

JOIN KOSHER TRAVELERS FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE SHABBAT WEEKEND IN BUENOS AIRES, FOLLOWED BY THE ULTIMATE ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION ABOARD THE M/V SEA SPIRIT, GUIDED BY AN AWARD-WINNING TEAM OF EXPERTS.

# ANTARCTICA ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPEDITION!!!

Antarctica, often referred to as the 7th continent, the land at the end of the world, and the last to be discovered, is truly a realm of extremes.

The southernmost continent has long captivated the hearts of legendary explorers such as Shackleton, Scott, and Amundsen. Drawn by the allure of its mysterious and uncharted territories, these pioneers were driven by a deep desire for discovery, with some even sacrificing their lives in the pursuit of exploring the unknown.

Antarctica remains the most inhospitable terrain on Earth, yet it is precisely this ruggedness that exerts an irresistible allure for those who have ventured to explore nearly every corner of the globe.

We invite you to embark on this extraordinary journey with us, to set foot on the last of the seven continents. This once-in-a-lifetime experience promises to be a defining moment, offering the rare opportunity to witness the unmatched beauty and awe-inspiring challenges of Antarctica up close.

# **FUN FACTS**

- Area 14,000,000 Km<sup>2</sup>
- Population Human 1,000
- Highest continent 2500m
- 70% of Earth's Fresh water
- It's the largest desert on Earth
- 97.6% of surface is under ice
- Ice sheets reach over 4km in depth
- No single country owns Antarctica
- Antarctica has an abundant wildlife
- Antarctica wasn't officially named until 1890
- January & February are the best months to visit
- Enjoy the warmer weather and longer days
- Antarctica currently hosts 70 permanent research stations representing 29 nations.











# WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- 2 Nights Friday & Shabbat Hotel with all Meals in Buenos Aires
- 2. Round trip flights Buenos Aires to-from Ushuaia, Argentina
- 3. 10 Nights on board the M/V Sea Spirit
- 4. Kosher Mehadrin full time Mashgiach
- 5. Snacks & Dinner Wine each night.
- 6. 3 fresh meals per day Executive Chef
- 7. Tea and coffee station 24/7
- 8. Welcome and Farewell cocktails
- 9. Professional guidance and lectures in English experts specializing in Antarctica

- 10. All scheduled landings and zodiac excursions
- 11. Digital Voyage Log
- 12. Wi-Fi on board
- 13. Rubber boots for all shore landings
- 14. Parka Arctic Coat as a souvenir gift
- 15. Prep meeting with our team via Zoom
- 16. IAATO fees and governmental taxes
- 17. Pre-departure materials & all permits

# WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?

- 1. International Flights to-from Buenos Aires
- 2. Airport Transfers
- 3. Optional day tour to Iguazu Falls incl. domestic flight on 5 February
- 4. Phone, internet package
- 5. Kayaking
- 6. Travel & Health Insurance Obligatory
- 7. Gratuity for ship's crew
- 8. Alcohol on board Bar
- 9. Any item not described in "Included"

\$17,995

\$16,795

\$16,295

\$14,495

\$10,995

\$23,495

SUITE OPTIONS AND PRICES  * PRICES ARE IN USD, PER PERSON WITH LIMITED CABIN AVAILABILITY  ** BOOK EARLY TO ENSURE YOUR SUITE OF CHOICE.		
CATEGORY	CABIN DESCRIPTION	PRICE
DALCONI	The expansive and sophisticated owner's suite, located on the top deck, is perfect for hosting guests. it features a separate living area designed for both meetings and leisure, equipped with a bose stereo system and an hd plasma to for ambient entertainment. sliding glass doors open to a private deck. the suite includes an ensuite bathroom with a jetted bathtub for relaxation. enjoy a restful night in the king size bed, with a sofa bed available for additional guest.	
REMIUM SUITE BALCONY	The Premium Suites, situated on the Sun Deck, offer the option of two twin beds or a King Size bed. Each suite provides access to a private balcony and includes a range of amenities such as an ensuite bathroom, a comfortable	\$18,995

lounge area, an in-room safe, a refrigerator, satellite telephone access, a TV/DVD system, and temperature control

