



Antarctica Crossing the Antarctic Circle Adventure Cruising

14 Days



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➤ Antarctica Crossing the Antarctic Circle Adventure Cruising

Journey through Polar straits on this trip of a lifetime. Meet in Ushuaia, “The End of the World,” and board your expedition ship. Cross Drake Passage, and arrive at the otherworldly Antarctic Peninsula and the South Shetland Islands, where you'll adventure by Zodiac boats. With custom itineraries maximizing opportunity, our ships may call on remarkable places like Deception Island and Paradise Bay, teeming with wildlife. Travel even further to the Antarctic Circle and the Kodak Gap. Few places on Earth make a deeper, more lasting impression than this.

Details

Arrive:	Ushuaia, Argentina
Depart:	Ushuaia, Argentina
Duration:	14 Days
Group Size:	164 Guests
Minimum Age:	8 Years Old
Activity Level:	

Testimonials

“We have traveled throughout the world, but never experienced a level of service and attention to detail as we did with MT Sobek.”

Dennis G.

“I've taken six MT Sobek trips and they have all exceeded my expectations. The staff, the food, the logistics and the communications have always been exceptional. Thank you for being my “go to” adventure travel company!”

Margaret I.

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Why Take This Trip With Us?

REASON #01

Experience an explorer's rite of passage and enter Antarctica crossing the iconic Drake's Passage.

REASON #02

In true MT Sobek style, go further and farther than most travelers, venturing south into the Antarctic Circle.

REASON #03

Sail in comfort aboard luxurious and comfortable ships carefully scouted and selected by MT Sobek's Polar team.

What to Expect



ACTIVITIES

Expert polar interpretation and on-board presentations, professional navigation through Antarctic waters, and up-close wildlife experiences on Zodiac excursions.



LODGING

Stylish and well-appointed polar expedition ships offer a luxurious way to explore Antarctica. The Arakur Ushuaia Resort & Spa awaits in Ushuaia.



CLIMATE

There may be days of warm sunshine, but be prepared for wind, rain, and possible snow. Daytime temperatures are usually 20° - 40°F.

Meet Our Guides

Our expert guides and trip leaders are truly the key to our trips' success. Many are locals who live in-country year-round; others have made it their second home—all are passionate, enthusiastic and endlessly knowledgeable. Meet two of the guides that might be on your trip.

As a child, Jeff was stung by a jellyfish at summer camp, an event that would inspire his entire future. In that moment, he realized how mysterious the oceans were and couldn't wait to unravel those mysteries. His career as a marine biologist has ranged from classifying the biodiversity of glass sponge reefs off the coast of Canada to conducting fish and marine mammal surveys for Alaska's shoreline. An avid sailor, scuba diver, and photographer, Jeff has worked in and on the ocean for over a decade and, no matter what the temperature or weather brings, you'll always see him smiling with camera in hand.

Jeff Reynolds

Ruth studied Zoology and Science Communication in college. As a wildlife filmmaker, Ruth has spent more than a decade working on documentaries for BBC, PBS, National Geographic, and Discovery, including spending five months in Port Lockroy to film Penguin Post Office and the award winning Planet Earth II. Her most recent project has her sailing around the South Sandwich Islands filming a wildlife documentary called Expedition Penguin. She looks forward to sharing her penguin tales onboard this season!

Ruth Peacy

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Itinerary

DAY 1

ARRIVE IN "THE END OF THE WORLD"

Arrive in Ushuaia, or "The End of the World," on the Tierra del Fuego archipelago and check-in to the luxurious Arakur Ushuaia Resort & Spa inside the Reserva Natural Cerro Alarkén. Bring your bathing suit to take a dip in the hotel's 17-meter lap pool, visit the spa, or simply take a bath. Get over jet lag with good night's sleep.

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DAY 2

SET SAIL FOR ANTARCTICA

Embark on a mid-afternoon transfer to the Seaventure, and board the ship for your Polar expedition, meeting our team of regional experts and the ship's commanding officers onboard. View a concise safety and orientation briefing, and take part in the Captain's welcome dinner. After dinner, take in the scenery on our early evening sail through the Beagle Channel, past Magellanic penguins, rock shags and the large black-browed albatross.

Meals: B, L, D

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DAY 3

CROSS THE DRAKE PASSAGE

Approach the iconic waterway that is the Drake Passage, where the Atlantic and Pacific oceans meet. Cross 600 miles over two days, inching closer towards the white continent. Learn about Antarctica's history and its native flora and fauna from our Polar experts. Partake in SeaBird sighting surveys or collecting salinity samples and weather data while enroute, scanning the horizon for icebergs and whale species.

