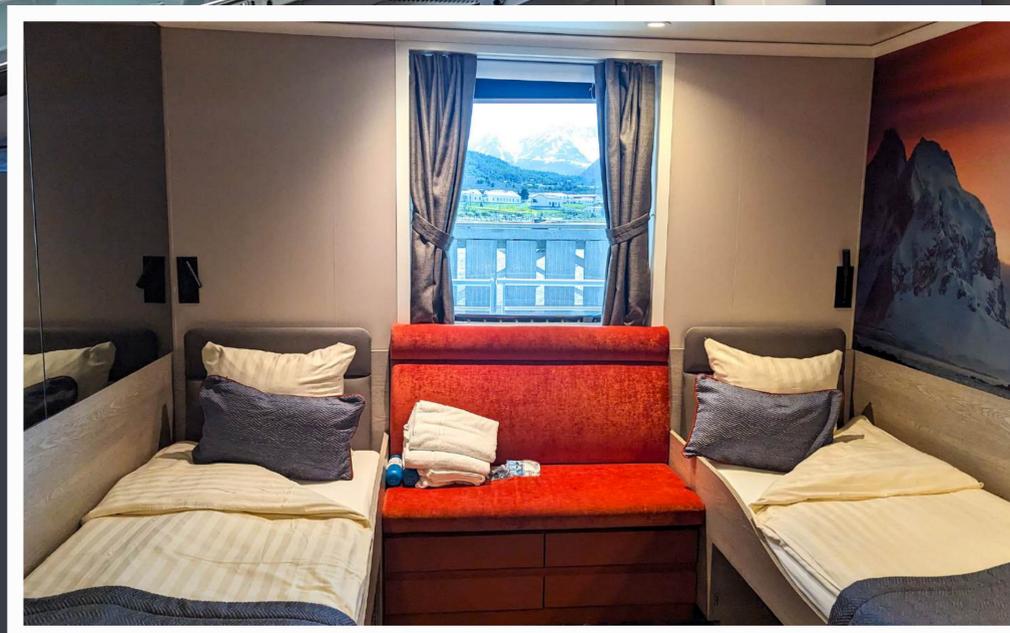
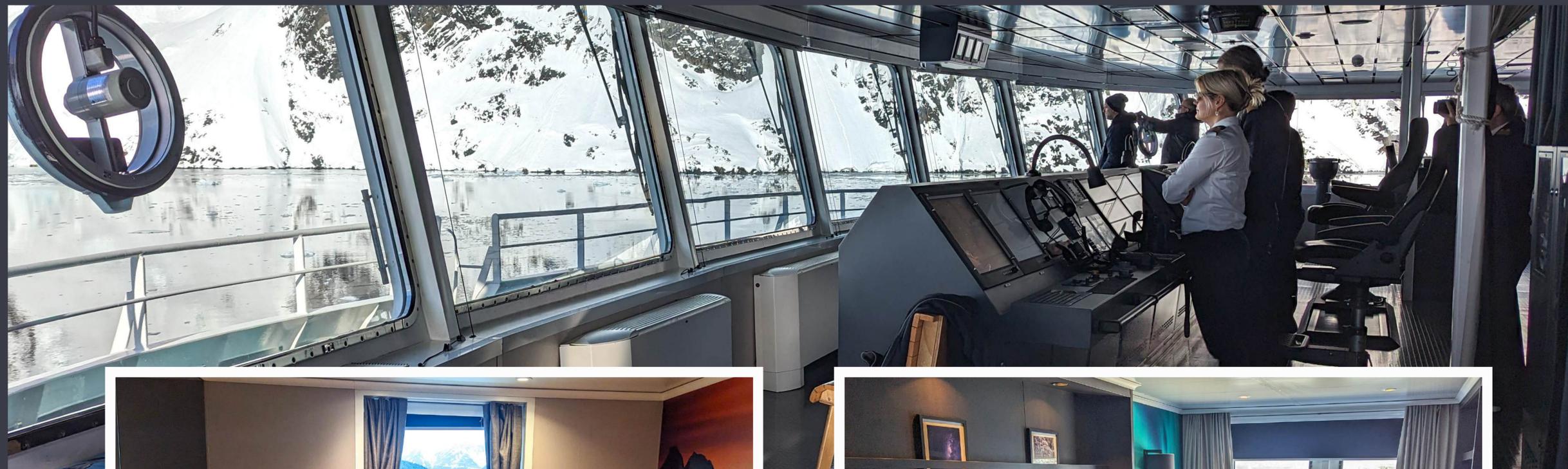
Daily guided polar excursions, expert lectures, 24/7 hot drinks, and a friendly crew, the guests enjoy an educational travel program, maximizing time ashore with swift access to land via two gangway.

