Itinerary

29 Day Luxury South America & Antarctica to South Africa Expedition

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

Day 1: Arrive Buenos Aires, Argentina

Arrive into Buenos Aires, Argentina's vibrant capital and the gateway to your South American adventure. On arrival, guests will be met at the airport and transferred to their hotel.

After check-in, the rest of the day is at leisure. Relax after your journey, enjoy the hotel facilities, or begin exploring the city's grand boulevards, cafés and lively neighbourhoods at your own pace.

MEALS: Nil

OVERNIGHT: Alvear Art Hotel, Buenos Aires

Day 2: Buenos Aires ~ Tango Show & Dinner

Enjoy a free day in Buenos Aires to relax or explore at your own pace. You may like to wander the city's elegant streets, visit local cafés, or discover the colourful neighbourhoods and European-style architecture that make Buenos Aires so unique.

In the evening, guests will enjoy a memorable tango show with dinner and drinks included. Sit back and experience one of Argentina's most iconic cultural traditions through music, dance and local hospitality.

MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Alvear Art Hotel, Buenos Aires

Day 3: Buenos Aires ~ City Tour

Enjoy a full-day city tour of Buenos Aires, taking in the main highlights of Argentina's vibrant capital. Discover the city's mix of grand European-style architecture, wide boulevards, colourful neighbourhoods and historic landmarks.

Highlights may include areas such as Plaza de Mayo, San Telmo, La Boca, Recoleta and Palermo, depending on the final touring arrangements. This is a great introduction to the culture, history and character of Buenos Aires.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Alvear Art Hotel, Buenos Aires

Day 4: Buenos Aires ~ Iguazu Falls ~ Triple Frontier & Devil's Throat

Transfer to the airport for your morning flight from Buenos Aires to Iguazu Falls. On arrival, guests will be met and transferred towards the hotel, where luggage can be left before touring if required.

Afterwards, visit the Triple Frontier, where Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay meet. Continue to the impressive Devil's Throat, one of the most powerful and spectacular sections of Iguazu Falls.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Gran Meliá Iguazú, Iguazu Falls

Day 5: Iguazu Falls ~ Argentinian Falls

Spend the day exploring the Argentinian side of Iguazu Falls, one of the most spectacular natural wonders in South America. Follow the walking trails and viewing platforms for close-up views of the falls, surrounding rainforest and powerful cascades.

This side of the falls offers a more immersive experience, with different circuits providing varied perspectives across the waterfall system. Please include all applicable entrance fees.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Gran Meliá Iguazú, Iguazu Falls

Day 6: Iguazu Falls ~ Brazilian Falls ~ Buenos Aires

Check out of the hotel and visit the Brazilian side of Iguazu Falls. This side offers sweeping panoramic views across the falls, giving guests a different perspective of this incredible natural wonder.

After touring, transfer back to the airport for an early evening flight to Buenos Aires. On arrival, guests will be met and transferred to the hotel.

Depending on the final arrangements, guests may also need to stop via the previous Buenos Aires hotel to collect any stored luggage before continuing to the hotel.

IMPORTANT VISA NOTE: Australian passport holders currently require a visa to enter Brazil. This must be arranged before arrival, as visas cannot be obtained at the airport or border. Guests are responsible for checking current entry requirements and arranging any required visas before travel.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: 5-star hotel, Buenos Aires organised by Swan Hellenic

Day 7: Buenos Aires ~ Ushuaia ~ Embark Ship

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Ushuaia, the southern gateway to Antarctica. On arrival, guests will be met and transferred to the port to board the ship.

Located in Argentina's Patagonia region, Ushuaia sits beneath the snow-capped Martial Range on the shores of the Beagle Channel. Its colourful streets, dramatic mountain backdrop and remote location have earned it the nickname "the End of the World".

After embarkation, settle into your cabin and begin your Antarctic voyage aboard SH Diana.

MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: SH Diana

Days 8-9: At Sea

Spend two relaxing days at sea as your voyage continues south. Enjoy time to settle into life onboard *SH Diana* and make the most of the ship's facilities.

You may like to visit the sauna, enjoy a workout in the state-of-the-art gym, or unwind in the hot tub while taking in the incredible ocean views. There will also be opportunities to attend informative talks or chat with the expedition team to learn more about the landscapes, wildlife and journey ahead.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: SH Diana

Days 10-12: Antarctic Peninsula

Spend three unforgettable days exploring the Antarctic Peninsula, where towering glaciers, sculpted icebergs and snow-covered islands create one of the world's most breathtaking expedition settings.

