



## EPIC ANTARCTICA: CROSSING THE CIRCLE VIA FALKLANDS AND SOUTH GEORGIA

Cruise dates: January 21 – February 12, 2022

Ship: **Ultramarine sailing with 199 guests**

**23 days plus international flights**



### Itinerary overview:

- 1/20/22 Depart Denver for Buenos Aires (EZE airport)
- 1/21/22 Arrive Buenos Aires and transfer to hotel – leisure time to explore the city.
- 1/22/22 After breakfast, transfer to the domestic airport (AEP) for the charter flight to Ushuaia. Some free time in downtown Ushuaia, then embark on the incredible Ultramarine.
- 1/23/22 Day at sea to start learning about the ship and your upcoming destinations.



1/24 & 1/25 Welcome to the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas)! This will be your first introduction to the abundant wildlife with your daily Zodiac excursions and landings. Then the eclectic town of Port Stanley will give you a glimpse into a unique British outpost.

1/26 & 1/27 Sailing east to South Georgia, you will officially enter Antarctic waters. Your knowledgeable Expedition Team will help you look out for seabirds and marine life on the way and start educating you on the local flora and fauna you will encounter on South Georgia.



1/28 – 1/31 Get ready for some amazing sites as you are welcomed to South Georgia by hundreds of thousands of pairs of king penguins and thousands of fur or elephant seals as well. No wonder it is referred to as the “Galapagos of the Southern Ocean.”

2/1 & 2/2

Say goodbye to the king penguins and get ready for Antarctica! Your days at sea are filled with presentations, lectures and workshops led by your Expedition Team to prepare you for an unforgettable experience!



2/3 – 2/5

South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula – you will discover that Antarctica is a land of extremes: at one moment you'll be overcome with a feeling of complete silence and solitude; the next, you'll be laughing at the comical antics of a curious penguin. The experience is so hard to put into words and you will often feel like you are on another planet. Every day offers something new as your Zodiac landings take you to scenic and historic sites. While on the Zodiacs you may come eye to eye with a curious Antarctic minke whale or catch sight of the fearless leopard seal on the hunt. For the adventurous, perhaps an optional kayaking excursion or take the famous Polar Plunge! We will for sure be there to take your photo!



2/6 & 2/7

Crossing the Antarctic Circle is both a memorable and impressive achievement, as few travelers reach so far south. You will toast the first explorers who ventured here and be in awe of the home of the midnight sun. This is raw Antarctica!



2/8 & 2/9

Continue northbound along the peninsula and marvel at this fantasy land that Mother Nature has created. Take in the stunning beauty, fascinating wildlife and exquisite icebergs that surround you as you will soon be homebound.



2/10 & 2/11

Return to Ushuaia via the unpredictable and exciting Drake Passage, an adventure unto itself. Enjoy sharing stories and photos and reflecting on your remarkable Antarctic adventure with fellow guests.

2/12

Disembark in Ushuaia in the morning after breakfast and discover a little taste of Patagonia with a tour to Tierra del Fuego National Park before transferring to the airport for the return charter flight to Buenos Aires (EZE) airport where you will connect to your international flight back to the U.S.

2/13

After your overnight flight, arrive home on Sunday morning.

**Important reminder:** Embracing the unexpected is part of the legacy – and excitement – of expedition travel. There are no guarantees that we can achieve everything we set out to accomplish. A measure of flexibility is something all of us must bring to a voyage. There are nearly 200 recognized sites in the Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetlands and the places mentioned above may be changed to others equally as interesting.