



2016 ANTARCTIC PENINSULA CRUISE ABOARD M/V SEA SPIRIT

Best of Antarctica

Vessel: m/v Sea Spirit

Embarkation: Ushuaia

Disembarkation: Ushuaia

Pricing from: \$5,995

Departure: Nov 24, 2016

Arrival: Dec 5, 2016

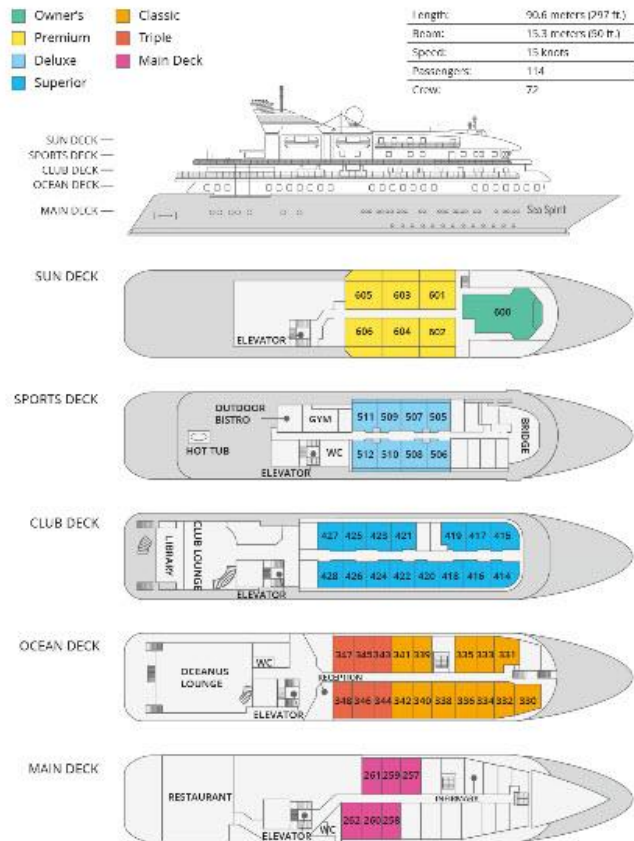
Duration: 12 days

Other Dates Available!



DECK PLAN M/V SEA SPIRIT

Season 2017-18



CABIN CATEGORY	RATE PER PERSON
TRIPLE CLASSIC	\$ 7.196 \$ 7.995
MAIN DECK SUITE	\$ 10.076 \$ 11.195
CLASSIC SUITE	\$ 10.886 \$ 12.095
SUPERIOR SUITE	\$ 10.451 \$ 12.295
DELUXE SUITE	\$ 11.726 \$ 13.795
PREMIUM SUITE	\$ 12.746 \$ 14.995
OWNERS SUITE	\$ 17.591 \$ 20.695

Cruise rates are quoted per person and based on passengers sharing a cabin. Single supplement: 1.7 for Main Deck and Classic, Superior Suite; 2 for Deluxe, Premium and Owner's Suite.



Itinerary

Day 1. Ushuaia, Argentina.



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Despite its small size, the city of Ushuaia is the world's southernmost city, the capital of Tierra del Fuego and the main starting point for voyages to Antarctica.

Admire the surrounded views of Beagle Channel and the Andes Mountains. If you arrived early, you may want to visit Tierra del Fuego National Park, the southernmost on the planet. Stroll along the main street of Avenue San Martin, and pause at one of the many cafes, shops or restaurants.

Day 2. Ushuaia, embarkation.



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This afternoon, embark the Sea Spirit and set sail down the picturesque Beagle Channel as the sun sets and dinner is served.

The Captain and our Expedition Team will welcome you and raise a toast to success of our expedition.

Day 3-4. Crossing the Drake Passage.



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The Drake Passage spans 600 miles from the southern tip of to the South Shetland Islands. The Sea Spirit's stabilizer fins will help to make the crossing comfortable.

Lectures and presentations by our friendly team of Antarctic experts prepare us for what lies ahead. At the Antarctic Convergence, watch for sea mammals, albatrosses and petrels in these krill-rich waters. If the Drake has behaved, we will approach the sub-Antarctic South Shetlands during the afternoon of Day 4.



Day 5-6. South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula.



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The Antarctic Peninsula and nearby islands provide exceptional opportunities to discover the unique wildlife and awesome landscapes. Depending on weather and ice conditions, the captain and expedition team will direct the Sea Spirit to a variety of secluded bays and harbors to optimize Zodiac landings and wildlife viewing. While we have a plan, flexibility is the key to successful expedition cruising. With the help of our expedition team, look for the four penguin, six seal and several whale species on your Antarctic checklist. We'll also find a time for our most adventurous travelers to take a polar plunge, perhaps in Neko Harbor or the relatively warm waters of volcanic Deception Island.

Day 7-9. Antarctic Continent.



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As we head south along the Antarctic Peninsula, you'll understand why the imposing, snow-covered Lemaire Channel is called "Kodak Alley." We'll also try to visit a research station during the voyage, although the work schedules of the scientists may not always permit this. At the Ukrainian base of Academician Vernadskiy, you might want to sample the throat-burning gorilka, or Ukrainian pepper vodka, distilled on location. A Zodiac cruise of Paradise Bay, with its many glaciers, offers an experience like no other on the globe. Cruise by massive icebergs, with cracks and crevices reflecting an amazing spectrum of blue colors. Conditions permitting, we'll set foot on the actual Antarctic Continent at Hope Bay or perhaps another site.

Day 10-11. Drake Passage.



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As the Sea Spirit heads back to Ushuaia, there are some final opportunities to ask questions of our Antarctic experts, to share photos and experiences with newfound friends, and to enjoy our festive farewell dinner. Wave goodbye to the birds and whales, until you meet again on your next voyage to the White Continent!



Day 12. Ushuaia, disembarkation.



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Disembark following breakfast, and transfer to the airport or the city centre.

Rates Include

- 1 pre-voyage hotel night in Ushuaia;
- Group transfers from the airport to the hotel in Ushuaia in a day prior to departure;
- Group transfer to the ship on day of embarkation;
- Group transfer to airport or central location upon disembarkation in Ushuaia;
- Shipboard accommodations;
- All scheduled landings/excursions;
- Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Leader & Expedition Team;
- All meals on board throughout the voyage;
- Tea and coffee station 24 hours daily;
- Welcome and Farewell cocktails;
- Rubber boots for shore landings for the time of the cruise;
- Branded Poseidon Expeditions parka;
- All port fees;
- Pre-departure materials;
- Digital Voyage Log.

Rates Do Not Include

- Airfare;
- Visa and passport fees (if applicable);
- Luggage and trip cancellation insurance;
- Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages other than those for special events and celebrations;
- Personal expenses such as laundry and onboard communication (telephone calls, faxes, and e-mail service);
- Fuel surcharge may be applied for all bookings;
- Emergency Evacuation Insurance to a minimum benefit of USD 150,000;
- Staff gratuities;
- Pre- or post-cruise travel expenses.

Itinerary, landings and all other activities during the cruise depend strongly on ice and weather conditions and are subject to the decisions of the Expedition Leader and the Captain of the vessel. Encounters with any mentioned wildlife cannot be guaranteed.



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