



Itinerary

16 Day Antarctic Circle Expedition 2026/2027

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** Any extra nights, optional tours or other amendments, will not be visible on this itinerary.

Day 1: Buenos Aires – The Gateway to Your Antarctic Adventure

Begin your Antarctic journey with an overnight stay in Buenos Aires, a city rich in history and vibrant culture. Known as the "Paris of South America," Buenos Aires offers a captivating blend of European elegance and Latin American flair. Make your own way to the hotel and immerse yourself in this lively, charming destination.

Explore the city's diverse neighbourhoods, each with its own unique character. Wander through the charming streets of Palermo, known for its trendy boutiques and lively cafés, or soak in the historical ambiance of San Telmo, where colonial buildings and tango bars create a nostalgic atmosphere. Don't miss the opportunity to savour a meal at one of the city's renowned parrillas, where you can indulge in succulent Argentine steak, grilled to perfection.

For those eager to dive into Buenos Aires' cultural heritage, why not immerse yourself in the world of tango? The city is the birthplace of this passionate dance, and there are numerous venues offering tango shows and lessons. Alternatively, consider arriving a few days early to fully experience all that this dynamic city has to offer, or explore the surrounding region with an optional Pre-Programme.

MEALS: Nil

OVERNIGHT: 4 Star Hotel, Buenos Aires

Day 2: Ushuaia – Embarking on Your Expedition

Your adventure truly begins with a morning flight to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Nestled at the edge of Argentina's Tierra del Fuego Province, Ushuaia is the gateway to Antarctica and offers stunning views of the surrounding landscape, including the imposing Martial Glacier. Upon arrival, you'll be welcomed and transferred to your hybrid-powered expedition ship, designed for sustainable and comfortable cruising through polar waters.

After a comprehensive briefing from the Expedition Team, take some time to settle into your cabin and familiarize yourself with the ship's amenities. This is your home for the next leg of your journey, and it is equipped with all the comforts you need for a seamless expedition experience. Spend the rest of the day exploring the ship, meeting fellow travellers, and preparing for the remarkable adventure that lies ahead.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: MS Roald Amundsen

Days 3-4: Drake Passage – Preparing for Antarctica

As your ship crosses the Drake Passage, the Expedition Team will be on hand to enhance your understanding and appreciation of the polar environment. This two-day crossing offers ample opportunities to learn about Antarctica's unique ecology, history, and the pressing issues of climate change and pollution.

Visit the onboard Science Centre, where interactive exhibits and expert presentations provide valuable insights into the icy continent. Engage in discussions on Antarctic wildlife, the science beneath the ice, and how to minimize your impact during your visit. The Team will also introduce you to various Citizen Science projects you can participate in, contributing to ongoing research and conservation efforts.

In between educational sessions, enjoy the relaxation and amenities aboard your ship. Unwind in the spa and wellness area, savour exquisite meals in the dining room, and socialize with other passengers in the Explorer Lounge & Bar. The crossing offers a chance to both prepare for and reflect on the extraordinary journey ahead.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: MS Roald Amundsen

Days 5-13: Antarctica – Immersed in the Frozen Continent

Antarctica awaits with its breathtaking landscapes of towering glaciers and vast icebergs. Each day of your 11-day exploration will reveal new wonders. Observe large penguin colonies huddling on ice floes, majestic whales gliding through icy waters in search of krill, and a diverse array of seabirds soaring overhead.

Your expedition will take you to various landing sites, where you'll have the opportunity to disembark and explore on foot and embark on ice-cruises to get up close to the stunning ice formations. Depending on conditions, you may even have the chance to kayak among the icebergs, offering a unique and intimate perspective of this frozen world.

Throughout the journey, the Expedition Team will continue to provide lectures and insights, deepening your understanding of Antarctica's natural environment and ongoing conservation challenges. The captain will adjust the itinerary as needed to ensure the best possible experience, adapting to weather and ice conditions.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: MS Roald Amundsen

Days 14-15: Drake Passage – Reflecting on Your Antarctic Journey

As your expedition concludes, the return trip through the Drake Passage offers a chance to reflect on your Antarctic adventure. This time at sea allows you to revisit the Science Centre, delve deeper into topics of interest, and contribute your observations to Citizen Science projects.

Relax and unwind with a spa treatment or enjoy the fresh sea air from the on-deck hot tubs. Socialize with fellow travellers in the Explorer Lounge & Bar, sharing stories and experiences from the past days. The return journey is a perfect opportunity to process the awe-inspiring sights and personal experiences from your time in Antarctica.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: MS Roald Amundsen

Day 16: Ushuaia ~ Buenos Aires

Your expedition cruise ends in Ushuaia, where you'll fly back to Buenos Aires. Reflect on your incredible journey as services conclude at Buenos Aires Airport. For more adventure, consider an optional Post-Programme to explore Buenos Aires before heading home.

