

Antarctica and Latin America were once one. Then, seventy million years ago, the opening of the Drake Passage began a split from the rest of the southern hemisphere, and the new White Continent was born.

As the UK's N°1 specialist in travel to Latin America, we've been creating holidays here for 40 years, and the continent remains the natural start point for most visits to Antarctica, South Georgia and the Falkland Islands.

Those who make the journey, whether by sea or by air, will be blessed with breathtaking landscapes and teeming wildlife experiences beyond compare.

Working only with the very best expedition cruising specialists to these polar regions, let us take you there and beyond, to discover the contrasting continents that are Latin America and Antarctica.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF ANTARCTICA

It's not just the breathtaking landscapes and abundant wildlife that draws visitors to Antarctica. The fascinating heritage tells of incredible achievements and sacrifices as adventurers pit their wits against the wild nature of the White Continent.

For centuries Antarctica was a myth fired by human imagination and rumours spread by the early navigators of the world. Then, around 200 years ago, explorers, sealers and whalers began to discover the rugged shoreline. Later began the intrepid expeditions of the Victorian era, when the vertical walls of frozen rock and crevasse-scarred ice of the interior were first travelled in the frenzied race to the South Pole, and the allure of this final frontier remains very much alive today.

Nowadays, for many visitors, just to revisit the early challenges of the explorers, whose names resonate with triumph and tragedy – Amundsen, Scott and Shackleton – is the starting point of what must be one of the world's last great adventures.

Robert Falcon Scott's first expedition to Antarctica begins on the purpose built ship, Discovery. Ernest Shackleton was among the crew that spent 3 years doing scientific research before being recalled.

Ernest Shackleton returns to Antarctica on the Endurance to try the first crossing of the continent. He fails: the ship is crushed by ice and the crew abandon ship. One of the greatest adventures of all time follows, with the stranded crew rescued in 1916 following Shackleton's epic row-boat journey to South Georgia.

A solitary US twin-engine aircraft makes the first ever landing at the South Pole. Its passengers are the first to set foot there since Scott in 1912. The landing ground is now the site for sophisticated equipment conducting long-term monitoring of the Earth's atmosphere.

The Antarctic Treaty is ratified by countries with a scientific interest in the area south of latitude 60°S, designating it a protected natural reserve, setting aside territorial disputes and devoted to science. Tourism to the continent is also regulated. Five years later the first expedition vessel with tourists on board is launched, though tourism doesn't take off until the end of the 1990s.

An invasion of the Falkland Islands by Argentina fails and the UK re-asserts its sovereignty over the archipelago and South Georgia. Culturally, the islands are a fascinating outpost of the former Empire.

The UK's Felicity Aston reaches the South Pole having led the first international women's team to make the 900km journey on skis. In 2012, she becomes the first woman to ski to the South Pole alone.

“In 1995, a hundred years after the first recorded footfall on the Antarctic mainland, I boarded the Russian-crewed Alla Tarasova, which offered western visitors a rudimentary and somewhat challenging Antarctic cruise. These were still the early days of Antarctic tourism, and while quality and choice have improved vastly, the trip remains every bit an adventure.”
Chris Parrott, Founder, Journey Latin America

1901

1914

1956

1961

1982

2009

1911

Amundsen's Norwegian expedition, a party of 5 men and 13 dogs, reaches the South Pole, enduring atrocious conditions. They beat Scott's attempt by 5 weeks and return home safely. Scott's team perishes on the return journey.

1923

Large-scale factory ship whaling begins in the Ross Sea. Although plundered of almost all of its blue whales, the Ross Sea still supports huge numbers of other whale species and dolphins. Whaling is banned in 1986.

1958

The Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition successfully completes the first overland crossing of Antarctica, via the South Pole. It's the first expedition to reach the South Pole overland for 46 years.

1980

Journey Latin America is established by co-founders Brian Williams and Chris Parrott. The company was among the first to offer Antarctic cruises, visiting since 1994.

2007

Antarctica tourism peaks, with a growing range of ships and routes available. The popularity of the destination continues today.

2020

Antarctica remains the final frontier and continues to draw modern day explorers seeking the ultimate challenge, with four British explorers attempting to achieve what Shackleton set out to do over a century ago and traverse 1,800 miles across Antarctica from Vahsel Bay, Endurance's last confirmed location.





“No company has more first-hand knowledge of its subject than Journey Latin America.”

Condé Nast Traveller

WHY BOOK WITH JOURNEY LATIN AMERICA?

TRAVELLING TO ANTARCTICA

When you choose Journey Latin America, you travel with the experts. We've been visiting Antarctica since the early 1990s, with many of our team having made the trip to the South Atlantic. For most, and all are seasoned travellers, it is the simply best travel experience they have ever had – and we love inspiring others to visit the region too.


With an ever-increasing choice of ships and itineraries, our in-depth knowledge and personal experience will help guide you to the right one.


ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT


We are fully committed to protecting this pristine wilderness for future generations, so we choose our partners carefully.


All the ships we work with adhere to a stringent voluntary code of conduct developed by the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (www.iaato.org) designed to minimise the impact of visits to this fragile environment.


