ANTARCTICA





It is a profound experience to set eyes upon Antarctica for the very first time. Few places on Earth are this vast and otherworldly, with raw, sculpted landscapes awash in blue and white. This is nature at its most flawless — an experience sure to transform you.

Here is a land of paradoxes: the world's biggest desert that is also the world's largest ice sheet, nearly two miles thick. Virtually unexplored just 150 years ago, this continent belongs to no nation, and is protected by an international treaty for peaceful scientific pursuit.

As every modern explorer knows – no matter how many magnificent places you visit, there is always another one out there, just waiting to be seen. For many that once-in-a-lifetime destination is Antarctica.

Viking Expeditions opens up the possibility of putting some of the planet's most wondrous, once out-of-reach places firmly in your grasp. Antarctic activities range from relaxing to active. Zodiac excursions and shore landings give you unparalleled opportunities to view and photograph wildlife at sea and on shore, while optional excursions such as cross-country skiing or snowshoeing offer the chance to experience the peninsula in a more unique way. Participating in ongoing scientific research with our experts and scientists will provide even more context to this incredible part of the world.

If you've visited six continents already, you can finally set foot on the last continent and return home knowing you've walked in the icy footsteps of the great explorers.

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THE VIKING DIFFERENCE IN ANTARCTICA

Innovative ships designed for comfort and exploration

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- Catch a glimpse of Gentoo penguins, Weddel seals and blue whales
- Shore landings offer amazing opportunities for wildlife viewing
- Included RIB excursions present stunning scenery for photos
- Cross-country ski or snowshoe into the peninsula's interior
- Excursions include an undersea dive in a panoramic submarine
- As a citizen scientist, assist onboard scientists with research
- Gain bragging rights for crossing the legendary Drake Passage

AT VIKING, WE OFFER EXPLORATION IN UNPRECEDENTED COMFORT. Sail to Antarctica onboard ships that are appropriately sized and purpose-built for an immersive polar experience. Our expedition ships are small enough to navigate in remote areas, slender enough to pass through canals and large enough to provide speed, superior handling and stability in rough seas.

100% POLAR CLASS

Both *Viking Octantis* and *Viking Polaris* have a Polar Class notation, indicating the ships are designed to travel safely to the polar regions. This means





that, unlike most other travel companies offering expedition voyages, we offer a 100% polar class fleet on voyages to Antarctica.

INCREASED STABILITY & COMFORT

Our expedition ships feature both fin stabilisers and U-tank stabilisers that reduce rolling by nearly 50% when the ships are sailing or stationary. An integrated bow creates a longer waterline for the ships and state-of-the-art fin stabilisers allow the ships to glide over the waves for the calmest possible journey.

In regions where anchoring is not possible, dynamic positioning mode allows our ships to hover in place for more streamlined exploration while preventing damage to the seafloor.

UNIQUE FACILITIES DESIGNED FOR EXPLORATION

An industry first, this enclosed in-ship marina permits the launch of Special Operations Boats through the ship's slipway, in addition to the side doors on Deck A. The Hangar can be used for the embarkation of Special Operation Boats when weather and other conditions allow. Guests can observe activity in The Hangar from windows on Deck 1, watching small boat maintenance

and biosecurity protocols. This space also features FerryBoxes, instruments continuously collecting and displaying data on water quality, oxygen content, plankton composition and more.

MORE THAN JUST AN EXPEDITION SHIP

Our purpose-built expedition ships are fully equipped research vessels. At the core of Viking Expeditions is the goal to undertake meaningful scientific work. With the help of partnerships with esteemed academic institutions we have created the world's leading scientific enrichment environment in an expedition setting.

During each expedition, visiting researchers from partner institutions are part of the 36-person Viking Expedition Team. This diverse group of experts lead guests through meaningful scientific work, providing guidance and interpretation during shore excursions and delivering world-class lectures. The Science Laboratory, complete with wet and dry capabilities allows our scientists to conduct meaningful research while encouraging guest interaction and participation – an experience exclusive to Viking.









THE WILDLIFE OF ANTARCTICA

Watch the drama of life unfold

AND DARKEST PLACES ON EARTH, Antarctica is anything but dormant. In this isolated, otherworldly destination where the only resident humans are scientists, diverse wildlife thrives amid the extreme conditions. Animals bustle and thrive under the midnight sun, as native penguin and seal species compress the cycle of life into a short season, and migratory birds and whales take advantage of the ocean's rich bounty. Each day affords a new opportunity to witness nature at work, revealing the resilience and extraordinary adaptations of life in Antarctica's unforgiving landscape.

