Antarctic Peninsula

Land of Penguins & Icebergs

February 8 – 19, 2022

12 days / 11 nights

Embarkation: Ushuaia (Argentina)

Disembarkation: Ushuaia (Argentina)

M/v Sea Spirit

Activities: 🌋 📸 🌵
OUR JOURNEY

Expedition Voyage Itinerary:

Day 1 & 2 – February 8 & 9 – Arrive Ushuaia, Argentina

Welcome to Ushuaia, the world’s southernmost city and starting point of our expedition. On your arrival you will be met by Poseidon Expeditions and transferred to your hotel. For the rest of the day you are free to explore the city. Take advantage of souvenir shopping and a variety of dining options in the city center.
Day 3: February 10 - Embarkation in Ushuaia

In the afternoon we provide a group transfer to the pier and welcome you aboard your expedition ship, the M/V Sea Spirit. Explore the ship and get comfortable in your home away from home for the extraordinary adventure to come. Savor the anticipation of your Antarctic dreams coming true as we slip our moorings and sail toward a true wilderness where wildlife abounds. The scenery as we sail through the Beagle Channel on our first evening is wonderful and there is already the possibility of marine mammal encounters.

Day 4 & 5: February 11 & 12 - Across the Drake Passage

After transiting the Beagle Channel and passing the islands of Tierra del Fuego, we head south across the Drake Passage. Pelagic seabirds including the majestic albatross are common in these waters and can readily be viewed from panoramic open decks or from exterior stateroom windows and balconies. On the way we cross the Antarctic Convergence, the biological boundary of the Southern Ocean. The ship’s stabilizing fins provide comfort in the event of rough seas. Briefings, orientations, and lectures from our expert staff prepare you for our arrival in Antarctica. Typically, we will be able to make our first landing late afternoon or early evening on Day 5.

Day 6-9: February 13 – 16 - South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula

This is expedition cruising at its most authentic. Our route and exploration opportunities in Antarctica are heavily dependent on weather and ice conditions. Our experienced captain and expedition leader decide the itinerary and continually adjust plans as conditions and opportunities warrant. We take advantage of long daylight hours to exploit every opportunity to experience excellent wildlife viewing, amazing scenery, and excursions via Zodiac. The Antarctic Peninsula region contains some of the world’s most impressive scenery and some of Antarctica’s best wildlife viewing opportunities. Protected bays and narrow channels are surrounded by towering mountain peaks covered in permanent snow and immense glaciers. Icebergs of every size and description complete an image of incomparable beauty. Waters rich with krill are home to a variety of whale and seal species. The whole area is alive with penguins foraging at sea and forming large nesting colonies at special places on land.
The area is also home to Antarctic research stations of various nationalities. Some stations have a gift shop and post office. The South Shetland Islands are the northernmost islands in Antarctica and will likely be our first sighting of land. This wild and beautiful island chain contains numerous landing sites with abundant wildlife and historical significance. Among them is Deception Island, where the flooded caldera of an active volcano harbors an abandoned whaling station.

Farther south, on the Antarctic Peninsula, the vast Gerlache Strait area contains sheltered bays, accessible wildlife, and stunning scenery. Places with names like Paradise Bay are the epitome of everything Antarctic: glaciated mountains, towering icebergs, feeding whales, seals on ice floes, and bustling penguin colonies. At the southern end of Gerlache Strait is the famous Lemaire Channel, also known as “Kodak Gap” because of the photogenic way the mountainous sides of the narrow channel are reflected in calm waters strewn with icebergs. Our days in Antarctica are filled with memorable excursions, sumptuous meals, presentations by our experts, and enough incredible scenery and wildlife to fill your camera and overwhelm your emotions.

Day 10-11: February 17 & 18 - Back across the Drake Passage

After our amazing time in Antarctica we cross back north through the bountiful waters of the Drake Passage. Presentations and workshops by our expert staff, as well as our range of onboard recreation facilities, ensure that these days at sea are not idly spent. This is also the time for our End of Voyage ceremonies including slideshow and farewell dinner.

