ANTARCTICA PENINSULA ADVENTURE VOYAGE
ONBOARD THE AKADEMIK IOFFE OR THE
RCGS RESOLUTE
Itinerary Overview

Embark on this voyage to the icy wilderness of the Antarctic Peninsula sailing in comfort aboard our ice-strengthened expedition ships. We chart a course through the Drake Passage, visiting the South Shetland Islands along the way. When you arrive at the Antarctic Peninsula, be prepared to be dazzled. Even our experienced crew members many of whom have visited the southern region a hundred times or more are still astonished by its pristine beauty. The abundance of wildlife here is truly extraordinary including five seal species, massive penguin rookeries of gentoo, Adelies, and chinstraps as well as a profusion of seabirds from albatross to skuas. It is nature you will experience up close and personal on frequent excursions inland.

Our journey will take you to Petermann Island or Wilhelmina Bay where you encounter colossal icebergs and, of course, the ice landscapes that stretch as far as the eye can see. Hardy adventurers or those with a yen for history have the chance to camp out on the ice overnight and feel the thrill and audacity of early explorers who attempted to conquer this continent.

Prior to departing for the Antarctic, explore Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world and spend a full day hiking and paddling in Tierra del Fuego National Park.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DAY</th>
<th>OVERNIGHT</th>
<th>HOTELS/SHIP</th>
<th>MEALS</th>
<th>HIGHLIGHTS</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>BUENOS AIRES</td>
<td>Own Grand Palermo Hotel</td>
<td></td>
<td>Arrival into Buenos Aires</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>USHUAIA</td>
<td>Tierra de Leyendas</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>Fly to Ushuaia, afternoon city tour and hiking</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>USHUAIA</td>
<td>Tierra de Leyendas</td>
<td>BL</td>
<td>Hiking and kayaking in Tierra del Fuego National Park</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>BEAGLE CHANNEL</td>
<td>Akademik Ioffe / RCGS Resolute</td>
<td>BD</td>
<td>Free morning, embarkation and departure for Beagle Channel</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5-6</td>
<td>DRAKE PASSAGE</td>
<td>Akademik Ioffe / RCGS Resolute</td>
<td>BLD</td>
<td>On-board amenities and lectures, views from deck, Antarctic Convergence</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7-10</td>
<td>ANTARCTIC PENINSULA</td>
<td>Akademik Ioffe / RCGS Resolute</td>
<td>BLD</td>
<td>Navigate to South Shetland Islands, sailing into the flooded volcanic caldera of Deception Island</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>S SHETLAND ISLANDS</td>
<td>Akademik Ioffe / RCGS Resolute</td>
<td>BLD</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12-13</td>
<td>DRAKE PASSAGE</td>
<td>Akademik Ioffe / RCGS Resolute</td>
<td>BLD</td>
<td>On-board amenities and lectures, views from deck, Antarctic Convergence</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14</td>
<td>BUENOS AIRES</td>
<td>Own Palermo Hotel</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>Arrival in Ushuaia and flight to Buenos Aires</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>DEPARTURE</td>
<td>B</td>
<td></td>
<td>City tour + room for day use</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Antarctic Peninsula Adventure Voyage Route Map
Itinerary in Detail

**DAY 1: BUENOS AIRES**
Buenos Aires airport reception and transfer to at the Own Palermo Hotel in the Palermo district.

**DAY 2: USHUAIA**
Fly south over the rugged Patagonian landscape to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Sitting on the shores of the Beagle Channel, Ushuaia actually means ‘the bay facing westward’ in the language of the original Yamna inhabitants. Once a penal colony (the presidio was disbanded in the 1940s) for political prisoners as well as hardened criminals, Ushuaia is now a major tourist attraction, particularly for those embarking on an Antarctica expedition. The town of 40,000 is also a major ski resort area for both alpine and cross-country skiers and offers magnificent hiking in Tierra del Fuego National Park, the only coastal national park in Argentina.

After arrival and transfer to the hotel, in the afternoon embark on an active exploration of the city. The hike starts in the El Mirador del Beagle area, a neighborhood located in the highest point of the city and an example of the development of the city in recent years. The trail takes you along the edge of the forest, featuring amazing views of the many landmarks which played a part in Ushuaia’s interesting sea-faring history. Overnight at Tierra de Leyendas. [B]

**DAY 3: USHUAIA - TIERRA DEL FUEGO NATIONAL PARK**
Today is a full day exploration of the famed Tierra del Fuego National Park. Upon arrival in the park, you start a 7 km trek (3.5 hours) to a wonderful scenic point overlooking Lake Roca, Lagunas Verde and Negra, Rivers Ovando and Lapataia and Bahía Lapataia. Hiking through this beech forest keep your eyes peeled for the incredible birdlife including the Magellanic woodpecker (the largest in South America), Austral parakeets, black-chested buzzard eagles, and Andean Condors. After lunch, embark on an easy, downstream kayak trip in the crystal-clear, quiet waters of the Ovando River, and into Green Lake, one of the most beautiful places in the park. Approaching your final destination at Lapataia Bay, you may encounter sea birds flying over, looking curiously at you: sea petrels, albatross, and steamer ducks, among others. At the end of the day, take in the gorgeous southern sunset at the end of the world. Overnight at Tierra de Leyendas. [BL]