Interactive workshops onboard in photography, astronomy, navigation, and botany, and polar excursions enhance the experience, making Hondius the ideal vessel for active, nature-focused travelers.

M/V Hondius CABINS

Twin
Window

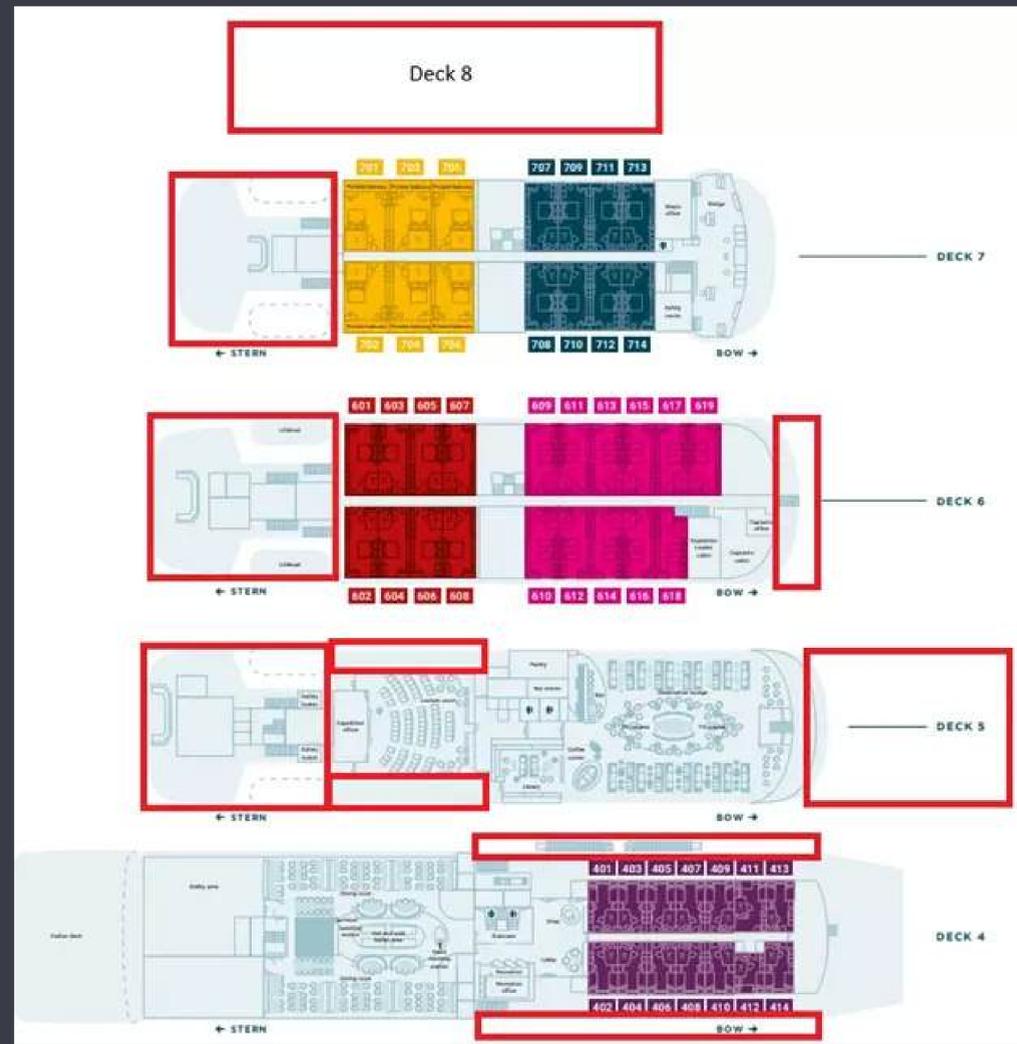
Hondius accommodates 170 passengers in 81 stylish mid-century modern cabins. Enjoy a cozy yet deluxe experience with observation lounges, outdoor decks, a library, and international cuisine.



