

# **12 DAYS EMBLEMATIC ANTARCTICA STARTING 19 FEB 2022**

## **DESTINATIONS**

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**BUENOS AIRES**

## TOUR ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Destination	Buenos Aires
Meals included	Dinner
Hotel	Hotel in Buenos Aires, or similar

On arrival at your hotel in Buenos Aires you will enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore Buenos Aires before your early start tomorrow

### DAY 2

Destination	Buenos Aires ✈ Ushuaia 🚢
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Cruise	Le Lyrial, Deluxe Stateroom, or similar

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### DAY 3

Destination	🚢 Drake Passage 🚢
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Cruise	Le Lyrial, Deluxe Stateroom, or similar

Use your days spent in the Drake Passage to familiarise yourself with your ship and deepen your knowledge of the Antarctic.

The Expedition Leader will first present the IAATO rules of conduct that must be observed during landings in the region and will explain everything you need to know about the Zodiac® outings. Lectures about the history and wildlife of the Antarctic will be an opportunity for you to learn more about this magical region, where every cruise is a unique experience.

From the ship's bridge, you will experience exceptional sailing moments before joining the naturalist-guides on your ship's exterior decks to look out for albatrosses, cape petrels, and other seabirds flying over the Drake Passage.

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### DAY 5



Destination	 Antarctic Peninsula 
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Cruise	Le Lyrial, Deluxe Stateroom, or similar

Succumb to the magic of a place unlike any other. To this day, the mythical Antarctic Peninsula still holds real fascination and promises its visitors unforgettable moments. Throughout your adventure in this icy realm, you will find yourself in the heart of a spectacular decor in subtle shades of blue and white, surrounded by exceptional wildlife. Penguins, humpback whales, seals and giant petrels are at home here, as are elephant seals, fur seals, Antarctic minke whales, and orcas. Depending on which sites you will be lucky enough to visit, you may get the chance to observe them and share with them the beauty of these extreme parts.

Each day, based on ice conditions, the Captain and the Expedition Leader will suggest Zodiac® outings or landings to discover the infinite riches of the Antarctic Peninsula. Glaciers, ice floe, tabletop icebergs, mountain peaks that plunge straight into the sea, volcanic beaches, research stations, enchanting bays, and vestiges of the whaling industry: these are the faces of the Antarctic that will likely reveal themselves to you, in a hushed and surreal atmosphere.

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### DAY 10

Destination	 Drake Passage 
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Cruise	Le Lyrial, Deluxe Stateroom, or similar

If there is one place, one sea, one waterway dreaded by tourists, researchers and hardened seafarers alike, it is undoubtedly Drake Passage. Situated at the latitude of the infamous Furious Fifties winds, between Cape Horn and the South Shetland Islands, it is the shortest route to connect Antarctica to South America. Seasoned navigators will tell you that you must earn your visit to the White Continent!

As the Antarctic convergence zone where cold currents rising up from the South Pole meet warmer equatorial water masses, Drake Passage harbours a very diverse marine fauna. Don't forget to look to the sky to catch a glimpse of elegant albatross and Cape petrels, playfully floating about in the wind around your ship.



### DAY 11

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### DAY 12

Destination	 Ushuaia  Buenos Aires
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

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### Inclusions

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Travel with Ponant Cruises
- 12 Day cruise on board the Le Lyrial in a Deluxe Stateroom (Upgrades available)
- Unlimited drinks are included, at any time of the day (excludes certain items)
- Fine French dining daily with all breakfast, lunches and dinners while sailing
- Join the highly qualified local expedition team and enjoy regular outings and shore visits in Zodiac inflatables with a team of experienced naturalist guides
- Explore the amazing wildlife found in the Antarctic Peninsula and South Georgia
- Wi-Fi free of charge

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### CABINS & UPGRADES

#### Cabin Bedding and Upgrades

Bedding on board the cruise is restricted to the following configurations. If you wish to upgrade your cabin, the following amounts are payable in addition to the package price prior to travel:

#### **Deluxe Stateroom: INCLUDED**

Private balcony, Individually-controlled air-conditioning, King-size bed or twin beds, Shower, Minibar, Flat screen, Satellite TV, Desk with stationery, Ipod(TM) players, Video on demand, Safe, Hairdryer, Bath robes, Satellite direct line telephone, 110/220 volts outlet, French bath products, 24hr room service, Internet access wifi.

