



# Antarctica Basecamp Adventure Cruising

## Explore Antarctica from Ship to Summit

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# Feel the difference

with **Mountain Travel Sobek**

## Unrivalled Expertise

MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Tour Company in 2022 by USA Today's 10 Best Readers' Choice Awards.

## Unique Trip Design

Our adventures are perfectly paced, with incredible attention to detail — the right mix of fun, learning, and challenge that guarantees lifelong memories. Plan nothing, enjoy everything. We take care of all of the logistics so that you can have more time to do what's most important: relax, take in the experience, and enjoy!

## Small Groups

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.







## Leading the Way

### World-Class Local Guides

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.





# Why take this trip with us?

## REASON 1

Offering polar voyages since the mid-'90s, MT Sobek has built strong relationships with Polar outfitters and ships that cruise the 7th continent—we include in-house expertise to assist you every step of the way.

## REASON 2

Using the ship as a base for adventure, this trip spends a full week in Antarctica, with chances to explore by kayak and snowshoe, camp or go mountaineering all included in the cost.

## REASON 3

You'll be accompanied by a team of expert international guides, some of whom are scientists, who will share their experience and knowledge on excursions and in briefings and evening lectures.

## At A Glance

### ACTIVITIES

Guests have the choice of going on standard Zodiac and shore excursions or, if conditions allow, kayak, snowshoe, go mountaineering, or camp overnight. You choose how strenuous an activity you are up for with your expert guide team.



### LODGING

Ice-strengthened and well-appointed polar expedition ships offer a comfortable and safe way to explore Antarctica. Enjoy healthy cuisine and wellness services onboard.



### CLIMATE

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



## KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

### Pricing

Please call for an exact quote or additional dates. Pricing varies by cabin category. A 30% nonrefundable deposit is needed to secure your reservation.

This cruise is not privately chartered for MT Sobek travelers. In order to offer the widest selection of travel dates and flexibility for our guests, MT Sobek works directly with the ship owner to book MT Sobek travelers on scheduled departures throughout the year, and we are pleased to offer our in-house expertise and services to assist you every step of the way.





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## Explore Antarctica from Ship to Summit

Embark on a truly immersive Antarctica experience. See Antarctica's magical mountains and glorious glaciers, watch icebergs drift by and seek out penguins, whales, seabirds, and seals. With the ship as your base, spend days kayaking, snowshoeing, mountaineering or even camping out, returning to the comfort of your cabin to refuel for the next day's adventures. This 13-day journey crosses the legendary Drake Passage and gives you a full week in Antarctica, spending multiple days in one location so you can thoroughly explore it however you like. Traditional Zodiac and shoreline excursions are always available, and more challenging adventures are offered depending on conditions. Kick your Antarctic adventure up a notch and make extraordinary memories.

### 13 Days

**Start:** Ushuaia, Argentina

**End:** Ushuaia, Argentina

**Departing:** January, February, November, December

**Activities:** Safari & Wildlife, Adventure Cruising

**Lodging:** Comfortable Small Ship

**Group Size:** Up to 196 Guests

**ACTIVITY:**



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***“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.

# The Itinerary

## DAY 01

### Depart from Ushuaia

Begin your voyage at “the End of the World”, as the town of Ushuaia is known. This afternoon you will board your vessel, get settled into your cabin, and begin cruising the Beagle Channel through the Tierra de Fuego archipelago. Marvel at mountain views on either side as you set sail for the seventh continent, Antarctica!

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## DAY 02

### Begin Crossing Drake Passage

Follow the path of early polar explorers into the renowned Drake Passage. Imagine their wooden vessels plying this route with the wind in their sails and their crews' hearts full of anticipation. Step out onto the deck to breathe in the salty air and perhaps catch a glimpse of a spouting whale in the distance or a seabird overhead.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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## DAY 03

### Pass the Antarctic Convergence

Continue south across the passage, named after 16th-century English explorer Sir Francis Drake. Reach the Antarctic Convergence, where Antarctic waters meet southern seas, forming a natural biological boundary. Notice the change in temperatures, and marine and avian species. Watch for Antarctic birds such as wandering albatrosses and southern fulmars as you near land.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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## DAY 04

### Arrive in Antarctica

Awake in an icy world where craggy peaks emerge from the snow and passing icebergs dazzle electric blue in the sunlight. Cruise past the mountainous Melchoir Islands and into Schollaert Channel, flanked by Brabant and Anvers Islands. You have a full week to explore the Antarctic Peninsula with your ship as a base for an array of adventures on land and sea.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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## Explore Antarctica

Your route will be determined by the conditions, with the captain and your guides choosing the best locations for each exciting day. For instance, you might anchor at Wiencke Island in Neumayer Channel, where protected waters offer excellent opportunities to get out in a Zodiac or kayak on the water, watching for icebergs, fur seals, and spellbinding views. Or strap on some snowshoes or crampons for an inland foray on the island.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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## Discover Antarctic Inhabitants

Learn about the people who lived and worked on the shores of the white continent with a stop at Port Lockroy on Goudier Island. This was once the location of a British research station, and today the site of a museum and the southernmost post office in the world! Here you can find gentoo penguins and blue-eyed shags, and if the conditions are right, camp out overnight!

