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# AMAZING ANTARCTICA & ARGENTINA

**24 DAYS**



## 2020 DEPARTURES

DATE	TWIN	SOLO
1 Nov - 24 Nov 20	\$21,995*	\$30,995*
<b>Solo traveller twin share cruise:</b>		<b>\$22,995*</b>

For additional information on this trip, including tour suitability and activity levels, please refer to the detailed trip notes at [www.escortedescapes.com.au](http://www.escortedescapes.com.au). Prices are per person.

Solo traveller - Single room is provided with all land arrangements and solo use cabin on board the cruise. Solo traveller twin share cruise - Single room is provided with all land arrangements with the exception of Ushuaia and twin share cabin on board the cruise. You will be matched with someone of the same gender for the shared accommodation in Ushuaia and cabin on the cruise.

All cruise pricing is based on Category 3 outside cabin with picture window. Other cabin types may be available. Please contact us for pricing.

\* Dates are subject to change upon cruise departure confirmation.

## THE ESCORTED ESCAPES INCLUSIONS

- ✓ AIRFARES INCLUDED\*
- ✓ FULLY ESCORTED HOLIDAYS\*
- ✓ VISAS, TRANSFERS, TIPPING INCLUDED\*
- ✓ SMALL GROUPS\*
- ✓ INCLUSIVE SIGHTSEEING\*

## TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Set foot on Antarctica – the world's least visited continent
- Discover the Antarctic and its monstrous glaciers, immense icebergs and fields of ice that seem to stretch on forever
- Learn about the wonders of the Antarctic region from expert guides and historians onboard the MS Expedition, an intimate small ship with maximum capacity of 134 passengers
- Visit the Perito Moreno Glacier in the famous Patagonia region
- Explore the amazing Lakes District of Argentina and the stunning scenery of Bariloche
- Get up close with the unique wildlife of the Antarctic region, including penguins, whales, seals, and seabirds
- Opt to take the polar plunge and jump into the frigid waters of the Antarctic - an experience few ever forget!\*



# AMAZING ANTARCTICA & ARGENTINA

**DAY 1 AUSTRALIA - BUENOS AIRES**

Our Escorted Escape begins today as we fly from Australia to Buenos Aires. On arrival we'll be transferred to our hotel. This evening is at your leisure.

**Accommodation:** Pestana Hotel

**DAY 2 BUENOS AIRES**

Our day begins with a city tour of local neighbourhoods. Visit the city's second oldest church and the celebrated Recoleta Cemetery. In the evening, discover the beauty and passion of Argentine culture at a traditional tango show and dinner.

**Meals:** B + D **Accommodation:** Pestana Hotel

**DAY 3 BUENOS AIRES**

Venture beyond the city on a tour to the Paraná Delta, the world's third largest river delta. Enjoy a break from the hustle and bustle of city life on a relaxing boat ride, viewing landmarks that line the waterways, including Sarmiento's historic home and museum.

**Meals:** B **Accommodation:** Pestana Hotel

**DAY 4 BARILOCHE**

Today we fly from Buenos Aires to Bariloche, a city spectacularly situated in the foothills of the Andes on the southern shores of Nahuel Huapi Lake. On arrival, we transfer to our hotel and spend the rest of the day at leisure.

**Meals:** B **Accommodation:** Cacique Inacayal Lake & Spa

**DAY 5 BARILOCHE**

Enjoy a morning tour along the southern shore of the lake to Mount Campanario, where we take a chairlift ride to the summit to enjoy the incredible views of this wonderful region. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon and evening at leisure in this picturesque town.

**Meals:** B **Accommodation:** Cacique Inacayal Lake & Spa

**DAY 6 BARILOCHE**

Today we travel along the Route of the Seven Lakes to beautiful Lake Laka and the mountain village of San Martin de los Andes. En-route back to Bariloche, we visit the Traful and Limay rivers, as well as the stunning Enchanted Valley. Later, we will regroup for dinner at a local restaurant.