HOW TO BOOK:


 Visit our website journeylatinamerica.co.uk

 Speak to an expert on **020 8747 8315**

 Or email us at tours@journeylatinamerica.co.uk

 We'll send you a detailed proposal.

 A deposit will secure your booking with full payment due 120 days before departure.

 Alternatively, book one of our Antarctic Cruise itineraries online.



“A family of Orcas approached the ship while we were crossing the Scotia Sea towards Antarctica and I was very excited when I managed to get a close shot of a mother with her calf.”

Lina Fuller

EXPLORING FURTHER AFIELD

Antarctica is best explored via South America, with cruises departing Argentina and flights from Chile. Other regions of Latin America are within easy reach, so many travellers take the opportunity to visit more of the continent while they are there.

Here Journey Latin America comes into its own: there are no corners of the region we do not know, so we are able to make well-informed suggestions and devise a truly memorable holiday for you based on a vast resource of accumulated knowledge.

Don't just take our word for it – many of our guests come back time and time again...

“Right from the first contact Paul was extremely helpful and clearly knew about the destination. He put together an itinerary that was exactly what I was looking for.”

TF, Wakefield

“Everything I requested was done efficiently and without fuss. Our conversations added to the anticipation and excitement about the trip. To say Adam went above and beyond high expectations is an understatement.”

BD, Hartlepool

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4.8 / 5 Service Rating

“One of my highlights was Petermann Island where there's a colony of gentoo penguins. The adolescents are quite inquisitive so if you crouch down and remain still, they come up to investigate. One came right up and started pecking my trouser leg. It soon realised that I'm not food and waddled off but what an amazing experience!”

Sophie Barber



97% of clients rated their experience with Journey Latin America as Excellent or Good.

OUR AWARDS



Gold Trusted Service, Feefo 2018

Top Ten Specialist Tour Operator: Condé Nast Traveller Readers' Awards 2017, 2018

Winner: CIM Travel Marketing Awards for Best Website 2017

Winner: Food and Travel Magazine Readers' Award for Tour Operator of the Year 2016, 2017

Winner: Agents Choice Award Tour Operator to Latin America & the Caribbean, Selling Travel 2017

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Top 10 Tour Operator: Wanderlust Travel Awards 2009, 2010, 2015

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OUR EXPERIENCES

Many of our team have experienced the wonders and sheer beauty of the Antarctic continent. We asked them to recount some of their highlights and top things to do – no mean feat, and one that they embraced with enthusiasm.

With personal experiences like these, having travelled on board our hand-picked vessels our experts are on hand to start planning your adventure to the continent.



A TRUE WILDERNESS

Portal Point is the gateway to the continent. It was snowing as we walked up to a viewpoint (you had to, you were on the Antarctic continent!) overlooking the bay. Visibility wasn't the best but it didn't matter, it was just so beautiful. I had never seen such deep snow and it covered our footprints - we felt we were the first explorers there.

Sophie Barber

IT'S A WILD WORLD

How can I describe my first encounter with the large colonies of King Penguins?

I couldn't quite believe what I was looking at; a colony of at least half a million penguins, with brown chicks calling their elegant parents. It was so overwhelming I had to stop, sit down, put my camera down and just watch and enjoy this incredible spectacle.

It was an unforgettable moment and something that will stay with me forever.

Lina Fuller



IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF TRUE PIONEERS

For me, the human history of Antarctica and the South Atlantic resonates more than the sight of the vast icy landscapes, or even the cacophonous wildlife. Wherever you go, you are reminded of the resilience and the suffering of the early explorers and just how cut off from the rest of the world they were.

Claire Milner



BEYOND THE PENINSULA

Exploring the Falkland Islands feels as though you've stepped back in time; life is tranquil and simple. I wasn't prepared for the warmth and friendliness of the people and for the Islands to be such a contrast to the rest of Latin America. In fact I can't think of anything vaguely "Latin" about it at all! The majority of visitors just stop in Port Stanley as part of a cruise but to really get under the skin of the Falklands and to begin to understand and appreciate the people and the history, you'd have to stay longer and visit the other more remote areas and islands.

Konrad Mludzinski



PHOTOGRAPHING SHEER BEAUTY

The photography opportunities available in this dramatic environment are endless. The combinations of light and shadow allow you to play around with both colour and black and white. Zoom in close to snow being blown off the tip of a mountain or capture a wide angle shot of pure tranquillity. Every adventure will tell a story here, even cloudy or snowy days give you the canvas for nostalgic pictures.

Mary Anne Nelson

ONLY THE BEST ON BOARD

The expedition team stunned me with their range of skills. Not only were they each qualified in their academic specialisation, but they doubled as guides, lifeguards, Zodiac pilots, photographers, humorists and raconteurs. Multitalented, they really inspired confidence, respect and, where necessary, on-shore obedience!

Isabelle Mazille

GET SOME PERSPECTIVE

There is nowhere quite like the wilderness of Antarctica, with its vast open skies, dark seas and snow-clad landscapes, to put the sheer size of our incredible planet – and our place on it – into context.

