

# Wild Earth Travel

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## ANTARCTICA - DISCOVERY AND LEARNING VOYAGE

This Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands cruise delivers you into a landscape of dark rugged rock, pure white snow, and a fantastic variety of wildlife. Come say hello to whales, seals, and thousands of penguins.



### ITINERARY

#### Day 1: End of the world, start of a journey

Your voyage begins where the world drops off. Ushuaia, Argentina, reputed to be the southernmost city on the planet, is located on the far southern tip of South America. Starting in the afternoon, you embark from this small resort town on Tierra del Fuego, nicknamed "The End of the World," and sail the mountain-fringed Beagle Channel for the remainder of the evening.

#### Days 2 - 3: Path of the polar explorers

Over the next two days on the Drake Passage, you enjoy some of the same experiences encountered by the great polar explorers who first charted these regions: cool salt breezes, rolling seas, maybe even a fin whale spouting up sea spray. After passing the Antarctic Convergence - Antarctica's natural boundary, formed when north-flowing cold waters collide with warmer sub-Antarctic seas - you are in the circum-Antarctic upwelling zone. Not only does the marine life change, the avian life changes too. Wandering albatrosses, grey-headed albatrosses, black-browed albatrosses, light-mantled

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sooty albatrosses, cape pigeons, southern fulmars, Wilson's storm petrels, blue petrels, and Antarctic petrels are a few of the birds you might see.

## Days 4 – 7: Entering Antarctica

Gray stone peaks sketched with snow, towers of broken blue-white ice, and dramatically different wildlife below and above. You first pass the snow-capped Melchior Islands and Schollaert Channel, sailing between Brabant and Anvers Islands.

Sites you may visit include:

Danco Island - Activities here may focus on the gentoo penguins nesting on the island, in addition to the Weddell and crabeater seals that can be found nearby.

Neko Harbour - An epic landscape of mammoth glaciers and endless wind-carved snow, Neko Harbour offers opportunities for a Zodiac cruise and landing that afford the closest views of the surrounding alpine peaks.

Paradise Bay - You may be able to take a Zodiac cruise in these sprawling, ice-flecked waters, where there's a good chance you'll encounter humpback and minke whales.

Port Lockroy - After sailing through the Neumayer Channel, you may get a chance to visit the former British research station - now a museum and post office - of Port Lockroy on Goudier Island. You may also be able to partake in activities around Jougla Point, meeting gentoo penguins and blue-eyed shags.

There are great opportunities also for kayaking in this area, and when conditions are right, you can even snowshoe around the shore and to the old ski-way at nearby Damoy Point.

## Day 8: Scenes of South Shetland

The volcanic islands of the South Shetlands are windswept and often cloaked in mist, but they do offer subtle pleasures: There's a wide variety of flora (mosses, lichens, flowering grasses) and no small amount of fauna (gentoo penguins, chinstrap penguins, southern giant petrels).

In Deception Island, the ship plunges through Neptune's Bellows and into the flooded caldera. Here you find an abandoned whaling station, and thousands

of cape petrels - along with kelp gulls, brown and south polar skuas, and Antarctic terns. A good hike is a possibility in this fascinating and desolate volcanic landscape.

As an alternative, you may be able to engage in activities near Half Moon Island. Here chinstrap penguins and Weddell seals often haul out onto the beach near Camara Base, an Argentine scientific research station. Conditions on the Drake Passage determine the exact time of departure.

## Day 9 - 10: Familiar seas, familiar friends

Your return voyage is far from lonely. While crossing the Drake, you're again greeted by the vast array of seabirds remembered from the passage south. But they seem a little more familiar to you now, and you to them.

## Day 11: There and back again

Every adventure, no matter how grand, must eventually come to an end. It's now time to disembark in Ushuaia, but with memories that will accompany you wherever your next adventure lies.

### Please Note:

All itineraries are for guidance only. Programs may vary depending on local ice, weather, and wildlife conditions. The on-board expedition leader will determine the final itinerary. Flexibility is paramount for expedition cruises. The average cruising speed of m/v Hondius is 10.5 knots.

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## YOUR SHIP: HONDIUS

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|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>YOUR SHIP:</b>          | <b>Hondius</b>                     |
| <b>VESSEL TYPE:</b>        | <b>Polar Class Expedition Ship</b> |
| <b>LENGTH:</b>             | <b>107.6 metres</b>                |
| <b>PASSENGER CAPACITY:</b> | <b>170</b>                         |
| <b>BUILT/REFURBISHED:</b>  | <b>2019</b>                        |

and minimal time at sea.