**Meals:** B + D **Accommodation:** Cacique Inacayal Lake & Spa

**DAY 7 EL CALAFATE**

We continue south into the Patagonia region of Argentina as we fly from Bariloche to El Calafate, the gateway to Los Glaciares National Park. Spend the rest of today exploring El Calafate at your leisure.

**Meals:** B **Accommodation:** Kosten Aike Hotel

**DAY 8 EL CALAFATE**

Experience the Patagonia region up close today as we visit the Perito Moreno Glacier. Walk the trails to the stunning viewpoints and take a boat ride across the glacial lagoon to fully appreciate the beauty of the area.

**Meals:** B **Accommodation:** Kosten Aike Hotel

**DAY 9 USHUAIA**

Today we fly to Ushuaia, the gateway to the Antarctic region, in preparation for our expedition. Experience the charm of the world's southernmost city before enjoying a group dinner at a local restaurant.

**Meals:** B + D **Accommodation:** Albatross Hotel



**DAY 10 BEAGLE CHANNEL**

Enjoy a free morning in Ushuaia. Do some last minute shopping or explore the town and surrounding countryside. Embarkation for our Antarctic expedition begins this afternoon in the port in Ushuaia. This evening we'll be sailing through the Beagle Channel.

Meals: B + D Accommodation: MS Expedition

**DAY 11 DRAKE PASSAGE**

The adventure continues with an 800km crossing of the Drake Passage, named in honour of 16th-century English sea captain and privateer Sir Francis Drake. Along the way there will be ample time to get acquainted with the ship and its facilities.

Meals: B + L + D Accommodation: MS Expedition

**DAY 12 SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS**

Enjoy daily lectures from the expert historians, marine biologists and naturalists that make up your expedition team. Learn about the extraordinary human and natural history of this awe-inspiring region.

Meals: B + L + D Accommodation: MS Expedition

**DAY 13 SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS/ANTARCTIC PENINSULA**

This is what you've been waiting for - a chance to step foot on the Great White Continent! Hop into one of the Zodiacs and take the quick, safe trip from the ship to the shore to get up close to towering icebergs, glaciers and amazing wildlife.

Meals: B + L + D Accommodation: MS Expedition

**DAY 14 ANTARCTIC PENINSULA**

Over the next few days, we explore the world's southernmost ecosystem. The crew will aim to get you ashore twice a day to enhance your experience and provide as many opportunities as possible to see the unique wildlife.

Meals: B + L + D Accommodation: MS Expedition

**DAY 15 ANTARCTIC PENINSULA**

During our voyage you'll have the opportunity to learn about some of the most important and dramatic expeditions in Antarctic history. There will be two more excursions today, depending on the weather and ice conditions.

Meals: B + L + D Accommodation: MS Expedition

**DAY 16 ANTARCTIC PENINSULA**

Continue exploring today with another two shore landings (weather permitting). You might encounter Gentoo, Chinstrap and Adélie penguin rookeries, Weddell, Crabeater and Leopard seals, and Killer, Humpback and Minke whales in the cold Antarctic waters.

Meals: B + L + D Accommodation: MS Expedition

**DAY 17 ANTARCTIC PENINSULA**

Feeling adventurous? You have the opportunity to take the polar plunge and jump into the frigid waters of the Antarctic! It's an experience few ever forget, so why not convince your fellow travellers to join in too? Depending on weather conditions, the polar plunge will be available between days 14 and 18.

Meals: B + L + D Accommodation: MS Expedition

**DAY 18 ANTARCTIC PENINSULA**

Continue through the Antarctic peninsula today, making the most of our last days in the Antarctic region.

Meals: B + L + D Accommodation: MS Expedition

**DAY 19 DRAKE PASSAGE**

Today begin the journey north towards the port of Ushuaia. Take the time to reflect on the highlights of your Antarctic experience with your group and onboard lecturers.

Meals: B + L + D Accommodation: MS Expedition

**DAY 20 DRAKE PASSAGE**

As we leave Antarctica and head north, the best way to experience the Drake Passage is to be on deck, looking out for albatross and whales. In between bird and whale watching, enjoy some final lectures from the expedition staff.