Stuart Whittington

A NEVER ENDING STORY

The endless daylight of high summer makes Antarctica a 24 hour showcase. The ice turns to gold and crimson beneath a midnight sun and it can feel the days have no natural conclusion. Routine stays at home as excitement takes over. Hours of sleep are snatched here and there. It's hard to drag yourself to bed, not wanting to miss a single moment of this precious, surreal experience.

David Nichols



AN ICY ADVENTURE

Always Kayak. That was the mantra of our 3 Canadian guides who would take us out twice a day to paddle the waters around the Antarctic Peninsula. At times we would have penguins jumping over the noses of the canoes and at others we would be sliding over floating ice rocks making paths for ourselves which slowly closed behind us. Being so close to the water added a sense of foreboding, not knowing what enormous creature may be lurking beneath, but in every sense we all felt incredibly fortunate to be able to sit there and take in the surrounding landscapes of the Antarctica Peninsula from our own little pods.

Nicola Gude

SETTING FOOT ON THE CONTINENT

Nothing beats stepping out of the Zodiac onto land. We were greeted by the groaning, grunting and belching of hundreds of fur and elephant seals. Later we took a hike up onto a ridge in super snowy conditions: it felt like a real Antarctic expedition, and the icy views were surreal.

Caroline Maber





PLANNING YOUR TRIP

HOW TO GET THERE

Most Antarctic cruises sail from Ushuaia, Argentina. Air-cruises take off from Punta Arenas, Chile. A few cruises also set out from the Falkland Islands. We can take care of all the arrangements to get you there, recommending you reach the departure point no later than the day before.

THE DRAKE PASSAGE

The voyage across the Drake Passage between South America and Antarctica takes around 48 hours. It can be a turbulent crossing but many travellers regard it as essential to their Antarctic experience. Talks are given on board, meals continue as normal and there is plenty of time to read and spot birds or whales.

FLIGHTS BETWEEN PUNTA ARENAS AND KING GEORGE ISLAND

Air-cruises cross the Drake Passage in a couple of hours and are ideal for those who are short on time or prefer to spend less time at sea. You'll fly from Punta Arenas, Chile to King George Island in the South Shetlands, just 120km from Antarctica. Motion sickness is much less of a problem once you reach the sheltered waters off the Antarctic Peninsula.

WHO WILL ENJOY ANTARCTICA?

Antarctica attracts a diverse mix of ages and nationalities, usually with plenty in common. The on-board camaraderie is a feature of Antarctic travel and it's easy to get to know people. English is the main language used on board, and fellow guests could include singles, couples, friends or organised groups.

Antarctica can also be a great trip for families with older children, or an unforgettable honeymoon.

HOW LONG SHOULD YOU GO FOR?

It's possible to visit Antarctica in as little as 2 weeks after adding flights and positioning nights. Most people spend about 3 weeks away, including a short stopover elsewhere in Latin America. You'll need up to 4 weeks if considering a trip to include the Falklands and South Georgia.

FINDING THE RIGHT TRIP FOR YOU

Whether you are on a tight budget or looking to travel in style, our prices are always competitive. Prices vary according to dates in the season, length of itinerary, route, ship and type of cabin. We give an indication of costs for each ship and itinerary later in this guide.

You should always allow a number of days in Latin America either side of your cruise, to allow for unforeseen delays, and we'll be able to arrange the best-priced international flights from your preferred airport.

THE WEATHER

The Antarctic Peninsula is accessible during the polar summer, October to March, with long hours of daylight and average temperatures between +1°C and -15°C. Temperatures on shore will hover around the 0°C mark, though wind or sun can make it feel very different. There's never a dull moment: a breeze can bring in a whiteout, and when the sun shines, it is magic. Landings are organised so that guests may return to the ship if they want to, and whatever the weather it's always warm and cosy on-board.

THE SEASONS

Antarctica's scenery and wildlife is spectacular no matter when you go, but you may be drawn to a particular part of the season depending on your interests.



OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

- Spring flowers pepper the Falklands and South Georgia
- Penguin and seabird courtship and nest building.
- Elephant and fur seals carve out their territories.
- Emperor penguins on the frozen wastes of the Weddell Sea.

DECEMBER - JANUARY

- Long summer days and milder temperatures.
- Penguins incubate their eggs and chicks begin to hatch.
- Seal pups are born on South Georgia and the Falklands.
- Whale and seal sightings increase.

FEBRUARY - MARCH

- Excellent fur seal and whale-watching opportunities.
- Curious penguin chicks begin to fledge.
- Snow algae brings colour to the snow-white landscape.
- Pack ice breaks up, allowing for deeper exploration.



THE WILDLIFE

BIRDS: Among the vast variety of marine birds, penguins are usually top of everyone's list and can be found almost everywhere. The sight of the lonesome albatross is a highlight.

MAMMALS: Whales abound here: blue, humpback, orca, minke and southern right whales are often seen. Weddell, Ross, crab-eater, leopard and seals sprawl on the beaches.

PLANTS: Antarctic plants are restricted to lichen, mosses and algae, yet in hundreds of colourful varieties. A greater range thrives on the sub-Antarctic islands: in spring the Falklands are awash with flowers.

