

# 26 Days | Antarctica, Patagonia & Chilean Fjords

Buenos Aires - Ushuaia - Drakes Passage - Antarctica - Puerto Williams - Chilean Fjords - Puerto Natales - Pio XI Glacier - Puerto Eden - Tortel - Castro - Niebla - Valparaíso - and more...

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Tick Antarctica off your bucket list in absolute comfort
Visit Patagonia and the stunning Chilean Fjords
Experts on the Expedition Team deliver in-depth lectures
Escorted landings with small expedition boats and MUCH MORE!



# **Description**







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Embarking on the Antarctica, Patagonia & Chilean Fjords Expedition with Hurtigruten aboard the MS Roald Amundsen promises an unparalleled journey through some of the world's most remote and breathtaking landscapes.

The MS Roald Amundsen, named after the legendary Norwegian explorer, is a state-of-the-art expedition ship designed for sustainable exploration. As you step on board, you'll immediately sense the fusion of modern luxury and expedition prowess, ensuring a comfortable yet adventurous experience.

Antarctica, the frozen continent, beckons with its pristine beauty and untouched landscapes. The MS Roald Amundsen, equipped with cutting-edge technology and a team of expert expedition leaders, takes you on a once-in-a-lifetime journey to witness towering icebergs, diverse wildlife, and the surreal serenity of the Antarctic wilderness. The ship's advanced features, including an underwater drone and science center, enhance the expedition by offering a deeper understanding of the region's ecology and geology.

Patagonia, with its dramatic landscapes and rugged beauty, is a stark contrast to the icy vastness of Antarctica. Sailing through the fjords of Chile, the MS Roald Amundsen allows you to witness the sheer granite cliffs, snow-capped peaks, and emerald waters of this enchanting region. Expert guides on board provide insights into the unique flora and fauna, making each excursion an educational adventure. Whether you're kayaking through narrow channels or hiking in the company of penguins, every moment in Patagonia is a testament to nature's grandeur.

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Chilean fjords, a hidden treasure of South America, unfold as a tapestry of fjords, glaciers, and lush greenery. Navigating through these secluded waterways, the MS Roald Amundsen offers a front-row seat to nature's spectacle. The ship's large observation decks and panoramic lounges ensure you won't miss a single moment, whether it's a breaching whale or a soaring condor against the backdrop of towering peaks.

Onboard the MS Roald Amundsen, the expedition experience is complemented by the vessel's commitment to sustainability. As the first hybrid-powered expedition ship, it exemplifies Hurtigruten's dedication to reducing its environmental impact. This eco-friendly approach enhances the sense of connection to nature, allowing passengers to explore these pristine regions with a minimal footprint.

The expedition is not just about the destinations but also the camaraderie forged on board. With a limited number of passengers, the atmosphere is intimate, fostering a sense of shared wonder among like-minded travelers. The expedition team's expertise and enthusiasm create a learning environment, ensuring that every passenger gains a deeper appreciation for the ecosystems and cultures encountered on the journey.



As the MS Roald Amundsen navigates the southernmost regions of the Earth, you'll find comfort in the ship's luxurious amenities. From well-appointed cabins to fine dining restaurants offering a taste of local and international cuisine, the vessel provides a respite after days of exploration. The onboard spa and wellness facilities offer relaxation and rejuvenation, completing the holistic experience.

In conclusion, the Antarctica, Patagonia & Chilean Fjords Expedition with Hurtigruten on board the MS Roald Amundsen is a voyage of discovery, adventure, and luxury. It's a chance to witness the extremes of the planet, from the ice-covered landscapes of Antarctica to the rugged beauty of Patagonia and the hidden gems of the Chilean fjords. With a commitment to sustainability and a focus on providing an immersive, educational experience, this expedition promises memories that will last a lifetime.





# **Itinerary**

Day 1

#### **Buenos Aires, Argentina**

Welcome to Buenos Aires, the 'Paris of South America'

Kickstart your adventure with an overnight stay in Buenos Aires, famously called the 'Paris of South America'. A sensuous fusion of faded European splendour and Latin American panache, Buenos Aires is home to numerous fine and modern art museums, landscaped parks and one of the world's greatest opera houses.

Spend the evening at your leisure, sampling an authentic steak dinner at one of the city's many parrillas or sightseeing some of the city's best-known landmarks at Plaza de Mayo. You'll also want to join the locals in an informal tango lesson, or at the very least, watch a dance show.

Pre-Programme:

Fancy getting even more out of your adventure? If that's the case then why not extend your stay with an optional Pre-Programme that explores wild Patagonia. Ask our Friendly Customer Team for more details.

