

# Antarctic Adventure

NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 10, 2017

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**Antarctica is a beautiful and demanding place that confounds all preconceptions and once experienced it lights the imagination and touches the spirit of travelers in a way quite unlike anywhere else.** Mere words cannot do justice to the awe-inspiring spectacle of this most southern of continents, this desert of ice which is so unique and rare to human-kind's experience, that even the most dramatic of photographs pale into insignificance when one is confronted by the sheer magnitude, beauty and wonder of the landscape.

No amount of travel books, travelogues or travel films can prepare you for Antarctica. It is somewhere that has to be seen to be believed. Your first sighting of a great landscape of ice can leave you breathless, and so it progresses as each day you encounter more marvelous sights of ethereal icescapes and a surprisingly abundant wildlife.

## YOUR ITINERARY

### DAY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2017

ARRIVE USHUAIA—INCLUDED TRANSFER TO HOTEL—OVERNIGHT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017

INCLUDED TRANSFER TO TOWN FOR FREE TIME AFTER CHECKOUT; EMBARKATION LATE AFTERNOON

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2-3, 2017

DRAKES PASSAGE

MONDAY-FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4-8, 2017

ANTARCTICA AND THE PENINSULA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017

DRAKES PASSAGE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017

USHUAIA (DISEMBARKATION)—INCLUDED TRANSFER TO AIRPORT OR CENTRAL LOCATION IN TOWN

## WHAT'S INCLUDED? WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?

### INCLUDED

- Accommodations at hotel for 1 night in Ushuaia
- Accommodations for 9 nights on board ship
- All meals as indicated on the itinerary (while on board the ship, with breakfast at hotel on embarkation day) (B= Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Excursions (Additional cost for camping and kayaking)
- Transfer from the airport to hotel, and hotel to ship on November 28 and ship to airport upon departure on December 8
- Services of Olivia cruise director, expeditions' leader, naturalist staff, photography instructor, expert guides and the ship's doctor
- USB keepsake of the voyage
- Complimentary beer and wine during dinner
- Complimentary Arctic Helly Hansen Expedition SALT jacket

- Stainless steel water bottle
- Loaned pair of sturdy muck boots for entire voyage
- Gratuities to ship's crew and staff
- Olivia entertainer
- Olivia cruise director and program manager
- Olivia assistance throughout

### **NOT INCLUDED**

Air transportation to and from Ushuaia. Items such as alcoholic beverages not mentioned above, internet connection, laundry and other personal services. Optional kayaking and camping excursions.

## **DETAILED ITINERARY**

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2017**

### **USHUAIA**

Arrive at leisure. Hotel check-in begins at 3 pm. Welcome to the southernmost town in the world! You will enjoy a complimentary transfer from the Ushuaia Airport to your hotel. Enjoy the amenities of the hotel, or take a shuttle into town for shopping and restaurant options. Highlights of Ushuaia include downtown shopping and chocolate shops, an award-winning museum and the nearby Tierra del Fuego National Park and its popular "Train at the End of the World".

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### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017**

### **EMBARKATION**

Arriving at the ship in the afternoon, you will be greeted by our Olivia staff, expedition team and ship's officers at a safety and orientation briefing followed by the Olivia and Captain's welcome dinner. After dinner, relax and take in the mountainous scenery on our early evening sail down the Beagle Channel past Magellanic Penguin, Rock Cormorant, and sea lion colonies.

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### **SATURDAY–SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2-3, 2017**

### **DRAKE PASSAGE**

Among the wildlife spotting opportunities as we sail south are the albatrosses, prions, and petrels that frequently follow the ship. Our expedition team will be out on deck as well, looking for the whales and dolphins that may also be seen in the area. Our experts will hold informative and entertaining presentations on the wildlife, history, and geology of Antarctica. Helpful briefings on environmental regulations and expedition safety will also be held in the comfortable lounge. The length of our journey depends on sea conditions but we should approach the South Shetland Islands of the Antarctic Peninsula in the evening of Day 4.

