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15 Day Antarctica Explorer

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Antarctica

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\$11,999 NZD

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Do you fancy yourself an explorer? You certainly will after visiting Earth's southern most continent. This wild and uninhabited, ice-covered landmass will mesmerize at every turn and stimulate your sense of adventure. Every day you will learn something new about this dazzling landscape.

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DAY 1

Destination	Home ✈ Buenos Aires
Meals included	
Hotel	5 ★ Emperor Hotel Buenos Aires, or similar

Board your international flight bound for Buenos Aires. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

DAY 2

Destination	Buenos Aires ✈ Ushuaia 🚢
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	Ship: MS Fridtjof Nansen, or similar

Today you will join the rest of your group as you are transferred to the airport to board your charter flight to the end of the world, Ushuaia, where MS Fridtjof Nansen awaits. Once onboard, we start our journey with a welcome dinner.

DAY 3

Destination	🚢 Drake Passage
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Ship: MS Fridtjof Nansen, or similar

Prepare yourself for Antarctica as we cross the fabled Drake Passage. MS Fridtjof Nansen is designed to make polar exploration a pleasure for all ages and learning levels, and as such, there will be lectures on the environment and films about Antarctica in the Science Center. Guests can also make use of the pool, hot tubs and wellness center onboard to enrich their journey.

DAY 4

Destination	🚢 Drake Passage
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Ship: MS Fridtjof Nansen, or similar


Spend another day relaxing at sea, as we continue our journey to Antarctica.

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DAY 5

Destination	 Antarctica
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Ship: MS Fridtjof Nansen, or similar

Welcome to the most remote area on Earth! Come ashore to explore breathtaking Antarctic scenery and encounter penguins. From on deck, there will be ample opportunities to see whales and seals. We intend to land on the South Shetland Islands, the Antarctic Peninsula and to sail through the world-famous Lemaire Channel before we venture further south to Marguerite Bay to cross the legendary Antarctic Circle. The places we visit offer opportunities to discreetly observe different types of penguin colonies, seals, and whales, as well as see glaciers and icebergs in every shape and color. We also visit whaling stations and scientific facilities.

ANTARCTICA KAYAK ADVENTURE

Spend time kayaking in Antarctica waters.


Physical Fitness: A good level of physical fitness is essential. You must fit into a dry suit size S to XXL. You must be able to get from a floating platform to the kayaks and you must be able to swim. The ship's doctor and kayak instructor assess every participant individually and have the final say on a participant's suitability for this activity.

Duration: 3-4 hrs (including getting dressed and preparation time)

Important: Kayaking takes place during a landing and you will have less time ashore during that landing. Outings are subject to weather and prevailing ice conditions. Experienced guides will accompany you on the adventure.

Single kayaks are only discussed on board. We cannot promise viewing ice and wildlife - every location is different.

DAY 6

Destination	 Antarctica
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Ship: MS Fridtjof Nansen, or similar


Spend another day in this unforgettable landscape undertaking a shore landing, listening to lectures and enjoying your spectacular vessel.

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DAY 7

Destination	 Antarctica
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Ship: MS Fridtjof Nansen, or similar


Spend another day in this unforgettable landscape undertaking a shore landing, listening to lectures and enjoying your spectacular vessel.

DAY 8

Destination	 Antarctica
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Ship: MS Fridtjof Nansen, or similar


Spend another day in this unforgettable landscape undertaking a shore landing, listening to lectures and enjoying your spectacular vessel.

DAY 9

Destination	 Antarctica
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Ship: MS Fridtjof Nansen, or similar

Spend another day in this unforgettable landscape undertaking a shore landing, listening to lectures and enjoying your spectacular vessel.

DAY 10

Destination	 Drake Passage
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Ship: MS Fridtjof Nansen, or similar


After five days of exploring this exhilarating continent, we set our course back to civilisation. Spend the day at sea recapping your experiences with new friends, having fun in the Science Center or just relaxing on deck, spotting the many seabirds that follow our ship.

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DAY 11

Destination	 Drake Passage
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Ship: MS Fridtjof Nansen, or similar

Today marks our last day at sea. Tomorrow we will make land back at Ushuaia. Enjoy your last night on the ship with your newly made friends.

DAY 12

Destination	Ushuaia ✈ Buenos Aires
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Hotel Dazzler by Wyndham, or similar

Our Antarctic expedition cruise ends as we reach Ushuaia, and we transfer you to the airport for your flight back to Buenos Aires. On arrival in Buenos Aires, you'll be met and transferred to your hotel to relax after your expedition.

DAY 13

Destination	Buenos Aires
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Hotel Dazzler by Wyndham, or similar

Today is a free day to relax and explore this colourful city at your own pace.

DAY 14

Destination	Buenos Aires ✈ Home
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	N/A

Today, you will be transferred to Buenos Aires International Airport for your scheduled flight home. We hope you enjoyed your journey to Antarctica with us!