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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## Watch for Antarctic Wildlife

Cruise through the Lemaire Channel, also known as Kodak Gap, where towering mountains gird iceberg-filled waters, to arrive at Pleneau and Petermann Islands. Watch for leopard seals and minke and humpback whales as you pass through the channel. There's a good chance of meeting Adelie penguins on shore. Head out for glacier walks, mountaineering, and more here, or find adventure wherever the conditions take you.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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## Capture Surreal Antarctic Scenery

Take a photo workshop to help you capture the almost unbelievable colors that change as the light shifts and captivates your attention. One place to practice your skills is Neko Harbor, where you can see tremendous mountain peaks and photograph massive glaciers and snow formations. Riding in a Zodiac allows you to get different angles and motor in close to the mountains.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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## Learn Early Antarctic History

Go back in time in Paradise Bay, a breathtaking inlet framed by towering glaciers which was once a haven for whalers seeking refuge. While their numbers may have dwindled, majestic whales still migrate through these waters. On land there are two research stations, one Chilean and one Argentinian, as well as a sizeable population of gentoo penguins. You can camp here under Antarctic skies, once again imagining the early explorers looking up at the same stars.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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## Enjoy Your Last Day in Antarctica

Savor the last adventures as the ship prepares to head northward. Pass back by Melchior Islands, keeping an eye out for breaching whales and seabirds. If conditions allow, stop at the South Shetland Islands for one more day of ship-based adventures on land and sea. Your departure is carefully timed for the best conditions to cross Drake Passage.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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## Depart Antarctica

Entering the Drake Passage once more you are filled with extraordinary memories of adventuring through Antarctica. Not only have you experienced some of the enchanting landscapes, unique wildlife, and mesmerizing sea ice, you have pushed your own boundaries kayaking, snowshoeing, maybe even camping and mountaineering in Antarctica!

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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## Cross the Drake Passage

Watch for final sightings of seabirds and marine mammals on your second crossing of this epic passage. Settle in to swap stories, share photos, and toast your adventure with fellow travelers. Rest and catch up on journaling or species lists as you head back towards Ushuaia.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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## Depart Ushuaia

Disembark in the morning with time to catch your departing flight to Buenos Aires.

**MEALS:** Breakfast





## Where You'll Stay

**These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.**

### **m/v Ortelius**

The *Ortelius* has the highest ice-class rating and a broad, heavy design. It offers a collection of comfortable and spacious 190 square-foot cabins, all with en-suite bathrooms. Extensive open-deck space maximizes wildlife viewing. The ship offers a wide range of adventure activities, including hiking, kayaking, snowshoeing, and scuba diving. It also offers a helicopter pad used on select Weddell & Ross Seas voyages.

### **m/v Plancius**

*Plancius* was built in 1976 as an oceanographic research vessel for the Royal Dutch Navy and sailed for the Dutch Navy until June 2004. The vessel was completely rebuilt as a comfortable passenger vessel in 2009. The *Plancius* accommodates 108 passengers. The vessel offers a restaurant/lecture room and spacious observation lounge with large windows, offering a full panoramic view. Its large open deck spaces (with full walk-around possibilities on deck 4), provide excellent opportunities to enjoy the scenery and wildlife.

### **m/v Hondius**

m/v *Hondius* is the first-registered Polar Class 6 vessel in the world, meeting the latest and highest Lloyd's Register standards for ice-strengthened cruise ships. The vessel offers high-quality accommodation for 170 passengers with one deck consisting of a large observation lounge and separate lecture room. Though elegantly designed in stylish decor, this vessel holds true to Oceanwide's distinctive cozy and informal atmosphere. The vessel employs a tough fleet of rigid-hull inflatable Zodiac boats that enable efficient access to shore and near-shore activities. Kayaks are also available.

# Departure Dates

This trip is available to run in: January, February, November, December

**Book early for a greater choice of available dates.**

Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

November 27-December 9, 2025

December 9-21, 2025

December 16-28, 2025

December 28, 2025-January 9, 2026

December 29, 2025-January 10, 2026

November 23-December 5, 2026



# What's Included

## PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- Pricing based on double occupancy in a Porthole Cabin
- 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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