MEALS: Breakfast

IGUAZU FALLS AND BUENOS AIRES EXTENSION

Day 16: Ushuaia ~ Buenos Aires

As your expedition cruise concludes in Ushuaia, the vibrant hub of Tierra del Fuego, Argentina's southernmost province. You'll then catch a flight back to Buenos Aires for your return home. Upon arrival make your own way to your hotel and spend the rest of the day at leisure.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Libertador Hotel, Buenos Aires or similar

Day 17: Buenos Aires ~ Iguazu Falls

Today, head to the airport for your journey to Iguazu Falls. On arrival, your driver will greet you and take you to your hotel. Depending on the time, some sightseeing planned for Day 18 may be arranged for today.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Orquídeas Palace, Iguazu Falls or similar

Day 18: Iguazu Falls

After breakfast today, you'll spend the day visiting one of the most spectacular sights in the world: Iguazu Falls. Your day includes a tour of the Argentinian side of the National Park, featuring an open train ride to and from the falls. With bilingual guides (English/Spanish), you'll explore the upper and lower circuits, including a guided tour of the breathtaking Devil's Throat Falls. You'll also visit the Triple Frontier, where Brazil, Paraguay, and Argentina converge, and take a tour of the Brazilian side of the falls. Round-trip transfers to Brazil are included, ensuring a seamless experience.

NOTE: As this tour crosses into Brazil, please be aware that from 30 July 2025, Australian passport holders will require a visa to enter Brazil. It is your responsibility to check and confirm all current visa requirements via www.smartraveller.gov.au

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Orquídeas Palace or similar

Day 19: Iguazu Falls ~ Buenos Aires

Today, you'll be transferred back to the airport for your return flight to Buenos Aires. Upon arrival, make your own way to your hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Libertador Hotel, Buenos Aires (or similar)

Day 20: Buenos Aires – City Tour

Today, you'll set out on an immersive city tour of Buenos Aires, exploring its rich history, vibrant culture, and unique neighbourhoods. Begin in the historic centre, where grand colonial buildings and landmarks like the Plaza de Mayo, Casa Rosada, and the Metropolitan Cathedral showcase the city's heritage. Wander through San Telmo, known for its cobblestone streets and artistic vibe, before heading to the colourful neighbourhood of La Boca, famous for its tango heritage and brightly painted buildings along Caminito Street. Then, enjoy the elegance of Recoleta, home to boutique cafes and the renowned Recoleta Cemetery, the resting place of Eva Perón. Conclude the tour in Palermo, a lively area filled with parks, trendy shops, and bustling eateries, capturing the modern pulse of Buenos Aires.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Libertador Hotel, Buenos Aires (or similar)

Day 21: Depart Buenos Aires

Make your own way to the airport for your return journey home. Due to flight availability and scheduling you may be required to spend an extra night in Buenos Aires at your own cost.

MEALS: Breakfast

IGUAZU FALLS, BUENOS AIRES AND RIO DE JANEIRO EXTENSION

Day 16: Ushuaia ~ Buenos Aires

As your expedition cruise concludes in Ushuaia, the vibrant hub of Tierra del Fuego, Argentina's southernmost province. You'll then catch a flight back to Buenos Aires for your return home. Upon arrival make your own way to your hotel and spend the rest of the day at leisure.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Libertador Hotel, Buenos Aires (or similar)

Day 17: Buenos Aires - City Tour

Spend the day exploring the highlights of Buenos Aires on a guided city tour. Visit the city's most iconic landmarks, immerse yourself in its rich history, and experience the vibrant culture that makes Buenos Aires so unique.

Approximate Tour Duration: 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Libertador Hotel, Buenos Aires (or similar)

Day 18: Buenos Aires ~ Iguazu Falls

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MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Orquídeas Palace, Iguazu Falls or similar

Day 19: Iguazu Falls (Argentinian Side)

After breakfast today, you'll spend the day visiting one of the most spectacular sights in the world: Iguazu Falls. Your day includes a tour of the Argentinian side of the National Park, featuring an open train ride to and from the falls. With bilingual guides (English/Spanish), you'll explore the upper and lower circuits, including a guided tour of the breathtaking Devil's Throat Falls. You'll also visit the Triple Frontier, where Brazil, Paraguay, and Argentina converge, and take a tour of the Brazilian side of the falls. Round-trip transfers to Brazil are included, ensuring a seamless experience.

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MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Orquídeas Palace or similar

Day 20: Iguazu Falls (Brazilian Side) ~ Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Begin your day by exploring the Brazilian side of Iguazu Falls, renowned for its stunning panoramic views. With round-trip transfers included, you'll have the chance to admire the breathtaking scale of the falls from a different perspective, capturing their full grandeur.

Approximate Tour Duration: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

In the evening, take your flight to Rio de Janeiro. Upon arrival, you'll be transferred from the airport to your hotel, where you can check in and relax for the night.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: 4 Star Hotel, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Day 21: Rio de Janeiro - City Tour

Today you can immerse yourself in the vibrant culture and breathtaking beauty of Rio de Janeiro, home to some of the world's most iconic landmarks. Stand in awe of the majestic Christ the Redeemer statue, a symbol of peace and faith perched high above the city on Corcovado Mountain. Stroll along the famous golden sands of Copacabana Beach, where the lively atmosphere and stunning ocean views capture the heart of Brazil's beach culture. Finally, take a cable car ride up Sugarloaf Mountain for panoramic views of the city, coastline, and lush surrounding landscapes. Rio promises a blend of natural beauty, cultural

richness, and unforgettable experiences.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: 4 Star Hotel, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Day 22: Rio de Janeiro - Free Day

Enjoy a day a leisure or contact MyHoliday2 for some optional excursions.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: 4 Star Hotel, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Day 20: Depart Rio de Janeiro

Your unforgettable journey comes to an end today. After enjoying your morning at leisure, transfer from your hotel to the airport in time for your departing flight.

Take with you the incredible memories of the breathtaking landscapes, vibrant cities, and extraordinary experiences from your adventure. Safe travels, and we hope to welcome you back for another incredible journey in the future.

MEALS: Breakfast