WHERE TO FIND ANTARCTICA'S PENGUINS

	ANTARCTIC PENINSULA	FALKLAND ISLANDS	SOUTH GEORGIA	WEDDELL SEA
 ADÉLIE				
 CHINSTRAP				
 EMPEROR				
 GENTOO				
 KING				
 MACARONI				
 MAGELLANIC				
 ROCKHOPPER				

LIFE ON BOARD



YOUR EXPEDITION TEAM

Captains and crew have often spent years navigating in Polar regions, while a dedicated Expedition Team of expert biologists, geologists, climatologists, historians or wildlife experts will host you. There is a doctor on all the voyages, though their facilities are naturally limited. On and off ship they are all professional, friendly and informal.

DAYS AT SEA

Travelling to and from the Peninsula can take several days. During this time the on-board team put on a series of presentations to help you get the most out of your time in Antarctica. Information is imparted in an accessible and entertaining manner, and presentations are often accompanied by superb images and videos. These are optional: you may wish to just to spend time on deck watching the world go by.



THE FOOD IS A HIGHLIGHT!

“Meals are informal – there’s no need to dress up and you can mix with other guests as there’s generally no fixed seating. Food on board is a mixture of buffets and sit-down meals, prepared using good, fresh ingredients and is often unexpectedly innovative.”

Jamie Swan



EXCURSIONS

All cruises include a full programme of shore landings to view wildlife at no extra cost. Once in Antarctica, the Falklands or South Georgia, ships drop anchor close to shore enabling one or two excursions each day, none are compulsory.

BY LAND

Disembarking the ship directly into a Zodiac or other small motor-boat, you will be ferried to a nearby beach, where you’ll need to paddle ashore in waterproof boots. Once you are on land you may enjoy a short hike or bird-watching with a specialist. In some places you are free to wander on your own, taking photos, surveying the scenery or viewing trusting wildlife. In good conditions, each landing will last from 1-4 hours.

Landings are not normally strenuous, although you’ll need to get in and out of the Zodiacs, sometimes in choppy conditions.

BY SEA

Sometimes you’ll do a Zodiac cruise instead of a landing, opening up the possibility of thrilling encounters with whales, seals and monumental ice formations.

BY AIR

Some vessels are equipped with helicopters which, weather permitting, allow unrivalled access to some of Antarctica’s even more inaccessible sights.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Many cruises offer optional adventure activities such as a night spent camping on the ice, sea kayaking, snowshoeing, skiing or mountaineering. These usually cost extra and space is limited so sign up in advance of your cruise. For the very actively inclined, a few expeditions have adventure activities as their main focus and include them in the cost.



A LETTER FROM ANTARCTICA

Lina Fuller

Every morning we have a wakeup call and I look through the porthole in my cabin out to sea, sometimes I see big white mountains, other times I see ice everywhere. Sometimes there are huge icebergs passing by, while other days only the vast empty sea is in front of me. I get very excited because I know that every day I will have another incredible adventure. After a satisfying breakfast I get ready to disembark: with my waterproof clothing, boots, gloves, hat and camera, I’m ready for another magical day.

No two days are alike: the weather dictates our itinerary, there’s no need to plan ahead. Today we may land or we may not, the swell may be strong and we will do a Zodiac cruise instead; we may visit a research station or get close to a penguin colony, we may be surrounded by whales or we will marvel at the blue colours of deep ice; sometimes we will do something different like kayaking or camping.

Every day in Antarctica I discover that the world is still full of wonders, and I know that my life will never be the same after having experienced the magnificence and beauty of this wonderful place.

FLEXIBILITY

Antarctic travel may be easier and more comfortable than ever before, yet it remains every bit an adventure. Ever-changing weather and local conditions can trigger sudden changes, so be prepared that the itinerary, landings and activities will be decided based on the captain’s decisions on the day. Come with an open mind and a flexible attitude.

CHOOSING YOUR VOYAGE



CLASSIC ANTARCTIC PENINSULA CRUISE

10-12 days from £4,672pp

The Antarctic Peninsula and its string of tiny islands are a stunningly beautiful landscape of rugged mountain peaks scoured by glaciers, which feed enormous icebergs into the sea. This is a rich breeding ground for seabirds, penguins and seals.

The echoes of human history are here: you may visit Port Lockroy, home of the British Antarctic Survey, or Hope Bay with its Argentine base and neighbouring Adélie penguin rookery. As your ship edges its way through the fractured ice, perhaps entering the narrow, sheer-sided Lemaire Channel, you may spot a whale or two. Paradise Bay is every bit as beautiful as it sounds, while Petermann Island has a large colony of gentoo penguins. Sometimes it's possible to land at Neko Bay, on continental Antarctica.

The South Shetland Islands were visited long ago by scientists, sealers and whalers whose haunting, abandoned shelters recall the early exploitation of the region. Elephant Island is where Shackleton's crew wintered while awaiting rescue; and taking a dip in the thermal springs in Deception Island's flooded caldera is a highlight for many.



