

Antarctic Expedition Cruise Aboard the Ponant Ship L'Austral

December 2021 – January 2022

Antarctica - the southernmost continent in the world

The Ponant Antarctic expedition started in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where members met and flew to Ushuaia to board L'Austral. Leaving Ushuaia via the Beagle Channel, the ship headed across the Drake Passage, where according to Wikipedia over 20,000 sailors have died and 800 shipwrecks lie under the water. After Zodiac landings on both sides of the Antarctic peninsula, the ship headed to South Georgia Island with a stop at the South Orkney Islands. After several stops at South Georgia, the ship cruised to the Falkland Islands before returning to Ushuaia for the trip home. This was the reverse of the planned route because the Falklands had an on-ship quarantine period before allowing visitors.



Buenos Aires & Ushuaia



Museum Ship, ARA Presidente Sarmiento,
Puerto Madero, Buenos Aires



Monument to General Manuel Belgrano and
Argentinian Flag, Buenos Aires



Casa Rosada (Presidential Palace) and Monument to General Manuel Belgrano, Buenos Aires



The Piramide de Mayo in the Plaza de Mayo, Buenos Aires



Main Altar Catedral Metropolitana de Buenos Aires



Catedral Metropolitana de Buenos Aires



Nativity Display at Catedral Metropolitana de Buenos Aires



Flying into Ushuaia, Argentina



Ushuaia Harbor from Chez Manu Restaurant, Ushuaia



Andes Mountains Along the Beagle Channel Leaving Ushuaia



Approaching Aitcho Islands, View from Bow of Ship



Mr. Happy on Board L'Austral

Barrientos Island



Gentoo Penguin Colony, Barrientos Island



Gentoo Penguin Colony, Barrientos Island



Mr. Happy on Barrientos Island



Zodiac Landing on Barrientos Island



Hiking from Landing Site on Barrientos Island



Gentoo Penguins, Barrientos Island



Gentoo Penguin, Barrientos Island



Gentoo Penguin and Chick, Barrientos Island



Chinstrap Penguin, Barrientos Island



Chinstrap Penguins and Chick, Barrientos Island



Sentinel Chinstrap Penguin, Barrientos Island



Dejected Gentoo Penguin, Barrientos Island



Gentoo Penguins on Nests, Barrientos Island



Chinstrap Penguins, Barrientos Island

Enroute to Brown Bluff (landing aborted due to weather)



Large Tabular Iceberg and Glacier



Icebergs and Glacier



Glacier and Tabular Iceberg in Front of Brown Bluff



Glacier



Iceberg on Route to Brown Bluff



Glacier on Island Enroute to Brown Bluff



Adelie Penguins on Iceberg



Icebergs with Adelie Penguins



Adelie Penguins on Iceberg



Icebergs with Adelie Penguins



Large Tabular Iceberg



Icebergs and Glacier



Iceberg Enroute to Brown Bluff



Esperanza Base Research Station, Hope Bay, Trinity Peninsula



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Devil Island



Icebergs and L'Austral Off Devil Island



Devil Island, James Ross Island Group, Antarctic Peninsula



Devil Island Glacier



Icebergs Off Devil Island



Icebergs Off Devil Island



Zodiac Cruise Among Icebergs Off Devil Island



Blue Iceberg on Devil Island Beach



Adelie Penguin Colony on Devil Island



Adelie Penguins on Devil Island



Adelie Penguins on Devil Island



Adelie Penguin on Devil Island



Adelle Penguins on Devil Island



Adelie Penguins on Devil Island



Adelie Penguins on Devil Island



Adelie Penguin in Iceberg, Devil Island



Hiking on Devil Island



Hiking to Adelie Penguin Colony on Devil Island



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Mr. Happy on Devil Island Iceberg



Becky on Iceberg with Penguins, Devil Island



Becky and Jim Hiking on Devil Island

Pitt Point, Continental Antarctica



Icebergs Off Pitt Point



Icebergs Off Pitt Point

Pitt Point Landing, Continental Antarctica



Zodiac Landing at Pitt Point, Antarctic Continent



Climbing the Pitt Point Glacier



View from Pitt Point



Mr. Happy on Pitt Point



Becky and Jim on the Pitt Point Glacier



Sunset Leaving Pitt Point



Sunset on Leaving Pitt Point, Antarctic Continent

Iceberg Landing on the Way to Snowhill Island



Zodiac Landing on Tabular Iceberg off James Ross Island



Penguins on Tabular Iceberg, L'Austral in Background



Becky Finds a Soft Spot in the Iceberg



Becky and Jim at Iceberg Landing

Snowhill Island



Icebergs Enroute to Snowhill Island



Iceberg Off Snowhill Island



Icebergs Off Snowhill Island



L'Austral Off Snowhill Island



Zodiac Headed for Snowhill Island Landing



Snowhill Island Beach with Icebergs



Ice Pack Around Snowhill Island



Hiking on Snowhill Island



Swedish Expedition Cabin (1901-03) on Snowhill Island



Swedish Expedition Cabin (1901-03) on Snowhill Island



Hiking on Snowhill Island



Snowhill Island Beach with Icebergs

Gibbon Bay & Coronation Island, South Orkney Islands



Islands on Route to South Orkney Islands



Scenery Enroute to South Orkney Islands



Glacier Scenery Enroute to South Orkney Islands



Coronation Island, South Orkney Islands



Zodiacs Cruising Gibbon Bay, East Coast of Coronation Island



Zodiac Cruising Gibbon Bay, East Coast of Coronation Island



Zodiacs Cruising Gibbon Bay, East Coast of Coronation Island



Coronation Island Glacier

South Georgia Island



Approaching Grytviken (Former Whaling Station), South Georgia Island

Grytviken

(Former Whaling Station)