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DAY 15

Destination Home

Meals included

Hotel N/A

Arrive home today.

Please note, some flights will arrive home early the following morning.

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Inclusions

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return airfares with a full-service airline
- Return South America charter flight from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia
- All airport and port transfers with guide assistance
- 10-night Antarctica expedition cruise onboard the MS Fridtjof Nansen (500 people max)
- Guaranteed oceanview cabin
- Complimentary wind- and water-resistant jacket to keep
- Landings with small Zodiac boats and activities onboard and ashore
- Free WiFi onboard for all guests
- 3 nights accommodation in the Argentinian capital of Buenos Aires
- Daily breakfast, 9 lunches and 10 dinners including beer, wine, soft drink and mineral water with meals
- Expert expedition teams that give lectures and accompany landings and activities
- No gratuities expected (on cruise)
- 24/7 customer service and your own Dedicated Support Agent

SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- Buenos Aires - Undertake a city tour of this colourful 'Paris of Latin America'
- Ushuaia - Travel to the 'end of the world' city
- Drake Passage - Cross the famous body of water towards Antarctica
- Antarctica - Experience awe-inspiring glaciers, ice-filled bays, and be greeted by a host of wildlife
- Antarctic Peninsula - Set foot on the Antarctic Peninsula and meet penguins and elephant seals up close
- South Shetland Islands - Land on these islands and visit whaling stations and scientific facilities

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CABIN BEDDING

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:

- **Polar Outside cabin:** Included. The Polar Outside cabins are primarily on the lower/middle decks with windows, they are spacious, have flexible sleeping arrangements (double or twin), TV and Ensuite for excellent and high standard accommodation.
- **Arctic Superior cabin:** Additional \$2,200 per person. Arctic Superior class cabins are comfortable and roomy accommodation and have balconies. Have flexible sleeping arrangements (double or twin), TV and ensuite and other features make this one of our most popular categories. *Recommendation - A private balcony grants you access to your own viewing platform and offers unique opportunities for watching and photographing wildlife.*
- **Suite:** Additional \$4,400 per person. Suites with private balcony, top-high decks, flexible sleeping arrangements, some with sofa bed, TV, minibar, amenity kit, bathrobe, kettle, tea and coffee, espresso maker. They have flexible sleeping arrangements (double or twin).

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CRUISE DETAILS

For detailed information on your ship, click [HERE](#).

- Personal Questionnaire - This form must be received by Hurtigruten at least 8 weeks prior to your voyage departure.
- Medical Certificate - If applicable, the cruise Medical Certificate is to be completed and approved by your personal physician not more than 8 weeks before your departure date. The completed forms must be presented to the ship's doctor upon boarding. Boarding will be denied if part III of the Medical Certificate is not approved by your personal physician. Even if the forms have been duly submitted and approved by your personal physician, the ship's doctor and the captain reserve the right to deny the boarding of guests who do not seem to be sufficiently fit for travel.

For more information, click [HERE](#).

Fine Print

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HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payment

- Book now and secure your package with only a \$100 deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of \$5499 per person within 90 days.
- Final payment is then due 120 days prior to departure.

Booking Process

- Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)
- Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
- Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
- Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
- Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment
- Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
- Your booking is confirmed once your Booking Form is submitted and you can begin the countdown to your Inspiring Vacation!
- You will then be allocated and contacted by one of our Dedicated Support Agent's (within 48 hours) who will support you right up until you return from your journey

FLIGHTS, UPGRADES & EXTENSIONS

Airfare Information

- Full-service airline used will be LATAM Airlines, Air New Zealand, Qantas Airways or similar
- Flights are not direct and include a maximum of two connections
- If you would like to travel with a preferred airline, please ensure you mention this in the special request field. Please note that appropriate fare and tax difference will be applicable in order to confirm your request.
- Adelaide customers will likely require two stops in either direction
- All tickets will include 20 kilos checked baggage per person, along with 7 kilos of hand luggage.
- Despite the airlines baggage allowance, we recommend travelling with 20 kilos per person due to restrictions with internal flights (where applicable), as well as coach and train transportation. Also, you will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters is not included. If travelling over this

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amount, you will be liable for any excess baggage fees enforced by the airline, payable direct.

- Once ticketed, flights are non-refundable; any changes will be subject to the airline rules and change fees
- Full names as per passport (including all middle names) are required
- Any airline schedule changes or cancellations are beyond our control
- Adelaide surcharge \$250 - Perth surcharge \$500
- Any airline 'extras' such as pre-allocated seating are at your own arrangement (additional charges apply)

Premium Economy or Business Class upgrades

- Premium Economy available from an additional \$3,000 per person (subject to availability).
- Business Class available from an additional \$5,500 per person (subject to availability).

Please specify this as a 'Special Request' when completing your booking and you will be quoted for the additional fare. In the event your selection is unavailable, or that you are dissatisfied with the quote, you will be provided with a full refund.