Almost all ship-based expeditions explore the most readily accessible part of the continent: the northerly Antarctic Peninsula, which hosts some of the continent's most spectacular scenery, abundant wildlife and a string of fascinating research stations.

The Peninsula is about 1,000km beyond the southernmost tip of South America, two days' sail across the Drake Passage from Ushuaia. A fly-cruise itinerary is available for those wanting to reduce their time at sea.

Expeditions make most landfalls on the Antarctic Peninsula's necklace of offshore islands. Conditions permitting, you'll be able to set foot on the continent itself.

Some voyages have a focus on activities, such as kayaking, others aim to sail to even more remote parts of the white continent, such as the Polar Circle, Weddell and Ross Sea.

Among the most rewarding cruises are those that expand to include visits to the Falkland Islands and South Georgia, which, if you have the time, we heartily recommend.

Programmed itineraries are for guidance only. Exact routes will vary depending on the state of the ice, weather conditions and presence of wildlife. Prices shown are based on two travellers sharing a standard twin cabin on the different ships we offer, excluding flights. Exact itineraries and durations vary.



CROSSING THE ANTARCTIC CIRCLE

12-14 days from £7,184pp

With 2-3 extra days you can spend longer exploring the coast of the Peninsula, covering the Classic Antarctica route before pushing further south in an attempt to cross the Antarctic Circle at latitude 66° 33'. There are no guarantees you'll reach it, but all enjoy the luxury of additional time in Antarctica.

“ This was undoubtedly a once in a lifetime holiday and was not only up to but surpassed all expectations - thank you very much for a superb holiday. ”

JW, London



THE WEDDELL SEA

11-13 days from £6,528pp

As well as visiting the South Shetland Islands and part of the Western Peninsula, this route enters the Weddell Sea, with its vast tabular icebergs, to the east. A couple of early-season cruises even try to reach the emperor penguins on Snow Hill Island, by helicopter, before they waddle off towards the interior of Antarctica in December.



FLY-CRUISE TO ANTARCTICA

6-8 days from £11,046pp (incl flight from Punta Arenas)

Air-cruises cut out up to 4 days at sea, by flying (2½ hours) from the Chilean port of Punta Arenas to the South Shetland Islands. Here vessels begin their voyage along the Antarctic Peninsula, where they follow a similar route to Classic Antarctica itineraries.



CHOOSING YOUR VOYAGE

THE FALKLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

18-20 days from £11,970pp

Sail east from Argentina to the remote Falklands and spend a couple of days exploring the rugged islands and windswept plains. Spot a vast variety of birdlife, including penguins and albatrosses, depending at which islands you drop anchor; and call into nostalgic Port Stanley, the islands' tiny capital, where you may enjoy a drink in the local pub.

South Georgia is magnificent, with jagged glaciated mountains. Dotted along its scalloped shores are remnants of long-abandoned sealing and whaling industries alongside pioneering scientific stations. It was here that Shackleton scaled ice-clad peaks to seek help for his ship-wrecked crew, and here that you can visit his grave. It is the multitude of wildlife on its sprawling beaches that really stuns you, thunderous calls of elephant seals, penguins and albatrosses fill the air.

Continuing south, voyage via the South Shetland Islands to the Antarctic Peninsula to follow a similar itinerary to the Classic Antarctic Peninsula cruise, as described on the preceding page.



“ From start to finish Lina was most helpful in every detail, wouldn't hesitate in recommending her services to anyone. ”

LH, Ballymena



COMPLETE SOUTH GEORGIA

15 days from £10,621pp

Many who visit South Georgia en route to Antarctica say it was a definite highlight of their trip and wish they could have stayed longer.

These expeditions spend up to a whole week discovering the glacial beaches, ice-blue fjords and historic whaling stations of this remote archipelago. There's sometimes the possibility of tracing the last few hours of Shackleton's famous trek over the mountain spine to Stromness. Wildlife lovers, photographers and walkers are in their element there.



FALKLAND ISLANDS IN DEPTH

8 days from £2,841pp (incl flight from Punta Arenas)

The Falkland Islands deserve more time than the brief visit cruises make here. There are hundreds of wild and wonderful islands, and thousands of penguins, albatrosses and seals upon chalk-white beaches and craggy clifftops.

Spend a week in the Falklands, flying in from Chile and hopping between the islands by light aircraft. Stay on welcoming farms immersed in nature and island culture, explore sites dating back to the 1982 conflict and visit Port Stanley, which harks back to Britain of the 1950s.



THE FAR SIDE OF ANTARCTICA: THE ROSS SEA

32-34 days from £27,075pp

The crossing from South America via Antarctica's Ross Sea and Phantom Coast to New Zealand, is about as remote as 21st century travel can take you.

Way beyond the Antarctic Peninsula, research stations cling to the ice shelves alongside the poignant reminders of the early expeditions: the huts of Scott and Shackleton are maintained just as they were. Only occasional departures ply this ambitious route, using helicopters and Zodiacs to explore further.

Ask us about the next expedition: cabins will fill up fast.



