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Expedition to Antarctica

JOURNEY TO EARTH'S LAST FRONTIER



**Accompanied by
Expedition Naturalists**

January 11 – 24, 2026

Retrace sea lanes navigated by storied explorers Shackleton, Amundsen and Scott on a journey that includes two nights in chic Buenos Aires, Argentina, and a nine-night cruise aboard the *Exploris One*. Be among the fortunate few to set foot on “The White Continent,” an icy domain at the bottom of the globe, and feel awe and reverence as you explore this enduring territory and nearby sub-antarctic islands.

On this active program, reconnect with natural environments on unforgettable excursions; skim wildlife-rich waters, where seabirds dip and dive; scout for Weddell seals, playful whales and curious dolphins; and listen for the boom of calving glaciers and cacophony of penguins. An otherworldly topography of volcanoes and glaciers populated with riveting wildlife and historic outposts unfolds, completely immersing you in the irresistible nuances of Earth’s most inaccessible continent for the complete Antarctic experience.

Exclusive Highlights

- A 14-day journey to Earth’s last frontier with all excursions included.
- Cruise aboard the *Exploris One*, specially designed to navigate the world’s most demanding waters.
- Join your expedition naturalists for excursions and destination-specific lectures on board.
- Revel in the abundant wildlife that hunt and play in the Antarctic.
- Tour Half Moon Island, the site of Cámara Base, a research station.



Above: Penguins on iceberg, Antarctica

Cover: Gentoo penguins peering over an iceberg, Antarctica



Dear Alumni and Friends:

With its vast, mystical beauty and cerulean icebergs, Antarctica has long captured imaginations and lured adventurers. Join us on this 14-day odyssey that begins in Buenos Aires and continues into the unique landscapes and surreal, fantastical wilds of the South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula, destinations that will fill you with wonder.

Cruise for nine nights aboard the *Exploris One*, an ice-rated expedition ship built to navigate Antarctica's ever-changing seascapes. From Ushuaia, we will chart a course across the notorious Drake Passage to the untamed, frozen realm of the seventh continent. Here, explore icy bays and inlets on sturdy Zodiac crafts and enjoy onshore excursions accompanied by a team of experienced expedition staff who are eager to share their breadth and depth of knowledge with you. A comprehensive schedule of exclusive and specially arranged lectures will complete your optimal Antarctic adventure.

From Petermann Island to ash-covered Deception Island; comical, cawing penguins to robust leopard seals; ice-strewn channels to towering glaciers; seize this opportunity to dynamically interact with and learn about Antarctica's intricate and fragile ecosystems.

Sincerely,

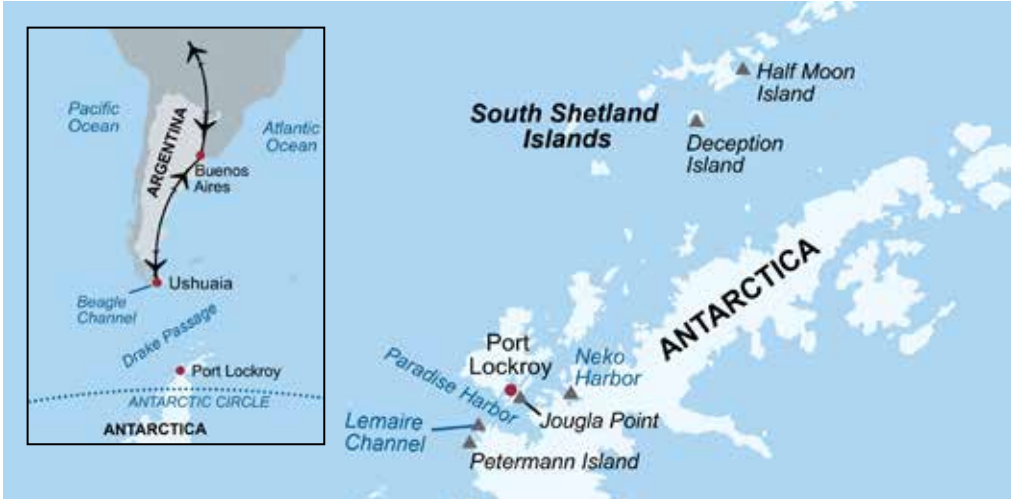
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Travel Insurance: An application for trip cancellation, baggage and medical insurance will be sent to you by the MSU Alumni Association's travel program once you are registered for the tour. Travel insurance is strongly recommended. Contact Leanna Smith at 662-325-3360 or lsmith@alumni.msstate.edu for further information.