Antarctic Fur Seals and Shipwrecks Along the Beach at Grytviken



Beached Shipwreck at Grytviken



Former Whaling Town of Grytviken, South Georgia Island



Expedition Zodiac Landing, Grytviken, South Georgia Island



Seals Along the Beach and Grytviken Cemetery, South Georgia Island



Hillside with Memorial Crosses, Grytviken



Grave of Ernest Shackleton, Grytviken



Norwegian Anglican Church (the Whalers Church), Grytviken



Norwegian Anglican Church (the Whalers Church), Grytviken



The Norwegian Anglican Church and L'Austral, Grytviken



Antarctic Fur Seals at Grytviken, South Georgia Island



Southern Giant Petrel at Grytviken



Antarctic Fur Seals Along the Beach at Grytviken



Antarctic Fur Seals Along the Beach at Grytviken



White Antarctic Fur Seal Pup, Grytviken



King Penguin, Grytviken, South Georgia Island



Catastrophically Molting King Penguin, Grytviken



Juvenile Antarctic Fur Seals at Grytviken



Southern Elephant Seal, Grytviken, South Georgia Island



Antarctic Fur Seal Pup, Grytviken



Antarctic Fur Seal Close-up, Grytviken, South Georgia Island



King Penguins, Grytviken, South Georgia Island



Island Scene Leaving Grytviken for Fortuna Bay



Island Scene Leaving Grytviken for Fortuna Bay



Island Scene Enroute to Fortuna Bay



Island Scene Enroute to Fortuna Bay



Island Scene Approaching Fortuna Bay



Stromness Bay Whaling Station (abandoned), South Georgia Island

Fortuna Bay, South Georgia Island



King Penguins and Landing Party, Fortuna Bay, South Georgia Island



Hiking Among the Seals, Fortuna Bay, South Georgia Island



King Penguins at Fortuna Bay, South Georgia Island



King Penguins at Fortuna Bay, South Georgia Island



King Penguins and Antarctic Fur Seals at Fortuna Bay, South Georgia Island



King Penguins, Fortuna Bay, South Georgia Island



King Penguins, Fortuna Bay, South Georgia Island



Antarctic Fur Seal Close-up, Fortuna Bay



White Antarctic Fur Seal Pup at Fortuna Bay, South Georgia Island



Antarctic Fur Seals in Stream, Fortuna Bay



Antarctic Fur Seal Pup in Grass, Fortuna Bay



Antarctic Fur Seal Pups, Fortuna Bay



Scenery Enroute to St. Andrew's Bay



Scenery Enroute to St. Andrew's Bay



Scenery Enroute to St. Andrew's Bay

St. Andrew's Bay, South Georgia Island



King Penguin Colony, St. Andrew's Bay, South Georgia Island



King Penguin Colony, St. Andrew's Bay, South Georgia Island



King Penguin Colony, St. Andrew's Bay, South Georgia Island



King Penguin Colony, St. Andrew's Bay, South Georgia Island



King Penguin Colony, St. Andrew's Bay, South Georgia Island



King Penguins, St. Andrew's Bay, South Georgia Island



River Crossing on Hike at St. Andrew's Bay, South Georgia Island



King Penguins at River, St. Andrew's Bay, South Georgia Island



King Penguins Crossing Stream, St. Andrew's Bay, South Georgia Island



Mr. Happy and King Penguin Colony, St. Andrew's Bay, South Georgia Island



King Penguin Colony, St. Andrew's Bay, South Georgia Island



King Penguin Colony, St. Andrew's Bay, South Georgia Island



Elephant Seals, King Penguins and L'Austral, St. Andrew's Bay



Elephant Seals and King Penguins, St. Andrew's Bay



King Penguins and Glacier, St. Andrew's Bay



King Penguins, St. Andrew's Bay, South Georgia Island



Juvenile King Penguin, St. Andrew's Bay



King Penguin Chick, St. Andrew's Bay



King Penguins, St. Andrew's Bay



King Penguins, St. Andrew's Bay



St. Andrew's Bay Panorama



King Penguin Colony, St. Andrew's Bay



King Penguin Colony, St. Andrew's Bay



South Georgia Island Glacier

New Island, North Harbor & South Harbor, The Falklands



Beach at North Harbor, New Island, Falklands



Beach at North Harbor, New Island, Falklands



Morning Hike, New Island North Harbor, Falkland Islands



Morning Hike, New Island North Harbor, Falkland Islands



Oyster Catchers, North Harbor, New Island, Falklands



Oyster Catcher, North Harbor, New Island, Falklands



Gentoo Penguins, New Island, Falklands



Magellanic Penguins, New Island, Falklands



Magellanic Penguin, New Island, Falklands



Zodiac Landing at New Island, South Harbor, Falkland Islands



Derelict Ship, New Island, South Harbor, Falkland Islands



Hikers, Rock Hopper Penguins and Albatross, New Island



Nesting Albatoss, New Island, Falklands



Rock Hopper Colony and Albatross Nesting Area, New Island



Rockhopper Penguin at New Island, South Harbor, Falkland Islands



Rockhopper Penguin and Chicks at New Island, South Harbor, Falkland Islands



Black-browed Albatross with Chick on Rock Nest, New Island, Falklands



Rockhopper Penguin at New Island, Falklands



Albatross in Flight, New Island, Falklands

End of the Cruise at the End of the World

Becky and Mr. Happy at Ushuaia Sign, End of the Antarctic Expedition

