

CHRISTMAS IN ANTARCTICA

13 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS ON BOARD

OCT 2024-MAR 2025 DEPARTURES

Celebrate the Holidays in the Most Spiritually Uplifting Place on Earth. Christmas is a time for magic, and nowhere is that more true than here in nature's last magically untouched continent – Antarctica. We'll share the holidays peacefully coexisting with Mother Nature herself, in the form of spectacular icebergs, colonies of Adelie and other penguin species, and an array of seals, while always on the lookout for a likely sighting of Orca whales on the hunt. The Antarctic Sound is renowned for its giant tubular icebergs, while the Weddel Sea offers a geography unlike anywhere else on Earth.

HIGHLIGHTS

- A magical Christmas Day exploring the beauty of the Antarctic Peninsula
- A journey through the otherworldly landscape of the Weddell Sea
- Wildlife encounters with penguins, whales, seals, and seabirds
- Zodiac cruising through the Antarctic Sound amongst colossal tabular icebergs
- Visits to numerous historic landing sites and working research bases

VOYAGE DATES

Arrive	Board	Disembark
Dec 18, 2024	Dec 20, 2025	Dec 30, 2025

INCLUDED ACTIVITIES

- <u>Camping</u>
 <u>Citizen Science</u>
- <u>Kayaking</u>
 <u>Photography</u>

HELPFUL LINKS

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Day 1, Arrive in Ushuaia

No need to stress about missed connections or flight delays as you arrive in the southernmost city in the world with an extra day to unwind and enjoy Ushuaia's finest luxury hotel, the Arakur Resort & Spa. Relax in the infinity pool, explore the hiking trails surrounding the resort, or head out and discover the southernmost city in the world.

Day 2, Explore Ushuaia

Explore the sights of Ushuaia, visit the museums and Argentinean leather markets, or continue relaxing at the hotel. Our evening briefing at the Arakur is your opportunity to ask questions and meet some of your fellow explorers.

Day 3, All Aboard Seaventure

Spend your morning exploring Ushuaia or unwinding at the resort until 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!

Day 4-5, 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.

Day 6-7, Antarctic Sound and Weddell Sea

We maneuver through the mysterious channels and wildlife-rich waters of the Antarctic Sound and Weddell Sea, the perfect place to ensure an unforgettable holiday adventure. The Antarctic Sound is well known for its huge tabular icebergs and the Weddell Sea offers a unique geography unlike anywhere else on earth. Here we'll take in the abundant wildlife such as Adélie penguins and seals as we keep on the lookout for hunting Orca.

Day 8-9, Merry Christmas, Antarctica!

Time to put our explorer's spirit to full use. Antarctica offers astounding images and wildlife encounters at every

turn, as the last truly unspoiled place on earth, populated only by its original wild inhabitants. Prepare yourself to encounter numerous species of penguins, seals, and whales, who will be there to share the holidays with us along the rugged coastlines and in the sea. We'll also take full advantage of every opportunity to visit some of the several active scientific bases and historic landing sites on the peninsula. This voyage promises to be a holiday memory you'll cherish forever. Our team always has something fun planned for Christmas Day.

Day 10, South Shetland Islands

Over time, the volcanic activity of the South Shetland Islands has created a geology unlike any other. 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. Whales are often spotted as well. So, we'll settle into our Zodiacs and spend most of our day exploring. And kayakers, it's time to get your first taste of gliding just inches off the pristine Antarctic water. Whether on land or sea, in zodiac or kayak, be prepared for a fully immersive introduction to this incomparable part of the world.

Day 11-12, Drake Passage

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 and a final meal together.

Day 13, 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.

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