Each cabin includes a private shower, toilet, heated towel rack, flatscreen TV, desk, WiFi, hair dryer, safe, and thermostat, with fixed bedding.

The ship's electrical supply is 220v, 60Hz, with standard European outlets (two round pins), so consider packing a 220v/110v converter and USB adaptor.

M/V Hondius DECK PLAN



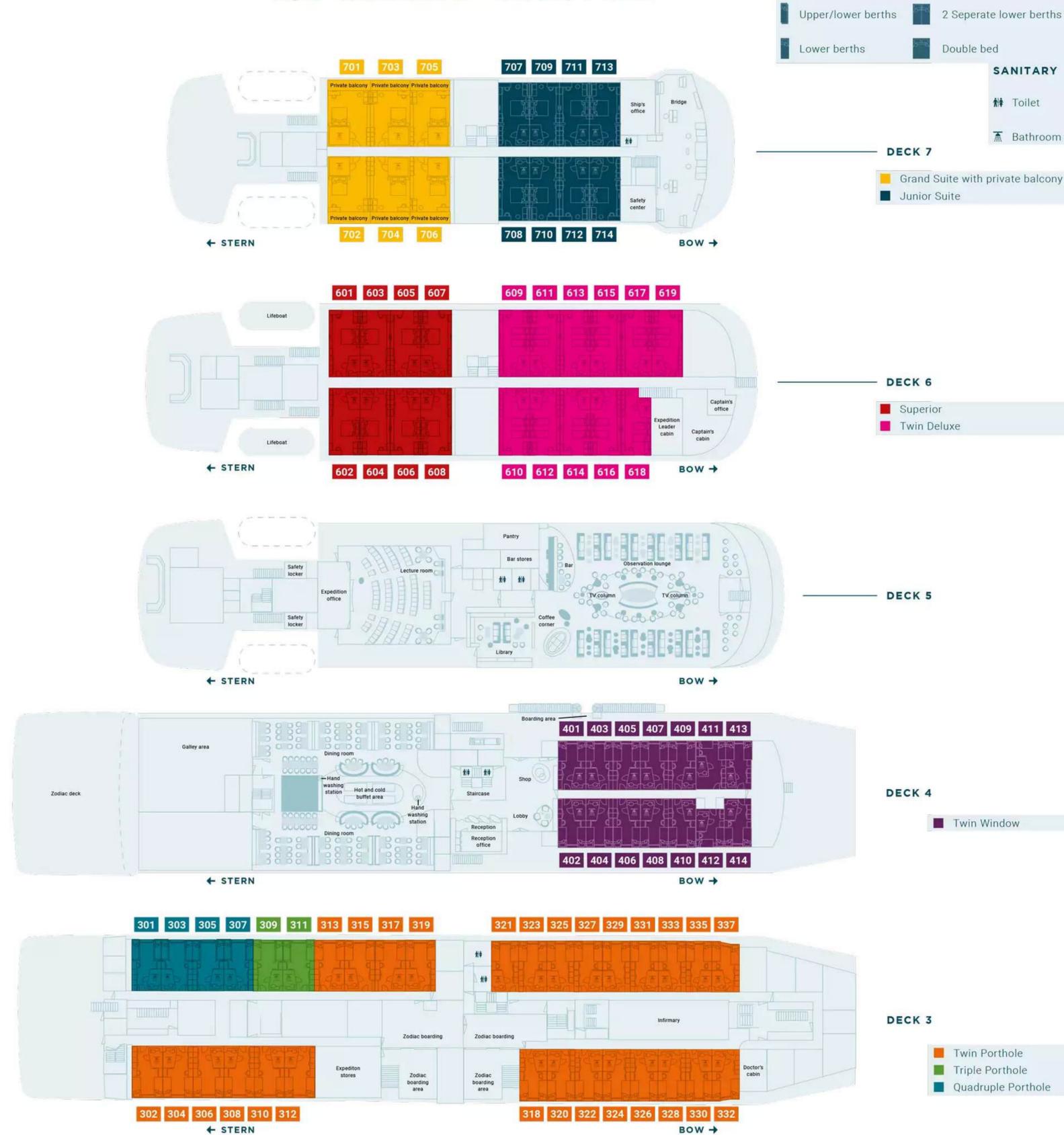
Twin Window Cabin
Exterior Deck Space

TWIN WINDOW:

Twin Window cabins on Deck 4 offer comfortable accommodations with two fixed twin beds and range from 129 to 151 square feet. Each cabin features a large window (some with an obstructed view), allowing natural light to fill the space. The layout may vary slightly between cabins, with some including a cozy sofa for additional seating. A wardrobe provides ample storage for your belongings, ensuring a relaxing and functional stay during your expedition.

\$ 9,900
PER PAX

M/V HONDIUS DECK PLAN



TOUR MAP

The 11-day Antarctica voyage is designed to maximize your time there. At sea, you'll have opportunities for bird-watching, and at various island locations, you can disembark and explore the continent. This itinerary includes the Antarctic Peninsula and the South Shetland archipelago. Activities include hiking, snowshoeing, and Zodiac rides.

IMPORTANT NOTE

This itinerary serves as a guide only; the exact route and program varies according to ice, weather conditions, wildlife encountered and the captain's discretion. Flexibility is the key to the success of any Antarctica expedition. Further, visits to research stations depend on final permission.



ITINERARY

Day 1 | March 09 : Arrival at Ushuaia, Argentina

Reach Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, an archipelago at the southern tip of South America, is home to penguin colonies and offers stunning coastal views and natural beauty. Spend the night here.

