



Dear Club Members,

"Everything wears an aspect of unreality," Ernest Shackleton wrote. "Icebergs hang upside down in the sky; the land appears as layers of silvery or golden cloud. Cloud-banks look like land, icebergs masquerade as islands..." Watch as normal human scales and reference points disappear amidst the grandeur of nature in its most pristine form, from extended sunrises that paint the icescape in soft shades of pink to the lingering golden light of the austral summer, where humpback whales, leopard seals and Adélie penguins mingle among sparkling turquoise glaciers and glimmering icebergs. Discover Antarctica, and see how its spectacular illuminations reveal the mystique and contrasts of the most unique place on Earth to those fortunate enough to visit on this extraordinary 14-day program.

Retrace the sea-lanes traveled by storied explorers Ernest Shackleton, Roald Amundsen and Robert Falcon Scott as they sought out the final frontier of "The White Continent" during a nine-night cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, state-of-the-art, Five-Star, ice-class Le Soléal. One of the finest vessels plying Antarctic waters, it showcases private balconies in 95 percent of its all ocean-view, deluxe accommodations, encompasses a new generation of ship design and technology, and sets the highest standards in

elegance and comfort.

Your Antarctic experience will be enhanced by a comprehensive schedule of exclusive and specially arranged lectures. The onboard expedition team of expert naturalists will guide you on excursions aboard sturdy Zodiac craft to explore the intricate ecosystems and marvelous nuances of the abundant wildlife found ashore, especially penguins and seals who have no fear of humans.

We will be joined on this once-in-a-lifetime, comprehensive program by Columbia, Duke, Georgetown, Harvard and Yale Universities. Featuring the finest Five-Star accommodations available on any expedition ship and including all excursions, all meals and complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages on board, this is simply the optimal cruising experience, and it sells out quickly year after year. Make your reservation soon, while Early Booking Savings and space are still available!

Best regards,

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P. Dee Boersma, one of several
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Department of Biology, where she heads the Center for Penguins as Ocean Sentinels. For 30 years, in her role as a scientific fellow for the Wildlife Conservation Society, she has directed the Magellanic Penguin Project at Punta Tombo, Argentina. Dr. Boersma has served on numerous national and international leadership and advisory positions including as a Founder of the Global Penguin Society. Her research began on the Galapagos Islands, where she studied how the breeding biology of penguins was honed to unpredictable ocean water conditions.



Wildlife Conservation

The unique international
Antarctic Treaty protects
Antarctica's wildlife and
its natural habitats and
provides a guide for visitors
to this great continent, where no
country has sovereignty.

To protect the fragile Antarctic environment, all travelers will go ashore in small groups, so as not to over visit rookeries, disturb nesting sites or disrupt research. All visitors will be asked to take—and leave—nothing ashore.

The southern giant petrel spends most of its life at sea but is known to return to the same nest annually.



Buenos Aires, Argentina Friday, January 12

Arrive in cosmopolitan Buenos Aires and check into the Five-Star InterContinental Buenos Aires Hotel, ideally located in the historic San Telmo neighborhood and within walking distance of the landmark Palace of the Argentine National Congress. This evening, attend the Welcome Reception. (R)

Buenos Aires Saturday, January 13

Birthplace of the tango, Buenos Aires is a city of diverse and dynamic barrios (neighborhoods). See the colorful La Boca district, Monserrat's grand public buildings, historic Plaza de Mayo, Palermo's lavish parks, Puerto Madero's lively riverfront community and the charming old quarter of San Telmo.

Visit the city's historic Recoleta Cemetery, famous for its ornate vaults and sculptures and as the final resting place of the legendary Eva Perón, the former First Lady of Argentina. (B)

Buenos Aires/Ushuaia Sunday, January 14

This morning, fly to Ushuaia, the world's southernmost city, capital of Tierra del Fuego and the gateway to Antarctica. Embark Le Soléal this afternoon and cruise through historic Beagle Channel, named for the ship that carried Charles Darwin on his South American voyages.

