





## ANTARPLY EXPEDITIONS

Antarply Expeditions has specialised in small ship expedition cruises to Antarctica and the sub-Antarctic islands for more than 5 years. As one of the leading Antarctic operators we take small groups to some of the most spectacular, remote and pristine parts of the world.

The USHUAIA is an ideal expedition ship for Antarctica. She was built for the US agency NOAA (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration) and has been constantly modernised and refurbished, in order to offer **Antarply Expeditions'** passengers safety and comfort.

## SAFETY, RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMITMENT

Antarply's team has an enormous and varied Antarctic experience and our expeditions are designed to exceed your expectations. Your safety, together with the protection of the environment, are our priorities and you will be informed about safety measures and environmental policies during the onboard lectures and discussions.

## RESPONSIBLE TOURISM

As members of the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO), we are committed to appropriate, safe and environmentally sound private-sector travel to the Antarctic. We operate all our expeditions in accordance with IAATO guidelines and we comply with all the relevant international regulations during navigation and shore visits.

## ANTARCTICA

Come with us to the land of superlatives – the coldest, windiest, driest and highest of all the major landmasses in the world. Antarctica is the continent with the longest nights and longest days and, surprisingly, the world's greatest concentration of wildlife. Antarctica is perhaps the last true wilderness area left on Earth – largely unchanged since explorers and whalers first landed on its inhospitable shores less than two centuries ago.

Our Classic Antarctic adventure cruises on board the USHUAIA offer the ultimate introduction to the White Continent. Embarking and disembarking in the port of Ushuaia, Argentina, they include many of the wildlife and scenic highlights of the Antarctic Peninsula and the South Shetland Islands.

Antarctica is the most pristine, exhilarating and beautiful place that you can imagine and our expedition cruises are trips of a lifetime!



# THE USHUAIA



## YOUR PERFECT EXPEDITION SHIP

Originally built for the United States agency NOAA (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration), the **USHUAIA** has been refurbished to accommodate a maximum of 84 passengers in 41 comfortable twin cabins and suites. The ice-strengthened polar vessel **USHUAIA** is very well appointed and provides ample deck space and an open bridge policy. The full complement of inflatable landing craft ensures superb landings and wildlife viewing opportunities on the otherwise inaccessible coastline.

All cabins include a desk and ample storage space. Public areas feature a large dining room (one sitting), an observation lounge, bar and library, a conference room with modern multimedia equipment and a small infirmary. Our expert captain, officers and crew are highly experienced in Antarctic navigation and have a great love of nature. We provide a specialist team of international expedition leaders and lecturers, all extremely knowledgeable, enthusiastic and dedicated to the protection of the environment. Our chefs prepare excellent

cuisine including many local specialties and the bar is well-stocked with carefully selected wines and spirits.

<b>NAME OF THE VESSEL</b>	USHUAIA
<b>FLAG</b>	Panama
<b>DWL</b>	2963 tonnes
<b>BUILDERS</b>	American Shipbuilding, Toledo, Ohio
<b>HULL MATERIAL</b>	Steel, ice-strengthened
<b>LENGTH</b>	84,73 m / 278,3 feet
<b>BREADTH</b>	15,54 m / 51 feet
<b>OUTRIGGER</b>	7,62 m / 25 feet
<b>DRAUGHT</b>	5,48 m / 18,08 feet
<b>PASSENGERS</b>	max. 84
<b>SPEED</b>	14 knots
<b>CRUISE SPEED</b>	12 knots





# CLASSIC ANTARCTICA

## EXPERIENCE ANTARCTICA'S WONDERS IN AN ADVENTUROUS YET SAFE MANNER

Our itineraries are expertly planned to take best advantage of the amazing wildlife and spectacular scenery during each time of the Antarctic season. Your Expedition Leader and his team takes you to remote places only visited by few people before. Amazingly busy penguin colonies, spectacular variety of seabirds, abundance of seals and magnificent whales await you, all set in a breathtaking scenery of imposing mountain ranges, ice-filled channels, tabular and beautifully shaped icebergs and glaciers.