Day 2 | March 10 : Embark Ushuaia, Argentina

Spend the afternoon in Ushuaia, known as "The End of the World" due to its status as the southernmost city globally. Later, enjoy an evening sail on the Beagle Channel, surrounded by picturesque mountains.



ITINERARY

Days 3-4 | March 11-12 : Drake Passage

The two-day transit across the Drake Passage offers an opportunity to experience the maritime conditions encountered by historical polar expeditions, characterized by cool saline winds and significant wave action. Upon traversing the Antarctic Convergence, observe a diverse array of avian species, including wandering, grey-headed, black-browed, and light-mantled sooty albatrosses, as well as cape pigeons, southern fulmars, Wilson's storm petrels, blue petrels, and Antarctic petrels.





ITINERARY

Day 5-9 | March 13-17 : Antarctic Peninsula

Sail past the Melchior Islands and Schollaert Channel, witnessing diverse wildlife and scenery, with gray stone peaks, snow, and blue-white ice towers. Sites you may visit:

- **Danco Island:** Gentoo penguins, Weddell and crabeater seals.
- **Neko Harbor:** Zodiac cruise and landing with views of alpine peaks.
- **Paradise Bay:** Zodiac cruise, possible humpback and minke whales.
- **Pléneau & Petermann Islands:** Possible Lemaire Channel sailing, humpback and minke whales, leopard seals.
- **Port Lockroy:** Visit the museum and post office, possible activities with gentoo penguins and blue-eyed shags.
- **Wilhelmina Bay & Guvernøren:** Humpback whales, possible Zodiac cruise to the Guvernøren wreck, possible whales, leopard seals, and crabeater seals around the Melchior Islands.
- **Charlotte Bay:** Expect to see gentoo penguins, Weddell seals, and possibly humpback or minke whales. Departure time depends on Drake Passage conditions.