#### **Prestige Deck 4**

Private balcony, Individually-controlled air-conditioning, King-size bed or twin beds, Shower, Minibar, Flat screen, Satellite TV, Desk with stationery, Ipod(TM) players, Video on demand, Safe, Hairdryer, Bath robes, Satellite direct line telephone, 110/220 volts outlet, French bath products, 24hr room service, Internet access wifi, 1 stateroom for people with reduced mobility. *Upgrades from AU\$1,870 per person, twin share or AU\$3,460 per person, single (subject to availability).*

#### **Privilege Suite**

With 8m<sup>2</sup> private balcony, Individually-controlled air-conditioning, King-size bed or twin beds, Bathtub, Minibar, Flat screen, Satellite TV, Desk with stationery, Ipod™ players, Video on demand, Safe, Hairdryer, Bath robes, Satellite direct line telephone, 110/220 volts outlet, French bath products, 24hr room service, Internet access wifi, Butler service. *Upgrades from AU\$15,440 per person, twin share or AU\$28,560 per person, single (subject to availability).*

*Please request your cabin upgrade in the 'special requests' field. Availability and price will then be confirmed and added to your invoice upon acceptance.*



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### ABOUT YOUR SHIP

**Le Lyrial** is the first introduced in 2015 and the fourth ship in the Sisterships series, Le Lyrial is the very embodiment of this new generation of intimately sized cruise ships. Its exterior and interior lines, all sober understatement and refinement, make it a yacht of a rare and innovative kind.

For the interior decoration, we took inspiration from the tones and colours of our destinations and used a palette made up of blues, from the soft, luminous grey-like tones of the polar ice to the vivid notes and turquoises of Mediterranean inlets and coves. To know more about your ship, please click [HERE](#).

### CRUISE DETAILS

PONANT has organised the following included programme for you, which starts the day prior to embarkation.

#### **The day before embarkation – Buenos Aires**

- Transfer from Ezeiza International Airport in Buenos Aires, Argentina, to the Hilton Buenos Aires (or similar).
- Meet and greet at the hotel and hospitality desk. Check-in from late morning.
- Lunch and dinner on your own, and time at leisure in the afternoon.
- Overnight at the hotel.

#### **Embarkation Day – Buenos Aires/Ushuaia**

- Early morning breakfast at the hotel.
- Transfer to the airport.
- Flight Buenos Aires/Ushuaia selected by PONANT in economy class. *Approximate flight duration: 3 hours, 30 minutes.*
- Meet and greet at the airport in Ushuaia.
- Immediately upon arrival at Ushuaia airport, you will depart for Tierra del Fuego National Park.
- Created in 1960, the Park, which covers 155,670 acres, is located in the southwest of Tierra del Fuego Province on the Beagle Canal. One of its entry points is about six miles from Ushuaia.
- Mountainous landscapes, lagoons, bogs, and rivers create a picturesque scenery reinforced by the southern position of the park itself. The Darwin Mountains, which represent the southern part of the Andes Mountains, are mainly responsible for the landscape. The Park is only partly accessible to the public, and this tour will provide you with the opportunity to

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discover the local flora and sub-Antarctic landscapes. If you are lucky, you may encounter beavers, dams, birds, wild orchids, and more. This is a true paradise for nature lovers!

- Lunch will be served in a local restaurant within the Park.
- At the end of your visit, you will return to the port in Ushuaia to embark the ship.