**DAY 4: BEAGLE CANAL**
Enjoy a free morning and early afternoon to explore Ushuaia on your own. Transfer to pier in afternoon for embarkation. Check-in with the Akademik Ioffe or RCGS Resolute begins at 4:00PM where you will be greeted by the Expedition Leader and staff and shown to your cabin. Overnight aboard the Akademik Ioffe/RCGS Resolute. [BD]
**Days 5 & 6: Drake Passage**  
Crossing the Drake Passage, there is so much excitement in the air as you make your way ever closer to the white continent. Guests eagerly soak up the friendly atmosphere onboard as our numerous Polar experts prepare you for your adventures with presentations on everything Antarctic, from wildlife to history. Eventually, you will cross the Antarctic Convergence where you will notice a distinct drop in temperature as you enter the waters of the Antarctic Ocean. Along the way, you will witness many spectacular sights from icebergs to an array of seabirds and even several whale species some of which are known on occasion to fully breach from the sea. Overnights aboard the Akademik Ioffe/RCGS Resolute. [BLD]

**Days 7-10: Antarctic Peninsula**  
In the waterways of the Antarctic Peninsula, you will hope to make as much time as possible to explore by inflatable Zodiac boats and marvel up close at nature’s glory. Planned excursions might include Neko Harbour, Wilhelmina Bay, and even the southerly Petermann Island, where you will observe Weddell, crabeater and elephant seals, skuas and other seabirds as well as a shocking abundance of penguins including some very large colonies of the comical Adelie penguin. At Half Moon Island you will observe a breeding colony of chinstrap penguins that share their territory with fur seals and blue-eyed shags. You also hope to see the gentle humpback whale dining on krill in its feeding grounds and possibly have an opportunity to observe orcas and Minke whales as you go.  

You finally arrive on the continent of Antarctica at Paradise Harbour or Neko Harbour. Prepare to be dazzled by your first glimpse of the continent. The scenery here is amazing. In particular you will be struck by the oddly-shaped icebergs that look like sculptures, as well as the colossal 'tabular' icebergs that break away from the continent’s ice shelf. We hope the weather will be mild enough to allow you to step foot on the White Continent itself. Some may wish to camp on shore overnight. Whatever your vantage point, whether it is onboard or onshore expect to feel transformed as you experience twilight from the very bottom of the planet. Overnight aboard the Akademik Ioffe/RCGS Resolute. [BLD]

**Day 11: South Shetland Islands / Deception Island**  
After several jam-packed days of exploration along the Peninsula, you head for the South Shetland Islands. If the weather conditions cooperate, you navigate into the flooded volcanic caldera of Deception Island, a most dramatic location. History surrounds you as you explore the old whaling station with its rusted relics and crumbling buildings. Overnight aboard the Akademik Ioffe/RCGS Resolute. [BLD]

**Days 12 & 13: Drake Passage**  
Today, you will leave Antarctica and head north back across the Drake Passage. Now is the chance to compare and revise notes and dwell on the adventures of the past week, to take in the final lectures and to enjoy the delicious cuisine on board as you return to Ushuaia. Overnight aboard the Akademik Ioffe/RCGS Resolute. [BLD]
**Day 14: Disembark in Ushuaia & Buenos Aires**
After an early breakfast, arrival in Ushuaia is around 9:00AM. Thus ends an incredible and unique expedition. You’ll be met at the dock and transferred to the airport for your afternoon flight to Buenos Aires. Upon arrival, transfer for overnight at Own Palermo Hotel. [B]

**Day 15: Buenos Aires & Departure**
Spend the morning and early afternoon exploring one of the most atmospheric cities in South America - Buenos Aires. With our local guide, discover historical sites such as the Barrio Norte with its splendid old homes; San Telmo where the artist and musicians live and work; La Boca, a neighborhood of brightly painted Italian family homes and restaurants; and the Avenida 9 de Julio with its towering obelisk as much a symbol to Buenos Aires as the Eiffel Tower is to Paris. On your own free time you may also take in a tango show or visit some of the more than 150 art galleries and museums. In the evening, transfer to airport for your international flight home.

**End of Services**
Actual routes and activities may vary. Local trip coordinators reserve the right to change accommodations to similar quality alternatives.

For current pricing [CLICK HERE]
For departure dates [CLICK HERE]

**Included Services**
- Hotel and boat accommodations as indicated
- English-speaking naturalist guides
- Guided tours and excursions
- Shipboard lectures
- Airport-hotel transfers and land transportation
- Meals as specified [B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner]
- Services of in-bound land operator for airline reconfirmation, and tour operations
- Wildland Adventures’ travel consultation and pre-departure services.

