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TRIP CODE

ACONAWHJ

DEPARTURE

08/03/2026, 17/03/2026

DURATION

13 Days

LOCATIONS

Argentina, Antarctica

INTRODUCTION

Begin your journey in vibrant Buenos Aires, where you'll soak up the city's rich culture, European charm, and Latin flair with time to explore historic neighbourhoods and local flavours. Then, fly south to Ushuaia and board the nimble, 80â□□guest Oceanâ□¯Nova for an 11â□□day Antarctic Peninsula expedition timed for peak whaleâ□□migration season, where daily Zodiac outings and expertâ□□led lectures bring you eyeâ□□level with breaching humpbacks amid dazzling icebergs. This seamless pairing marries cosmopolitan culture with bucketâ□□list polar wildlife, delivering two iconic hemispheric experiences in one perfectly curated adventure.

ITINERARY

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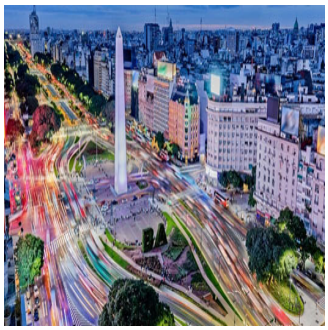
DAY 1: Arrival in Buenos Aires

On arrival, please make your way through to the Arrivals Hall where our representative will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel. This service includes a driver and local English speaking guide, who will provide you with any useful information needed for your stay. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it. Buenos Aires, Argentina's elegant, historic and cosmopolitan capital, is known as the "Paris of the South" due to its European atmosphere with glamorous avenues lined with fashionable shops and Parisian-style restaurants and cafes. Located on the western shore of the estuary of the Río de la Plata, Buenos Aires has many fascinating neighbourhoods to explore including the colourful and lively La Boca, home to art galleries and tango shows; San Telmo with its restored mansions and antique stores and Recoleta, the city's most exclusive area. There are additional tourist taxes at Buenos Aires hotels of approximately 2 USD per person per night, which will be charged on checkout. The costs are subject to change.



DAY 2: Buenos Aires to Ushuaia

You will be collected from your hotel at the appropriate time and transferred to the airport for your onward flight. This service includes a driver only. Welcome to Ushuaia, the gateway to Antarctica. On arrival at Ushuaia Airport, take your included transfer from the airport to our joining hotel. Learn more about the journey ahead and the details for tomorrow's embarkation during our 'icebreaker' at your hotel tonight. If you have some time to spare before the icebreaker, we suggest you head downtown to do some souvenir shopping or taste some classic Argentinian flavours at one of Ushuaia's fantastic local restaurants.

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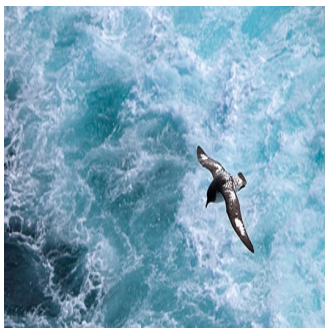
DAY 3: Embark in Ushuaia, Argentina

Enjoy a leisurely morning before your coach transfer to the port of Ushuaia, where you'll board the Ocean Nova, your home for the next nine nights. Downtown Ushuaia is compact and perfect for exploring on foot, offering a beautiful start to your day. Don't forget your camera to capture the stunning snow-capped Andes Mountains backdrop. After meeting your Expedition Team on board and settling into your cabin, head to the outer decks as the Ocean Nova sails through the historic Beagle Channel towards Antarctica. Then, join the excitement inside to learn more about the upcoming days.

DAY 4: At Sea, Drake Passage - Day 3 & 4



Spend two days travelling across the legendary waters of the Drake Passage, named after the British seafarer Sir Francis Drake, towards the Antarctic Peninsula and the South Shetland Islands. If conditions allow, there will be a chance to enjoy the outer deck spaces, scouting for dolphins, whales and various seabirds passing by, including the iconic wandering albatross with its enormous three-meter wingspan. Our comprehensive lecture program will also get underway for you to join at your leisure, with our team of polar experts sharing fascinating insights into Antarctic history, geology, biology, and everything in between. If the weather is on our side, you should reach the Islands of the Antarctic Peninsula by early evening on day four – the first sighting of land always builds great anticipation on any expedition south.