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### **MONDAY-FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4-8, 2017**

### **ANTARCTICA**

The land of superlatives, Antarctica! Our expedition leader and captain will create a flexible itinerary based on weather, ice, and opportunity. The route will stress the most scenic bays and channels of the Peninsula with stops at penguin rookeries, seal wallows, bird colonies and whale feeding areas as well as sites of historic and scientific interest. The trip may include picturesque Neko Harbor, sheltered Paradise Harbor, the humpback Whale favored Wilhelmina Bay, the striking Lemaire Channel, the wildlife-filled Penola Channel, or the majestic Neumayer Channel. We may stop at an active scientific base such as Poland's Arctowski or Ukraine's Vernadskiy as well as a historic base such as U.K.'s Port Lockroy or Wordie House. Adelie, chinstrap and gentoo penguins abound, and weddell, crabeater and elephant seals are often found hauled out to rest along with predatory leopard seals and the aggressive Antarctic fur seal. Minke and humpback whales are frequent visitors and orca sightings are also common.

(B/L/D)

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017**

### **DRAKE PASSAGE**

We will continue our presentation series and wildlife spotting as we sail back to Ushuaia and reflect on beautiful Antarctica and its fragile future. We arrive at Ushuaia in the early hours of Day 12.  
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### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017

### USHUAIA DISEMBARKATION

Morning disembarkation lets you catch a flight to Buenos Aires or stay in Ushuaia for more sights and adventure.  
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## PER PERSON PRICING

### CATEGORY 1 OWNER'S BALCONY SUITE

**EARLY BIRD: \$15,599 pp** Regular: \$20,279 pp

Suites with sitting Room with Private Bedroom, balcony, 322 sq. ft., Explorer Deck

### CATEGORY 2 DELUXE BALCONY SUITE

**EARLY BIRD: \$13,999 pp** Regular: \$18,199 pp

Suites with sitting Room, balcony, 268 sq. ft., Erickson Deck

### CATEGORY 3 CORNER SUITE

**EARLY BIRD: \$12,599 pp** Regular: \$16,379 pp

Forward Suites with Sitting Room, front and side windows, 242 sq. ft., Marco Polo Deck

### CATEGORY 4 PREMIUM SUITE

**EARLY BIRD: \$11,599 pp** Regular: \$15,599 pp

Suites with windows and sitting area, 225 sq. ft., Marco Polo Deck

### CATEGORY 5 SUPERIOR SUITE

**EARLY BIRD: \$10,999 pp** Regular: \$14,299 pp

Suites with window and sitting area, 220 sq. ft., Columbus Deck

### CATEGORY 6 STANDARD SUITE

**EARLY BIRD: \$9,599 pp** Regular: \$12,479 pp

Suites with portholes and sitting area, 230 sq. ft. Magellan Deck

**NDA (taxes & gratuities): \$499 pp**

## OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES



### CAMPING \$125 pp

After a delicious dinner onboard, jump back in the Zodiacs and head ashore for a night of camping in Antarctica! Help to set up camp, and then enjoy the sounds of the waves, the creaking of the glaciers, perhaps even the blow of a passing whale. Warm and cozy in your sleeping bag under the midnight sun, you will be breathing the cleanest air in the most beautiful place on the planet. Get a taste of Antarctica as it was experienced by the early explorers, while knowing that in the morning you'll enjoy a hot shower and a hearty breakfast back on board your luxurious vessel.

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**Who can participate?** Anyone with an adventurous spirit and a willingness to rough-it for a night. Sleeping on the ice in Antarctica is the ultimate camping experience!

