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Antarctica

FROM

\$13,449_{pp}

Package #199

**** NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT! ****

PONANT invites you on a polar expedition cruise to the heart of the icy realm that is the Antarctic Peninsula. Embark on an unforgettable 11-day voyage and succumb to the enchantment of the breathtaking landscapes inhabited by astonishing wildlife.

The start of your cruise will be marked by the crossing of the mythical Drake Passage, during which you will probably be escorted by several albatrosses and Cape petrels, the sentinels of these often-choppy waters.

Your ship will then reach the White Continent, realm of the unexpected. Weather and ice conditions permitting, this extreme environment where nature reigns supreme will reveal to you its most beautiful secrets through numerous discoveries.

On this uninhabited land, which wasn't explored until the 19th century, your encounters with the wildlife will no doubt be one of the highlights of your experience. The Gentoo, Adelie and chinstrap penguins, humpback whales, seals and seabirds will provide you with cherished lifelong memories.

Each day, whether on land, aboard your ship or during a zodiac outing, you will be surrounded by a grandiose decor ranging from icebergs to ice floe and ancient glaciers.

We are privileged guests in these extreme lands where we are at the mercy of weather and ice conditions. Landings on certain sites and the observation of certain wildlife cannot be guaranteed. They vary from day to day, making each PONANT cruise a unique experience. The Captain and the Expedition Leader will make every effort to ensure that your experience is as rich as possible, while complying with the safety rules and instructions imposed by the IAATO.

Package Inclusions:

- Meet and greet at hotel in Buenos Aires
- Dinner on night of arrival
- 1 night accommodation in Buenos Aires including breakfast
- Transfer from hotel to airport
- Flight from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia
- Meet and greet at Ushuaia Airport
- Choice of either lunch at a local restaurant or a visit to Tierra del Fuego National Park (extra cost) with lunch included
- Transfer to port for embarkation
- 10 night luxury cruise with PONANT
- All meals on board
- the Open Bar: beginning with boarding, and during the duration of the cruise, a wide selection of drinks (mineral water, soft drinks, wine, beer, Charles Heidsieck champagne, spirits, coffee, tea) is served on request and at any time of the day. Certain premium alcoholic beverages on the menu are not included in the Open Bar,
- free Wi-Fi internet access 24 hours a day*,
- access to all the common areas:
 - on board our sister ships and Ponant Explorers: fitness room, steam room, hair salon, swimming pool (sea water, heated), solarium, lounges, theater, boutique & leisure area.
- Transfer from port to airport
- Flight from Ushuaia to Buenos Aires

PLUS! Ultimate Cruising guests also receive:

- NZ\$1000 per person air credit
- Chauffeur driven luxury car transfers from your home to your nearest international airport (within 35 km)

Cruise Highlights

Ushuaia

Capital of Argentina's Tierra del Fuego province, Ushuaia is considered the gateway to the White Continent and the South Pole. Nicknamed "El fin del mundo" by the Argentinian people, this city at the end of the world nestles in the shelter of mountains surrounded by fertile plains that the wildlife seem to have chosen as the ultimate sanctuary. With its exceptional site, where the Andes plunge

straight into the sea, Ushuaia is one of the most fascinating places on earth, its very name evocative of journeys to the unlikely and the inaccessible...

Drake Passage

Use your days spent in the Drake Passage to familiarise yourself with your ship and deepen your knowledge of the Antarctic. The Expedition Leader will first present the IAATO rules of conduct that must be observed during landings in the region and will explain everything you need to know about the zodiac outings. Lectures about the history and wildlife of the Antarctic will be an opportunity for you to learn more about this magical region, where every cruise is a unique experience. From the ship's bridge, you will experience exceptional sailing moments before joining the naturalist-guides on your ship's exterior decks to look out for albatrosses, cape petrels, and other seabirds flying over the Drake Passage.

Antarctic Peninsula

Succumb to the magic of a place unlike any other. To this day, the mythical Antarctic Peninsula still holds real fascination and promises its visitors unforgettable moments. Throughout your adventure in this icy realm, you will find yourself in the heart of a spectacular decor in subtle shades of blue and white, surrounded by exceptional wildlife. Penguins, humpback whales, seals and giant petrels are at home here, as are elephant seals, fur seals, Antarctic minke whales, and orcas. Depending on which sites you will be lucky enough to visit, you may get the chance to observe them and share with them the beauty of these extreme parts.

Each day, based on ice conditions, the Captain and the Expedition Leader will suggest Zodiac® outings or landings to discover the infinite riches of the Antarctic Peninsula. Glaciers, ice floe, tabletop icebergs, mountain peaks that plunge straight into the sea, volcanic beaches, research stations, enchanting bays, and vestiges of the whaling industry: these are the faces of the Antarctic that will likely reveal themselves to you, in a hushed and surreal atmosphere. You will sail in the wake of Jean-Baptiste Charcot, Adrien de Gerlache and Sir Ernest Shackleton, great Antarctic explorers who, from the 19th century, set out to conquer these remote and uninhabited lands.

Pricing & Departure Dates

30 November 2022 - Le Lyrial
10 December 2022 - L'Austral
16 December 2022 - Le Boreal
26 December 2022 - Le Boreal
09 January 2023 - L'Austral
15 January 2023 - Le Boreal
25 January 2023- Le Boreal
31 January 2023 - Le Lyrial
04 February 2023 - Le Boreal
10 February 2023 - Le Lyrial
14 February 2023 - Le Borial
20 February 2023 - Le Lyrial
22 February 2023 - Le Lyrial
24 February 2023 - Le Boreal

Pricing starts at NZ\$13,449 per person twin share, including 30% PONANT Bonus.

Cruise Category

- Luxury Expedition

Onboard Features

- 24 Hr Room Service
- All meals
- Boutique &/or Salon
- Drinks All Day
- On-Board Lecturer
- Pool &/or Spa
- Shore Excursions
- Solo Traveller Friendly

trip itinerary
Day 1
Buenos Aires
Day 2
Ushuaia
Day 3-4
Drake Passage
Day 5-9

Antarctic Peninsula
Day 10-11
Drake Passage
Day 12
Ushuaia
The Vessel

Technical Details

- Tonnage
- Crew 140
- Capacity 264
- Length 142M

Cruise Category

- Boutique Style

Le Boreal

Superior materials and a tasteful décor combine to reflect a nautical mood. Discreet elegance of soothing tones, enlivened by splashes of red, reveal the signature theme to create personal touches in the spirit of a private yacht.

Vessel Features

- **24 Hr Room Service**
- **All meals**
- **Drinks All Day**
- **Medical Services**
- **Pool &/or Spa**

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