Meals: None

Accommodation: TBA on Booking Confirmation

Day 2

#### Buenos Aires **₹** Ushuaia 🏦

Launch your expedition in Ushuaia, the world's southernmost city

We fly first thing in the morning to Ushuaia, a place nicknamed the 'End of the World'. It's here in the self-proclaimed southernmost city in the world where your expedition truly begins. Your basecamp at sea is the world's first hybrid-powered expedition ship, MS Roald Amundsen. Once on board, you'll meet the Expedition Team and attend a mandatory safety meeting.

After a welcome dinner, you can familiarise yourself with our state-of-the-art vessel, specially designed for sustainable voyages in polar waters. On our way through the scenic Beagle Channel, you can watch out for the rare endemic Peale's dolphin and other wildlife as we set sail.

Meals: Dinner

Accommodation: MS Roald Amundsen

Day 3

# **A** Drake Passage

Enjoy two relaxing days at sea crossing the Drake Passage

Over the next two days, you'll cross the fabled Drake Passage, gateway to the Antarctic. Prepare yourself for what lies ahead through lectures from our Expedition Team in the dedicated Science Center. You'll learn about Antarctica's explorer history, wildlife, and how you can get involved in Citizen Science programmes.

Sea days are also an opportunity to unwind. Whether you're soaking in a hot tub, the infinity pool or relaxing in the spectacular panoramic sauna, you won't miss out on any of the breathtaking views around you. When you're hungry, you can sate your appetite in one of our three stylish restaurants.

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# Day 5

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Witness nature's unbridled power and the marvellous wildlife of the frozen continent

Welcome to Antarctica, an endless wilderness of ice, icebergs, and glaciers. It's a place where nature is king and the rest of us, mere observers. Over the next five days, you'll go on walks ashore, cruising by icebergs and glaciers, and spotting seabirds, seals, whales and penguin colonies.

Sticking to the motto 'take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints,' our Expedition Team will help you adhere closely to strict safety and sustainability procedures. Exactly where we go and when is down to conditions on the day, but we'll always bring you to the best spots available at the time.

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# Day 10

# **Drake Passage**

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You can also attend more environmentally-themed lectures on topics such as the changing climate or oceanic plastic pollution, and we will reflect on our experiences in the frozen continent. When you're ready to kick back and relax, you can do that too.

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#### Ushuaia

Today you'll spend the day exploring Ushuaia. Head to the Galería Temática - Historia Fueguina if you want to learn more about the city's fascinating history. Filled with photos and exhibits on Ushuaia's first settlers, its discovery by Europeans and Charles Darwin's later visit, it's a definite must-visit.

You can get your passport stamped at the Tourist Information Centre, marking your visit to the world's southernmost city. Sample some of the delicious local cuisine, or spend the day hiking one of the many trails found just outside the city. With spectacular mountain views and tranquil lakes, you won't be disappointed you made the effort.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Roald Amundsen

### Day 13

# 🚊 Day at Sea

Once we exit the scenic Beagle Channel, we journey to the legendary Cape Horn. The area around the island is where the open waters of the Atlantic and Pacific collide, creating powerful waves that are made even stronger by swirling westerly winds.

Rounding Cape Horn is a feat not many people have experienced. Given the notoriety of these turbulent waters, we can't guarantee a landing, but if fortune favours us with weather stable enough to set foot on the island and go up to the cape, you'll be among a select few people in the world able to boast about it.!

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Roald Amundsen

#### Day 14

# nuerto Williams, Chile

One of three contenders for the world's southernmost city, Puerto Williams has a quiet atmosphere more akin to a small town. Visit the Martin Gusinde Anthropological Museum for the history of the people and the city. You'll see Yahgan artefacts, maps, photographs, and a traditional canoe.

You can also go for walks and immerse yourself in the gorgeous scenery, whether on your own or as part of a guided optional excursion. If the weather is nice, there might be also opportunities for kayaking. Have your binoculars at the ready to spot seabirds, including the mighty albatross.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Roald Amundsen

#### Day 15

#### Garibaldi or Pia Glacier, Chile

See one of the most impressive glaciers in Chile

The goal for the day is to go for a scenic cruise in Garibaldi Fjord in Alberto de Agostini National Park, all the way up to Garibaldi Glacier. This is a stunning region where the Andes tumble into the Pacific and great glaciers feed ice, and sometimes icebergs, into the beautiful Chilean fjords.

If weather and waters are kind, you'll get to arrive at Garibaldi Glacier at the head of the fjord, one of the most impressive glaciers in all of Chile. The fjord is also a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve and home to seals, sea lions and sea birds, including the Andean Condor.