Hondius is a purpose-built Polar Class 6 expedition ship designed to operate safely and efficiently in the Arctic and Antarctica. Its ice-strengthened hull, advanced navigation systems, and powerful twin engines support fast repositioning and reliable performance in challenging polar conditions. Interiors follow a clean, mid-century modern style, with accommodation for 170 guests across a wide range of cabin types, from suites with balconies to porthole cabins for groups. Public spaces include an expansive observation lounge and a dedicated lecture room used for workshops and briefings, reinforcing the vessel's focus on education and discovery rather than traditional cruise entertainment.

The ship is engineered for low environmental impact, using modern power management, LED lighting, and biodegradable materials. Shore access is prioritised through two gangways, an indoor Zodiac boarding area, and a large fleet of rigid-hull inflatables that support quick landings and near-shore exploration. With 70 crew, guides, and staff on board, Hondius offers the comfort of a well-run hotel while maintaining the flexibility required for wildlife encounters, shifting ice, and rapidly changing weather, ensuring maximum time in the field



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## PRICING

### 27-Dec-2026 to 06-Jan-2027

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Quadruple Porthole               | 9650 USD pp  |
| Triple Porthole                  | 10800 USD pp |
| Twin Porthole                    | 11900 USD pp |
| Twin Window                      | 12350 USD pp |
| Twin Deluxe                      | 13600 USD pp |
| Superior                         | 14350 USD pp |
| Junior Suite                     | 15250 USD pp |
| Grand Suite with Private Balcony | 17500 USD pp |

### 29-Dec-2026 to 08-Jan-2027

|                                   |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Quadruple Porthole                | 9650 USD pp  |
| Twin Porthole                     | 11900 USD pp |
| Triple Porthole                   | 11900 USD pp |
| Twin Window                       | 12350 USD pp |
| Twin Deluxe                       | 13600 USD pp |
| Superior                          | 14350 USD pp |
| Special Departure with Long Hikes | 0 pp         |

### 06-Jan-2027 to 16-Jan-2027

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Quadruple Porthole               | 9650 USD pp  |
| Triple Porthole                  | 10800 USD pp |
| Twin Porthole                    | 11900 USD pp |
| Twin Window                      | 12350 USD pp |
| Twin Deluxe                      | 13600 USD pp |
| Superior                         | 14350 USD pp |
| Junior Suite                     | 15250 USD pp |
| Grand Suite with Private Balcony | 17500 USD pp |

### 08-Feb-2027 to 18-Feb-2027

|                                   |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Quadruple Porthole                | 9650 USD pp  |
| Twin Porthole                     | 11900 USD pp |
| Triple Porthole                   | 11900 USD pp |
| Twin Window                       | 12350 USD pp |
| Twin Deluxe                       | 13600 USD pp |
| Superior                          | 14350 USD pp |
| Special Departure with Long Hikes | 0 pp         |

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### 07-Mar-2027 to 17-Mar-2027

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Quadruple Porthole               | 9200 USD pp  |
| Triple Porthole                  | 10300 USD pp |
| Twin Porthole                    | 11300 USD pp |
| Twin Window                      | 11750 USD pp |
| Twin Deluxe                      | 12950 USD pp |
| Superior                         | 13650 USD pp |
| Junior Suite                     | 14450 USD pp |
| Grand Suite with Private Balcony | 16650 USD pp |
| Whale Watching Cruise            | 0 pp         |

### 17-Mar-2027 to 27-Mar-2027

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Quadruple Porthole               | 7800 USD pp  |
| Triple Porthole                  | 8850 USD pp  |
| Twin Porthole                    | 9650 USD pp  |
| Twin Window                      | 10100 USD pp |
| Twin Deluxe                      | 11150 USD pp |
| Superior                         | 11700 USD pp |
| Junior Suite                     | 12200 USD pp |
| Grand Suite with Private Balcony | 14150 USD pp |
| Whale Watching Cruise            | 0 pp         |

### 18-Mar-2027 to 28-Mar-2027

|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Quadruple Porthole | 7800 USD pp  |
| Triple Porthole    | 9650 USD pp  |
| Twin Porthole      | 9650 USD pp  |
| Twin Window        | 10100 USD pp |
| Twin Deluxe        | 11150 USD pp |
| Superior           | 11700 USD pp |

### 09-Dec-2027 to 19-Dec-2027

|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Quadruple Porthole | 10500 USD pp |
| Triple Porthole    | 11900 USD pp |
| Twin Porthole      | 13000 USD pp |
| Twin Window        | 13500 USD pp |
| Twin Deluxe        | 14950 USD pp |
| Superior           | 15700 USD pp |