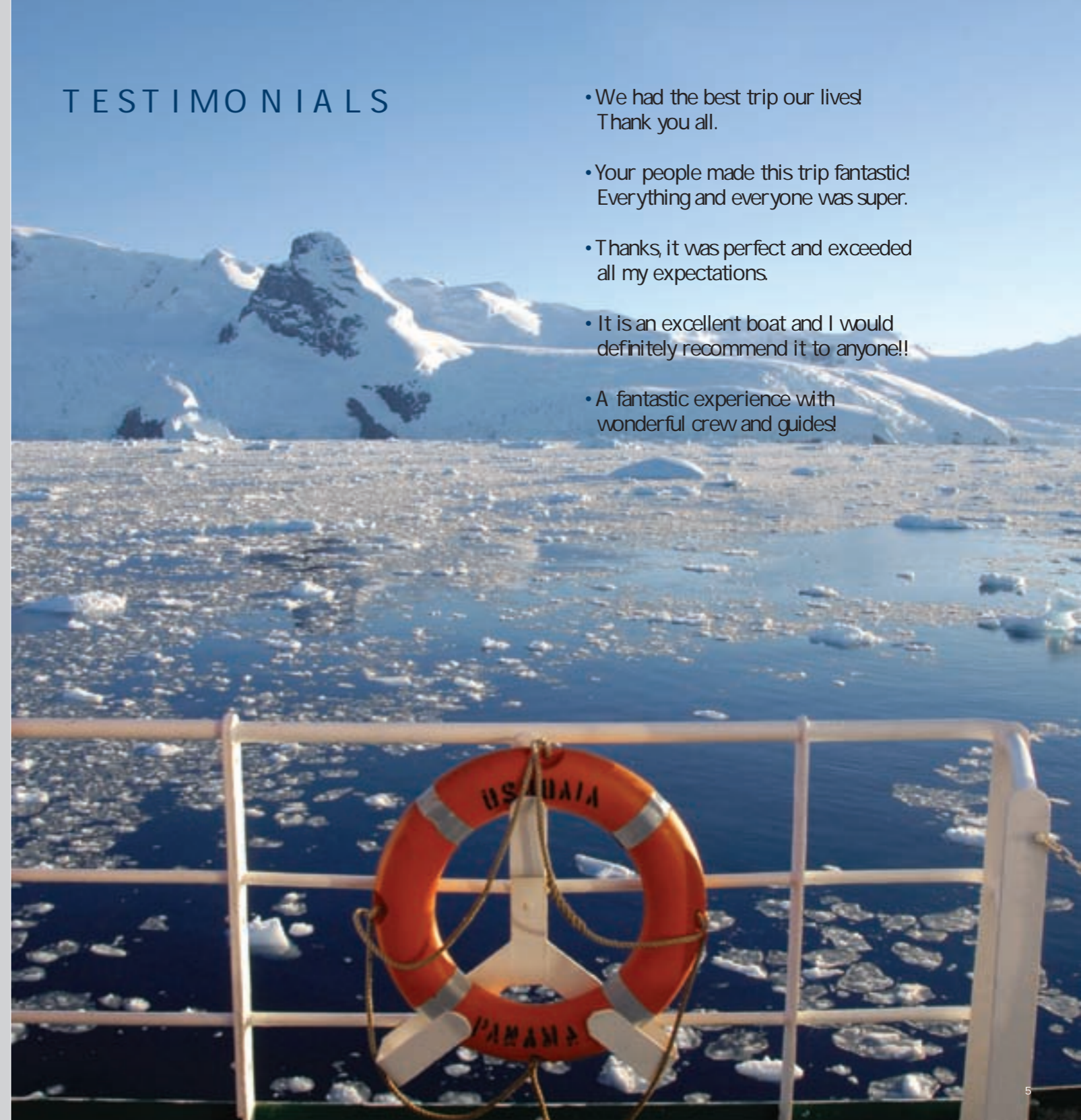
We endeavour to make two landings a day via our fleet of zodiacs including a station visit and a continental landing.