Meals: All Meals Onboard



#### **Chilean Fjords**

Islands, glaciers and steep mountains – drink in the views of the Chilean fjords

This wild and remote region was once the domain of canoe-faring indigenous people who lived, sailed and hunted here for centuries. Go out on deck and admire the serenity of this maze of waterways, surrounded by islands, glaciers and towering mountains while looking for wildlife such as elephant seals, dolphins and whales.

Not all the lectures from the Expedition Team will be indoors. If the ship attracts seabirds who come to fly alongside us, they might help you spot and identify them out on deck. An onboard photographer will also be available to help you with your expedition photography.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Roald Amundsen

## Day 17

### ♣ Puerto Natales, Chile

Discover the charms of Puerto Natales, gateway to Torres del Paine National Park

Puerto Natales is the closest city to the world-renowned Torres del Paine National Park.

Join our optional excursion to the park to discover a landscape of stunning variety, from vast open steppes to rugged mountain terrain topped by looming peaks that host a variety of wildlife. You'll be watching for llamas, pumas and foxes, in addition to more than 100 species of birds, including the mighty Andean Condor.

Suppose you decide to spend time in Puerto Natales itself. In that case, the city has trendy eateries, Bohemian-type bars, a terrific gin distillery and an artisan village selling various crafts and gifts.

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### **Pio XI Glacier, Chile**

Pio XI's staggering dimensions will astonish you

Growing as much as 150 ft a day, the sprawling Pio XI Glacier in Bernado O'Higgins National Park is the longest in the southern hemisphere outside of Antarctica. To reach it, we'll sail east through the beautiful Eyre Fjord, which is lined by temperate forest. Dolphins are known to swim the waters here, accompanied by seabirds including terns.

If the weather and wave conditions are right, we'll launch our expedition boats to explore the fjord and glacier, taking care not to get too close. Ice occasionally calves off the Pio XI's wall into the waters below, creating a thrilling sight and sound to behold.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Roald Amundsen

#### **Day 20**

#### **2** Puerto Eden, Chile

Remote Puerto Edén, a beautiful village with a unique community

A paradise off the beaten path, Puerto Edén is only accessible by sea and is one of Chile's hardest-to-reach inhabited places. There are no roads to, from or even within the village, just boardwalks and footpaths that connect the homes of its fewer-than 200 inhabitants.

The village is home to the last known community of Kawéskar people, designated a Living Human Treasure by UNESCO. You can meet freely and chat with the locals. You'll admire their synergy with local plants and marine animals and no doubt respect their desire to protect their precious history and customs.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Roald Amundsen

# Day 21

## Tortel, Chile

Explore Caleta Tortel, the timber town built on stilts

Thanks to the melting ice of the surrounding glaciers, the waters around Caleta Tortel are an eye-catching mixture of turquoise and milky-blue colours. If the weather cooperates, you'll be able to get up close to the water on a kayaking excursion.

There are no streets within the village per se, but instead there's a labyrinthine walkway system that you can wander around. Typical of Chilotan architecture, many of the houses are constructed on stilts. You'll enjoy a signature warm welcome from the locals and maybe even a performance by folk dancers. A village tour with a local guide is available as an optional extra.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Roald Amundsen

### Day 22

#### 🚊 Day at Sea

Enjoy the blue waters of Patagonia as we travel in the wake of some famous explorers

Your expedition cruise continues north through the waters of Patagonia. When Magellan sailed here in 1520, he named the allegedly gigantic locals 'Patagons' after a related literary character in a Spanish novel. The name stuck. Fortunately, the only giants that inhabit Patagonia are the whales you'll be scanning the seas for as we sail.

There will be more interesting lectures to attend, perhaps about seabirds, geography or indigenous culture. Join an Art Workshop where you can paint something from your experiences so far, or dive into one of the Citizen Science projects in the Science Center.

Meals: All Meals Onboard



#### a Castro, Chile

Colourful houses on stilts, craft markets and history - welcome to Castro

Set amidst windswept hills and lush green flora, Castro is the capital of Chiloé Island. Most visitors make a beeline for Gamboa wharf district to see the famous palafitos - brightly painted wooden houses built atop stilts along Fiordo de Castro. But this little city has so much more to offer.

Head to the main town square to visit the UNESCO-listed church, Iglesia San Francisco. The contemporary Museum of Modern Art of Chiloé is equally worth a visit. Hungry? Sample the local cuisine in one of the many great restaurants. An optional excursion to Chiloé National Park nearby is also available.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Roald Amundsen

# Day 24

# 🚊 Niebla, Chile

Niebla, the small seaside town with a wonderfully preserved fort

Niebla, Spanish for 'fog', is set on a picturesque peninsula with views of Corral Bay on one side and the mouth of Valdivia River on the other. Take a stroll on the wide beach and, if the market Feria Costumbrista is open, you can sample traditional empanadas, antichuchos, churros and more.