### 10-Dec-2027 to 20-Dec-2027

|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Quadruple Porthole | 10500 USD pp |
| Triple Porthole    | 11900 USD pp |
| Twin Porthole      | 13000 USD pp |
| Twin Window        | 13500 USD pp |
| Twin Deluxe        | 14950 USD pp |
| Superior           | 15700 USD pp |

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### 19-Dec-2027 to 29-Dec-2027

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Quadruple Porthole               | 10500 USD pp |
| Triple Porthole                  | 11900 USD pp |
| Twin Porthole                    | 13000 USD pp |
| Twin Window                      | 13500 USD pp |
| Twin Deluxe                      | 14950 USD pp |
| Superior                         | 15700 USD pp |
| Junior Suite                     | 16600 USD pp |
| Grand Suite with Private Balcony | 19100 USD pp |

### 20-Dec-2027 to 30-Dec-2027

|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Quadruple Porthole | 10500 USD pp |
| Triple Porthole    | 11900 USD pp |
| Twin Porthole      | 13000 USD pp |
| Twin Window        | 13500 USD pp |
| Twin Deluxe        | 14950 USD pp |
| Superior           | 15700 USD pp |

### 29-Dec-2027 to 08-Jan-2028

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Quadruple Porthole               | 10500 USD pp |
| Triple Porthole                  | 11900 USD pp |
| Twin Porthole                    | 13000 USD pp |
| Twin Window                      | 13500 USD pp |
| Twin Deluxe                      | 14950 USD pp |
| Superior                         | 15700 USD pp |
| Junior Suite                     | 16600 USD pp |
| Grand Suite with Private Balcony | 19100 USD pp |

### 08-Jan-2028 to 18-Jan-2028

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Quadruple Porthole               | 10500 USD pp |
| Triple Porthole                  | 11900 USD pp |
| Twin Porthole                    | 13000 USD pp |
| Twin Window                      | 13500 USD pp |
| Twin Deluxe                      | 14950 USD pp |
| Superior                         | 15700 USD pp |
| Junior Suite                     | 16600 USD pp |
| Grand Suite with Private Balcony | 19100 USD pp |

### 23-Jan-2028 to 02-Feb-2028

|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Quadruple Porthole | 10500 USD pp |
| Triple Porthole    | 11900 USD pp |
| Twin Porthole      | 13000 USD pp |
| Twin Window        | 13500 USD pp |
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|---------------------------|---------------------|
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| <b>Triple Porthole</b>    | <b>11900 USD pp</b> |
| <b>Twin Porthole</b>      | <b>13000 USD pp</b> |
| <b>Twin Window</b>        | <b>13500 USD pp</b> |
| <b>Twin Deluxe</b>        | <b>14950 USD pp</b> |
| <b>Superior</b>           | <b>15700 USD pp</b> |

### 05-Feb-2028 to 15-Feb-2028

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| <b>Quadruple Porthole</b>               | <b>10500 USD pp</b> |
| <b>Triple Porthole</b>                  | <b>11900 USD pp</b> |
| <b>Twin Porthole</b>                    | <b>13000 USD pp</b> |
| <b>Twin Window</b>                      | <b>13500 USD pp</b> |
| <b>Twin Deluxe</b>                      | <b>14950 USD pp</b> |
| <b>Superior</b>                         | <b>15700 USD pp</b> |
| <b>Junior Suite</b>                     | <b>16600 USD pp</b> |
| <b>Grand Suite with Private Balcony</b> | <b>19100 USD pp</b> |

### 05-Feb-2028 to 15-Feb-2028

|                           |                     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Quadruple Porthole</b> | <b>10500 USD pp</b> |
| <b>Triple Porthole</b>    | <b>11900 USD pp</b> |
| <b>Twin Porthole</b>      | <b>13000 USD pp</b> |
| <b>Twin Window</b>        | <b>13500 USD pp</b> |
| <b>Twin Deluxe</b>        | <b>14950 USD pp</b> |
| <b>Superior</b>           | <b>15700 USD pp</b> |

### Kayak through the Polar waters

An optional activity, kayaking is a fantastic way to explore the shorelines of the Polar Regions. You'll set out from your mother ship in the calm waters of a secluded bay, exploring the coastline at your own pace. Paddling your way through the quiet of the scenery you'll be able to fully enjoy the serene beauty of the Arctic or Antarctic landscapes that surround you.

## Optional extras & upgrades

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