ITINERARY

Day 10-11 | March 18-19 : Drake Passage

While crossing the Drake Passage, a vast array of seabirds will follow the ship as it travels north. These birds, including albatrosses and petrels, often accompany the vessel throughout the crossing.

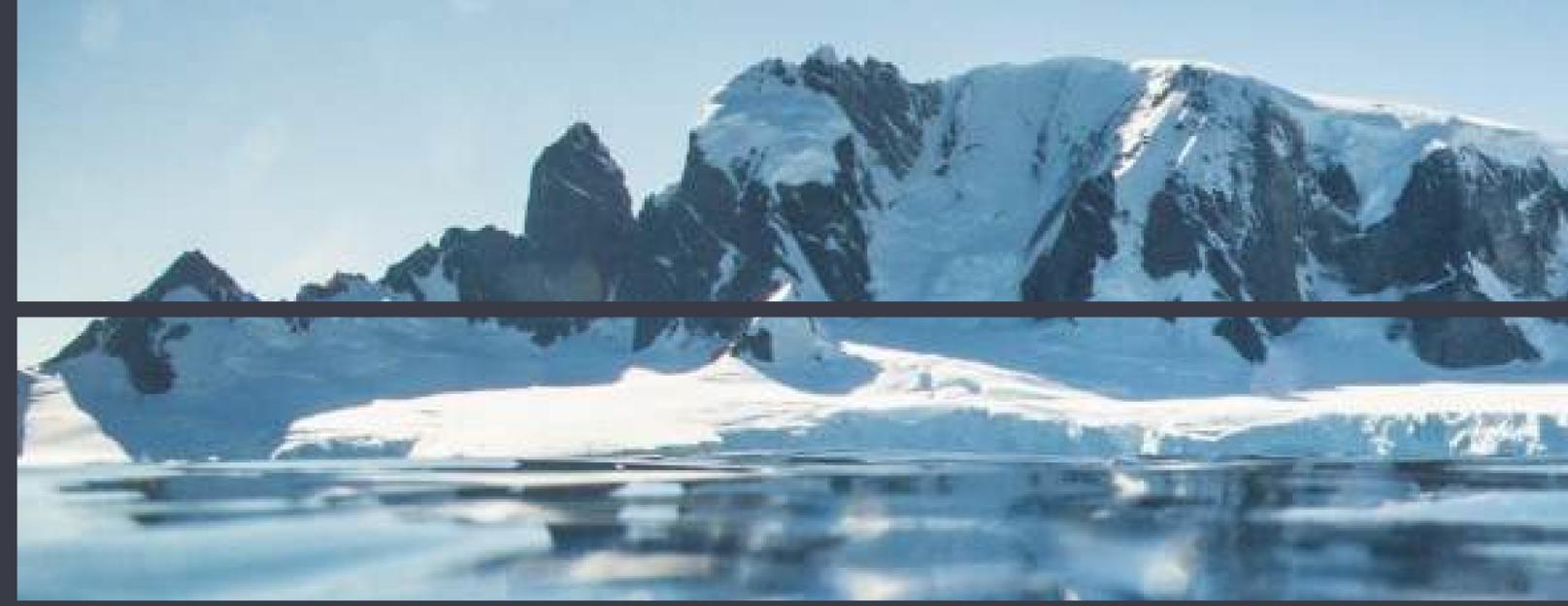
Day 12 | March 20 : Disembark Ushuaia

As your journey concludes in Ushuaia, we bid you farewell. May the memories you've made during this adventure stay with you always. Board a flight back to India.