Meals: B + L + D Accommodation: MS Expedition

**DAY 21 BUENOS AIRES**

This morning we'll disembark the MS Expedition and transfer to the airport for our flight to Buenos Aires. On arrival we'll be transferred to our hotel, where you will spend the evening at your leisure.

Meals: B Accommodation: Pestana Hotel

**DAY 22 BUENOS AIRES - AUSTRALIA**

Today is at leisure for you to enjoy the city of Buenos Aires and do some last minute shopping, before a late check out of the hotel. In the evening, we'll be transferred to the airport for our flight back to Australia.

Meals: B

**DAY 23 IN TRANSIT**

Today will be spent travelling.

**DAY 24 AUSTRALIA**

Our Escorted Escape ends. On arrival, farewell your new friends and tour host as you head home.



# TOP 10 REASONS TO TRAVEL WITH US

“Once a year,  
go someplace you’ve  
never been before.”

Dalai Lama

## AUSTRALIAN-BASED TOUR HOST

Each and every tour is hosted by an experienced travel professional. Our hosts have travelled extensively themselves and have a passion for exploring our wonderful world. We are there to liaise with the local operators to ensure you relax and enjoy your holiday while we take care of the details.

## AIRFARES INCLUDED

Every Escorted Escape includes return economy airfares from Australia (Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne or Adelaide), plus all internal flights as per the itinerary. For available upgrades (at additional cost) or departures from Australian cities not listed above please contact your consultant for pricing. We generally use premium airlines for all long haul travel, to give you the most direct flights and best connection times to our destination. Deviations from the group are often possible, please contact your consultant who will customise your itinerary to make the most of your trip.

## SMALL GROUPS

We offer a small-group experience on all of our Escorted Escapes. We guarantee our group size will never exceed 20 travellers on any one tour. With fewer travellers in our groups, you'll spend less time checking into hotels and getting on (and off) transport and more time seeing the sights.

## INCLUSIVE SIGHTSEEING

While our trips are leisurely paced, we pride ourselves on including the very best sightseeing on offer in each location. Please refer to the itinerary and trip notes for daily inclusions. Optional activities (at additional cost) may also be available in certain locations.

## VISAS, TIPPING & TRANSFERS INCLUDED

We believe travel should be simple and easy for you, which is why we include as many costs as possible, including transfers from your home to the airport (to the value of \$100). Visa costs for Australian passport holders are also included in every tour. We take care of tipping for group activities as well as for your tour leader, local guides and drivers.

## UNIQUE ITINERARIES

Each itinerary is carefully planned and unique to Escorted Escapes. They are individually designed with our clientele in mind, reflecting our extensive travel industry experience and valued customer feedback. We prefer to travel at a leisurely pace, minimising one night stays in favour of two and three-night stays at key destinations.

## OUR ACCOMMODATION

We use a range of quality accommodation including hotels, lodges, luxury tented

camps and cruise cabins. We take pride in selecting the best locations and guarantee that all accommodation includes private ensuite facilities. With our small group sizes, we have the flexibility to stay in smaller boutique properties, where available, to further enhance your travel experience. Please refer to the trip itinerary for the hotels we have carefully selected for your trip\*.

## TOUR LEADERS & LOCAL GUIDES

Each of our trips include a local English-speaking tour leader who is your destination expert, in addition to your Australian-based tour host. We also utilise the services of expert local guides where appropriate to enhance your experience in the key destinations.

## SOLO TRAVELLERS

If you're travelling solo you don't need to be travelling alone. With our Escorted Escapes, you have the opportunity to travel with a whole new set of friends. Our single supplements are designed to keep the cost down and remove the stress of travelling by yourself.

## MEAL INCLUSIONS

Breakfast is included each day for your convenience. We also offer a selection of included meals as per the trip itinerary, while allowing plenty of opportunities for you to sample the local cuisine at your leisure.

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