Attend the Captain's Welcome Reception this evening. (B,R,D)

Cruising Drake Passage Monday, January 15, to Tuesday, January 16

Cross the legendary Drake Passage and, upon reaching the Antarctic Convergence, watch for breaching fin and humpback whales and seabirds feeding on plankton and krill that

Cover photo: Naturalist-led Zodiac expeditions bring you up close to Adélie penguins and crabeater seals, hearty wildlife that make their home in remote Antarctica. Photo this page: Majestic nature endures in "The White Continent," where an international treaty limits the number of visitors to sustain the pristine ecosystem.





are brought to the surface by cold Antarctic currents merging with warmer waters of the South Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. The expedition team of naturalist guides will present insightful lectures to prepare you for your first landing in Antarctica. During the evening, enjoy the lingering twilight of the Antarctic summer. (2B,2L,2D)

Please note that the ship's cruising pattern and positionings are dependent on weather, ice and sea conditions and are subject to change.

Cruising Antarctica Wednesday, January 17, to Sunday, January 21

Cruise below the 60th parallel south to the outer shores and islands of the Antarctic Peninsula, Earth's last frontier. Here, explore some of the world's most pristine wilderness, where towering mountains of ice and volcanic rock create precipitous coastlines and islands, and ever-changing patterns of ice stretch as far as the eye can see. In this seemingly harsh environment, a vast array of marine wildlife flourishes, including millions of penguins, countless seabirds and thousands of seals and whales. From spectacular volcanic topography and majestic glaciers to fascinating wildlife and historic outposts, this itinerary reveals the highlights of Earth's most inaccessible continent for the complete Antarctic experience.

Cruise through breathtaking, glacier-lined Neumayer Channel to rugged Goudier Island. Visit Port Lockroy, originally constructed in 1944 by an eight-man team as an intelligence post for British espionage

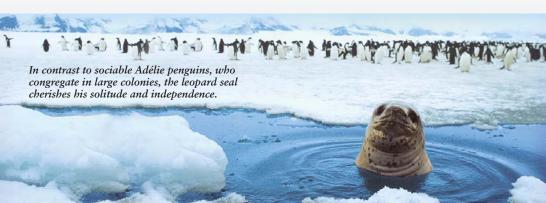
during World War II and converted into a whaling station and scientific base in the 1950s. It is nestled among glistening mountain peaks as high as 6000 feet, and the surrounding grounds are populated by blue-eyed shags and gentoo penguins. Gain insight into the daily activities of past researchers at the living museum known as "Base A" and mail a postcard stamped with an Antarctica postmark from the official British Post Office.

Just beyond Port Lockroy, the rocky shores of Jougla Point on Wiencke Island offer a rare opportunity to view the skeletal remains of an adult blue whale and to see populous colonies of gentoo penguins and kelp gulls. Call at Petermann Island, the southernmost point of your journey, and watch its thriving rookeries of Adélie and gentoo penguins and blue-eyed shags.

Flanked by sheer cliffs of towering glaciers between the Antarctic Peninsula and Booth Island, cruise through the Lemaire Channel, offering views of seven majestic miles of mountains and wildlife combined with fascinating patterns of ice floes.

Listen for the low rumbling of Rudolf Glacier as it calves chunks of ice into Neko Harbor, named for an early 20th-century whaling boat. The harbor is surrounded by soaring glaciers and snow-covered mountains and is one of the most dramatic and spectacular sights in Antarctica. Here, make your first "continental landing" in Antarctica.

In Paradise Bay, awesome cliffs of ice descend from the surrounding mountains into the floating iceberg-laden waters along the western coast of the Antarctic Peninsula.





A visit to Antarctica offers an unparalleled opportunity to get an up-close view of chinstrap penguins in their natural habitat.

Named by 19th-century whalers who sought shelter in its coves, Paradise Bay is an ideal sanctuary for marine wildlife including humpback whales, crabeater seals and Cape petrels.