ACTIVE CRUISES

12 days from £7,695pp

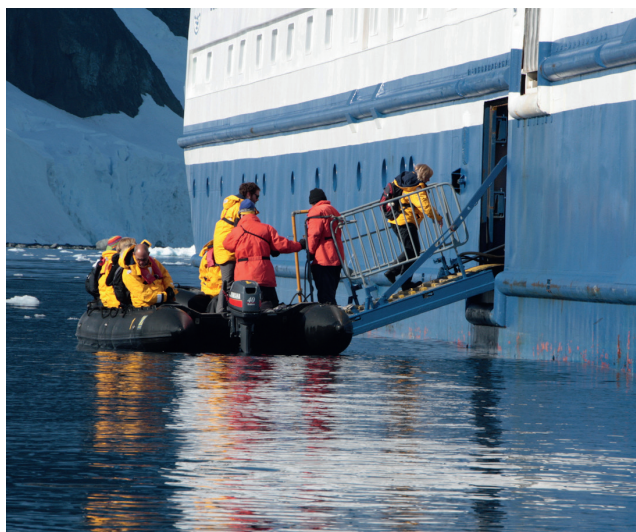
For the actively inclined, there's a growing opportunity to discover the spectacular Antarctic environment in a more dynamic way. On these cruises Zodiac excursions are complemented with hiking, kayaking, snowshoeing, camping and a photography workshop. All included, at no extra cost.

Whilst still visiting some of the key highlights seen on the classic cruises, you'll normally stay for 2-3 days in two basecamp locations to allow more time to enjoy these activities, the landscapes and Antarctica's magnificent wildlife.

OUR EXPEDITION VESSELS

Whether you share a quad-berth cabin on an economic vessel or choose a stateroom on a high-end cruise you'll find that your ship offers a first class experience.

Vessels are ice-strengthened and stable, with a high calibre English-speaking expedition team and crew on board, dedicated to making sure that your visit is safe and fulfilling.



Prices shown are based on two travellers sharing a standard twin cabin excluding flights.

CHOOSING YOUR SHIP

Journey Latin America specialises in smaller expedition vessels of up to 240 guests. With a relatively low number of clients on board, these offer an intimate experience whilst also allowing everyone to disembark quickly, making the most of your time ashore.

Deck plans for all our ships are available on our website.

STYLE:

Some ships are converted former scientific research or navy vessels which have been totally refurbished. Others, often the more luxurious, are purpose-built for expedition cruising.

PRICE:

The price of your cruise will be related not only to the ship you choose but also the route, duration, and the date of travel. Early and late season departures can be substantially cheaper than those in January and February. Some expeditions sell out quickly: we suggest you book early to guarantee your cabin.

SOLO TRAVELLERS:

Most vessels can arrange single cabins, or cabin shares with no single supplement.

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Some ships specialise in optional on-shore adventure activities such as kayaking, camping, cross-country skiing, mountaineering, snowshoeing or diving. Many ships carry a professional photographer with on-board workshops.



PLANCIUS

116 GUESTS Prices from £5,558pp

A modern, functional yet cosy ship with a real nautical feel, Plancius appeals to independent-minded people seeking an informal expedition-style experience. Most guides and guests are Europeans, with English the common language. The bridge welcomes guests and you can view ever-changing landscapes from the ample decks. Adventure activities are available on selected expeditions.

“ I loved the whole focussed, no-nonsense approach to the cruise; the ship's relaxed comfort and imaginative food, alongside an uncompromising commitment to always come up with the optimum experience. ”

Claire Milner



ORTELIUS

116 GUESTS Prices from £7,695pp

Once operated by the Russian Academy of Science, Ortelius has a high-grade ice-strengthened hull and is well-suited to expeditions deeper into Antarctica, including the Weddell and Ross seas. She also offers activity-led basecamp expeditions where camping, kayaking, snowshoeing and mountaineering are included in the programme.

“ Ortelius offers really creative itineraries, with some departures focussed on wildlife and others on adventure activities; the superb expedition team will ensure you disembark to explore Antarctica's shoreline as much as possible. ”

Caroline Maber



HONDIUS

174 GUESTS Prices from £6,270pp

The smart new (2019) Hondius is a European-operated ship purpose-built for the Polar regions. She has homely cabins offering a good range of facilities. There's a large observation lounge and a lecture room for workshops and exhibitions. The expert crew has a focus on speedy access to shore and near-shore activities to maximise contact with the wilderness landscapes and wildlife.

“ A sheltered Zodiac embarkation platform saves you from a wobbly jump in and out, and is also used for outdoor activities such as kayaking. ”

Sophie Barber



HEBRIDEAN SKY

114 GUESTS Prices from £9,196pp

Following a major refit this superb all-suite expedition vessel offers the excitement of Antarctic adventure and discovery with the comforts of a classic first class hotel. Stateroom décor is fresh and inviting: even the entry-level suites are strikingly spacious. The attractive lounges and restaurant offer high quality dining. The expert team on board is especially dedicated, friendly and welcoming. Adventure activities available.