Meals: B, L, D

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DAY 4

DIVE INTO ANTARCTICA'S HISTORY

Continue onwards through the Drake Passage, named after 16th century English explorer Sir Francis Drake. Feel temperatures plummet once past the Antarctic Convergence, spotting wildlife or delving deeper into the history of this uncharted territory.

Meals: B, L, D

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DAY 5

DISCOVER ANTARCTICA FOR THE FIRST TIME

Arrive to the highly volcanic South Shetland Islands in the Antarctic Peninsula and board a Zodiac boat to marvel up close at nature's glory in a custom itinerary created by our expedition leader and captain based on weather,

ice and opportunity. Visit the most scenic bays and channels, with stops to penguin rookeries, seal wallows, bird colonies and whale feeding areas.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 6

EXPLORE THE SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS

Spend another day discovering the incredibly diverse and rich terrain of the South Shetland Islands with a custom itinerary. Visit Half Moon Island nestled inside Livingston's eastern shore, or the historic Deception Island, weather permitting. Spot sub-Antarctic species along the way, including chinstrap penguins and southern elephant seals.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 7

HEAD SOUTH TOWARDS THE ANTARCTIC CIRCLE

For three days, adventure across the Bransfield Strait, whose undersea trough was formed by rifting which began 4 million years ago. Sail south through ice-filled channels towards the Antarctic Circle before heading back north, enjoying sightings of spectacular icebergs and enjoying the company of sea birds, penguins, seals and whales.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 8

SURVEY THE CRYSTAL SOUND & BEYOND

Discover the best possible overview of the Antarctic environment—from spectacular waterways such as the Crystal Sound, the living museums of Detaille Island in Lallemand Fjord, or Horseshoe Island along the west coast of Graham Land—with a flexible itinerary created to maximize opportunities to explore. Embrace the pioneering spirit of famous explorers from time past, including James Cook, Sir Ernest Shackleton and beyond, spending another day venturing into the Antarctic Circle. See what surprises are in store in this beautiful, rugged world.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 9

HEAD SOUTHWEST FOR THE ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

Journey southwest for the next three days, entering Gerlache Strait, which separates the Palmer Archipelago from the Arctic Peninsula, and Trinity Coast. The expedition team sets the voyage route to take advantage of the ever-changing climate, ensuring an extraordinary experience every time. Adélie, chinstrap and gentoo penguins abound, while Weddell and crabeater seals are often found resting alongside predatory leopard seals and the

assertive Antarctic fur Seal. Minke and humpback whales are also frequent visitors in the late season, as are orcas.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 10

CROSS THE LEGENDARY "KODAK GAP"

Continue exploring the Antarctic Peninsula, whether Neko Harbor on Andvord Bay, named for a Scottish whaling boat, the Neko, sheltered Paradise Harbor behind Lemaire and Bryde Islands, home to huge whales and porpoising penguins, or Wilhelmina Bay. Visit the renowned Lemaire Channel or "Kodak Gap," with its steep cliffs and iceberg-laden passage, 11-kilometers long.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 11

VISIT AN ACTIVE RESEARCH BASE

Discover the wildlife-filled Penola Channel, or the majestic Neumayer Channel between Anvers Island and Wiencke and Doumer Islands. Stop at an active research base, whether Henryk Arctowski Polish Antarctic Station Arctowski, the Ukrainian Vernadsky Research Base, or the U.K.'s Port Lockroy or Wordie House on Winter Island.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 12

PASS THE ANTARCTIC CONVERGENCE

As we begin to leave this magical place and make our way north across the Antarctic Convergence and Drake Passage, share and swap stories of tales with your fellow expeditioners, as we continue our presentation series and wildlife spotting.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 13

RECROSS DRAKE PASSAGE

Cross Drake Passage for one last time, sailing back to Ushuaia through the Beagle Channel, where it all began. Celebrate the conclusion of our epic expedition with a special slideshow.

DAY 14

USHUAIA DISEMBARKATION

Set foot on land, disembarking the Island Sky in the morning upon arriving to Ushuaia. Catch a flight to Buenos Aires or stay in Ushuaia for more adventure and sights.

Meals: B, L, D

Dates

Feb 4 - 17, 2026

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Inclusions & Exclusions

PRICE INCLUDES

- Pricing based on double occupancy in a Port Hole suite
- Expertise and services of experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portage

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses

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