### ***Cruise on board your ship***

#### **Disembarkation Day – Ushuaia/Buenos Aires**

- Disembarkation.
- Meet and greet at the port.
- Transfer to the airport and check-in to the flight Ushuaia/Buenos Aires selected by PONANT in economy class. *Approximate flight duration: 3 hours, 30 minutes.*

#### **Your programme includes:**

- A program of onboard enrichment provided by two Smithsonian Journeys Experts – astrophysicist Michelle Thaller and geologist Wayne Ranney.
- 1-night accommodation at the Hilton Buenos Aires (or similar) the night before embarkation.
- Early check-in available from late morning.
- Hospitality desk at the hotel.
- Round-trip flight Buenos Aires/Ushuaia/Buenos Aires selected by PONANT, in economy class.
- Excursion to Tierra del Fuego National Park by coach, including entrance fees.
- Services of English speaking guides during the excursion.
- Meals as mentioned in the programme.
- Transfers as mentioned in the programme.

#### **Please note:**

- The local currency is the Argentinian Peso. You will be able to make most of your purchases in USD (in small denominations) or by credit card, which is accepted in most hotels, shopping centers, and boutiques. You will also be able to retrieve Pesos from ATMs.
- Summer season in Buenos Aires: temperatures may be very hot but are often between 68 °F (20 °C) and 95 °F (35 °C).
- Summer season in Ushuaia: temperatures vary between 41 °F (5 °C) and 65 °F (15 °C).
- We recommend you wear warm clothing and comfortable

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walking shoes.

- Programme is subject to change.

### CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- **New:** explore the magic of Antarctica with a sea kayak adventure. Led by experienced, State-Certified kayak guides, you will skim the water's surface amid the ice. Full professional equipment is provided, including tandem kayak, carbon paddle, full-body drysuit, lifejacket, AIS beacon. For more information about your kayak tour, please go to the section "PONANT activities" and to book your kayak tour, contact your cruise advisor.
- Outings and shore visits in Zodiac@inflatables with a team of experienced naturalist guides.
- Lectures and information sessions hosted by our naturalist-guides, covering wildlife, history, geopolitics, the great explorers, climate, environmental protection.
- Hiking opportunity.
- Visiting research stations and former whaling stations.
- Landscapes: a multitude of drifting icebergs, ice floes, imposing glaciers and tall, snow-covered mountains.
- Wildlife: humpback whales, Gentoo penguins, Adelie penguins, chinstrap penguins, leopard seals, crabeater seals, Weddell seals and numerous sea birds.
- Educational discovery in the respect of environment.
- For your comfort, your cruise package includes an overnight in Buenos Aires the day before embarkation and the flights to/from Ushuaia

### Fine Print

#### BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE

Inspiring Vacations has been globally recognised and awarded for its handling of COVID-19 during the pandemic. The safety and wellbeing of our guests is our highest concern during this time of uncertainty, and we are continuously monitoring the evolving COVID-19 situation.

We have adopted the advice of the WHO to ensure all customers can travel with the knowledge of how to travel safely and with confidence.

#### **Australian owned and operated with 100% Australian Customer Service support**

We are proudly 100% Australian owned and operated, with our head office located in Melbourne, Victoria. When you make your booking, you will receive dedicated and ongoing support from our team of travel

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professionals throughout your booking, up until you are due to depart.

### **Flexible Date Change Option**

Book now, change later with our Flexible Date Change option. You may select this \$99pp option at time of purchase, giving travellers the flexibility to change your date without penalty (subject to availability, less third party costs incurred, plus any applicable surcharges for the new date selected).

Date change must be requested prior to 65 days before your original selected departure date\*. Once inside 65 days of departure, date changes are not permitted.

\*some packages may have a varied period in which you can request a date change due to limitations with the third-party provider.

Please refer to our 'Book with Confidence' section for terms and conditions.

The Flexible Date Change option does not cover cost incurred for components not fulfilled by Inspiring Vacations or in the event extra services have been booked with Inspiring Vacations outside of the standard package, including but not limited to airfares, pre/post accommodation or insurance.

### **Cooling off period**

If you change your mind within 7 days of making your booking online, you can request a refund of your initial deposit payment as part of our cooling off period..