Please join us for this truly unique and unforgettable experience! No two voyages are the same, constantly changing weather, scenery and colors provide marvelous opportunities to take photographs or just contemplate and enjoy!

**Flexibility is the key to expedition cruises!**

# TESTIMONIALS

- We had the best trip our lives! Thank you all.
- Your people made this trip fantastic! Everything and everyone was super.
- Thanks, it was perfect and exceeded all my expectations.
- It is an excellent boat and I would definitely recommend it to anyone!!
- A fantastic experience with wonderful crew and guides!



## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS



- Sail among stunning islands, beautifully-sculpted icebergs and sparkling glaciers
- Visit fantastic places, previously only seen by heroic explorers and adventurers
- Observe the unique and abundant wildlife. Many species of whales, dolphins, seals, penguins and seabirds await you.
- Explore the most southerly and unspoilt places in the world.
- Gain first hand knowledge of Antarctica assisted by our expert staff and lecturers
- Land and cruise in safe "go anywhere" zodiac landing craft.
- Travel on board our comfortable ice-strengthened vessel, the USHUAIA.
- Enjoy the excellent onboard services and facilities, hospitality and support of our crew during your adventure.
- Visit historic and currently-active scientific research stations



## DAY 1 DEPART FROM USHUAIA

Embark the **USHUAIA** in the afternoon and meet your expedition and lecture staff. Soon your expedition begins as we sail along the famous Beagle Channel in the tracks of FitzRoy and Parker King.

### PLEASE NOTE

The itinerary is a guide only. Our exact route and program will vary to take best advantage of local weather and ice conditions and opportunities to view wildlife. Changes will be made by the Captain and/or Expedition Leader to facilitate the best results from the prevailing conditions. A daily program sheet will be issued on board. Flexibility is the key to success.

## DAYS 2 & 3 CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE

Sir Frances Drake gave the name to these perilous waters and the Drake Passage also marks the Antarctic Convergence, the key to the biodiversity of this region.

**Antarply Expeditions'** lecturers will start the full lecture program and will be out on deck to help in the identification of an amazing variety of seabirds. Our open bridge policy allows you to join our officers on the bridge and learn about navigation and watch for whales.

The first sightings of icebergs and snow-capped mountains indicate that the **USHUAIA** has reached the South Shetland Islands. With favorable conditions in the Drake Passage you will experience your first encounter with penguins and seals on Day 3.

## DAYS 4 TO 8 EXPLORING SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS AND THE ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

The South Shetland Islands are home to vast penguin rookeries. Chinstrap and Macaroni Penguins, Kelp Gulls, Blue-eyed Cormorants, Antarctic Terns and Southern Giant Petrels and beaches ruled by Antarctic fur seals and southern elephant seals make every day spent in this amazing island group unforgettable. Sailing through the narrow passage into the flooded caldera of Deception Island and the chance to swimming in the hot springs of Pendulum Cove are truly remarkable experiences.

You will have plenty of time to explore Antarctic Peninsula's amazing scenery, a pristine wilderness of snow, ice, mountains and channels, and an incredible diversity of wildlife. Apart from penguins and seabirds you are very likely to see Weddell, crabeater and leopard seals as well as Minke, killer (orca) and humpback whales at close range. We hope to navigate some of the most beautiful waterways: the Gerlache Strait, the Neumayer Channel, and the Lemaire Channel. After negotiating the iceberg-strewn waters of the Antarctic Sound, we hope to visit the bustling Adélie Penguin and Blue-eyed Cormorant colonies on Paulet Island. Further exploration may take you to Paradise Bay, Melchior Island, Cuverville Island, Portal Point, Neko Harbour, Pléneau Island, and if ice conditions permit, to Petermann Island for a visit to the southernmost colony of Gentoo Penguins or to many other exciting landing places including some of the many scientific research stations.

## DAYS 9 & 10 AT SEA CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE, NORTHBOUND

Time for more whale and seabird spotting! Enjoy lectures and take the chance to relax and reflect on the fascinating adventures of the past days on the way back to Ushuaia.