“ For a small expedition vessel there's a real sense of space throughout, important when you are spending a lot of time inside. This is one of only a few ships to have a rear platform for easy boarding of Zodiacs. ”

David Nichols



ISLAND SKY

112 GUESTS Prices from £9,196pp

Like her sister the Hebridean Sky she is an all-suite ship offering smart hotel-style comfort without compromising the spontaneous, adventurous element of the cruise. Some suites have a private veranda and there's a top deck observation platform for wildlife viewing. Guests are expertly-led, with entertaining lectures by experienced polar veterans accompanying a full shore programme. Adventure activities available.

“ Built in Italy and with an expert Antarctica crew, the first-class Island Sky's classically elegant décor and inviting suites capture the style and flavour of a small, traditional, ocean-going cruise ship. ”

Konrad Mludzinski



RCGS RESOLUTE

146 GUESTS Prices from £11,391pp*

Purpose-built for expedition cruising with four decks, Resolute has spacious outdoor viewing platforms. Her indoor observation and relaxation areas include dining rooms, bars and lounges with panoramic windows. There's a wellness centre with gym, hot tub and sauna, and a well equipped multi-media centre. A presentation theatre and library prepare guests for Antarctic landings, kayaking and Zodiac explorations.

“ With an excellent guide to guest ratio and 14 Zodiacs, this Canadian-managed ship can operate several different activities simultaneously, offering great passenger choice. ”

David Nichols

* Price includes return flight from Santiago to Port Stanley



USHUAIA
90 GUESTS Prices from £4,672pp

There's a range of cabins to suit all budgets on this US-built ship, from economical twin bunks to spacious contemporary suites. A reliable Argentine operation, her crew is mostly Latin American and the spirit is friendly and informal. The large outer deck, dining room, observation lounge and bar provide ample space for everyone to mingle and, thanks to her size, you can really get to know your fellow Antarctic explorers.

“ Ushuaia is relatively small and informal, yet her great value cruises cover the same wilderness territory as the pricier ships. The near 2:1 guest crew ratio and the ultra-relaxed ambiance make her a very popular choice. ”

Chris Rendell-Dunn



OCEAN NOVA
72 GUESTS Prices from £11,046pp**

This Danish-built ship was designed for polar cruising and is used in our fly-cruise programme. With large windows she has a bright Scandinavian feel throughout. Her small size means guests can mingle easily in a friendly environment and allows her to anchor close to land. The waterline gangway makes it relatively easy to climb in and out of the Zodiacs. Kayaking also available.

“ We were really well looked after – health and well-being a priority, with special meals on request, a small gym, and a clinic with doctor on board. ”

Adrian Gallop



MAGELLAN EXPLORER
69 GUESTS Prices from £11,196pp**

The new custom-built Magellan Explorer has an uncluttered contemporary design. She accommodates just 69 air-cruise guests in a wide choice of cabin types, including singles. Décor is contemporary, harmonising with the tones of the White Continent. The quality and variety of the ship's facilities compare favourably with other Antarctic vessels, and include state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment and a sauna.

“ The forward-facing observation deck is an excellent spot to observe marine wildlife. There's a generous fleet of 10 Zodiac boats – you don't have to wait long to get off the ship to get up close to the Antarctic waters. ”

Evie Oswald



SILVER EXPLORER
144 GUESTS Prices from £10,275pp

Sleek inside and out, this is an intimate, top-end expedition ship with ice-strengthened agility which takes her up close to glaciers and icebergs. Her highly-qualified teams accompany all expeditions with expert knowledge of all aspects of Antarctica. One-to-one service, spacious lounges, a piano bar and superb dining with fine wines complement the superior experience.

“ With an impressive crew to guest ratio, the emphasis on guest experience really shines through on Silver Explorer. ”

Ben Line



SILVER CLOUD
240 GUESTS Prices from £10,112pp

Silver Cloud is one of the most luxurious vessels exploring Antarctic waters; extremely spacious, offering elegant lounges and a Relais & Châteaux-listed restaurant. A large fleet of Zodiacs allows everyone to explore both land and sea. Besides sumptuous state rooms with butler service the ship has a spa, fitness centre, library and beauty salon.

“ Silver Cloud has introduced a refined concept of luxury and fine dining to expedition cruising to the Polar regions. ”

Stuart Whittington



SILVER WIND
240 GUESTS Prices from £9,463pp

Silver Wind is one of Silversea's fleet of luxury leisure and expedition ships. Her ice strengthened hull means she can sail as easily in Polar waters as in the Caribbean. Comfort and personalised service are key components of the Silversea brand, and she is endowed with superior facilities including sumptuous suites, a swimming pool, and a spa.

“ Elegant Silver Wind will sail in Antarctica from late 2020 and is set to be one of the most adaptable expedition ships anywhere on the globe. ”

Natalie Paiva



OCEAN ADVENTURER
128 GUESTS Prices from £6,245pp

This popular expedition cruise ship has a bright, contemporary and distinctly nautical look. Social spaces include an elegant dining room, bar and well stocked polar library. With lots of space for soaking up Antarctic vistas, the front deck is particularly good for photography. Ocean Adventurer also encourages off-ship exploration, with Zodiac cruising, hiking and snow-shoeing included.