**Is there a participant limit?** We can only accommodate a maximum of 30 participants. 15 tents, 2 people per tent. *Sign up early—the camping option will fill quickly!*

**How often will we camp?** Camping is limited to one night.

**What is included?** We provide the following camping equipment:

- Insulated sleeping bag, rated to -20° F (-29° C). We do not expect temperatures below 10° F, but warmer bags ensure your comfort overnight.
- Sleeping bag liner
- One dry-bag for pillow and change of dry clothes
- 4-season mountaineering tents
- A limited number of mountaineering bivy sacks (optional, if a few individuals wish to sleep outside of tents)
- Insulated sleeping pads (blow-up by hand pump)
- We will also provide one portable toilet for the group. True darkness during the polar summer is limited or absent, so a headlamp or flashlight is not required equipment; though you may wish to bring a light on trips departing after February 1, when the night sun is less powerful.

**What do the passengers need to supply?** To take part in the camping program, you must be appropriately dressed to be outdoors. While inside the tent/sleeping bag, simply being in long underwear and socks is enough.

**What part do passengers play in the set-up and take-down of tents and gear?** The guests meet on board to discuss what to bring and how to set up the tents. Guests are required to bring dry bag of gear and sleeping bags to the camping area. This may include a short hike in snow on hills from zodiac landing area to camping place. Tents will be brought on shore by staff, but guests will need to set up the tents, and assist the fellow guests if needed.



### **KAYAKING \$695 pp**

Paddle in and among the icebergs. Get up close to nature. Silently glide along at the water level. We want as many passengers as possible to experience these very moving and personal moments. Our kayak adventure option offers an opportunity to participate in this most intimate Antarctic encounter on all Polar Latitudes voyages.

**Who can participate?** Any passenger in good health and with basic paddling experience is welcome to participate in the kayak option.

**What experience level is required?** Basic paddling experience is highly recommended. Participants should be capable of getting in and out of a kayak, doing a wet exit (not that we ever expect to need this), and performing forward and back strokes. Prior to each excursion the kayak guides will clearly explain the upcoming outing and expected conditions so paddlers can make informed decisions as to participation. All kayaks are double kayaks.

**Is there a participant limit?** We can accommodate 16 participants on our voyage. *Sign up early—the kayak option fills quickly!*



**How often will we paddle?** At each landing site that offers appropriate conditions we will offer the activity after a short briefing by the kayak team. We will make every effort to paddle as often as possible, but weather, sea, ice, and other conditions may preclude this. The expedition leader and kayak guides are the ultimate authorities on this.

**What is included?**

- Kayaks—we offer a mix of tandems and singles
- Dry suits
- Paddles
- Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs)
- Pogies (neoprene gloves)

**What do passengers need to supply?** Very little beyond enthusiasm, basic skills, flexibility, and an honest appraisal of experience and health conditions.

Participants will need to bring proper personal clothing as noted in our supplied preparation notes. We will require return of a signed liability waiver and dry suit loan form no later than 90 days prior to departure.

**ACTIVITY LEVEL AND MEDICAL**

The entire Antarctica trip does require a certain level of mobility—walking in deep snow, on rocky or uneven terrain, gentle hiking uphill and getting in and out of zodiacs from the ship and into the water on shore. If you do have limited mobility that requires assistance, you are required to travel with someone who can assist you.

We will be traveling in remote areas where medical assistance is difficult to reach. A medical form will be required of all participants, with a mandatory signature on the “Declaration of Fitness to Travel” section. Your doctor may be required to sign off on health issues. If you have any concerns, please contact us.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE**

All passengers are **required** to carry valid health insurance. This insurance must cover personal injury, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, evacuation expenses, and pre-existing medical conditions.

Insurance to cover these requirements can be purchased through Olivia. Ask your travel consultant for a quote.

**IMPORTANT:** Please read the “Important things to know before you sign-up” for specific requirements.

**VACATION STRETCHERS**

The possibility of a post-vacation stretcher to Iguazu Falls may be available 11 months prior to trip.

**GUEST SPEAKER**

**OLIVIA PRESENTS SUNNIVA SORBY**

Sunniva made history in 1992/93 as one of the four-team members of the American Women's Antarctic Expedition to the South Pole. They skied for 67 days and hauled 200- pound sleds into headwinds of up to 80 miles per hour to become the first women's team to reach the South pole on foot.

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