The "White Continent" offers animal encounters unlike any other destination. Gentoo penguins, leopard seals, orcas and albatrosses regularly grace guests with their presence, while Emperor or King penguin sightings are rare but exhilarating. Expect to witness penguins sliding on the ice and fur seals lazing in the sun. See migratory birds circling overhead, humpback whales breaching or orca pods striking coordinated attacks on their prey. The things you see in this wild, remote corner of the globe will live with you long after you return home.



GENTOO PENGUINS

The world's fastest diving bird, Gentoo penguins can dive at speeds greater than 32 kilometers per hour during their hunt for krill, squid and fish.



ADÉLIE PENGUINS

Spending summers on the islands of Antarctica and the rest of the year on the continent, Adélie penguins dive as far as 180 meters underwater in search of food.



CHINSTRAP PENGUINS

The narrow black band under their chin easily identifies these penguins, and their tightly packed feathers allow them to swim in freezing waters of Antarctica.



MIGRATORY BIRDS

Abundant food makes the Antarctic peninsula a summer home for 35 different species of migratory birds including Antarctic terns, shags, various albatross and petrels.



SEALS

Among Antarctica's population are doe-eyed weddell seals, fierce leopard seals, fur seals and deep-diving elephant seals.



WHALES

Plentiful fish, squid, krill and plankton beckon minke whales, humpbacks and blue whales, while orca pods feast on seals.

WHEN TO VISIT ANTARCTICA

A landscape of differing contrasts

ANTARCTICA HAS TWO SEASONS, summer and winter. During winter Antarctica is plunged into darkness and extreme temperatures and weather conditions prevail while sea ice surrounds the continent rendering it inaccessible.

The ideal time to explore is the Antarctic summer between November and March when the cold, windy weather turns to 24-hour sunlight and temperatures rise to a more comfortable zero degrees celsius and the ice melts, unlocking seaways that were frozen in winter. This is the optimal time to visit, often with relatively open water, clear weather and endless views.

Every month over summer affords an altogether different experience.

NOVEMBER

Pristine snow-covered landscapes and the waters surrounding the peninsula are awash with ice flows and icebergs as the pack ice begins to melt – an opportune time for budding landscape photographers. Whales and migratory birds begin to return and penguins form highways as they migrate up the slopes to build their nests in preparation for raising their chicks. This is also penguin mating season, so courtships are on full display.

"It's hard to know where to look when you're overwhelmed by breathtaking scenery.

All around me are snow-covered peaks that launch from the sea into the clouds, gigantic glaciers and house-sized icebergs."

Brook Sabin, Travel Journalist stuff.co.nz.

DECEMBER/JANUARY

This is Antarctica at its finest. The weather is more stable, days become longer and temperatures increase with January affording 20+ hours of sunlight. The continent and surrounding waters are teeming with life. Penguin rookeries are a hive of new life as chicks begin to hatch. Various species of seals will bask in the sun and keep your eyes peeled upward for albatross, snow petrel and skuas.

FEBRUARY/MARCH

February provides the greatest accessibility for landings and an opportunity to sail across the Antarctic Circle (if weather permits). March is peak whale watching season as whales are feasting on the abundance of krill before their great migration north. By the end of March as winter begins to descend, the days become shorter, the sunsets are spectacular and there's the potential for fresh snowfalls.











VIKING CHAIRMAN & CEO

Torstein Hagen discusses his trip to Antarctica

Discover how a childhood fascination with far-flung destinations and a lifelong passion for travel culminated in Viking Chairman and CEO Torstein Hagen's recent expedition to Antarctica on board *Viking Polaris* during this exclusive conversation with award-winning photographer Alastair Miller.

Q: Mr. Hagen, you recently sailed to Antarctica. Did a letter you sent as a child to Ushuaia, Argentina inspire this trip?

A: As a young boy, I used stamps from my collection to mail a letter from my Norwegian home to Ushuaia. The letter was of course returned, and I kept it with me throughout my life, dreaming of one day visiting this faraway place—now the starting point for our Antarctic voyages.

Q: What struck you most about Antarctica?

A: My first and lasting impression is how huge it is. It is so overwhelming. Then, of course, you have the colours, the whites, the blues, of various shades. It is unlike anywhere else.

Q: Is this journey suitable for any adult?

A: If I can do this trip, anyone can.