You'll likely spend most of your time here exploring the ruins of the old Spanish fort. Learn more about the region's strategic history in the museum, walk around the lighthouse, pose next to the row of rusted canons, and take in the beautiful views across the river and bay.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Roald Amundsen

### Day 25

# 🔔 Day at Sea

Make the most of your time on MS Roald Amundsen, whether you prefer scanning the seas for birds and marine life, sitting in a hot tub on deck, or enjoying your favourite drink in the Explorer Lounge & Bar. The Expedition Team will recap the highlights of your cruise and keep you engaged. Our onboard photographer may even present a slideshow of photos taken on your adventurous expedition cruise.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Roald Amundsen

### Day 26

### Valparaíso

Your 26-day expedition cruise ends when we reach the seaport of Valparaíso - a city built on steep hillsides overlooking the ocean. This UNESCO-listed city is a maze of monuments, churches, historical funicular lifts, cobblestone alleys, colourful houses and charming plazas.

As you bid farewell to MS Roald Amundsen, as well as the crew and the Expedition Team, we feel sure that you'll be basking in the glow of experiencing some of the most beautiful scenery on the planet. Perhaps you'll already be planning your next trip ... if so, we look forward to welcoming you on board again soon!

#### Post-Programme:

You'll likely be fascinated by this colourful and unusual city, so why not arrange to stick around for an extra day or two and join an optional city tour followed by an overnight in Santiago de Chile. From here, you can also join a Post-Programme to Easter Island, famous for its mysterious statues of giant heads. Ask our Friendly Customer Team for more details.

Meals: Breakfast



# **Inclusions & Exclusions**

#### **Inclusions**

- Flight in economy class from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia
- Overnight in Buenos Aires before the expedition cruise, including breakfast
- Transfer from the hotel in Buenos Aires to Buenos Aires airport before the expedition cruise
- Transfer between Ushuaia airport and the ship, including a brief tour of the town
- Expedition cruise in a cabin of your choice
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner including beverages (house beer and wine, sodas, and mineral water) in restaurants Aune and Fredheim
- À la carte restaurant Lindstrøm included for suite guests
- Complimentary tea and coffee
- Complimentary Wi-Fi on board. Be aware that we sail in remote areas with limited connection. Streaming is not supported.
- Complimentary reusable water bottle to use at water refill stations on board
- · English-speaking Expedition Team who organise and accompany activities on board and ashore
- Range of included activities
- Experts on the Expedition Team deliver in-depth lectures on a variety of topics
- Use of the ship's Science Center which has an extensive library and advanced biological and geological microscopes
- Citizen Science programme allows guests to assist with live scientific research
- Professional onboard photographer gives top tips and tricks for the best landscape and wildlife photos
- Use of the ship's hot tubs, panoramic sauna, outdoor and indoor gyms and outdoor running track
- Informal gatherings with the crew such as daily recaps and preparation for the day to come
- Escorted landings with small expedition boats
- Loan of boots, trekking poles and all equipment for activities
- Complimentary wind and water-resistant expedition jacket
- Expedition Photographers help with your camera settings

#### **Exclusions**

- International Flights
- Travel Insurance
- Visas
- Luggage handling
- Optional shore excursions with our local partners
- Optional small-group activities with our Expedition Team
- Optional treatments in the onboard wellness and spa area

## **About your Expedition Ship:**

Named after the first man to cross Antarctica and to reach the South Pole, MS Roald Amundsen leads the way towards an even more sustainable way of travelling. The ship is specially constructed for voyages in polar waters. It serves as a comfortable base camp at sea – bringing adventurers from all over the world to the most spectacular destinations in the most sustainable way.

**About your Cabin:** High deck cabins with balcony. Spacious cabins, different sizes, flexible sleeping arrangements, some with sofabed, TV, kettle, tea and coffee. Please note: This cabin is automatically made with a double bed. To order twin beds, please notify us at time of booking.

Upgrades: If you are wanting to upgrade your cabin, you can select your choice on check out.

Group Size: Up to 530 guests on board.

**ID:** A Passport with 6 months validity is required to be taken with you to board the cruise ship.

Insurance: All guests must have travel insurance to participate on this tour and will be required to show this prior to departure.

Level of fitness: All participants should be in good general health, able to walk reasonable distances over sometimes uneven terrain, and stand during excursions.

**Travel Insurance:** We recommend Covermore travel insurance. To quote and book, please click HERE.

Travelling on your own? Why not join the Traveldream Solo Travellers Facebook group where you can interact with other travellers.