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ANTARCTICA - WHALE WATCHING CRUISE - IN SEARCH FOR THE GIANTS OF THE SEAS

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

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. 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,



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blue petrels, and Antarctic petrels are a few of the birds you might see.

Day 4 – 8: 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.

Pleneau & Petermann Islands - If the ice allows it, you could sail through the Lemaire Channel in search of Adelie penguins and blue-eyed shags. There is also a possibility you'll encounter humpback and minke whales here, as well as leopard seals.

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.

At the nearby sites, such as Damoy Point there may be the opportunity for snowshoeing to the old ski-way, this is also one of our favourite camping sites.

Wilhelmina Bay & Guvernøren - This is a great place to spot humpback whales. You also may embark on a Zodiac cruise ending at the ghostly wreck of the Guvernøren, a whaling vessel that caught fire here in 1915. Around the Melchior Islands, amid a frozen landscape peopled with icebergs, you may encounter even more whales, leopard seals, and crabeater seals.

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:

Itineraries are subject to change.



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VESSEL TYPE: **Polar Class Expedition Ship**

LENGTH: **107.6 metres**

PASSENGER CAPACITY: **170**

BUILT/REFURBISHED: **2019**

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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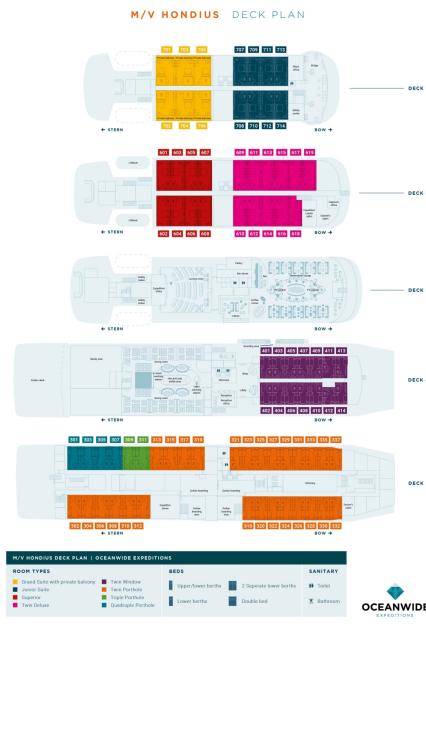
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23-Mar-2026 to 01-Apr-2026

Quadruple Porthole	6700 USD pp
Triple Porthole	8300 USD pp
Twin Porthole	8300 USD pp
Twin Window	8750 USD pp
Twin Deluxe	9400 USD pp
Superior	10050 USD pp

26-Mar-2027 to 04-Apr-2027

Quadruple Porthole	7050 USD pp
Triple Porthole	8700 USD pp
Twin Porthole	8700 USD pp
Twin Window	9100 USD pp
Twin Deluxe	10000 USD pp
Superior	10500 USD pp

08-Mar-2028 to 18-Mar-2028

Quadruple Porthole	9150 USD pp
Triple Porthole	10250 USD pp
Twin Porthole	11150 USD pp
Twin Window	11650 USD pp
Twin Deluxe	13050 USD pp
Superior	13600 USD pp
Junior Suite	14400 USD pp
Grand Suite with Private Balcony	16500 USD pp

18-Mar-2028 to 28-Mar-2028

Quadruple Porthole	9150 USD pp
Triple Porthole	10250 USD pp
Twin Porthole	11150 USD pp
Twin Window	11650 USD pp
Twin Deluxe	13050 USD pp
Superior	13600 USD pp
Junior Suite	14400 USD pp
Grand Suite with Private Balcony	16500 USD pp

20-Mar-2028 to 30-Mar-2028

Quadruple Porthole	9150 USD pp
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