GOOD TO KNOW

- **Arrival & Departure:** The Antarctica voyage departs from and returns to Ushuaia, Argentina (USH). Embarkation is between 4:00 and 5:00pm, with the ship sailing around 6:00pm. Disembarkation is between 8:30 and 9:00am. we arrive in Ushuaia a day before the trip begins.
- **Activities:** Polar diving may be one of the optional activities available on the Voyage. It costs \$750 per person for the 2025-26 season.
- **Travel Insurance:** For this trip, you are required to have emergency medical evacuation insurance with a minimum coverage of \$100,000 per person.



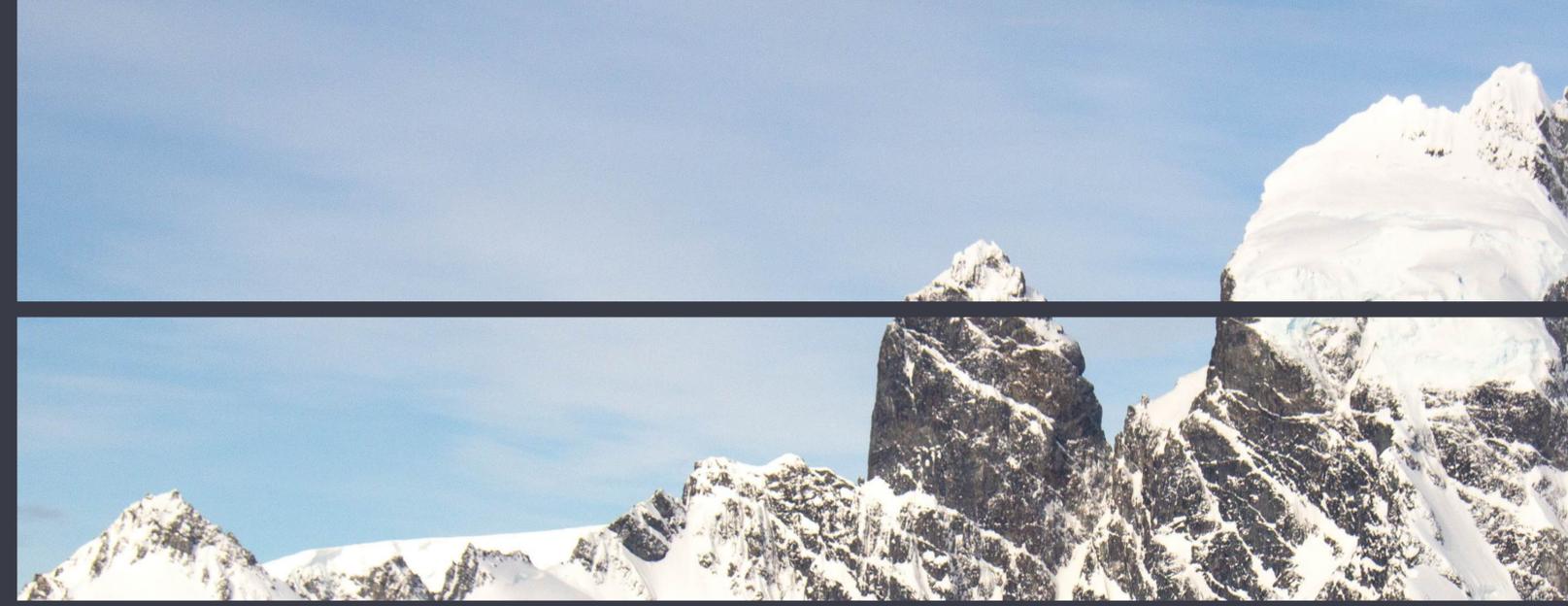
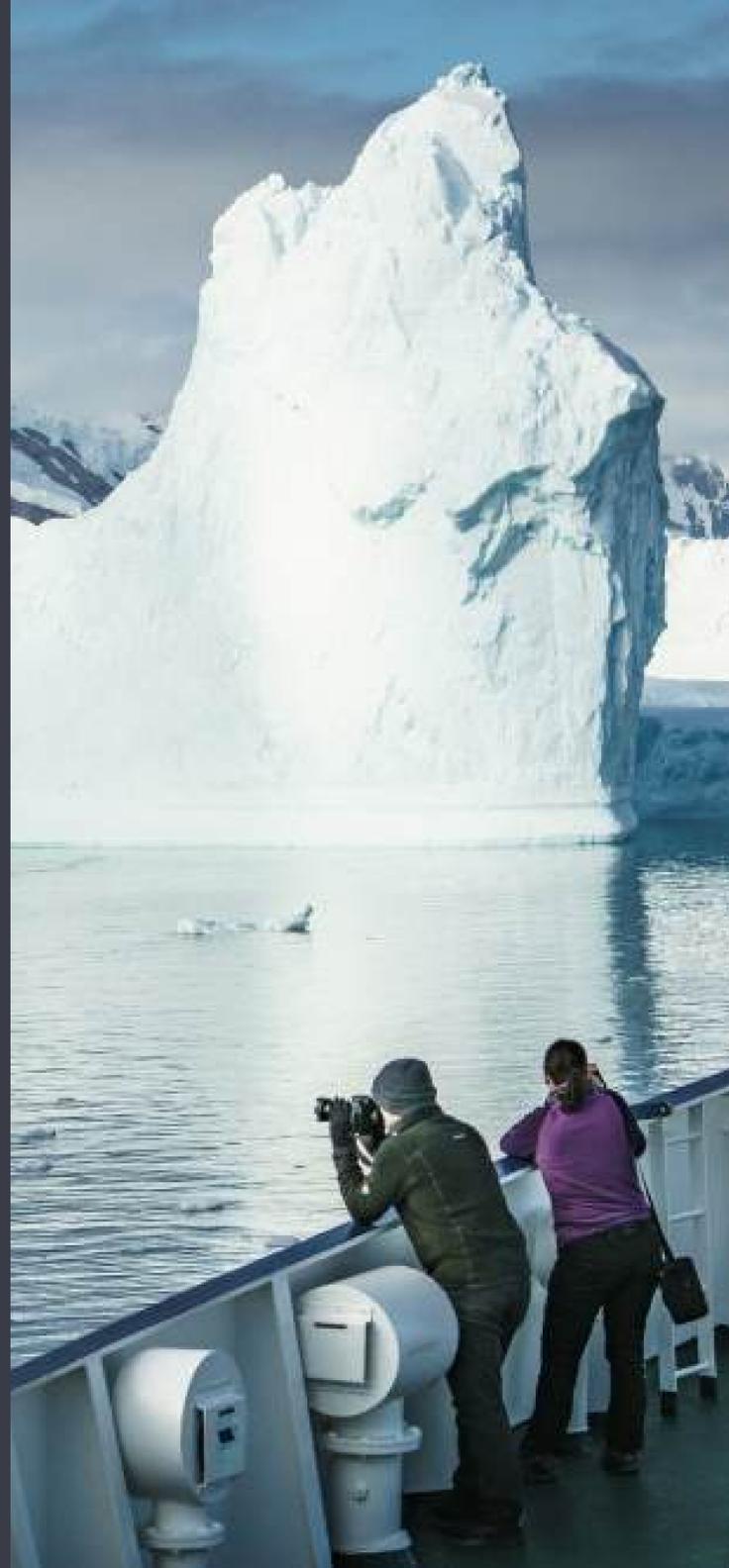
INCLUSIONS