Q: What wildlife did you see, and what activities did you do ashore?

A: We saw lots of penguins and came very close to whales. I also had my famous letter with me, which I got stamped at Port Lockroy.

Q: Can you describe some of the stateroom features of Viking Polaris?

A: We have taken a lot of care to design the vessel for the environment in which it operates. Our Nordic Balcony staterooms provide a shelf at elbow level to stabilise binocular viewing or photography and warming closets for your gear.

Q: Can guests participate in scientific research on the ship?

A: Yes, there is The Science Lab with experts from various fields. I value scientific endeavours, being a physicist myself. Guests can learn about research efforts and engage with onboard scientists.

Q: Did you take any pre- or post-cruise extensions?

A: As a matter of fact, we went to Iguazú Falls and got soaking wet. It was like being a child again.

Q: Any advice for someone considering an Antarctic trip?

A: I would do it again.







ANTARCTIC EXPLORER

THIS ULTIMATE ADVENTURE takes you to the Antarctic peninsula, where you will witness towering glaciers, snow-covered landscapes, immense icebergs and once-in-a-lifetime wildlife interactions. In the footsteps of explorers such as Amundsen, Shackleton and Scott, you will be one of the few to discover the world's last truly wild frontier. Each day brings new surprises and the opportunity to change plans to maximise wildlife sightings and adapt to the ever-changing weather.





ANTARCTIC EXPLORER

13 DAYS * BUENOS AIRES - USHUAIA - BUENOS AIRES

DAY

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

1

Arrive and check in to your hotel for one night; meet fellow guests at your expedition briefing.

DAY

USHUAIA, ARGENTINA

2

At the very tip of South America, Ushuaia prides itself on being the world's southernmost city. You will arrive today by charter flight. Board your Viking Expedition ship and take time to get to know your ship and expedition team.

DAY

SAIL THE DRAKE PASSAGE

3

During this iconic crossing, relax, enjoy one of many onboard dining options and take part in briefings by your Viking Expedition Team as you prepare for the adventures ahead.

EXPLORE ANTARCTICA

DAY 4-10 Explore the "White Continent", covered in ice and teeming with penguins, seals, whales and other wildlife. On exposed land, colourful lichens, basalt cliffs and rocky beaches provide refuge for a variety of breeding petrels and penguins. Stand in the shadow of the continental mainland's majestic mountains. Watch glaciers calve into the sea as seals and penguins relax on a hill above a nearby beach. From the comfort of your ship, marvel at your majestic surroundings.

SAIL THE DRAKE PASSAGE

DAY 11 Bid farewell to Antarctica. As you sail, you may wish to learn more about this historic waterway, continue your studies about Antarctica, simply relax in The Nordic Spa or share your experiences with fellow guests in the Aquavit Bar.

DAY 12

SCENIC SAILING: CAPE HORN

At the southern tip of South America, Cape Horn straddles the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. On your Viking Expedition ship, you will join the ranks of other intrepid seafarers who have completed this legendary passage between the two oceans.

13

USHUAIA TO BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Return to Buenos Aires via charter flight; continue home or extend your stay to further explore.



ALWAYS INCLUDED...

Your expedition fare covers all of this:

- 12-day expedition visiting two countries and multiple ports/landings
- One nights accommodation in Buenos Aires
- Return chartered flights between Buenos Aires and Ushuaia
- One complimentary shore excursion or landing in every port/site
- Access to Viking scientists; expedition briefings, guest lectures and citizen science programs
- Viking Expedition Kit including the use of boots, binoculars, waterproof pants and outerwear, plus a Viking Expedition Jacket to keep
- Use of Viking Excursion Gear: specialty items like trekking poles, snowshoes and skis are included for any relevant excursions
- Kayaks, Zodiacs & Special Operations Boats (where available)
- All onboard meals
- Wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner on board
- Coffee and tea any time on board
- 24-hour room service
- Access to The Nordic Spa facilities
- Free Wi-Fi (connection speed may vary)
- Self-service laundry
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SHORE EXCURSIONS ON YOUR JOURNEY





KAYAK AMONG GLACIERS

Our compact, pedal-operated kayaks allow you to experience your breathtaking surroundings up close, with your hands free to film and photograph every moment. Note the distinct crackling sound that glacial ice makes as air bubbles trapped inside are released.

EXPLORE MORE ON BOARD

As with all Viking ships, your expedition vessel doubles as a classroom. Attend a world-class lecture about your destination or join a Viking scientist for lunch on board before heading out on your next exciting shore excursion.