**For reservations, call Gohagan & Company at 800-922-3088
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Note: This day-by-day itinerary is for guidance only. Due to the variable weather conditions of the southern oceans and wildlife viewing opportunities, excursion details and ports of call may change during this expedition-style program.

Day 1 | January 11

Depart your home city.

Day 2 | January 12 **R**

Buenos Aires, Argentina
Arrive in Buenos Aires. Check in to your hotel and enjoy leisure time in this capital city.

Meet new friends at tonight’s Welcome Reception.

Day 3 | January 13 **B**

Buenos Aires
Buenos Aires is host to diverse and dynamic barrios. On a walking tour, see the colorful La Boca district, Monserrat’s public buildings, historical Plaza de Mayo, Palermo’s lavish parks, Puerto Madero’s riverfront community and the authentic old quarter of San Telmo.

Continue to the historical Recoleta Cemetery, famous for its elaborate vaults and sculptures. It is also the final resting place of Eva Perón — Argentina’s legendary former First Lady.

Day 4 | January 14 **B-L-D**

Buenos Aires | Ushuaia | Embark | Beagle Channel
Fly to Ushuaia, nicknamed the “End of the World” due to its location on the tip of South America. Upon arrival, enjoy an excursion to the remote Tierra del Fuego National Park, home to a subantarctic forest and diverse animal species.

Embark the *Exploris One* and begin cruising the Beagle Channel, named for the research vessel that carried Charles Darwin when he explored the area from 1861 to 1865. As you depart, watch the rugged coastline fade into the horizon behind you.

Day 5 | January 15 **B-L-R-D**

Cruising the Drake Passage
Cross the Drake Passage, the deep waterway that connects the Atlantic and Pacific oceans between Cape Horn and the South Shetland Islands.
Attend tonight’s Captain’s Welcome Reception.

Day 6 | January 16 **B-L-D**

Cruising the Drake Passage
Your expedition team will prepare you for your first landing in Antarctica. Linger in the twilight of the Antarctic summer and watch for albatrosses, looming icebergs and humpback whales feeding from the nutrient-rich waters.





Day 7 | January 17 B-L-D

Port Lockroy, Antarctica | Jougla Point

Take your first steps on snow-covered lands at Port Lockroy, built as a British intelligence port during World War II and then converted into a whaling station and scientific base. Observe the daily activities of past researchers at the living museum known as “Base A” and mail a postcard with an Antarctica postmark from the official British Post Office.

Cruise by rocky Jougla Point on Wiencke Island. See artifacts of the whaling industry, such as the skeletal remains of a blue whale. The area is home to gentoo penguin colonies, skuas and Antarctic hags.

Day 8 | January 18 B-L-D

Petermann Island | Lemaire Channel

Call at Petermann Island, where French explorer Jean-Baptiste Charcot wintered in 1909. Watch for the famous rookeries of Adélie and gentoo penguins and blue-eyed shags.

Cruise through the seven-mile-long Lemaire Channel, a sensational passage flanked by towering glacial cliffs. These miles of mountains and interweaving patterns of floes brim with wildlife.

Day 9 | January 19 B-L-D

Neko Harbor | Paradise Harbor

Listen for the low rumbling of Rudolf Glacier as it calves

slabs of ice into Neko Harbor, named after the whaling ship that was stationed here from 1911-1924. Surrounded by soaring glaciers and snow-covered mountains, this spectacular harbor is one of the most dramatic sights on your expedition.

Paradise Harbor was named by 19th-century whalers who sought shelter in its coves. It is an ideal sanctuary for marine wildlife, including humpback whales and crabeater seals.

Day 10 | January 20 B-L-D

Deception Island | Half Moon Island

Walk in the footsteps of great explorers on Deception Island, an extinct volcano in the South Shetland chain. Named



Palace of the National Congress, Buenos Aires



San Telmo, Buenos Aires



Gentoo penguins

by Captain Nathaniel Palmer, this horseshoe-shaped island boasts a rich human history. Though it is now uninhabited, there are remnants of army bases and whaling and research stations. Enter through Neptune's Bellow and enjoy a Zodiac ride to a black sand beach on Port Foster.

