## RANDY'S ADVENTURES presents

# Journey to the Frozen Continent: An Antarctic Expedition

It is a profound experience to set eyes upon **Antarctica** for the first time. **Breathtaking vistas, otherworldly wildlife** and the journey itself leave an indelible mark on visitors. Here is a land of paradoxes: the world's biggest desert that is also the world's largest ice sheet, nearly two miles thick. Virtually unexplored just 150 years ago, this continent belongs to no nation, and is protected by an international treaty for peaceful scientific pursuit. Set sail from **Ushuaia** to **South Shetland Islands,** renowned for their spectacular landscapes. Explore the untamed beauty of Antarctica on board Atlas Ocean Voyages state-of-the-art expedition vessel and experience a journey like no other to *one of the world's last unexplored territories*.

January 5 or 7, 2025 - January 21, 2025



### Buenos Aires & Iguazú Falls

#### \*OPTIONAL\* PRE-CRUISE

<u>Saturday</u>, <u>January 5:</u> Meet, transfer to the airport, and travel to Buenos Aires!

<u>Sunday</u>, <u>January 6</u>: Arrive to <u>Buenos Aires</u> and check into your hotel. After, enjoy local cuisine and take a walking tour of <u>Recoleta Cemetery</u>. This night, freshen up at the hotel and enjoy an <u>authentic tango show</u>.

Monday, January 7: Immerse yourself in the enchanting scenery of Iguazu Falls one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Explore further with an exciting Zodiac safari around the cascades. Return to the hotel for dinner.

<u>Tuesday</u>, <u>January 8</u>: Enjoy breakfast and transfer back to the falls to witness the power of **Devil's Throat**, the largest curtain of **14 waterfalls dropping over 260 feet**. Lunch will be at the national parks restaurant. From there, travel back to Buenos Aires and experience local flavors of Argentina.

<u>Wednesday, January 9:</u> After checking out of the hotel, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Ushuaia to embark on your Antarctic Expedition.



**DAY ONE & TWO:** Tuesday, January 7 & Wednesday, January 8

Travel from MSP to Buenos Aires and onto Ushuaia.

#### DAY THREE - Ushuaia: Thursday, January 9

Although its nickname the "End of the World" – derived from its location along the southernmost tip of South America among the Tierra del Fuego archipelago – Ushuaia is far from the end of any adventure. Where the Andes meet the Beagle Channel and the snow-capped Martial Mountains sit behind a sprawling city of colorful buildings, lies a lively town. Scenes like Parque Yatana give you the chance to immerse yourself in the rich, indigenous culture.















#### DAY FOUR & FIVE - At Sea, Drake Passage:

Friday, January 10 & Saturday, January 11

Navigating the intrepid **Drake Passage** is made for the boldest of explorers. **Petrels and albatrosses** that glide across the skies guide the way. The Drake Passage leads you from **the southernmost region of the Americas to the Antarctic Peninsula**, the northern point of The White Continent. This waterway where cold southern ocean meets warm northern sea water creates powerful currents. The meeting of these waters creates an environment that attracts extraordinary wildlife. Drake Passage offers the chance to witness the likes of **humpback whales and dolphins** that accompany the voyage. While the waterway is famous for its challenging navigation, you may get another side of the Drake Passage. On some occasions, the channel is calm and tranquil.



As you make the voyage across the **Antarctic Circle** at the 66th parallel, you become a "Red Nose," one of the select few who navigate deep into the frontier of The White Continent to make the crossing. It is a feeling of triumph that cannot be beat.

#### **DAY SEVEN through ELEVEN - Captain's**

**Choice:** Monday, January 13 through Wednesday, January 15

Nicknamed The White Continent for its vast expanse of icebergs, snow and glaciers, Antarctica is often the final frontier for experienced explorers to conquer. As you navigate Antarctic waters, you may set foot on sites like Beak Island, Brown Bluff, Cierva Cove, Hidden Bay and many more. Each landing throughout the continent offers its own unique landscape, from expansive tundra to rugged mountain peaks, all beckoning you to follow the paths that few explorers have trekked before.

CAPTAIN'S CHOICE – Captain's Choice ports of call add to the sense of adventure and an element of surprise. Your ship's captain will sail around changing weather conditions as needed and take you to the best areas for wildlife viewing.















#### **DAY TWELVE & THIRTEEN - South Shetland**

Islands: Thursday, January 16 & Friday,

January 17

Part of the greater Antarctica region, the South Shetland Islands contain plenty of wildlife, scenic landscapes, hiking opportunities and magnificent viewpoints. A possible landing on Elephant Island, named for the shape of its cliffside and the elephant seals that call it home, puts you on the same path as the famous Shackleton Expedition. Deception Island, another possible landing and named for its very nature, is in fact a volcanic caldera where you can find heated springs amid the striking black sands. Other stops could include Half Moon Island, Yankee Harbor, Point Wild and Barrientos Island, where you can find plenty of Gentoo penguin.



Drakes Passage: Saturday, January 18 &

Sunday, January 19

Navigate back through Drake's passage. Enjoy on board activities, delicious food, a spa, and much more.

#### DAY SIXTEEN - Ushuaia: Monday, January 20

Arrive back to the beautiful city of Ushuaia. Hope you enjoyed your adventure on board to the *cool* continent of Antartica!

#### **DAY SEVENTEEN:** Tuesday, January 21

Depart today with memories of beautiful Antartica. Safe travels home.

#### Your 14-16 Night Antartica Adventure Includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- Airport transfers
- All nights' accommodations
- All meals onboard, spirits, beer and wine, water, soft drinks, and specialty coffees onboard
- Daily tours and activities
- All applicable taxes and gratuity
- Randy to handle all the details
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Deposit: \$2,000 pp to reserve your spot

(\$500 nonrefundable)

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Final Payment Due: July 1, 2024

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