- Voyage aboard the indicated vessel as indicated in the itinerary.
- All meals throughout the voyage aboard the ship including snacks, coffee, and tea.
- All shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage by Zodiac.
- Program of lectures by noted naturalists and leadership by experienced expedition staff.
- Free use of rubber boots and snowshoes.
- Luggage transfer from pick-up point to the vessel on the day of embarkation in Ushuaia.
- Pre-scheduled group transfer from the vessel to the airport in Ushuaia (directly after disembarkation).
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program.
- Comprehensive pre-departure material.
- Basic WiFi up to 1.5GB per 24 hours



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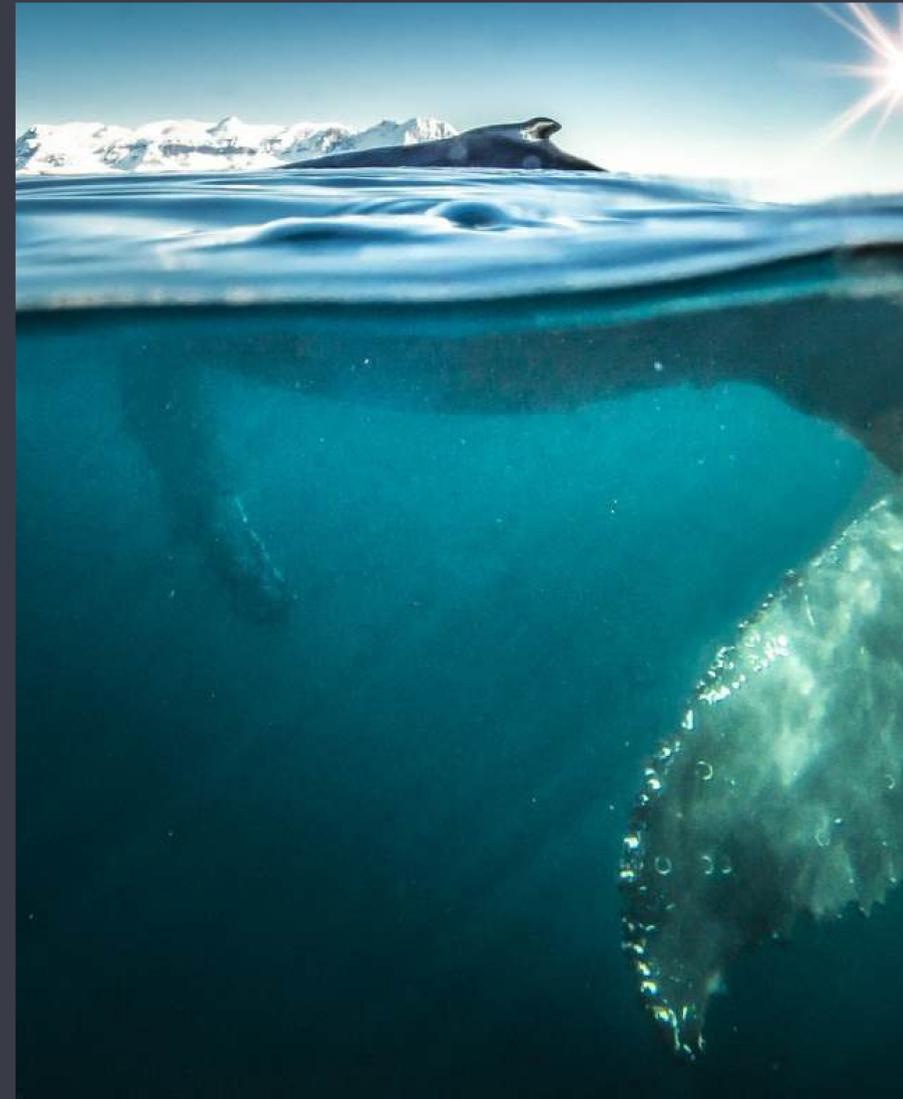
- Taxes, GST 5% & TCS 5-20%
- Any airfare whether on scheduled or charter flights
- Pre- and post-land arrangements.
- Transfers to the vessel in Ushuaia.
- Passport and visa expenses.
- Government arrival and departure taxes.
- Meals ashore
- Baggage and cancellation insurance.
- Personal insurance (mandatory).
- Optional activities & single room supplement
- Excess baggage charges
- All items of a personal nature such as laundry, bar, beverage charges and telecommunication charges.
- Customary gratuity at the end of the voyage
- Fuel surcharge (your Adventure Specialist will provide details)





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