Located on the Sports Deck, the Deluxe Suites with balconies offer a choice of two twin beds or a King Size bed. Each

suite features a sliding glass door that opens to a private balcony and includes a walk-in closet or wardrobe. The

suites are equipped with an ensuite bathroom, an in-room safe, a refrigerator, satellite telephone access, a TV/DVD

system, and temperature control.

The Superior Suites, situated on the Club Deck, offer a choice of two twin beds or a King Size bed. Each suite features

a picture window with views of the external walkway on the Club Deck. Amenities include an ensuite bathroom, a walk-

in closet, an in-room safe, a refrigerator, satellite telephone access, a TV/DVD system, and temperature control.

Located on the Oceanus Deck, these cabins feature a picture window, two wardrobes, and a choice of twin beds or a

King Size bed. Amenities include an ensuite bathroom, an in-room safe, a refrigerator, satellite telephone access, a

Cabins on the Main Deck feature twin beds or a King Size bed and are designed with at least two portholes for exterior

views. Amenities include an ensuite bathroom, an in-room safe, a refrigerator, satellite telephone access, a TV/DVD

system, and temperature control

Located on the Oceanus Deck, these triple cabins feature a picture window, two wardrobes, and a choice between two

twin beds or a King Size bed. Amenities include an ensuite bathroom, an in-room safe, a refrigerator, satellite

telephone access, a TV/DVD system, and temperature control.

Located on the Oceanus Deck, these single cabins feature a picture window, two wardrobes, and a choice of either two

twin beds or a King Size bed. Amenities include an ensuite bathroom, an in-room safe, a refrigerator, satellite

telephone access, a TV/DVD system, and temperature control.

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**DELUXE SUITE** 

**BALCONY** 

**SUPERIOR** 

SUITE

**CLASSIC SUITE** 

MAIN DECK

SUITE

TRIPLE SUITE

SINGLE

# **CABIN SUITE CATEGORIES & SIZES**

Owner's Suite 63 Sq/M Private Deck







Superior Suite 20 Sq/M Picture Window







Premium Suite 30 Sq/M Sq/M Private Balcony







Classic Suite 21 Sq/M Picture Window







Deluxe Suite 24 Sq/M Private Balcony







Main Deck Suite 23 Sq/M Portholes







# **DAILY ITINERARY & ACTIVITIES**





## **DAY 1 FRIDAY: FEB 6**

We will meet in Buenos Aires, Argentina's vibrant capital city, renowned for its rich culture and lively atmosphere. Here, we will enjoy Shabbat with the local Jewish community, sharing in Shabbat meals and engaging experiences. This day is designed for settling in, relaxing, and getting oriented while taking in the unique energy of this dynamic city. Our stay will be in a centrally located hotel, within walking distance to the Synagogue and Shabbat meals, offering an enriching and inspiring experience in the heart of Buenos Aires.

## **DAY 2 SHABBAT: FEB 7**

Spend a memorable Shabbat in Buenos Aires, home to a vibrant Jewish community of around 250,000—the largest in the country and the eighth-largest in the world. The community is a mix of Western, Central, and Eastern European Ashkenazi Jews, along with a Sephardic minority, primarily of Syrian and Lebanese descent. During our visit, we'll have the chance to connect with locals, including a special address by the community Rabbi to our group.

Take in the city's lively atmosphere as you explore its rich culture, history, and attractions. After Shabbat, we'll dive into the local nightlife with traditional folklore dancing and a night of fun.