**Not Included Services**
- International airfare
- Flights from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia and return
- Drinks, alcoholic beverages, and meals other than listed above
- Tips, gratuities
- Personal expenses for extra services, optional activities, or changes in your itinerary for reasons beyond our control
- Travel insurance for trip cancellation, medical services, or evacuation
- Any other items not mentioned above
Accommodations

**Expedition Vessels: Akademik Ioffe**
The 96-passenger Akademik Ioffe/One Ocean Navigator is the perfect small expedition cruise ship catering to your adventurous spirit as well as the concept and implementation of ecologically responsible travel and personalized service. The vessel is modern, comfortable, safe, and ice-strengthened. From small group sessions to briefings for all passengers, public spaces onboard the ship are ideally suited for each and every need. A separate bar and lounge located on deck 6 with expansive 180 degree views, as well as a library provide ideal places to sit and relax or catch up on some reading. A fitness room, bouldering wall, and wellness center allow guests to stay active during the days at seas.

The ship has state-of-the-art radar, communication and other navigational equipment as well as modern fire and flood prevention systems. To help us customize your trips, this vessel has maximum maneuverability to get in and out of the most interesting places safely, not to mention generous outdoor deck space and a large inclusive bridge for ease of passenger use. Paired with twin engines, twin (controllable pitch) propellers, a bow thruster and stern multidirectional thruster (aqua-master) this ship leads the way with point specific movement and operational support. The benefits of these features are greatly appreciated when a ‘lee at the gangway’ is requested by our staff for safe and easy embarkation and disembarkation of passengers via zodiacs. Not to mention a pod of whales popping up to our stern, thus suggesting an immediate spin of the vessel by 180 degrees on its own axis.

**Expedition Vessel: RCGS Resolute**
In November 2018, a purpose-built polar expedition vessel, the Royal Canadian Geographical Society Resolute will join the Akademik Ioffe to offer the most capable, safe, and exclusive expedition cruise fleet in the industry. Specially designed for comfort in sometimes challenging conditions, the RCGS Resolute is well-appointed, ice-strengthened and above all, safe. Her public spaces are ideally suited for gatherings – from small group sessions to naturalist briefings for the entire passenger load. Two separate bar and lounge areas feature 180-degree views, while a wonderfully stocked library provides additional space to relax, gather with friends and read one of the well-chosen volumes. Two dining rooms feature sumptuous meals – one a popular bistro menu, the other more traditional dining. Other facilities include a theatre-style presentation room, gift shop, well-equipped gym and wellness center. A Jacuzzi, sauna, steam room, and salt water pool are the perfect accompaniments to an active day on land.

The RCGS Resolute is purpose-built for polar exploration, equipped with stainless steel propellers, high-density steel plating, and small frame spacing on the hull. The Resolute can continue into the ice where other vessels simply have to pass. The One Ocean Expedition fleet of ships features unmatched stability and strength in ice-laden waters. Coupled with superior speed, these vessels give adventurers more time at the destination, as well as more flexibility in planning – a critical factor in polar regions where conditions sometimes dictate the day’s plans.

Wildland Adventures | Antarctica Peninsula Adventure Voyage | www.wildland.com
All cabins feature outside views ranging from traditional portholes to expansive panoramic windows. All cabins have lower berths with flexibility of single or double accommodation. High quality carpeting, contemporary and spacious bathroom designs, all with accent lighting compliment the passengers’ moods. All cabins offer sectional lounge quarters, providing excellent space to read and/or catch up on journaling. All cabins measure a spacious 22m squared, with the suites a palatial 44m squared.

**Green Voyaging: Sustainable Tourism in the Polar Regions**

We burn cleaner fuels and treat our waste in the greenest way possible. We have also implemented an industry leading responsible purchasing system, taking great care to ensure the products we buy are not derived from endangered species nor does the use of these products contribute to loss of sustainability in the region from which they came. We aim to use ‘green’ products wherever possible. We are confident our overall practices concerning environmental responsibility and sustainability are unrivalled in the expedition cruise industry.

**OWN GRAND PALERMO SOHO**

Perfectly located to soak in the electric atmosphere of the Palermo District, Own Grand Palermo’s attentive staff will see to your every need. From 24-hour Concierge service, to free WiFi, pool, spa and gym, 24-hour workspace, your needs are covered. Rooms also have complimentary Wi-Fi as well as luxury bath amenities, security box that can accommodate your laptop, luxury bathrobes, 42” LCD TV, mini wine bar, hair dryer.

**TIERRA DE LEYENDAS, USHUAIA**

Run by a well-traveled husband and wife team from the Buenos Aires hotel scene, Tierra del Leyendas attracts hedonists, foodies and coastal walkers and is widely considered one of the best (and least well-known) boutique hotels in all of Argentina. An open-plain ground floor invites guest interaction in a spacious lounge and reception area overlooking the bay. The five rooms are named after local fables and indigenous artifacts, sheepskin throws, comfortable elegance and the surrounding mountains and water on the outskirts of Ushuaia make for a very Patagonia feel. Be sure to have dinner here – the cuisine is excellent.