

ANTARCTICA

Highlights of the Seventh Continent January 2-14, 2024

This classic Antarctica expedition cruise is the perfect way to experience spectacular wildlife and natural beauty. Enjoy five full days in Antarctica with landings and zodiac exploration around the majestic icebergs, as well as optional kayak paddling (not included in the cost) Step on the Antarctic continent and hike among penguins and other endemic species that make their home in 7th continent.

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The sailing on the **Ultramarine** offers a unique expedition in one of the most remote and pristine waters of the world. As with all expeditions, nature prevails. Weather, and ice and sea conditions, set the final framework for all daily excursions. Safety and unparalleled guest experiences are at all times our top priorities. All our planned itineraries are continuously evaluated for adaptations, whether this is due to constraints the elements unexpectedly present, or exciting possibilities nature and wildlife have to offer. Therefore, this itinerary is just an indication of what you can experience, and why every expedition on the **Ultramarine** is unique. That is why we call it an expedition. The **Ultramarine** is one the fastest ships to navigate the South Atlantic waters, allowing more time for sightseeing and being on land. The maximum capacity is only 199 passengers with 144 staff and crew.

This is no ordinary tour. This is an adventure for travelers who want to see, feel, and experience one of the most stunning and remote places in the world. January is the best season to observe wildlife. While staying in first class comfort and accommodations on the ship, you will journey in what can only be described as daily *National Geographic* type experiences with expert bilingual guides and most meals included. This is a life changing experience that does not often come our way.

For months I have researched sailing with different companies and compared which ones offers the best. The rates are much better than many other cruise companies.



Your Host John Potter (AKA Pluto from the Travel Show). I look forward to this adventure with you. I have been in the travel business for the past 25 years and been with Morris Columbus Travel for the past 22 years. I can be heard weekly on the Morris Columbus Travel radio show along with Larry Gelwix the Getaway Guru.

This is a once in a lifetime experience to actually set foot on the continent of Antarctica. This has been on the top of my bucket list for many years now.

PRE-Cruise

Jan 2: USA to Buenos Aires, Argentina

We depart Salt Lake City and fly overnight to Buenos Aires.

Jan 3: Buenos Aires

Arrive in Buenos Aires. At leisure to explore downtown Buenos Aires with lots of options to see places around your hotel. Explore the pedestrian streets, select the best steak house to taste the best beef you have ever tasted around the world.

Jan 4: Buenos Aires to Ushuaia

Transfer from the hotel to the airport for an early morning flight to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world and where the Ultramarine awaits. Once aboard the ship, guests join a mandatory safety drill before the captain's introduction and welcome dinner.

Cruise

Jan 4: Embarkation Day

Embarkation will occur in the late afternoon, after which the ship will sail down the historic Beagle Channel, which transects the Tierra del Fuego archipelago in the extreme south of South America. Expect an air of anticipation as you depart-the next time you see land, you'll be in the world's most southern continent!

Jan 5-6: Sail the Drake Passage to Antarctica

Prepare yourself for Antarctica as we cross the famed Drake Passage. The Drake Passage connects the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans and is the shortest crossing to Antarctica. During the voyage south, the Expedition Team will provide information about Antarctica's fascinating history and environmental science. While at sea, and provided conditions are calm, guests may be able to sight whales, dolphins, and sea birds such as albatrosses and petrels. This is also a good opportunity to enjoy all the amenities of your advanced hybrid powered expedition ship. **B, L, D.**

Jan 7-10: Antarctica... Another World!

Antarctica never fails to inspire awe and wonder, with white horizons above oceans full of icebergs and whales. Perhaps even more awe-inspiring will be your first encounter with the huge colonies of penguins.

Each day we venture to one of 22 possible sites on the South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula to go cruising in small zodiacs and to make landings where guests are able to observe penguin colonies, seals, whales, glaciers, and icebergs up close.

If the ice conditions and weather permit, we will also attempt to sail south past the Antarctic Circle, at the captain's discretion.



All aboard are invited to participate in lectures on glaciology, climate change, and marine biology. Guests can also engage in Citizen Science programs like photographing leopard seals and spotting whale tails that contribute directly to scientific research. **B, L, D.**

Jan 11-13: Heading Back to Civilization

After exploring this exhilarating continent, we set course back to civilization. Spend the day at sea recapping your experiences, having fun in the Science Center, or just relaxing on deck, spotting the many sea birds which follow our ship.

As we return to open water, guests will have time to learn more, attend lectures, enjoy the ship's infinity pool, hot tubs, gym, and Wellness Center. **B, L, D.**

Jan 14: The End of the Adventure (but in the southern end of the world)

Arrive in Ushuaia, disembark the ship, and fly back to Buenos Aires. For those ending this adventure, transfer to the airport for your return flight home.

For guests who wish to extend their trip, this is an optional post-program to Buenos Aires and Iguazu Falls, Peru and Easter Island. Contact John Potter for rates.

Those travelers who decide to return home will continue on the flight to Salt Lake City arriving early morning on the 15th of January.

Optional Cruise Excursions:

There is a selection of limited paid Adventure activates These are available to book on a first come first sever basis. Must be 16 years of age or older to participate due to safety

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- Adventure options offered are limited in space and sellout far in advance.
- Adventure activates are non- transferable aboard the ship
- Must be paid in full no later than 120 Days to departure. After such date they are no refundable.

Sea Kayaking \$995 Paddle

Kayaking \$295

Stand-Up Paddleboarding \$295

Overnight Camping \$295

Exclusive Heli-Landing \$395

Alpine Heli-Trekking \$495

All prices are per person.



RESERVATION INFORMATION

For Reservations Call John Potter: 801-483-5214

CRUISE & LAND PRICE:

Cruise from Ushuaia to Antarctica

Ocean view: \$14867 per person

Balcony Suite: \$15992 per person

Deluxe Balcony Suite: \$18617 per person

All prices are per person and are based on double occupancy.



NOT INCLUDED

International Airfare

Gratuities and personal expenses.

AIRFARE:

Round Trip Airfare from Salt Lake City rate be announced in June of 2023.

DEPOSIT:

Required deposit is 20% per cabin.

FINAL PAYMENT:

Final payment for land and cruise is due by **August 31, 2023**

CANCELLATION AND REFUND:

In case of cancellation the following cancellation penalties apply:

Land and cruise package

Dates	Penalty
180 days or more prior to departure	\$1,250.00
Between 179 and 120 days prior to departure	Full deposit is non-refundable
Less than 120 days prior to departure	All payments are non-refundable

***Please note, that all cancellations must be in writing and received by Columbus Travel.**

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Itinerary and program subject to change depending on covid conditions & restrictions.

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