Once your purchase date falls outside of the 7 day period, our standard terms and conditions will apply.

Please ensure that any request to cancel your booking is received via email to [support@inspiringvacations.com](mailto:support@inspiringvacations.com), including the reason for cancellation.

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## HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

### Deposit & Payments

- Book now and secure your package with only a 25% deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of \$1000 per person within 28 days.
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 120 days prior to departure.

### Booking Process

- 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password
- Then select the red 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
- Select your Departure Date, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
- Click the red 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
- Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)
- Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
- Your booking is on request and will be confirmed by Inspiring Vacations once all components of your package have been secured with our partners, please see below for further information

### Booking On Request

- Your Inspiring Vacations package is made up of multiple components and travel partners. Once your booking is made and passenger details form submitted, we will begin to confirm all of your arrangements. Please note, this process can take several business days to complete.
- Once all elements have been confirmed we will send you an email confirmation, if we are unable to confirm we will provide you with alternative dates or offer a full refund of your deposit or re-credit your account if a travel credit was used.
- Please DO NOT book any additional services, such as flights, until we have confirmed your Inspiring Vacations package in writing. Inspiring Vacations will not be liable for any fees or charges incurred to change or cancel components not booked by Inspiring Vacations should your selected package be unavailable.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### COVID-19

Due to COVID there maybe disruptions to standard operating

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schedules of particular components of this itinerary. Should a component be effected a substitute will be confirmed prior to departure.

### **Fitness Requirements**

While the tour itinerary should give you some guidance and overview to the expected requirements, to determine if this tour is right for you we categorise each of our tours in terms of their intensity.

These guidelines are to ensure that each tour group is conducted as expected and to ensure the overall satisfaction of all Inspiring Vacations customers. As a general rule, portage is not included, therefore at all times you are expected to handle your own luggage where help may not be available.

### **Accommodation**

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only and subject to availability. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however any changes are beyond our control.

### **Single Supplement**

Please follow the 'book now' prompts and select 1 passenger to view the single supplement cost.

### **Triple Share**

Not Available

### **Travel Insurance**

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

### **Tour Documentation**

Final documentation including, e-tickets and cruise details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

### **Children**

Children must share a room with parents at all times and are charged the same price as adults.

### **Warning About The Use Of Drones**

The use of drones aboard PONANT ships, whether they are sailing at sea, at a port of call or anchored, is strictly forbidden. The use of drones on land in the Arctic and Antarctic regions is also strictly forbidden by international polar regulations.

In other regions, it may be possible to use drones on land if permission has been obtained from the relevant authorities of each country and

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each region travelled through, as well as a pilot's licence that should be obtained from your home country.

Passengers are responsible for obtaining these permits; they should be able to present them at all times. Passengers who do not obtain these authorisations expose themselves to the risk of legal proceedings.

### VISA & PASSPORT REQUIREMENT

Passport valid for at least six (6) months beyond the completion of your trip. Passport must contain at least two completely clear, blank, unused visa pages for each visa required, not including any amendment pages. Visa pages with stains or ink from other pages in the passport are not usable. Guests who deviate from the scheduled embarkation or disembarkation port should research the foreign entry requirements for the port country. Due to government regulations, regrettably, Ponant will have to deny boarding to any guest who fails to obtain the appropriate travel documentation for this trip.

The information below is current but subject to change at any time without advance notice from government authorities. Please consult your respective government agencies for visa and health information.

**Argentina:** should you require a visa to travel to Argentina, we recommend you apply for a double-entry visa as a technical stop in Chile might be scheduled.

We remind you that all our ships have a doctor on board and medical facilities. However, these cannot, under any circumstances, be compared to any medical structure on land. Given the remote areas in which we will be sailing for a number of days, safety requirements mean that we are obliged to ask each passenger signing up for this program to provide us, no more than 45 days before departure, with a medical certificate from their GP, as well as the completed medical questionnaire received during registration.

### EXCLUSIONS

- Flights
- Personal expenses
- Optional activities
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Travel insurance (highly recommended)