# DAY 3 SUNDAY: FEB 8 FLY TO USHUAIA AND BOARD THE SHIP

In the morning, we will take a flight from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia, the world's southernmost city and the starting point of our Antarctic expedition. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to the port area. Here, you can explore the charming waterfront and take in the stunning views of the snowcapped Martial Range, the southernmost peaks of the Andes. This is also a great opportunity for some last-minute shopping before the expedition begins. Rest assured, you'll soon receive your complimentary parka and be provided with waterproof boots for use on board.

We will then transfer to the pier, where you will be warmly welcomed aboard the deluxe expedition vessel, M/V Sea Spirit. Settle into your spacious suite and familiarize yourself with the ship, your home for this extraordinary journey. As we set sail, the adventure begins with a schedule of briefings and introductions from the expedition team. After enjoying the first of many gournet dinners on board, step out onto the open deck to take in the breathtaking scenery and the beautiful evening light as we pass through the iconic Beagle Channel.

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# DAY 4-5: FEB 9-10 CROSSING THE DRAKE

After passing the breathtaking islands of Tierra del Fuego, we head south to begin our crossing of the renowned Drake Passage, where we'll keep an eye out for humpback and fin whales. Along the way, you'll likely spot the majestic wandering albatross and other graceful subantarctic seabirds, commonly seen from our panoramic open decks and balconies. As we cross the Antarctic Convergence, the natural boundary of the Southern Ocean, the ship's advanced stabilizers ensure a comfortable journey throughout. During this time, our expert lecture staff will provide briefings, biosecurity procedures, and engaging presentations to prepare you for our arrival in Antarctica. We expect to reach the South Shetland Islands by Tuesday evening.

# DAY 6-10: FEB 11-15 SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS & ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

In the coming days, we will delve into the stunning highlights of the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula. This region boasts some of Antarctica's most breathtaking scenery and offers unparalleled wildlife viewing. Sheltered bays and channels are adorned with glistening ice, reflecting majestic snow-capped mountains and immense glaciers. Icebergs of various shapes and sizes enhance

the region's extraordinary beauty. The nutrient-rich waters teem with marine mammals and seabirds, while penguins are seen both foraging at sea and forming large rookeries on land. We will also encounter Antarctic research bases from various nations.

Our journey will begin with the South Shetland Islands, the northernmost archipelago in Antarctica, known for its historical landing sites and abundant wildlife. We will then explore the stunning Gerlache Strait area of the Antarctic Peninsula, a pristine wilderness characterized by spectacular white landscapes, colossal icebergs, accommodating marine mammals, and bustling penguin colonies. One highlight will be the renowned Lemaire Channel, often referred to as the "Kodak Gap" for its photogenic reflection of the sheer snowy peaks.

During our expedition, we will encounter extensive colonies of gentoo, chinstrap, and Adélie penguins, frequently found in proximity to one another. This period is perfect for observing inquisitive penguin chicks as they begin to fledge. Additionally, as it is peak whale season, you can anticipate remarkable sightings of these magnificent creatures.

In this rugged yet accessible environment, wildlife viewing is best enhanced by active adventures. Our expert guides will offer hiking and hill climbing to provide a broader perspective of this pristine polar landscape. Sea kayakers will have the opportunity to paddle amidst seals and penguins in some of the most scenic waterways in the world. For a truly immersive experience, consider spending a night camping ashore, surrounded by the untouched nature of Antarctica.

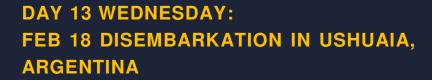
This expedition promises an authentic exploration experience. Our route and exploration opportunities will be adapted based on weather and ice conditions, with our experienced captain and expedition leader continuously adjusting plans to maximize the advantages of this challenging polar environment.



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# DAY 11-12: FEB 16-17 SAIL THE DRAKE PASSAGE

As we return across the Drake Passage toward South America, the adventure continues. Seabirds will remain our constant companions, and there is always the chance of whale sightings in these rugged waters. This is also the time for final festivities, including the Captain's Farewell Cocktail and an end-of-voyage slideshow. As we navigate the Beagle Channel, we will enjoy a night of smooth sailing en route to Ushuaia.