Day 12: February 19 - Disembarkation in Ushuaia, Argentina / Depart

After breakfast we say farewell in the city of Ushuaia, where we started. We provide a group transfer to the airport or to the town center if you wish to spend more time here. As you look back on your wonderful experience in Antarctica, you may already be looking forward to your next incredible adventure to the ice!
Brian F. Jorg
Manager of Native Plant Program
Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden

Brian F. Jorg, Manager of Horticulture at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, joined the organization in 2004. Prior to joining the Zoo, Brian was a horticulturist at Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum, a national historic landmark, for 15 years.

Brian’s responsibilities include managing the Native Plant Project. This project includes the conservation, education, and promotion of native flora. Finding more efficient methods of propagation and cultivation are a prime goal of this program. These protocols can then be used on rare and endangered plants in conservation efforts. Brian currently is working at the Zoo’s Warren county farm, where he oversees the conservation efforts at the property. These efforts include the restoration of the wetland and surrounding prairie. To date, 170 species of birds have been found to be using this conservation area.

Brian teaches various educational seminars to the general public, as well as professional organizations. Some of these speaking engagements include the Cullowhee Native Plant Conference, The Ohio State University Short Course, The Perennial Plant Association, Cincinnati Flower Show, Southern Ohio Wildflower Pilgrimage and the Grounds Industry Conference. Brian also leads native wildflower workshops and tours of the Great Smoky Mountains. Brian also appears regularly on both TV and radio as a regional horticulture expert.

Active in professional organizations in the greater Cincinnati community, Brian is the past president of the Cincinnati Rose Society, past board member of the Cincinnati Audubon Society and the Garden Writers Association.

Another of Brian’s passions is photographing native flora. Studying these plants on site, or in the field, he documents these sometime rare and endangered specimens. To date, Brian has had his photographs published in various books, magazines, field guides, calendars, and greeting cards. Brian also leads trips for the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden’s Travel Program. He has led groups to Botswana, Galapagos, Namibia, Kenya, Argentina, South Africa and the Peruvian Amazon. In his personal travels, often more than 30,000 miles a year, Brian studies the world’s flora and fauna. Brian has traveled from Newfoundland, the Yucatan peninsula, Alaska, and Nova Scotia.

Whether he is trekking the glaciers of Alaska or the plains of East Africa, he is constantly learning, observing and documenting nature.
M/V Sea Spirit
**Triple Suite**

Averaging 21 square metres/226 square feet, these staterooms have two twins and a comfortable sofa bed. The twins also convert to a King, if desired. Located on Oceanus Deck, these suites have a picture window, two wardrobes and en suite facilities. Amenities include: in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/DVD, individual temperature control, and hair dryer.

**Classic Suite**

Averaging 21 square metres/226 square feet, these cabins are located on the Oceanus Deck. They feature a picture window, two wardrobes and a choice of either two twin beds or a King Size bed. Amenities include: en suite facilities, in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/DVD, individual temperature control and hair dryer.

**Main Deck Suite**

Averaging 23 square metres/248 square feet, Main Deck cabins are equipped with either two twins or a King Size bed. They are located on the Main Deck with a minimum of two portholes for exterior views. Amenities include: en suite facilities, in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/DVD individual temperature control and hair dryer.

**Superior Suite**

Superior Suites are located on the Club Deck. Averaging 20 square metres/ 215 square feet, these cabins feature two twin beds or a King Size bed. The picture window overlooks an outside walkway on the Club Deck. Amenities include: en suite facilities, walk-in closet or wardrobe, in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/DVD, individual temperature control, hair dryer.
Deluxe Suite

The Deluxe Suites with balconies are located on the Sports Deck. Averaging 24 square metres/ 258 square feet means plenty of room. Choose from either two twin beds or a King Size bed. A sliding glass door leads to a private balcony. These suites feature a walk-in closet or wardrobe. Amenities include en suite facilities, in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/DVD, individual temperature control, and a hair dryer.

Premium Suite

The Premium Suites are located on the Sun Deck. Averaging a generous 30 square metres/ 323 square feet, with two twin beds or a King Size bed. Access the private balcony by a sliding glass door. Amenities include: en suite facilities, lounge area, in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/DVD, individual temperature control, and hair dryer.

