

BEYOND THE ANTARCTIC CIRCLE

With the Scott Polar Research Institute

15 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS ON BOARD

USHUAIA TO USHUAIA

This extraordinary circle trip features special guests from the Friends of the Scott Polar Research Institute including John Shears, the Leader of the Endurance22 expedition which found Shackleton's ship beneath the ice last year.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Special guest lecturers
- Visits to some of the most stunning bays and channels of the Peninsula
- A valiant effort and anticipated success in reaching 66° 33'S
- Magnificent wildlife encounters with penguins, whales, seals and seabirds
- Zodiac cruising amongst colossal glaciers and massive icebergs
- Potential stops at active scientific bases and historical sites

DEPARTURE

- Feb 29 – Mar 14, 2024

Day 1, Ushuaia:

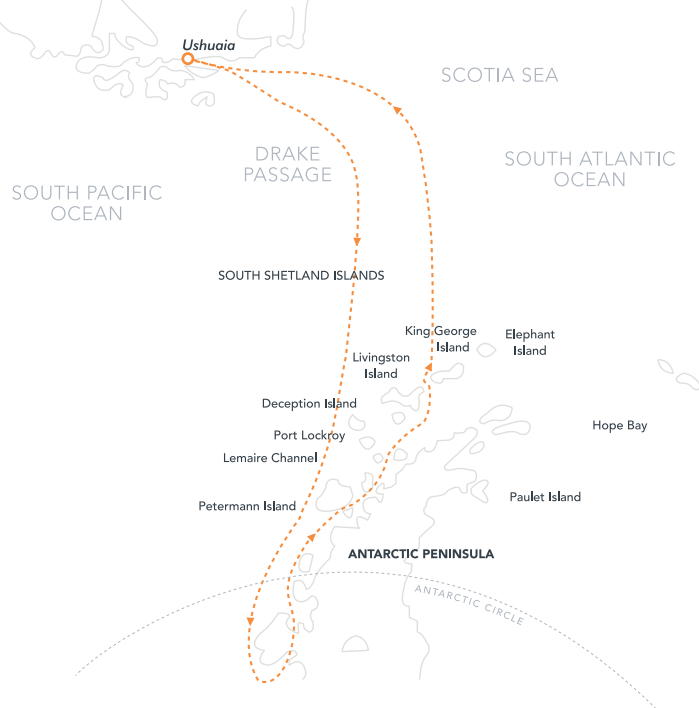
No need to stress about missed connections or flight delays as you arrive with plenty of time to unwind and enjoy the beautiful Arakur Resort & Spa or spend time discovering the southernmost city in the world, Ushuaia.

Day 2, Ushuaia:

Explore the sights of Ushuaia such as the museums and Argentinean leather markets or continue relaxing at the hotel. Attend the optional evening briefing for the opportunity to ask questions and meet some of your fellow travelers.

Day 3, Embarkation:

Spend your morning exploring Ushuaia or unwinding at the resort until our mid-afternoon transfer to the ship. Our Expedition Team and ship staff will greet you on board, followed by a safety and orientation briefing and Captain's welcome dinner.



Day 4-5, Drake Passage:

Join our Polar Experts as they teach you about everything Antarctic, from wildlife to history; participate in our renowned Citizen Science program; or sit back and take in this fabled journey while catching exciting glimpses of wildlife. Grab your binoculars to identify the many seabirds that follow the ship as we cross the Antarctic Convergence into Antarctic waters and noticeably cooler temperatures.

Day 6, South Shetland Islands:

The volcanic South Shetland Islands offer amazing abundance and beauty, so we'll hop into our time-tested Zodiac Mark 5's and spend as much time as possible exploring. Be prepared to marvel up close at nature's glory!

Day 7-9, Antarctic Circle:

Heading south across the Bransfield Strait, we sail towards the Antarctic Circle. Below the Circle we enter a new world of sea ice, rarely visited sites, and unique landscapes. From here we'll start making our way back north, cruising through the narrow channels of the Antarctic Peninsula.

Day 10-12, Antarctic Peninsula:

Heading north, we'll explore any number of picturesque bays and famed harbors, maneuvering through majestic channels as we travel the wildlife-rich waters. There are great opportunities to stop at several active scientific bases and historic landing sites as we spot numerous species of penguins, seals, and whales along the rugged coastlines and in the sea.

Day 13-14, Drake Passage:

We leave this magical place and make our way north, once again heading across the Antarctic Convergence and the Drake Passage. We have one last hurrah as we celebrate the conclusion of our expedition with a special slideshow and a final meal together.

Day 15, Ushuaia disembarkation:

With huge smiles on weary, content faces, we disembark in the morning, letting you catch a flight to Buenos Aires or stay in Ushuaia for more sights and adventure.