SUBMARINE DIVE

Dive deep in one of our two yellow submarines to explore the splendour of Antarctic waters for an incomparable undersea experience. With the ability to dive up to 300m observe starfish, plankton and you may even be lucky enough to sight the rare giant phantom jellyfish.

PARTAKE IN A SHORE LANDING

Embark on a short, off-ship zodiac ride to a pristine, snow-covered beach. Watch glaciers calve into the sea as seals nap peacefully nearby and penguins squabble while tending to their stony nests. This truly is a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

OBSERVE YOUR DESTINATION

Enjoy panoramic views of your spectacular surroundings from almost every location on board, as well as on shore. Make a note of any questions that you have about the local wildlife and environment — our Viking scientists would love to answer them for you.

RIDE A SPECIAL OPERATIONS BOAT

A ride on one of our high-speed military-grade Special Operations Boats allows you to explore further from the ship and get closer to natural wonders. Manoeuvre around icebergs, get up close to the shoreline to marvel at penguins, seals and local wildlife.

Shore excursions vary by each itinerary and are subject to change.

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2025 FEBRUARY; NOVEMBER, DECEMBER

2026 JANUARY, FEBRUARY, DECEMBER

2027 JANUARY, FEBRUARY

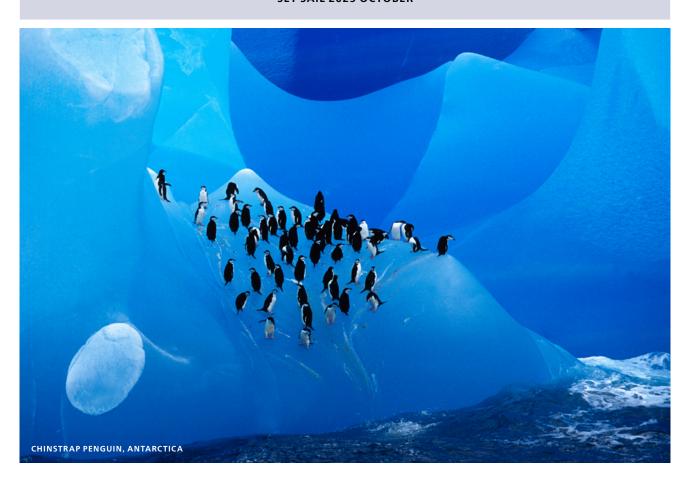
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EXPLORE FOR LONGER

42-Day The Americas & Antarctic Explore

Combines Antarctic Explorer, Patagonian Shores & Chilean Fjords and Panama & Scenic South America for an incredibly memorable and immersive journey.

SET SAIL 2025 OCTOBER



EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY BEFORE OR AFTER YOUR VOYAGE

All stays include hotel nights, some meals and transfers. See website for more information.

3 NIGHTS | Buenos Aires & the Paraná Delta

5 NIGHTS | Atacama Desert

4 NIGHTS | Iguazú Falls

5 NIGHTS | Gateway to Patagonia

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ANTARCTICA & SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND

BUENOS AIRES - USHUAIA - BUENOS AIRES

19 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES

SET SAIL FROM USHUAIA TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS,

renowned for its spectacular landscapes with rugged coves and white-sand beaches.
Call at South Georgia, one of the least visited places on earth and the only place to see Emperor Penguins.
Witness towering glaciers and magnificent icebergs as you explore the untamed beauty of Antarctica.
Experience a journey like no other to one of the world's last unexplored territories.



DAY 1 BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Check into your hotel. Explore Argentina's cosmopolitan capital at leisure.

DAY

2

USHUAIA, ARGENTINA

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and board your charter flight to your embarkation city, Ushuaia - the southernmost city in the world.

DAY

3

SAIL THE SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN

Trace the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, an underwater mountain range longer than the Rockies, the Himalayas and the Andes combined.

DAY **4**

WEST POINT ISLAND, FALKLAND ISLANDS

Boasting some of the most magnificent coastal vistas with soaring cliffs spilling into the surf, this Island was originally founded as a sheep farm in 1879 by Arthur Felton.

DAY
5

PORT STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS

The Falkland Islands are a British overseas territory comprising almost 800 small islands. Five penguin species call the islands home, from King penguins to Gentoo.

6-7

SAIL THE SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN

Follow in the wake of the great explorers, including Captain James Cook, who traversed these waters, remains one of the least visited places on Earth.