Following a final delightful breakfast on board, we will bid you a heartfelt farewell in Ushuaia. We will arrange a group transfer to the airport for your flight back to Buenos Aires (included). As you reflect on your extraordinary experience in Antarctica, you may already find yourself anticipating your next polar adventure!









# **SEA SPIRIT ON BOARD FACILITIES**











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# **GENTOO PENGUIN**

Gentoo is the largest of all Pygoscelis penguins. It can be easily recognized by the wide

white stripe extending like a bonnet across the top of its head and the red bill. Chicks have grey backs with white fronts. They are the fastest underwater swimming penguins, reaching speeds of 36 km/h. They feed mainly on krill, but also on fish and squid. They are the most numerous penguins nesting in the Antarctic region.

### **ADELIE PENGUIN**

The Adelie is the archetypical penguin, named after French explorer Dumont D'Urville's wife. They are purely black and white, with a characteristic angular head, a distinctive white eye-ring and a tiny bill. Females are smaller in size, but like all penguins, the sexes are alike. The downy chick is uniformly grey.









# **CHINSTRAP PENGUIN**

Chinstraps are similar to Adelies in that they are black and white, but they are slightly smaller and have a distinctive black line connecting the black cap to the part below the chin. They are highly gregarious and monogamous. It is believed they form long-lasting bonds with their mates. They nest in the Antarctic Peninsula area and on Subantarctic Islands. population is estimated in 7.5 million pairs, being the second largest of Antarctic inhabitants after the gentoo penguins.

# BLACK-BROWED ALBATROSS

The black-browed albatross is one of the smaller black and white 'mollymawks' with a pale head. This albatross can be identified at a distance by its underwing pattern featuring a wide dark leading edge. At close range, the adult birds have a yellow eye that makes identification easy

### **HUMPBACK WHALE**

Humpbacks may be recognized by their enormous flippers, which can reach a third of their total body length. They are normally black, but the undersides of flippers and flukes have varying amounts of white and can be used as aids for individual recognition. They measure 11 to 19 meters and weigh 25.4-35.5 tonnes. Males are usually slightly shorter than females.

## **ELEPHANT SEAL**

The southern elephant seal is the world's largest seal. It is a heavybuilt, long-body seal with proportionately small flippers and some skin folds just behind the head. The dark eyes are large and round. The adults have short stiff hair, usually dark grey dorsally and paler ventrally. Males have squarer and larger heads, with a conspicuous proboscis, while females have more rounded heads with no proboscis. Breeding males may weigh up to a sixth that of a breeding female. Males can grow to 4.5-6.5 meters and 3,700 kg; females can grow to 2.5-4 meters and between 360-800 kg.

# WHICH ANIMALS DO WE SEE ON OUR EXPEDITION?









### CRABEATER SEAL

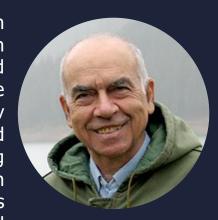
They are relatively slim and flexible, typically with an elongated, square-shaped head, protruding dog-like snout, a long mouth opening and large flippers. Their eyes are dark and small. The coloration is predominantly dark brown dorsally becoming blond ventrally, with a marked seasonal and individual variation in coat color. With age, fur gradually becomes uniformly blond after the molt. Many are deeply scarred on the back and body-sides due to attacks by leopard seals and killer whales. Crabeaters actually eat krill, not crabs, as their name suggests.

# **LEOPARD SEAL**

These seals have long slim bodies, with an almost serpentine appearance and comparatively large reptilian heads with a long snout, powerful jaws, broad gape and relatively small dark eyes. Fore flippers are rather large, situated near the centre of the body. They have very long canine teeth, with long pointed cusps on the molar teeth. Females are larger than males (3.8 meters and 500 kg compared to 2.8-3.8 meters and 300 kg).

