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ANTARCTICA - WEDDELL SEA EXPLORER EXPEDITION CRUISE

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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.

Day 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.

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Not only does the marine life change, the avian life changes too. Wandering albatrosses, grey-headed albatrosses, black-browed albatrosses, light-mantled sooty albatrosses, cape pigeons, southern fulmars, Wilson's storm petrels, blue petrels, and Antarctic petrels are a few of the birds you might see.

Day 4: From Point Wild to the Weddell Sea

We will arrive early to the famous Point Wild, Elephant Island, where Shackleton's crew made their first landing after the loss of their ship, Endurance. This inhospitable spit of land is a favorite among our guests, and if conditions permit, we will offer activities around the point before setting off for the Weddell Sea.

Day 5: Entering the Weddell Sea

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We may visit the following locations, depending on local conditions:

Antarctic Sound - Antarctic Sound is nicknamed "Iceberg Alley," as we often see enormous tabular icebergs here.

Brown Bluff - Possibly the most scenic location in the northern Antarctic Continent, Brown Bluff is characterized by sheer canyon walls, fallen boulders, and beautiful volcanic creations capped with ice.

Herbert Sound - We will focus our attention on the visually impressive areas of Naze Peninsula and Comb Ridge.

Devil Island - This island offers a magnificent vantage point for hikers willing to foot it to the top of the hill. Melting ice sometimes forms a waterfall dropping from the cliffs close to Cape Well-met.

Erebus and Terror Gulf - Here we look for new activity opportunities and may visit Vega Island, experiencing the wilderness of Antarctica in its most remote places.

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 12: 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 ice, weather, and wildlife conditions. Landings are subject to site availabilities, permissions, and environmental concerns per IAATO regulations. Official sailing plans and landing slots are scheduled with IAATO prior to the start of the season, but the expedition leader determines the final plan. Flexibility is paramount for expedition cruises. The average cruising speed for our vessel is 10.5 knots.

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VESSEL TYPE:	Expedition
LENGTH:	89 metres
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	108 - 116
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	1976 / 2009



Planius is an ice-strengthened expedition ship purpose-built for oceanographic work and later rebuilt for passenger exploration, giving it a solid, capable feel that suits remote polar travel. Its diesel-electric propulsion keeps vibration low, while wide open decks, a walk-around viewing level, and a large observation lounge support long hours of wildlife watching. Cabins are simple, functional, and consistent in layout, all with private facilities, while shared spaces such as the lecture room and bar-lounge form the centre of the ship's educational and social life.

The vessel carries 108 passengers and a full expedition team, supported by a large, international crew that maintains steady operations even in challenging conditions. Zodiac capacity and dual gangways ensure efficient landings, maximising time ashore throughout Antarctica and the Arctic. Planius is not styled as a luxury ship; its value lies in reliability, stability, and an expedition-first approach that prioritises learning, terrain access, and time in the field.

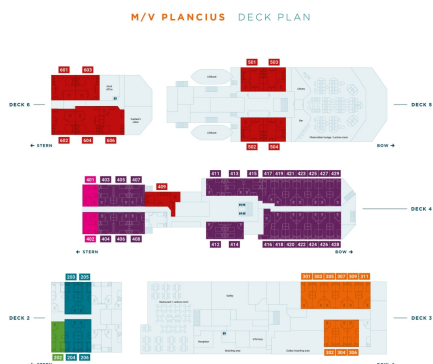
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Quadruple Porthole	9650 USD pp
Triple Porthole	11900 USD pp
Twin Porthole	11900 USD pp
Twin Window	12350 USD pp
Twin Deluxe	13600 USD pp
Superior	14350 USD pp

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Quadruple Porthole	11550 USD pp
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