Land Only discount

A reduction of \$1,500 per person applies if you wish to arrange your own airfares. To purchase a land-only fare, please select this option in the booking process under 'Departure City'.

Please note, if you are not arriving or departing as per the group itinerary, airport transfers are also no longer included. If you would like us to arrange this service for you, please refer to the 'Extra services' section for pricing.

Extending Your Stay

Some customers like to enhance their holiday by extending their stay pre- and/or post-tour or including a stopover in another destination. If you wish to do so, please follow these steps:

1. Once you have logged in to your account, click on 'Book Now' and complete the required fields until you reach the 'Special Requests' free text field.
2. Here, please specify your preferred flight arrangements and/or preferred airline. Be sure to mention if you would like us to also quote additional nights' accommodation, with the number of nights needed.

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3. After finalising your purchase by processing your deposit payment, please proceed to submit your booking form with all traveller details. Your booking will then be assigned to your Dedicated Support Agent who will be in contact with you via email to verify your request.

By choosing to extend your stay, please note that a supplement of \$150 per person, plus applicable fare and tax differences will apply. We will contact you via email with a quote and proposed flight itinerary, and then proceed with collecting the additional payment required to confirm your request.

EXTRA SERVICES

You can enhance your holiday by arriving or departing before or after the tour, adding a stopover package en-route or booking a tour extension.

Pre and post tour accommodation (deviating from group flights forfeits your group airport transfers)

- Pre-tour accommodation: \$379 per room per night for double/twin/single including breakfast and transfer
- Post-tour accommodation: \$310 per room per night for double/twin/single including breakfast

Arrival and departure airport transfers

- Arrival Transfer: \$118 per vehicle
- Departure Transfer: \$118 per vehicle

Your transfer may be shared with other Inspiring Vacations customers.

Please specify in the 'Special Request' field when making your purchase your preferred travel arrangements and if you would like our team to book additional nights' accommodation and/or airport transfers. The additional cost for these land arrangements will be added to your final payment invoice and are subject to availability.

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OPTIONAL TOURS

- Kayaking in Antarctica waters - NZD \$290 per person. The day this activity takes place will depend on weather conditions. Please note:

Physical Fitness: A good level of physical fitness is essential. You must fit into a dry suit size S to XXL. You must be able to get from a floating platform to the kayaks and you must be able to swim. The ship's doctor and kayak instructor assess every participant individually and have the final say on a participant's suitability for this activity.

Duration: 3-4 hrs (including getting dressed and preparation time)

Important: Kayaking takes place during a landing and you will have less time ashore during that landing. Outings are subject to weather and prevailing ice conditions. Experienced guides will accompany you on the adventure. This activity is done in two-person kayaks. The suitability for single kayaks is only assessed on board. We cannot promise viewing ice and wildlife - every location is different.

EXCLUSIONS

- Visas
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Tipping
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional activities
- Optional shore excursions
- Personal expenses

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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.

This particular tour is categorised as a "3".

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3 – Moderate Tour: A good level of fitness and mobility is required, as this tour includes a moderate level of physical activity and is considered a medium-fast paced tour. You should be able to walk up and down stairs, get on and off the coach and able to walk reasonable distances of approximately 2 kilometres per day or more with ease. Any physical ailments you may have must be disclosed at the time of booking to determine your suitability. If you have any form of walking aids, other than a walking stick or hiking poles, then this tour is not suitable.

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. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences however any changes are beyond our control.

Single Supplement

Single supplement is \$9,999 person in addition to the twin share price.

Triple Share

Not available

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

Visa & Passport information

It is the travellers responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of 6 months from your intended date of return to New Zealand.

- Argentina - New Zealand passport holders do not require a visa for travel to Argentina or Antarctica.

Please note that these details are subject to change without notice. We recommend visiting <https://safetravel.govt.nz/> for up to date information in terms of entry requirements. Visa's should not be applied for before receiving your final documentation.

Tour Documentation

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

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Group Size

2-40 people

Tip Style - Expedition Cruise

These trips are for the true explorer. Expedition small ship cruising is the best way to get off-the-beaten-track and see some of the world's most unspoilt and remote destinations. The experience on an expedition cruise is very different from that of a conventional, larger cruise ship. The focus is not about the ship's creature comforts but very much about about the destination, it's nature and wildlife.

Daily shore excursions by zodiac inflatable boats allow you to step on to shore in the world's most remote locations where few have ever been before. These trips will be a mix of fully guided or self-guided depending on your chosen package, on board your small ship you'll have an expert expedition team giving you informative lectures and educational lectures in many different scientific fields.

Children

Children must be 12 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are the same price as adults.

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Tour Length

The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change depending on the flight schedule, please refer to the day by day itinerary for the time spent on land.

WHAT CLIMATE TO EXPECT

For more information on the weather in Antarctica, click [HERE](#).

For more information on the weather in Argentina, click [HERE](#).

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