

BEST OF ANTARCTICA'S WHALE SEASON

12 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS ON BOARD

USHUAIA TO USHUAIA

One more day in this whale lover's paradise.

Antarctica during peak whale-spotting season is something truly special. If only you could have just one more day with these magnificent and often elusive creatures. On this expedition, you can. While every voyage into Antarctica is a wildlife lover's dream journey, with a variety of iconic penguins, a number of seal species, and Antarctica's always-majestic icebergs within everyday view, this voyage features an extra day in the company of the incomparable Humpback, any number of whom will be feeding on the abundance of krill in the water this time of year. Orcas and Minkes are also common sightings, adding yet another bonus to this very special expedition.

HIGHLIGHTS

- An extra day in the company of the magnificent Humpback whale
- Penguin colonies are also active, with molting chicks a common sight.
- Also enjoy wildlife encounters with seals, seabirds, and Orcas
- We'll visit some of the most stunning bays and channels of the Peninsula
- Zodiac cruising amongst colossal glaciers and massive icebergs
- Potential stops at active scientific bases and historical sites

EXPEDITION DATES ABOARD MV DISCOVERER

| Arrive | Board | Disembark |
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| Mar 4, 2027 | Mar 5, 2027 | Mar 15, 2027 |

Day 1, Arrive in and explore Ushuaia

After a friendly welcome at the airport, we'll transfer you to one of our partnered premium hotel resorts nestled in the breathtaking Patagonian nature, where you can take some time to unwind or go explore the southernmost city in the world, Ushuaia.

Our evening briefing is your opportunity to ask questions and meet some of your fellow explorers.



Day 2, All aboard!

Spend your morning relaxing at the hotel, visiting a museum, or exploring the shops in Ushuaia, before our mid-afternoon escort to the ship. Our Expedition Team and ship staff will welcome you on board and get you settled in, followed by a safety and orientation briefing and our Captain's welcome dinner. We're on our way to Antarctica!

Days 3-4, Drake Passage

Join our Polar Experts as they share their vast knowledge of Antarctica, from its enchanting wildlife to its bold history. Participate in our pioneering Citizen Science program, or sit back and take in this fabled journey while catching glimpses of rarely-seen wildlife. Keep your binoculars handy to identify the many seabirds that escort our ship as we cross the Antarctic Convergence into Antarctica's waters and noticeably cooler temperatures, your cue to get ready for that first iceberg sighting, an unforgettable moment on every journey.

Days 5-6, South Shetland Islands

The South Shetlands are 12 islands separated from the Antarctic Peninsula by the Bransfield Strait. Significant volcanic activity has sculpted a geology – and a diverse natural beauty – unlike anywhere else on Earth. Here, you can expect a spectacular display of mountains, glaciers, and wildlife, including Chinstrap and Gentoo penguins, and it's not uncommon to share the water's edge with Elephant and Fur seals. And this time of year is feeding time for Humpback whales, so don't be surprised if you're joined by a number of them on your day's adventure.

Days 7-9, Antarctica (and whales) await

On to the Antarctic Peninsula, where we'll explore any number of stunning bays and famed landing sites, maneuvering through majestic channels as we continue to navigate these wildlife-rich waters, passing any number of glorious icebergs, on our way to historic landing sites and perhaps even an active scientific base. Of course, a particular highlight of this voyage is the privilege of spending an extra day in the company of the giant Humpback whale – or many of them! - feeding on the abundance of krill in the water this time of year. Orcas and Minkes are also common sightings, as are a variety of penguins and seals.

Days 10-11, Drake Passage homeward

We leave this magical place and make our way north, once again crossing the legendary Drake Passage. We have one last hurrah as we celebrate the conclusion of our expedition with a special slideshow, passenger photo contest, and a final celebratory meal together. Congratulations, explorers!

Day 12, Disembark in Ushuaia

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.