Deception Island is actually the rim of a massive dormant volcano crater that encircles a caldera known as Port Foster, where the ship enters through dramatic Neptune's Bellows, a sublime harbor ringed by snowcapped peaks and sheer cliffs. In Pendulum Cove, see the steaming, geothermally heated waters of the Antarctic.

Observe the amazing colony of tens of thousands of chinstrap penguins at Baily Head. Then walk along the black sand beaches of Telefon Bay to nearby craters, which offer fascinating insight into the volcanic activity that created the island and played a pivotal role in the natural history of the region.

One of the smallest but most beautiful of the South Shetland Islands, Half Moon Island is a crescent-shaped isle known for its craggy volcanic rock formations and tranquil lagoons. It is also the site of Cámara Station, a base monitored by Argentine biologists studying regional wildlife. Here, observe the antics of the island's colony of chinstrap penguins.

Relax and reflect on board as the ship turns north and attend the Captain's Farewell Reception. (5B,5L,1R,5D)

Cruising Drake Passage/ Ushuaia, Argentina Monday, January 22 Cross the Drake Passage and enjoy lively, informative discussions

with the ship's naturalists.

Watch for endangered albatross and the many different species of petrels as you cruise across the Antarctic Convergence. (B,L,D)

Ushuaia/Buenos Aires Tuesday, January 23

Disembark and fly to Buenos Aires. Continue on the Iguazú Falls Post-Program Option with an overnight stay in Buenos Aires or depart for the U.S. (B)

U.S. Wednesday, January 24 Arrive in the U.S.

Left: Look for breaching humpback whales, who migrate to Antarctic waters to feed during the austral summer.

Iguazú Falls

Post-Program Option January 23 to 27 From \$2295 per person double occupancy;

\$2995 per person single occupancy The UNESCO World Heritage site of Iguazú Falls is one of the world's most incredible natural wonders, where more than 275 spectacular waterfalls span nearly two dramatic miles of the Argentina-Brazil frontier. Walk the trails along the edges of these thundering falls and watch as they cascade from as high as 270 feet down verdant cliffs in one of South America's last remaining virgin rainforests. Visit the lush Parque das Aves jungle reserve, a nature lover's paradise, home to more than 350 species of birds, 66 varieties of mammals. and a mind-boggling array of reptiles, fish, butterflies, and flora. This exclusive three-night Post-Program Option features one night of accommodations in the Five-Star INTERCONTINENTAL BUENOS AIRES HOTEL and two nights in the Five-Star Sheraton Iguazú RESORT & Spa. Buenos Aires round-trip airfare is included.

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Chic and Casual Dining

International and regional cuisine is served in the stylish, spacious L'Eclipse dining room in single, unassigned seatings; alfresco in the casual Pytheas Restaurant; or from 24-hour room service. Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are available throughout the cruise. Continental and buffet breakfasts, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and a four-course dinner are served daily. Wine is served with lunch and dinner.

Spacious Public Areas/ World-Class Service and Facilities

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Stateroom with Balcony



Dining Room



Lounge



Forward Observation Deck

Respect for the Environment

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Included

- ♦ Two nights in the Five-Star
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- ♦ Welcome Reception
- ♦ Nine nights aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star Le Soléal
- ♦ Round-trip cruise from Ushuaia, Argentina, to Antarctica's Port Lockroy, Wiencke Island, Petermann Island, Lemaire Channel, Neko Harbor, Paradise Bay, Deception Island and Half Moon Island, weather, ice and sea conditions permitting
- Meals as specified in the itinerary
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are available throughout the cruise
- ♦ Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions
- All entrance fees and tours as described in the itinerary
- Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s)
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers
- Hospitality desk in the hotel and aboard ship
- ◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the program
- Pre-departure materials, including a reading list
- Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company