One of the smallest but most alluring of the South Shetland Islands is the crescent-shaped Half Moon Island, known for its craggy volcanic rock, a colony of chinstrap penguins and

Cámara Station, a base monitored by Argentine biologists.

Day 11 | January 21 B-L-D

Cruising the Drake Passage
Re-enter the Drake Passage and behold outdoor sights during a day at sea. Enjoy informative discussions about your Antarctic experience with the ship's naturalists.

Day 12 | January 22 B-L-R-D

Cape Horn | Beagle Channel
Round the mythical Cape Horn, a celebrated maritime landmark and the graveyard

of ships that once battled the westerly winds. Turn north and set a course for Ushuaia.

Attend the Captain's Farewell Reception tonight and raise a toast to your momentous adventure.

Day 13 | January 23 B

Ushuaia, Argentina | Disembark | Buenos Aires

This morning, we arrive in Ushuaia. Disembark and fly to Buenos Aires to begin your journey home.

Day 14 | January 24

Arrive in your home city.

Expedition Naturalists

Your multi-talented Expedition Team leads onboard discussions and presentations and accompanies you during excursions. This seasoned team of naturalists have traveled extensively in Antarctica and the world's most remote regions. Their areas of expertise span marine biology, ornithology, ecology, geology, glaciology, conservation and environmental education, history and photography. These collective experiences and a specialized interest in the world's ecosystems make them exceptionally well-suited to lead your expedition. They will be by your side throughout your journey to answer questions and share their knowledge about this majestic part of the world.



Hiking in the Antarctic



Leopard seal



Humpback whale



INCLUDED FEATURES

- 2 nights in Buenos Aires, Argentina, at the deluxe *InterContinental Buenos Aires*.
- 9 nights aboard the exclusively chartered *Exploris One*.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- Included Meals | 11 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 9 dinners.
- Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Director accompanies you throughout the program. (1 for every 40 guests).
- Acclaimed expedition naturalists enrich your experience with their knowledge and insight.
- Complimentary polar parkas provided for travelers. (Guests may keep their inner jacket.)
- During included excursions, our experienced, English-speaking local guides will teach you about the history, culture and natural splendor of the destination.
- Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- Complimentary water is available in your suite or stateroom and on excursions.
- Hospitality desk at the hotel and aboard the ship.
- Our extensive pre-departure materials better prepare you for your travel experience.
- Complimentary travel mementos.
- Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
- Transfers and luggage handling abroad when you purchase your air through Gohagan & Company and your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).



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***The Special Savings Rate is valid if booked by 6/20/25 and paid in full at booking.**

These Special Savings consist of \$500 Early Booking and \$500 Pay-in-Full Savings.

- All rates are in U.S. dollars, per person, based on double occupancy, including taxes.
- Single supplements apply in select categories at 160% of the per person cabin fare, plus taxes, with limited availability. Single rates for all other categories are at 200%. Special Savings still apply. (Cabin fare is the standard rate less taxes.)
- Deposit amount is \$1,500 per person. Final Payment is due at least 120 days prior to departure.
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EXPLORIS ONE

With a reinforced hull and state-of-the-art small ship design, the ice-class *Exploris One* expedition ship was designed to navigate the world's most demanding waters, including polar regions. Sailing under a French flag, the recently renovated (2023) *Exploris One* pairs adventure with a high standard of comfort, along with a personalized service of excellence that will make every journey unique. Each of the 72 suites and staterooms features a stunning ocean view. The ship's small capacity allows it to dock in ports typically inaccessible to larger ships, bringing you closer to some of the planet's most remote destinations.