DAY **8-10** EXPLORE SOUTH GEORGIA

South Georgia with its rugged landscapes, mountainous hillsides and spectacular glaciers, remains one of the least visited places on Earth.

DAY 11 SAIL THE SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN

Sail the legendary waters of the South Atlantic Ocean, where intrepid explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton navigated the fateful voyage of the Endurance, which resulted in her sinking in Antarctic waters in 1915.

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EXPLORE ANTARCTICA

At once ethereal and majestic, the "White Continent" has inspired explorers and adventurers for centuries.

DAY 17 SAIL THE DRAKE PASSAGE

Bid farewell to Antarctica. As you sail, you may wish to learn more about this historic waterway, named after 16th-century English privateer Sir Francis Drake.

DAY 18 SCENIC SAILING: CAPE HORN

Named for the Dutch City of Hoorn in the Netherlands, Cape Horn is part of the Hermite Islands Archipelago.

DAY **19** USHUAIA TO BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

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4 NIGHTS EASTER ISLAND

Immerse yourself in the local traditions and folklore of the Rapa Nui people of Easter Island. Learn about the significance of the monolithic moais, enigmatic stone sculptures that dot this Polynesian island. Discover the rich heritage of the islanders, whose ancestors have resided here for generations.

- 4 nights accommodation
- 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 4 dinners
- 3 guided tours
- Fully escorted by your Viking Tour Director
- Flight from Santiago to Buenos Aires
- All transfers



4 NIGHTS IGUAZÚ FALLS

Explore the Atlantic Forest and witness the majestic Iguazú Falls up close. With an expert guide, immerse yourself in nature as you discover the myths and legends of the falls. Admire vibrant and cosmopolitan Buenos Aires, home of the tango, and enjoy an enchanting performance.

- 4 nights accommodation
- 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 4 dinners
- 6 guided tours
- Fully escorted by your Viking Tour Director
- Roundtrip flight from Buenos Aires to Iguazú Falls
- All transfers



5 NIGHTS ATACAMA DESERT

Explore the Atacama Desert, one of the most intriguing landscapes on the planet. Venture into the driest place on Earth to admire the salt plains and bizarre rock formations set against a backdrop of giant volcanoes. Then, gaze at the stars and planets that shine in the crystal-clear desert skies.

- 5 nights accommodation
- 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 4 dinners
- 7 guided tours
- Fully escorted by a Viking Tour Director
- Return flight from Santiago to Calama; flight from Santiago to Buenos Aires
- All transfers



3 NIGHTS BUENOS AIRES & PARANA DELTA

Uncover two sides to Argentina during your 3-night stay in Buenos Aires and Tigre. Discover Argentina's vibrant culture at a historic café and enjoy a thrilling evening tango performance. Travel deep into the heart of the Paraná Delta and explore its enchanting waterways, islands and wetlands.

- 3 nights accommodation
- 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 2 dinners
- 2 guided tours
- Fully escorted by your Viking Tour Director
- All transfers



5 NIGHTS GATEWAY TO PATAGONIA

Explore both the Chilean and Argentine sides of Patagonia, a region of unparalleled beauty. Admire the rugged peaks of Torres del Paine National Park, the blue waters of Lake Argentino, the views from atop Calafate Balcony and the world's only advancing glacier, Perito Moreno.

- 5 nights accommodation
- 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 3 dinners
- 3 guided tours
- Fully escorted by a Viking Tour Director
- Flight between Buenos Aires to El Calafate and Punta Arenas to Santiago
- All transfers



1 NIGHT BUENOS AIRES

Be captivated by the vibrant culture of Buenos Aires, Argentina's cosmopolitan capital. Explore the city's colourful barrios, or neighbourhoods, admire preserved colonial buildings, or perhaps trace the life of Eva Perón, from humble beginnings to the First Lady of Argentina.

- 1 night accommodation in Buenos Aires
- 1 breakfast
- Services of a Viking Host
- All transfers



5 NIGHTS THE BEST OF PERU

Immerse yourself in the ancient Incan civilization of the Peruvian Andes as you spend 5 nights exploring their sacred sites.

- 2 nights accommodation in the Sacred Valley of the Incas and Cuzco and 1 night in Lima
- 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 4 dinners
- 4 guided tours
- Fully escorted by your Viking Tour Director
- Flights from Buenos Aires to Lima, Lima to Cuzco and Cuzco to Lima
- All transfers