Owners Suite

Super-spacious (43 square metres/ 463 square feet) elegant suite on the Sun Deck. Designed for entertaining, the Owner's Suite has a separate living room with game and meeting area. A BOSE stereo system provides background music, or watch videos on the HD plasma TV. Sliding glass doors lead to a private deck. Refresh in the jetted bathtub in en suite facilities. Slumber in the King Size bed. A sofa bed can accommodate a third person.
Camping

Camping fee $285 (Maximum of 30 guests)

If you’re looking for an unforgettable way to expand your experience on the White Continent, then Antarctica Camping may be the perfect choice for you. This optional activity is your unique opportunity to meet Antarctica on its own terms by spending a night out on the snow and ice!

Camping is a great way to immerse yourself in Antarctica. As the sun slowly sets you can unwind and let your senses fully absorb the awesome sights and mysterious sounds of this legendary wilderness. Spend an hour — or all night—simply watching the drama of endlessly changing light upon the landscape. Build a snowman or capture that perfect photo. Whatever joy Antarctica holds for you, you can take the time to experience it fully on your Antarctica Camping night. Gain lasting memories, undeniable bragging rights, and a new appreciation for your warm bed back on the ship.

Photography

Free option

The Polar Regions are perhaps the most photogenic on earth, with countless beautiful scenes presenting themselves every day. Endless expanses of ice, beaches crowded with seals or penguins, sunsets over unbroken horizons, starlit skies, and even the majestic northern lights – they all present fantastic photographic opportunities – and in order to make sure that you come home with some spectacular images we offer you the chance to learn and practice your photography alongside an experienced professional.

Our expert Photographer will be on hand to answer your questions and give advice, both in the form of on-board lectures and workshops on shore. Explore the key elements of photography in a fun and relaxed setting, with plenty of opportunities for questions and feedback. Learn how to see light in a new way and experiment with the techniques of composition and framing.
Sea Kayak Club

Kayaking fee $795 (Maximum of 16 guests – first come first served basis)

Antarctica is a paddlers’ paradise. The White Continent boasts some of the world’s most impressive landscapes and is home to incredible marine wildlife. Sea Kayak Club members will have the opportunity to paddle through tranquil waters filled with glittering icebergs and porpoising penguins while surrounded by magnificent glaciers and mountains.

The protected and picturesque waters of the Antarctic Peninsula offer the best sea kayaking opportunities in Antarctica. Sea Kayak Club is also offered on selected voyages to South Georgia, where members may have the rare opportunity to encounter the island’s legendary abundance of wildlife from a kayaker’s perspective, if the area’s notoriously inclement weather permits.
Rates (per person):

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Cruise rates are quoted per person and based on passengers sharing a cabin. Single supplement: x1.7 for Main Deck and Classic, Superior Suite; x2 for Deluxe, Premium and Owner’s Suite. Triple suites are for three family members or friends traveling together or single travelers willing to share with another of the same gender. Single travelers may also share double occupancy cabins, Main, Classic and Superior.

Voyage Rates Include:

- 1 pre-voyage night in Arakur Ushuaia Resort and Spa Hotel
- Group transfer to the ship on day of embarkation
- Group transfer from the airport to the hotel on a day prior to departure
- Shipboard accommodation
- All meals on board throughout the voyage
- Tea and coffee station 24 hours daily
- All scheduled landings/excursions (subject to weather and ice conditions)
- Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Leader and Expedition Team
- Branded Poseidon Expeditions parka
- Rubber boots for shore landings for the time of the cruise
- Welcome and Farewell cocktails
- All port fees
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Group transfer to airport or central location upon disembarkation
- Pre-departure materials
- Digital Voyage Log

Voyage Rates Do Not Include:

- Airfare
- Visa and passport fees (if applicable)
- Luggage and trip cancellation insurance
- Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages other than those for special events and celebrations
- Personal expenses such as laundry and onboard communication (telephone calls, faxes, and e-mail service)
- Fuel surcharge may be applied for all bookings
- Emergency Evacuation Insurance to a minimum benefit of USD 200,000
- Staff gratuities
- Pre- or post-cruise travel expenses

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How to make a reservation:

For cabin availability and reservations please contact Poseidon Expeditions at (347) 801-2610 or salesUSA@poseidonexpeditions.com and our reservation specialists, Valerie Bryan or Shulie Klein can assist you.

