



## Crossing the Circle: Southern Expedition – 13N/14D

**Visiting:** Ushuaia, Argentina; Drake Passage; the Antarctic Peninsula & South Shetland Islands

**Sightseeing:** Optional shore excursions

**Sail on Quark Expeditions:** This expedition offers you the most in-depth exploration of the Antarctic Peninsula. Extended time in the region allows you to go beyond the Antarctic Peninsula and venture south of the Antarctic Circle, home to fantastic ice formations and wildlife including the Weddell seal. You'll enjoy more time for communing with penguins and visits to less-frequented landing sites. (B)

**NOTE:** The 13 day itinerary spends two less days exploring the Antarctic Peninsula



### Itinerary:

#### DAY 1: DEPART USHUAIA, ARGENTINA

You will begin your journey in Ushuaia, a small, but bustling port town at the tip of South America. This Argentinean town is an ideal gateway for you to explore the southern extent of Patagonia while preparing for your adventure ahead. Get active in the mountains or enjoy some handcrafted chocolate at a café in town. Overnight on board. (B)





## DAY 2: EMBARKATION FROM USHUAIA, ARGENTINA

The Beagle Channel sets you on your way as the ship sails in the late afternoon. The channel opens up to the vastness of the Southern Ocean, where your next land sighting will be along the Antarctic Peninsula. Named after the famed ship in which Charles Darwin voyaged, the channel presents many great photo opportunities to capture sea birds hovering overhead. Overnight on board. (B, L, D)



## DAY 3 & 4: CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE

After breakfast you'll have plenty of time to gaze out at the sea, get to know your fellow shipmates and chat with your Expedition Team. Time over these two days will be spent preparing for the exciting days ahead, with numerous educational and informative lectures from your Expedition Team. You'll learn about everything from safety procedures to the history of whaling in Antarctica. Overnight on board. (B, L, D)



## DAY 5 to 7: The Antarctic Peninsula & South Shetland Islands

Today we make our approach to Antarctica. You'll see plentiful icebergs floating by and be fixated on the surface of the ocean as curious whales spout and breach before your eyes. As exciting as it can be from onboard the ship, your true exploration occurs when you disembark and set foot on the great continent. There are several potential landing sites we may visit, including Neko Harbour, Orne Harbour or Paradise Harbour. While weather dictates which specific landing sites we can visit, each one presents a new collection of wildlife and natural attractions. Your days will be busy spotting wildlife and being mesmerized by the beauty of Antarctica. Watching penguins waddling on the beach and listening to the crackling and crumbling sounds of icebergs and glaciers will become your daily entertainment while kayaking with whales and camping in Antarctica area couple of optional activities available on selected voyages (at an extra cost). Overnight on Board (B, L, D)





### DAY 8 & 9: THE ANTARCTIC CIRCLE

Crossing the Antarctic Circle is an impressive achievement, as most expeditions to the Peninsula do not reach this far south, which is officially noted at 66° 33' S. You and your shipmates will celebrate in style with a well-earned glass of champagne! Make a toast and take pride in knowing you've made it to a part of the world still visited by very few people. Overnight on Board (B, L, D)



### DAY 10 & 11: NORTHBOUND ALONG THE PENINSULA

By now, your knowledge of Adélie, chinstrap and gentoo penguins will be matched by your ability to differentiate between a leopard, fur or Weddell seal. Terms like 'bergy bits' and pancake ice will seem normal too, yet there are still many tales to be told. As you head back towards the Drake, Zodiac excursions will continue to fill your days, while the Expedition Team will help fill in any blanks that remain in your newly acquired knowledge of the Antarctic. Overnight on Board (B, L, D)



### DAY 12 & 13: DRAKE PASSAGE TO USHUAIA

Re-crossing the Drake, Antarctica fades away and you'll be left with a collection of memories to last a lifetime. Excited conversations with your newfound friends will make the time crossing the Drake Passage fly by, independent of weather and sea conditions. Your Expedition Team will round up their series of lectures as well, perhaps with a slideshow of some of the great landing sites and wildlife you've visited over the course of your voyage. Overnight on Board (B, L, D)



### DAY 14: DISEMBARK IN USHUAIA, ARGENTINA

Today you'll say goodbye to your Expedition Team and your fellow travelers. You'll disembark in the morning so that you may catch your homeward bound flights (B)





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### Inclusions:

- Ship board accommodation for 14 nights on the Quark Expedition – **'SEA ADVENTURER'** Ship.
- All taxes, port handling charges
- Ocean transportation.
- Meals on board the ship
- Onboard entertainment except those on chargeable basis.
- A group transfer from the airport to the pre-expedition hotel
- One night pre-expedition hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All breakfasts, lunches and dinners on board throughout your voyage
- All shore landings per the daily program
- Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Leader
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising per the daily program
- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled
- Photographic Journal on DVD, documenting the voyage
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for shore landings
- An official Quark Expeditions parka to keep
- Coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock
- Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin
- Comprehensive pre-departure materials, including a map and an informative Antarctic Reader
- A group transfer upon disembarkation in Ushuaia from the ship to the local airport
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- All luggage handling aboard the ship
- Emergency Evacuation Insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of US\$100,000 per person



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**Exclusions:**

- International air fare with taxes,
- Visa/s
- Travel insurance
- Shore & land excursions
- Lunch whilst on day excursions
- Transfers
- Tips and Porterage,
- Speciality restaurant fees.
- Medical services
- All expenses of personal nature
- Any service not part of the inclusions list

**NOTES:**

- Price mentioned under standard category is indicative & for inside stateroom. Kindly contact our vacation consultant to get actual price based on sailing date & cabin category (Suite/Deluxe Stateroom, Balcony Stateroom, Ocean view stateroom, Interior stateroom).
- Sailing dates: **2017:** Feb 12–Feb 25 ; Feb 24–Mar 10 ; **2018:** Feb 16–Mar 1 ; Feb 27–Mar 12 ; Mar 2–Mar 15 Do check)
- Port of call and timings may vary.
- Shore excursions can be pre booked with World Travel Studio

**PRICE PER PERSON IN USD REXCL ST @ 9.00%**

ROOMING BASIS/CABIN CATEGORY	STANDARD
ADULT IN TWIN	10095

**PACKAGE PRICE: VALIDITY 12<sup>th</sup> FEB'17 TO 15<sup>th</sup> MAR'18 BARRING PEAK AND BLOCK OUT PERIODS**



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### SHIP SPECIFICATION:

- Staff and Crew: 72
- Guests: 117
- Lifeboats: 4 partially enclosed
- Length: 101.1 meters
- Breadth: 16.2 meters
- Draft: 4.5 meters
- Propulsion: Diesel Twin Engines - 5,200 horsepower.
- Ice Class: 1A
- Cruising Speed: 12 knots in open water
- Registration: Bahamas

### FEATURES:-

#### Cabins:

- 61 outside cabins with exterior views and en-suite facilities
- TV and DVD player in every cabin

#### Aboard:

- Chef-prepared meals (all meals and daily snack included)
- One dining room with unreserved seating
- Bar staffed by a professional bartender
- 24 hour beverage service
- Polar Library with a large collection of polar books and DVDs
- Polar Boutique
- Multi-purpose lounge and presentation room
- Exercise Room
- Ship-to-shore satellite communications with email, and wireless, Internet access
- *Activities*
- Zodiac Cruising (included)
- Hiking & snowshoeing (included)
- Optional kayaking (additional charge)
- Camping using high-quality REI camping equipment (additional charge)



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