

Antarctic & The Falklands Explorer with Brazil & Argentina



Antarctic Peninsula

November 14 - December 6, 2024

HIGHLIGHTS

Rio de Janeiro & Buenos Aires City tour
Sugar Loaf
Christ the Redeemer
The Carnival Experience
Iguassu Falls Brazilian and Argentinean sides
Macuco Jungle tour
Buenos Aires City tour
Tigre River Tour

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

15-Nights Antarctic Expedition aboard the MS. Roald Amundsen
Landings on the Antarctic Peninsula
Ice cruising
The Falkland Islands
Lectures lead by the Expedition Team onboard the ship
Internal flights
Complimentary house beer and wines, sodas, and mineral water with meals onboard

Complimentary wind and water-resistant expedition jacket

Loan of boots, trekking poles and all equipment needed for activities

INCLUDES

7 nights Land Accommodation
Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
Baggage Handling – 1 per person
62 Meals Included: All Breakfasts, 20 Lunches & 18 Dinners

Day 1 Welcome to Rio!

Welcome to the bustling city of Rio de Janeiro! Transfer to your hotel, which is just steps from famous Copacabana Beach, and freshen up before joining your Tour Director and fellow travellers for a **Welcome Dinner** at a local restaurant.

Day 2 Rio de Janeiro

On a city tour this morning, visit Rio's most famous landmark, the "**Corcovado Mountain**" with the **statue of Christ the Redeemer**. Set right in the **Tijuca Rainforest National Park** (the largest urban park in the world), which is in the heart of Rio. A **cogwheel train** takes you up –

passing lovely parts of the forest allowing panoramic views of the city. At the top, you reach Christ the Redeemer, and the most marvelous views of the city. For **Lunch**, stop at a traditional restaurant. Then visit iconic **Sugar Loaf Mountain**. Take the **cable car** to the mid-way station on Urca Mountain with its beautiful gardens and lookout points. From there travel to 1300 ft above sea level to the peak of Sugar Loaf Mountain where you will enjoy spectacular views! The tour continues into downtown Rio, where you will visit the **Selaron steps** and the **Metropolitan Cathedral**. Enjoy a free evening to stroll along the Copacabana Beach boardwalk.



Corcovado Mountain



Iguassu Falls



Tigre River Tour

Day 3 Rio de Janeiro to Iguassu Falls

This morning, learn about one of Brazil's biggest passions, Carnival, in the City of Samba! Enjoy a **guided tour of the warehouse of Acadêmicos da Grande Rio** – one of the leading samba schools of the city of Rio de Janeiro with an explanatory panel presentation: history of samba and carnival parades. Costumes are available for dress up and photographs. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Iguassu Falls.

Day 4 Iguassu Falls

Visit the marvelous **Brazilian falls** by walking through the wooden footbridges elevated over the river. Admire a series of astonishing cascades, while enjoying the panoramic views from the observation deck. Following an included **lunch** inside the park, explore the **Birds Park**, situated on 4 hectares of native sub-tropical forest. View over 500 birds, both indigenous and from other continents, in their natural surroundings from 8-meter high **forest aviaries**. Continuing our journey into the **Macuco Jungle**, embark in **open jeep-towed wagons** for a ride along a trail. Watch for wild animals that occasionally cross the trail as well as orchids, palm trees and centenarian trees. If you're up to it, join your guide for a 600 m hike on a trail that leads to a waterfall. Next, board **boats that travel up-river** passing the canyon facing the rapids where you can appreciate the scenery. Rainbows, blue sky, mist, and water punctuate the spectacle that the falls baptized "The Three Musketeers". Here the captain maneuvers the boat close enough to provide you with a quick and refreshing shower.

Day 5 Iguassu Falls to Buenos Aires, Argentina

Travel to the **Argentina National Park** and the **Iguazu National Park** entrance. Board a train that will take you to the upper falls circuit and the Devil's Throat before touring

the lower catwalks. The Falls will be seen up close allowing for the detailed appreciation of both flora and fauna, as well as the Falls that are literally at the reach of one's hand. After **lunch**, transfer to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires.

Day 6 Buenos Aires

Wake up in beautiful **Buenos Aires**, the "Paris of South America", with Old World colonial architecture, and flavorful food! This morning's **city tour** takes you into the city center, to famous 9 de Julio Avenue, where you will see the Obelisk and arrive at the main square, Plaza de Mayo. Continuing into the suburbs, pass by San Telmo, the old district of Tango, then onto the Caminito, a multi-colored street museum in the La Boca neighborhood, filled with lively markets and restaurants hosting live folk dancing and tango shows.

The tour will end in the modern neighbourhood of Puerto Madero, completely restored since 1990, and the widest and most varied gastronomic area of Buenos Aires. This evening, enjoy a **dinner** of typical foods and wines, and an unforgettable time at a **Tango show**. The classic orchestra revives the original styles with melancholic rhythms reminiscent of the 1940's.