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DAY 6: South Shetland Islands & Antarctica - Day 5 to 8

The Antarctic Peninsula is known for many wildlife sightings in front of stunning backdrops of mountains, icy landscapes and water. These provide incredible scenes as you search for whales migrating along the coast. The peak of the migration season (February and March) is the best opportunity to see these majestic ocean dwellers, as all Antarctic whale species migrate long distances, feeding in the cold, nutrient-rich Southern Ocean during the southern summer. The most common species found in the region are humpback, minke and fin whales, and orcas. As whale season is in full swing, you have the unique opportunity to participate in one of our exciting onboard Citizen Science projects, the Happy Whale Project. Here, you can upload photos of whale's tails (flukes) online, along with details of where the images are taken, which are then used to analyse and identify the individual whale and track its movement across the oceans. Your contribution could make a real difference in understanding and conserving these magnificent creatures. Sightings can happen from the outer decks of the ship, during a Zodiac excursion, or on the ship's bridge with your Captain, where our open bridge policy allows you into the command centre of the Ocean Nova for a look at the inner workings of your expedition and access to the best place to spot whales. A typical expedition day begins with a wake-up call from your Expedition Leader around 7.00 am, giving you time to prepare for the day before joining your fellow travellers for breakfast in the Dining Room. Weather permitting, you can look forward to at least two excursions each day, offering plenty of chances to immerse yourself in the stunning Antarctic landscape. For those who crave even more adventure, treat yourself to an optional paddling excursion that offers a new perspective of this frozen expanse. You'll also be able to take a polar plunge off the Ocean Nova. There's nothing like a quick dip in the Antarctic's icy depths to invigorate you!

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DAY 10: At Sea, Drake Passage - Day 9 & 10

As the Ocean Nova begins its journey back to our home port of Ushuaia, now is your time to reflect on your fantastic journey. We're scheduled to reach the relatively calm waters of the Beagle Channel by the evening of day 10, marking the beginning of our return journey. This evening, enjoy a slideshow of stunning images taken by our Expedition Photographer during your voyage - yours to cherish as a lasting memento of your unforgettable Antarctic adventure. Your final meal in the Dining Room is often a highlight of our Antarctic adventurers, so live it up and enjoy it as you celebrate an incredible adventure with your fellow travellers and Expedition Team.

DAY 12: Ushuaia to Buenos Aires

After breakfast, disembark the Ocean Nova as your Antarctic expedition ends, and the memories of a fantastic adventure begin. A morning transfer to Ushuaia Airport or downtown is included. On arrival, please make your way through to the Arrivals Hall where our representative will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it. Please not this service is with driver only.

DAY 13: Depart Buenos Aires

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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Hotel & Cabin On Board Ship

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Inclusions	**INCLUSIONS** Return economy class flights from Sydney, Australia to Buenos Aires, Argentina (includes 1x checked bag) Private transfers to/from Buenos Aires airport One night pre- and post- cruise accommodation in Buenos Aires at a 4* hotel including breakfast Return economy class flights from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia (includes 1x checked bag) Shared transfer from Ushuaia airport to hotel One night pre- cruise accommodation in Ushuaia at a 4* hotel including breakfast Shared transfer from Ushuaia port to airport/downtown All meals on board the Ocean Nova, including snacks and 24-hour tea and coffee Accommodation on board the Ocean Nova in booked cabin category On board lecture program led by our expert Expedition Team All shore excursions and zodiac cruises (except optional adventure activities) Use of rubber muck boots and outer expedition parka (on loan for the duration of your expedition) Insulated inner jacket (yours to keep) Full access to the on board gym All port taxes/landing fees **EXCLUSIONS** International/internal flights other than specified Airport transfers, taxes and excess baggage charges unless specified Any other meals than specified Pre- or post- cruise travel expenses other than specified Visa (if applicable) and passport fees Travel insurance (compulsory) Fuel surcharge may be applied to all bookings Optional adventure activities All personal expenses Alcoholic, or other selected beverages Miscellaneous extras Laundry and communication charges on board Gratuities for expedition team and crew For minors under 16 years of age at time of travel: Life jackets, waterproof outer shell jacket, and rubber boots For guests who require larger sizing: Waterproof outer shell jacket, and rubber boots
Difficulty Rating	2 (Light Adventure)
Single Surcharge	A single supplement surcharge may apply and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.

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Notes	Prices are based on per person, twin share. Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions. *Optional adventure activities are an additional cost that we recommend booking in advance to avoid disappointment. More spaces may become available to book for some activities on board, however this is not able to be guaranteed.*
Price Dependent upon	Flight prices, departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

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