Relaxed Reservations Policy for 2021 / 2022 Antarctic Travel

https://poseidonexpeditions.com/info-for-travelers/coronavirus-info/

Update: July 29, 2020

While much of our attention is on the near-term and getting through the worst of COVID-19 travel bans and restrictions, we’re hoping that the revised reservation policy below will help you start planning your future polar trip aboard our 114-passenger Sea Spirit.

With this in mind – and to further encourage you to reserve the departure date and cabin category that most suit you – we’ve relaxed our deposit policy for all 2021 Arctic and 2021-22 Antarctic voyages **:

- We will hold all new reservations for our normal period of seven days. Depending on availability on the departure date, this option may be extended.
- A reduced deposit of just 10% is required by the end of the seven-day option period to confirm the reservation.
- Final payment isn’t due until 90 days prior to the departure in 2021-22.

Note: great early booking savings remain in place for all 2021 Arctic and 2021-22 Antarctic voyages through October 31, 2020.

** This offer is valid for any new reservation for any departure during the Arctic 2021 season or the Antarctic 2021-22 season, based on availability.

Please be sure to refer to our website at the link above for the latest information.

Air Arrangements: Airfare is not included in the cruise rate. However, we can direct you to our preferred air supplier, Exito Travel, who is familiar with our routing and can assist you with air arrangements.

Insurance for your Polar Cruise Expedition:

For your convenience, we now offer you a competitive option for purchasing emergency medical and evacuation/repatriation insurance before you embark the Sea Spirit for your expedition cruise into the Arctic or Antarctic regions.

Traveling to the Arctic is a great adventure, but sometimes unexpected illness or injury during the trip itself may change your plans and require medical evacuation. Emergency medical and evacuation/repatriation insurance covers you in case of such an eventuality.

Note that Poseidon Expeditions requires this type of insurance coverage for all passengers aboard the Sea Spirit, as per our Terms and Conditions: for Antarctica US $200,000.

Emergency medical and evacuation/repatriation insurance coverage is not the same thing as cancellation insurance. We strongly recommend cancellation insurance, but do not require it.
If you already have a medical insurance or travel policy that includes emergency evacuation and repatriation, you are ready for the occasion and will have the qualified help and financial support should it be required. Enjoy your cruise to the polar regions, but do make sure you have the required insurance in place beforehand!

Please note that this emergency medical and evacuation/repatriation insurance can be purchased no sooner than six months before the cruise departure date.

Please note: If you are traveling with an alumni association, please contact that association for specific information on travel insurance.

For access to the Atlas Travel Insurance portal

CLICK HERE

Booking Cancellations/Refunds:
All requests for cancellation must be made in writing. Reservations cancelled more than 120 days prior to departure are subject to a USD 750 per person cancellation fee. Reservations cancelled from 119 to 91 days prior to departure are subject to 20% per person cancellation fee. Reservations cancelled 90 days or less prior to departure are subject to full fare forfeiture (cancellation fee is 100%). For these and other reasons mentioned below, passengers are strongly encouraged to obtain trip cancellation insurance.

The services included in the cruise rate are based on group participation, and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which passengers choose not to participate, including any Zodiac cruises or landings. It should be understood that refunds will not be made to passengers who do not complete the tour for any reason whatsoever.

Terms and Conditions
Applicable general terms and conditions can be found on the Poseidon Expeditions website: https://poseidonexpeditions.com/upload/files/terms/Terms_and_conditions_SeaSpirit_2019.pdf

Please Note: Relaxed reservations policy noted above supersedes reservation policy in general terms and conditions.

Itinerary, landings and all other activities during the cruise depend strongly on ice and weather conditions and are subject to the decisions of the Expedition Leader and the Captain of the vessel.

Encounters with any mentioned wildlife cannot be guaranteed.