Day 7 Buenos Aires

Our next stop in Argentina will be at the city of Tigre for the **Tigre River Tour**, the gateway to the Paraná River Delta, a 14,000 sq. km natural wonder. It encompasses thousands of luscious green islands filled with autochthonous species. Sailing the exotic channels of the Delta, enjoy a fascinating nautical experience. Back in Tigre, visit the elegant **Paseo Victorica**, where the Municipal Museum of Fine Arts is housed. **Lunch** is enjoyed at a local restaurant and the rest of the day is at leisure.



Ushuaia



Antarctica



Antarctic Penguins

Day 8 Buenos Aires to Ushuaia

Get an early start with a transfer to the airport for your flight to **Ushuaia**. The capital of Argentina's Tierra del Fuego province sits on a bay backed by the snow-capped mountains of Martial Glacier, to the north. Although Ushuaia claims to be the world's southernmost city, two other Chilean cities also lay claim to this dubious title. Board your base camp at sea, **MS Roald Amundsen**, where you will meet the **Expedition Team** and tour the ship. Enjoy a **welcome dinner** this evening. Your expedition has officially begun!



Expedition Ship MS Roald Amundsen

Day 9 - 10 Drake Passage

It takes two days of sailing to reach Antarctica. This is the perfect amount of time to relax and prepare for the adventures ahead. The Expedition team will launch a series of insightful **lectures** at the Science Center. They are walking, talking, treasure troves of fascinating stories and information. Learn about what to do if a curious penguin or seal comes too close to you, and the importance of wearing sterilized rubber boots during your landings and much more!

Day 11 - 15 Antarctica

We have entered another world, one devoid of human influence, welcome to The Seventh Continent! **Antarctica** is a gorgeous world sealed by pristine snow and ice with polar landscapes as far as your eye can see! It is a haven for wildlife like whales, penguins, and seals.

Enjoy five days to take in every magical moment. Gaze at distant white mountains during a stroll along shore or let a playful pair of seals delight you as they surface near your small boat. Or hit the jackpot (weather permitting), to join optional activities such as kayaking, snowshoeing, or even camping. The Expedition Team will provide ongoing lectures, be it on board the ship, ashore during landings, or even when navigating through icebergs and ice floes on cruises in small boats. Their insights will provide invaluable information throughout your journey, enhancing your sense of discovery hundredfold.

Day 16 - 17 Drake Passage

Saying goodbye to Antarctica is hard, but as the ship points northward once again, take some time to sort through your breathtaking photos, perhaps join a workshop, and visit the Science Center, brimming with activity. The Expedition Team will be offering workshops to ready you for the Falkland Islands.

Day 18 - 20 The Falkland Islands

Beauty in its purest form, the remote **Falkland Islands** is an archipelago split between two main islands, East and West Falkland and nearly 800 smaller islands. Your three days of exploration here, along with each day's landing sites, will be determined by local weather conditions. Enjoy grassy hills, blooming wildflowers, stunning white-sand beaches, and turquoise waters!



Antarctic Fur Seal

For the first time in more than a week you'll spot signs of civilization in the family-owned farms scattered along the island. Of course, you'll still come across several thousand penguins while attempting to view their colonies, which often have families of fur seals sprinkled among them.

Day 21 At Sea

As your expedition is approaching its end, make sure to enjoy your last day at sea. Share memories with the new friends you made during your journey, swap adventure stories with the Expedition Team or simply relax on deck watching the waves and reliving fond memories of the voyage's many highlights.

Day 22 Ushuaia to Buenos Aires

After three weeks of exploring South America and the Seventh Continent, bid farewell to your base camp at sea and transfer to the airport for your flight back to Buenos Aires. Enjoy your last evening in this vibrant city!

Day 23 Buenos Aires to Home

Enjoy a leisurely day before transferring to the airport for your flight home.



Falkland Islands



PRICING	POLAR OUTSIDE	ARCTIC SUPERIOR	SUITE
DOUBLE	\$18,400	\$21,000	\$23,500

* Single pricing available upon request.

All prices are per person, LAND ONLY and include taxes and fees. Prices are in CAD.

Not included in price:

- International airfare
- Airline baggage fees for additional or over-size luggage
- Airline and cruise fuel surcharges if there is a change in fuel prices
- Gratuities for Tour Director and Driver
- Meals and activities not specified in the itinerary.
- Any person expenses
- Mandatory Travel Insurance
- Pre or post tour arrangements
- Optional excursions such as kayaking, snowshoeing and camping. These will be available to book onboard the cruise.

Total meals included: All breakfasts, 20 lunches and 18 dinners.



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