# **OUR GUIDES & EXPEDITION LEADERS HEADED BY ROIE GALITZ**

Professor Moshe Agami is an esteemed ecologist and botanist with a distinguished career in botanical and zoological research. He managed the botanical gardens at Tel Aviv University for 13 years and has led over 200 nature tours and sailing expeditions across all seven continents since 1972. Recognized as one of Israel's foremost geographical guides, he possesses extensive expertise in botany, zoology, ecology, climate, geology, and more. Traveling with Professor Agami promises a captivating and deeply enriching experience.



**PROFESSOR MOSHE AGAMI** 

Formerly the foreign affairs correspondent and editor of the foreign news diary at Galei Tzahal (Israeli Army Radio), she reported on global events and conducted interviews with presidents, parliament members, Nobel Prize laureates, and other notable figures. Her reporting specialized in ecological issues, including climate change, and she produced a series of nature reports. She also writes for the \*Nature of Things\* newspaper. She studied biology for two years at an international college in Bosnia and Herzegovina and has represented Israel in international orienteering competitions. In her spare time, she plays football in the national league and is a long-distance runner.



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With over 50 years of combined experience across various industries, David and Chana Walles achieved their dream of Aliyah in 2008 by acquiring the established Eddie's Travel & Tourism Ltd.

Originally from Melbourne, Australia, they each hold a Bachelor's degrees in Economics and Business Management.

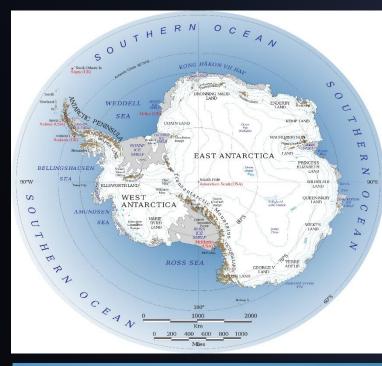
This tourism power couple is dedicated to making kosher travel both enjoyable and high-quality, ensuring Jewish travelers don't have to compromise on their vacation or lifestyle. David and Chana are committed to perfecting every detail of your trip and are excited to personally host you on the Antarctica Expedition!



PhotoTeva is a leading company in adventure expeditions and nature photography workshops, serving around 1,000 travelers each year. Based in Tel Aviv and recognized worldwide, PhotoTeva stands out as one of the largest firms in its field.

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# Frequently Asked Questions...

#### When is the best time to take an Antarctic cruise?

The Antarctic summer (November to March) offers milder temperatures, abundant wildlife, and stunning ice formations. Early season (November-December) provides snow-covered landscapes, while late season (February-March) offers whale sightings and mesmerizing sunsets. No matter when you choose, an Antarctic expedition cruise promises awe-inspiring scenery and unforgettable adventures.

# **Travel arrangements**

Depending on your nationality, you may require a visa to enter Argentina. Please check with your local Consulate.

# A typical day aboard our expedition ship

We want to show you the best of the Antarctic and its most breathtaking places. Weather permitting, we will land on pristine shores, walk to beautiful viewpoints and cruise in our small motorized Zodiac boats. Join the kayak club and you can paddle close-up to wildlife and nature at your own pace. But even at days at sea, ship life aboard the Sea Spirit will keep you busy. Visit lectures by our specialists, hit the gym, read books about Antarctica in our polar library, enjoy gourmet meals in our Kosher restaurant, meet fellow travelers at the bar or in our coffee and tea lounge, or just enjoy the beautiful views from your comfortable cabin.

## When stepping ashore...

While you already get the best views from our small expedition ship, the Sea Spirit, cruising ashore with our Zodiac boats will bring you even closer to the action. These motorized, safe and durable boats are designed for a maximum of 16 passengers and are perfect for ecologically-sound cruising, minimizing your impact on nature and wildlife.