Each day is shaped by weather and ice conditions. The expedition team will look for the best opportunities for shore landings, Zodiac cruising and wildlife viewing, allowing guests to experience Antarctica from different perspectives.

Possible highlights may include the photogenic Lemaire Channel or Mikkelsen Harbour, where gentoo penguins, snowy sheathbills, skuas and Weddell seals may be seen among the ice and shoreline.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: SH Diana

Days 13-14: At Sea

Spend two days at sea as your voyage continues through remote southern waters. This is a chance to relax, reflect on your Antarctic experiences and enjoy the facilities available onboard *SH Diana*.

You may like to visit the sauna, enjoy a workout in the state-of-the-art gym, or unwind in the hot tub while taking in the ocean views. Guests can also attend informative talks or speak with the expedition team to learn more about the region, wildlife and journey ahead.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: SH Diana

Days 15-17: South Georgia, British Overseas Territory

Spend three unforgettable days exploring South Georgia, one of the most wildlife-rich destinations in the Southern Ocean. Often called the “Galapagos of the Poles”, this remote island is known for its vast penguin colonies, dramatic mountain scenery and rugged coastline.

Weather and landing conditions permitting, the expedition team will look for the best opportunities to explore ashore or by Zodiac. Guests may encounter large colonies of king penguins and gentoo penguins, along with elephant seals, fur seals and seabirds in their natural environment.

Possible highlights may include Grytviken, the historic former whaling station where legendary British explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton is laid to rest.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: SH Diana

Days 18-21: At Sea

Spend four days at sea as your voyage continues across the Southern Ocean. This is a chance to relax onboard *SH Diana*, enjoy the ship’s facilities and reflect on the extraordinary destinations visited so far.

You may like to visit the sauna, enjoy a workout in the state-of-the-art gym, or unwind in the hot tub while taking in the ever-changing ocean views. Guests can also attend informative talks or chat with the expedition team to learn more about the wildlife, history and remote landscapes of this remarkable region.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: SH Diana

Day 22: Tristan da Cunha, British Overseas Territory

Arrive at Tristan da Cunha, one of the most remote inhabited islands in the world. This British Overseas Territory sits in the middle of the South Atlantic and is known for its dramatic volcanic landscapes, rugged coastline and extraordinary birdlife.

Seabirds far outnumber people here, with species such as yellow-nosed albatross, skuas, terns and petrels found around the island’s bluffs and coastal areas. The endangered Tristan albatross may also be seen in the wider region, while northern rockhopper penguins breed along the island’s beaches.

Conditions permitting, the expedition team will look for the best opportunities to experience this remote island and its wildlife. Whales, dolphins and fur seals may also be seen in the surrounding waters and along the shoreline.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: SH Diana

Days 23-26: At Sea

Spend four days at sea as your voyage continues across the South Atlantic. This is a chance to relax onboard SH Diana, enjoy the ship's facilities and take in the vast ocean views between remote destinations.

You may like to visit the sauna, enjoy a workout in the state-of-the-art gym, or unwind in the hot tub while reflecting on the remarkable islands and wildlife encountered along the way. Guests can also attend informative talks or speak with the expedition team to learn more about the history, wildlife and remote regions of the South Atlantic.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: SH Diana

Day 27: Arrive Cape Town, South Africa ~ Disembark Ship

Arrive in Cape Town, South Africa, where your voyage comes to an end. After breakfast onboard, disembark SH Diana and transfer to your hotel.

Set between mountains and the ocean, Cape Town is one of South Africa's most vibrant and scenic cities. The city is known for its lively waterfront, seafood restaurants, shopping, cultural attractions and striking natural beauty.

Depending on your arrival arrangements, the rest of the day is at leisure. You may like to explore the V&A Waterfront, take the cable car up Table Mountain for sweeping views, or simply relax after your expedition voyage.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Radisson Collection Hotel, Waterfront Cape Town

Day 28: Cape Town ~ Free Day

Enjoy a free day in Cape Town to relax or explore at your own pace. Set between Table Mountain and the ocean, Cape Town offers a wonderful mix of natural beauty, culture, history and dining.

You may like to visit the V&A Waterfront, take the cable car to the top of Table Mountain, explore the colourful streets of Bo-Kaap, or simply enjoy the city's cafés, restaurants and coastal views.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Radisson Collection Hotel, Waterfront Cape Town

Day 29: Depart Cape Town

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before checking out. At the appropriate time, guests will be transferred to Cape Town Airport for their onward flight.

We hope you leave with unforgettable memories of your South Atlantic and Antarctic expedition, from the wildlife-rich shores of South Georgia to the remote islands of the South Atlantic and the spectacular arrival into Cape Town.

MEALS: Breakfast