## DAY 11 ARRIVAL AT USHUAIA

We arrive at Ushuaia and disembark the **USHUAIA** after breakfast.



# THE USHUAIA

## ACCOMMODATION

### SUITES

5 Outside cabins with windows on the upper deck (G), private facilities, two lower berths, lounge, TV, video, VHS, DVD, fridge. Suite 201 features two double beds, Suite 202 one double bed and a sofa bed. Suites 204 and 207 feature a third berth. Suite 207 has portholes.

### SUPERIOR

10 Twin outside cabins with windows on the upper deck (G), private facilities, two lower berths. Cabins 205 and 211 feature portholes.

### A CABINS

6 Twin outside cabins with portholes on the upper deck (G), private facilities, two berths (upper/lower).

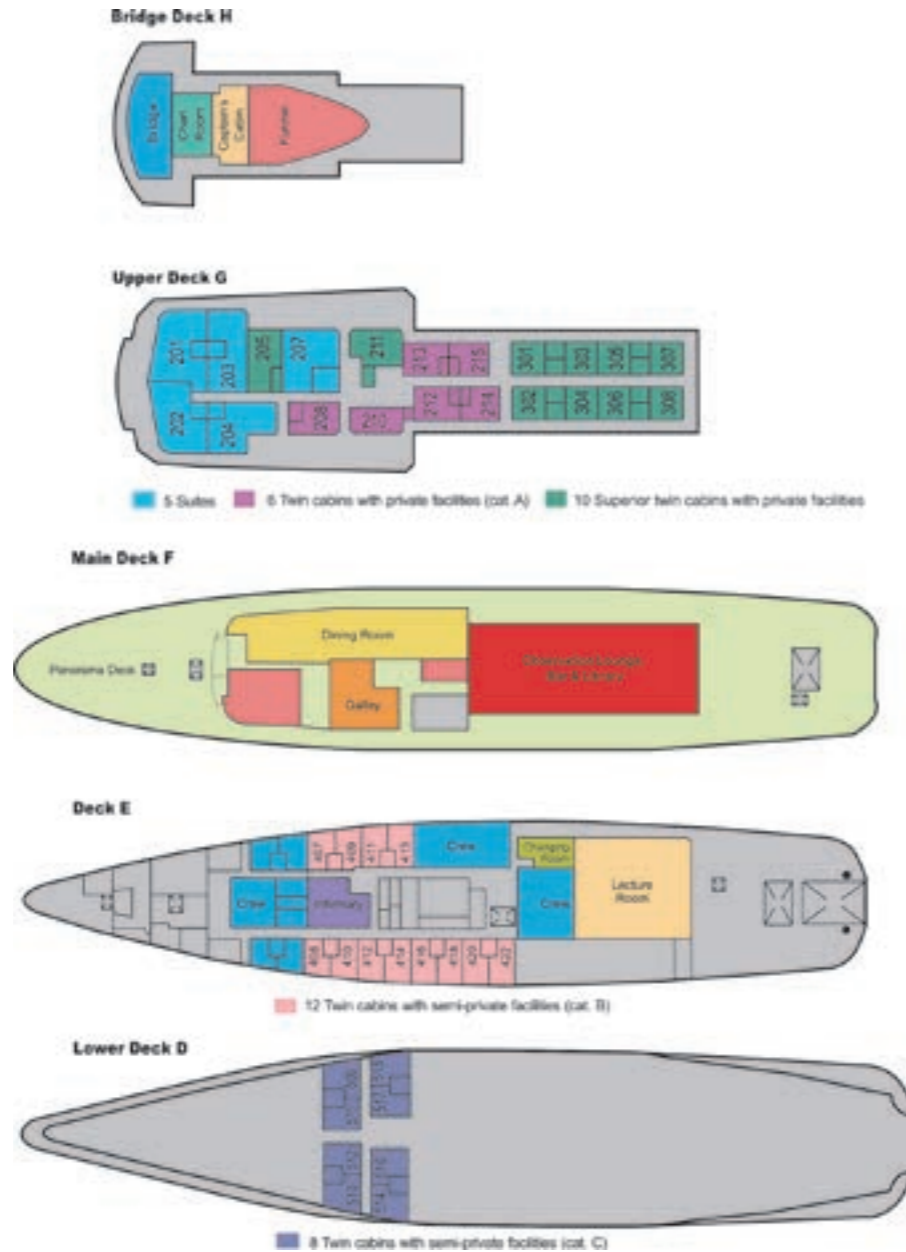
### B CABINS

12 Twin outside cabins with portholes on deck E and semi-private facilities, two berths (upper/lower).

### C CABINS

8 Twin inside cabins on the lower deck (D) with semi-private facilities, two berths (upper/lower).

N.B.  
Semi-private facilities: Two cabins share one bathroom accessible from both cabins (shower and wc). Each cabin is also equipped with its own washbasin.





## TERMS & CONDITIONS

### RATES

All rates are quoted per person in US Dollars, based on twin occupancy. Twin cabins (except suites) are available for single occupancy at 1.5 times the share rate. Suites may be reserved at 2 times the share rate. A third berth in some of the suites may be occupied at 50% of the published twin share rate. Shared accommodation can be arranged on request. *All rates are subject to change and Antarpplly Expeditions reserves the right to modify the published rates without prior notice.*

### INCLUDED IN THE CRUISE PRICE

- Voyage aboard the USHUAIA as indicated in the itinerary.
- All meals throughout the voyage aboard the USHUAIA.
- All shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage by zodiac.
- Program of lectures by noted naturalists and leadership by experienced expedition staff.
- All miscellaneous services taxes and port charges throughout the program.

- Comprehensive pre-departure material.
- Detailed post-expedition log.

### NOT INCLUDED IN THE CRUISE PRICE

Any airfare, whether on scheduled or charter flights; pre and post land arrangements; transfers to / from the vessel; passport and visa expenses; Government arrival and departure taxes; meals ashore; baggage, cancellation and personal insurance (**strongly recommended**); excess baggage charges and all items of a personal nature such as bar, beverage charges and telecommunication charges; and the customary gratuity at the end of the voyages (guidelines will be provided).

### RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS

A deposit of 30% of the cruise fare is required per person to confirm reservations with final payment due 90 days prior to departure.

### CANCELLATIONS

All requests for cancellations must be received in writing. Cancellations received 90 days prior to departure

are fully refunded less an administrative fee of US\$ 500 per person.

From 89 days up to and including the day of departure all deposits and tariffs are forfeited. If cancellation occurs within the 89 day period and full payment has not yet been received, the full penalty will still apply and unpaid monies are due immediately. For these and other reasons mentioned above, you are strongly encouraged to obtain trip cancellation insurance.

Antarpplly Expeditions reserves the right to cancel any voyage prior to departure in which case payments will be refunded in full without further obligation on our part.

### ITINERARIES

The itineraries published are for reference only and are subject to change due to weather and ice conditions, or due to any other reason beyond our control, at the Master's and Expedition Leader's discretion without prior notice. Passengers have no right to any refund, any other consideration or claim whatsoever in the event of inevitable itinerary changes.

### INSURANCE

Antarpplly Expeditions strongly urges their passengers to purchase a comprehensive travel insurance including medical evacuation and repatriation, and trip cancellation. Antarpplly Expeditions shall not be responsible for any injuries to persons (whether or not resulting in death) or damage or loss to property. In case of a medical problem arising during the voyage, either on board or on shore, which results in costs for evacuation, use of aircraft or repatriation, the responsibility for payment of these costs belongs solely to the passenger and Antarpplly Expeditions specifically decline any responsibility whatsoever (also if not covered by travel insurance).

### PASSENGER CONTRACT

The passenger must sign a passenger contract which constitutes the sole contract and his/her agreement to all the terms and conditions relative to the cruise. By accepting the cruise ticket the passenger also agrees to its terms & conditions.