Visit the captain's bridge to be the first one to spot wildlife. Pick up binoculars, chat with the crew, or just simply enjoy the best views from this part of the ship. We bring top scientists aboard and encourage our passengers to participate in their research.

Visit our gym whenever you feel the need to stretch your legs or take a stroll on deck and take in the fresh ocean breeze.

### Do I need travel insurance?

Yes, you will require travel insurance that covers you for the duration of the cruise. Please ensure that it includes travel to the polar regions and has an evacuation and repatriation coverage. While we do not require it, we encourage passengers to also have cancellation health and luggage insurance.

# What important things should I consider when traveling to Antarctica?

- 1. Choose your expedition ship wisely! To get the full experience and make the most of wildlife sightings, landings and activities, join a cruise with less than 200 passengers. You'll get a more personal experience, get closer to the action and form closer bonds with like-minded fellow travelers!
- 2. Cruise with the best! Choose a company that has many years of experience with a top team. This is important to guarantee your safety and the trip of our lifetime! We at Poseidon Expeditions go the extra mile we hire the best of the best. We stay up to date on the latest environmental requirements, engage in research and citizen science projects! We are also very proud of being fully in compliance with the Antarctic Treaty and all IAATO requirements.
- 3. Choose your cruise pick the right itinerary. There are lots of ways to explore the 7th Continent, so choose the best for you! Typical cruises to Antarctica last for 10-12 nights, with ample time for landings.
- 4. Communication and Planning For a trip of a lifetime ensure you have the right travel partner to plan it. Make sure to go with an operator that speaks your language, understands your needs and helps you proactively plan your trip!

#### How far in advance do I need to book an Antarctic cruise?

To secure the best cabins it's recommended to book your Antarctica cruise as early as possible. Availability is limited, and by booking well in advance, you increase your chances of choosing your preferred dates, accommodations, and enjoying cost-saving benefits. Don't delay, it is high time to visit Antarctica! Start planning your extraordinary Antarctica cruise today!

## What clothes do I need to bring?

We recommend layering your clothes, so you can add or subtract based on weather conditions. Start with warm thermal undergarments made from merino wool or synthetics (not cotton), layer with polar fleece, wool and finish off with water and windproof materials. Keep your body warm, but let it breathe! Don't forget your hats, scarves and gloves. We'll have our warm expedition parka ready for you aboard, which you can take home with you, as well as rubber boots for landings, which are yours for the duration of the trip.

## How much luggage can I bring?

It's always best to pack for the segment of your flight itinerary that has the smallest baggage allowance requirement - baggage allowances on international flights are often larger than domestic flights. Also, be sure to check with your airline to confirm what you are allowed to carry.

The Sea Spirit has laundry facilities. Baggage allowance onboard is 1 suitcase 23kg and 1 trolley 8kg. Closer to sailing departure we will send you a more comprehensive and recommended packing list

# Will there be Wi-Fi, phones or mobile coverage aboard?

Our expedition ship, the Sea Spirit, is equipped with Wi-Fi, which is included in the cruise package.

# What do I do if I get seasick?

Not all Drake Passage crossings are rough, but individuals may react differently to the occasional choppy waters. It is recommended that passengers consult with their physician before traveling to Antarctica. Preventative sea sickness pills will be available at expedition desk.

# How cold will it get during my voyage?

We cruise during the Antarctic summer. On the subantarctic islands and the Antarctic Peninsula, temperatures average ,min-max 0-12°C during our cruises. The ship temperature control will be at comfortable and constant 22°C

## Are this trips a good choice for solo travelers?

Antarctica cruises are an excellent choice for solo travelers seeking unforgettable experiences and unique adventures. Joining an Antarctic expedition provides a fantastic opportunity to meet like-minded individuals from around the world who share a passion for exploration and discovery. You'll have the chance to connect with fellow travelers, forge new friendships, and create lasting memories together. The supportive and inclusive environment on board ensures that solo travelers feel welcome and part of the expedition community.