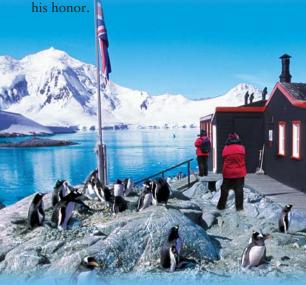
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- ♦ International airfare
- ♦ Round-trip airfare Buenos Aires/Ushuaia (internal program air) is \$895 per person and subject to change
- ◆ Taxes of \$865 per person (subject to change)
- Gratuities to ship personnel (\$135 per person)
- ♦ Hotel staff gratuities (\$4 per person) and gratuities for activities on your own
- Passport and visa fees
- Meals and alcoholic beverages not listed as included
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- Baggage charges on aircraft; airfare and associated local taxes not listed as included
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Exploration of Antarctica

The intrepid deeds of Europeans Roald Amundsen, Robert Falcon Scott and Ernest Shackleton, Americans Admiral Richard Evelyn Byrd and Lincoln Ellsworth and Canadian Sir Charles Seymour Wright, legendary explorers of Antarctica, have long been recounted in gripping personal tales and history books. Admiral Byrd, scion of a distinguished Virginia family, led the U.S. Antarctic expedition (1928-30) and made the first overflight of the South Pole (1929). Byrd later led three additional expeditions to Antarctica and named a large portion of the continent Marie Byrd Land after his wife.

Another American prominent in the exploration of the South Polar region was Lincoln Ellsworth. This Chicago native made the first flight across Antarctica (1935). In the course of his journey, he discovered the mountain range with the continent's highest peaks, later named Ellsworth Mountains in



Your Expedition Team

Seasoned naturalists, who have studied and traveled extensively in Antarctica and the most remote regions of the world, accompany you on board as your Antarctic Expedition Team. Their areas of expertise span marine biology, ornithology, ecology, geology, glaciology, conservation and environmental education, history and photography. The team's collaborative efforts, experience, particular interest in the world's ecosystems and enthusiasm for sharing their knowledge make them exceptionally well-suited to lead your Expedition to Antarctica.



Stateroom Category‡	LAND/CRUISE TARIFF excluding taxes* Per person, based on double occupancy	Early Booking Tariff* through May 30, 2017	Tariff* after May 30, 2017	
8	Ocean-view, one large window, shower. Deck 3, Andromède, forward. (limited availability)	\$9795	\$10795	
7	Ocean-view, small window and single door onto private, partial wall balcony, shower. Deck 3, Andromèéde, aft. (limited availability)	\$10795	\$11795	
6	Ocean-view, small window and single door onto private, partial wall balcony, shower. Deck 3, Andromède, midship.	\$12095	\$13095	
5	Ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto private, partial wall balcony, shower. Deck 4, Pégase, forward.	\$12595	\$13595	
4	Ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto private balcony , shower. <i>Deck 4, Pégase, midship.</i>	\$13595	\$14595	
3	Ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto private balcony , shower. <i>Deck 5, Equinoxe, forward</i> .	\$13795	\$14795	
2	Ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto private balcony , shower or tub/shower. <i>Deck 5, Equinoxe, midship.</i>	\$13895	\$14895	
1	Ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto private balcony , shower or tub/shower. <i>Deck 6, Solstice</i> .	\$14295	\$15295	
Deluxe Suite	Ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto private balcony , tub/shower and sitting area with sofa. <i>Deck 6, Solstice</i> . (limited availability)	\$14595	\$15595	
Prestige Suite II	Two-room, ocean-view, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door onto large private balcony , two bathrooms: tub/shower and shower, large sitting area with sofa, two closets, writing desk and dressing table. <i>Deck 5, Equinoxe</i> . (limited availability)	\$14895	\$15895	
Prestige Suite I	two closets, writing desk and dressing table. Deck 6, Solstice. (limited availability)	\$15595	\$16595	
Owner's Suite	Two rooms, expansive floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors onto two private balconies , one and a half bathrooms, separate tub and shower, sitting room with sofa, table and four chairs and writing desk. <i>Deck 6, Solstice</i> . (limited availability)	\$16895	\$17895	
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