“ US-operated, Ocean Adventurer offers excellent value for money with comfortable cabins and a slick expedition team. ”

Caroline Maber

** Price based on fly-cruise itinerary from Punta Arenas



OCEAN DIAMOND
189 GUESTS Prices from £8,129pp

Ocean Diamond offers an expertly-run expedition cruise experience with spacious, well-designed cabins and ample social space including a panoramic observation lounge. The first Antarctic ship to become carbon neutral, her swift operating speed means she can cross the Drake Passage more quickly than some similar vessels. She's equipped with lifts and has a large fleet of Zodiacs. Adventure activities available.

“ Ocean Diamond is a great all-rounder. It's ideal for classic expedition cruisers as well as more adventurous guests who enjoy optional kayaking and camping activities on selected departures (pre-booking recommended). ”

Kathryn Rhodes



WORLD EXPLORER
176 GUESTS Prices from £9,022pp

This smart new vessel, sailing from late 2019, has roomy suites with either a full or Juliet balcony. There's a glass-domed observation lounge, lecture theatre, spa and outdoor running track. Stand-up paddle boarding and sea-kayaking feature as optional adventures.

“ Brand new and purpose built for expedition cruising, the World Explorer is expected to be one of the finest, and fastest, vessels to sail in Antarctica. ”

Paul Winrow-Giffin

The changing nature of Antarctic travel means additional vessels will enter service during the life of this brochure. Please see our website for more information and our latest selection.



BEYOND ANTARCTICA DISCOVERING LATIN AMERICA

On the way to the South Atlantic and Antarctica, you will inevitably spend a few days in Latin America. This offers a great opportunity to extend your stay and discover some of the highlights of the continent.

YOUR ANTARCTIC HOLIDAY

You are likely to be flying into Buenos Aires in Argentina, or Santiago in Chile – both cosmopolitan capitals worthy of a visit of at least a couple of nights. We have loads of great places to stay from modest guesthouses to trendy boutique properties and first class luxury hotels, with a variety of interesting activities in and around the cities.

With this in mind, here's an example of how your holiday might look.

CLASSIC ANTARCTICA

14 DAYS from £5,676pp

based on 2 sharing a standard cabin in Antarctica.

- Day 1: Arrive Buenos Aires, Argentina and transfer to your hotel for 2 nights.
- Day 2: Explore the city with a local guide, sample typical food on a walking tour or visit a milonga for a tango show.
- Day 3: Fly to Ushuaia in southern Patagonia (3½ hrs). Spend the night at a hotel.
- Days 4-12: Board your ship in the afternoon and set off on Classic Antarctica cruise. 9 nights on board.
- Day 13: Arrive back in Ushuaia and fly to Buenos Aires.
- Day 14: Depart Buenos Aires.



JOURNEY FURTHER

With a comprehensive network of flights, some of South America's top attractions are tantalisingly close.

You could discover more of Chile or Argentina; some of the easiest and most popular places to add to the beginning or end of your Antarctic voyage include the Iguazú Falls, National Parks of Patagonia, Atacama Desert and Easter Island.

With just a little more time, you could make the most of being so close to some of Latin America's top sights: Sugar Loaf Mountain in Rio, Ecuador's Galápagos Islands or Machu Picchu in Peru.

Let us share our in-depth knowledge and expertise to guide you there.



CHILE

- 1 **SANTIAGO AND THE VINEYARDS**
Chilean wines are fast becoming household names, and we can offer a range of winery stays and tastings for those wishing to indulge in a short hop from Chile's vibrant and enjoyable capital, Santiago.
- 2 **ATACAMA DESERT**
Reached by air from Santiago, this is a surreal desert wilderness on the other end of the scale from Antarctica: it's hot, almost always sunny, and is one of Chile's most popular highlights.
- 3 **TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK, PATAGONIA**
Stretch your legs before or after your cruise in magnificent Torres del Paine National Park, with a variety of attractive places to stay from tented camps to sophisticated first class properties with outdoor hot tubs and gourmet meals.
- 4 **EASTER ISLAND**
Accessible by air from Santiago, Chilean Easter Island is a mystifying and remote Pacific island, with a fascinating Polynesian culture.



ARGENTINA

- 5 **BUENOS AIRES AND ESTANCIAS**
Explore the different neighbourhoods of Buenos Aires, famous for its fine dining and tango, or indulge in a relaxing wind-down on a countryside estancia, enjoying gaucho hospitality.
- 6 **IGUAZÚ FALLS**
On the border between Argentina and Brazil, the Iguazú Falls are often considered to be Latin America's most awe-inspiring natural sight and a must-see for anyone visiting the highlights of the continent.
- 7 **NATIONAL PARKS OF PATAGONIA**
There's glorious hiking below the towering Fitz Roy mountain massif in Argentine Patagonia or along guanaco trails in the wilderness of Tierra del Fuego, just beyond the jagged range of mountains framing Ushuaia, your cruise departure port.
- 8 **MENDOZA, SALTA AND THE NORTH-WEST**
Discover world-class wines, or self-drive amidst sun-drenched valleys, colourful canyons and welcoming villages.





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