2026 DEPARTURE DATE | January 11 to 24 | **Tour Begins: January 12**

Category	Description	Standard Rate	Special Savings Rate*
E	Stateroom with picture window; lounge area with desk; bathroom with shower. 190 sq ft Deck 3, fwd.	\$11,495	\$10,495
D	Stateroom with picture window; lounge area with desk; bathroom with shower. 190 sq ft Deck 3, mid.	\$11,995	\$10,995
C	Stateroom with picture window; lounge area with desk; bathroom with shower. 175 sq ft Deck 4, fwd.	\$12,795	\$11,795
B	Stateroom with large picture window; lounge area with desk; bathroom with shower. 190 sq ft Deck 4, mid. 300 sq ft Deck 6, mid.	\$13,595	\$12,595
A	Stateroom with French balcony with floor-to-ceiling sliding doors; lounge area with desk; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft Deck 5, mid & fwd.	\$14,595	\$13,595
DS	Suite with large balcony with floor-to-ceiling sliding doors; lounge area with desk; bathroom with shower & separate bathtub. 400 sq ft Deck 5, mid & fwd.	\$16,095	\$15,095
NS	Suite with two French balconies with floor-to-ceiling sliding doors; separate living room with sitting area; dressing room; bathroom with shower & separate bathtub. 420 sq ft Deck 7, fwd.	\$17,095	\$16,095
GS	Suite with large balcony with floor-to-ceiling sliding doors; separate living room with sitting area; dressing room; bathroom with shower & separate bathtub. 615 sq ft Deck 7, fwd.	\$19,095	\$18,095
OS	Suite with large balcony with two floor-to-ceiling sliding doors; large, separate living room with sitting area; large dressing room; spacious bathroom with shower & separate bathtub. 725 sq ft Deck 7, mid.	\$21,595	\$20,595

All suites and staterooms are ocean-view and feature: two twin beds or one queen bed; individual climate control; unlimited Wi-Fi; flat-screen TV; 110/220V sockets; 24-hour room service; luxury hotel-style amenities; minibar; bathrobes and slippers; and hair dryer.

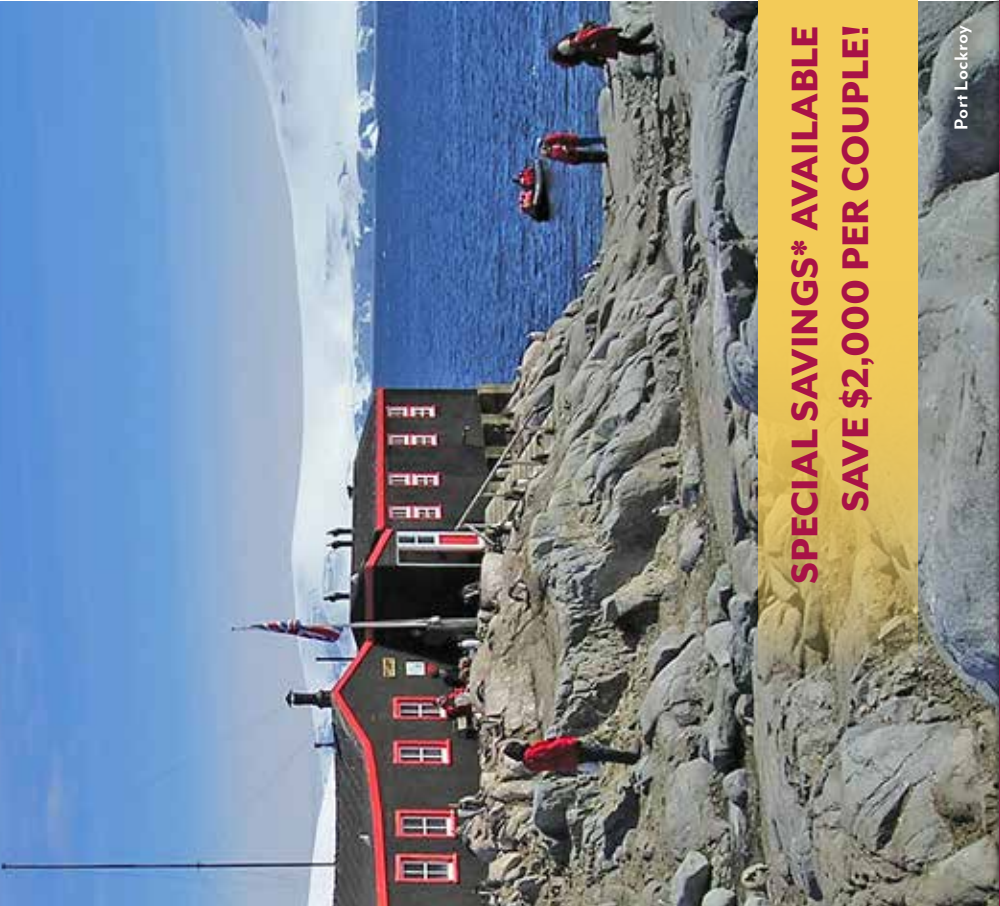
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