



— 2023 —

ANTARCTICA CRUISE

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Tour Length: 16 Days

Tour Departs: 03 February 2023

Tour Ends: 19 February 2023

OVERVIEW:

Antarctica! The name alone conjures up images of boundless ice, towering icebergs, comedic penguins, epic snowstorms, great sailing ships held tightly by ice and the hardy explorers striving to survive wrapped in thick, heavy parkas. All of this is, or once was, true. Today, vessels have changed and the level of safety on a journey to 'The Great White Continent' has increased immensely. Antarctica is the truest of wild places, the majesty of its pristine natural landscapes is second to no other location on earth.

The animals that thrive in the rigors of the Antarctic climate are present in such great numbers and concentrations that they must be seen to be believed. This untouched oasis harkens back to a time when the world was untouched by humanity, pure in its natural innocence. Antarctica has been a source of natural inspiration for as long as humans have been aware of its existence -- and it may produce in you one of the most exceptional emotional sensations it is possible to experience on our great planet.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Buenos Aires

Known as the "Paris of the Americas", you will understand why once you tour this most elegant of cities and South America's largest metropolis. Our 4 night stay includes city sightseeing, a day out to a ranch to enjoy lunch with the "gaucho's" (Argentinean cowboys) and a wonderful evening's dinner and entertainment at a Tango show.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Buenos Aires - city sightseeing, lunch with the "gauchos", Tango show.
- Antarctica Expedition Cruise on the Seabourn Venture - experience 'The Great White Continent'

"SEABOURN VENTURE"

Seabourn's ultra-luxury purpose-built expedition ship Seabourn Venture, paying tribute to the remote destinations visited by the brand's highly successful expedition and Ventures by Seabourn excursion programs and the fascinating places yet to be explored in the future.





TOUR COST PER PERSON

CATEGORY V1 SUITE

Sharing Twin/Double Room

\$23,500

Supplement for Single Occupancy

\$13,850

CATEGORY V2 SUITE

Sharing Twin/Double Room

\$25,250

Supplement for Single Occupancy

\$14,950

TOUR COSTS INCLUDE:

- Economy Class air travel ex Auckland (additional cost to upgrade to Business Class available on request)
- All prepaid airline/government taxes and fuel surcharges as at December 2021
- First Class hotel accommodation where applicable
- Verandah Staterooms on the cruise ship.
- All meals on board the cruise ship and open bar
- All Port Taxes & service fees, gratuities on the cruise, tips to coach drivers & guides
- Baggage handling of one suitcase per person
- Fully escorted

TOUR COSTS EXCLUDE:

- Submarine experience onboard Seabourn Venture
- Any meals and sightseeing tours not specifically mentioned as included in the itinerary
- Travel Insurance (assistance and advice for this will be offered)
- Items of a personal nature

SUITE AVAILABILITY

We are holding a **very limited number of suites.**

We will not be able to obtain any further suites as the ship is nearly sold out already.

Please act now if you would like to join us!

BOOKING CONDITIONS: Deposit of NZD\$6,000.00 per person is due upon confirmation of the booking.

Final payment date: 01 August 2022.

To register for this tour please contact us on 0800 500 518 or tours@mahertours.co.nz





DAY TO DAY ITINERARY



Friday 03 February

Home – Buenos Aires (D)

Today we fly to Buenos Aires, crossing the International Dateline en route arriving early evening of the same day. We are met and transferred to our hotel for a 3-night stay.

Saturday 04 February

Buenos Aires (B/D)

The heart of the city is the Plaza de Mayo with the historic Cabildo, the Town Hall where the movement for independence from Spain was first planned; the pink “Casa Rosada” (Presidential Palace); the Municipalidad (City Hall); and the Cathedral where San Martin, the father of Argentina’s struggle for independence, is buried. This morning’s sightseeing tour includes the Cathedral at the site of the first church built in Buenos Aires, Columbus Square & Boca Square.

This evening, we are transferred to a typical Argentine steakhouse for dinner, followed by a Tango performance at one of the better nightclubs in Buenos Aires.

Sunday 05 February

Buenos Aires (B/L)

A free day to explore and enjoy the "Paris of the Americas".

Monday 06 February

Buenos Aires (B/L)

Today, we travel to the outskirts of Buenos Aires for our “Gaucho” excursion. Admire the traditional dances and enjoy the songs and the food of the Argentinean Gaucho (cowboy). The venue is a beautiful country residence at an old ranch located on the fringe of the city.



Tuesday 07 February

Buenos Aires (B,D)

Commence 10 Night Antarctica Expedition Cruise

This morning we join our charter flight to Ushuaia to board our luxury cruise ship “Seabourn Venture”, our home for the next 10 nights as we explore “The Great White Continent”.

Wednesday 08 - Thursday 09 February

At Sea (B,L,D)

These first two days at sea give us the opportunity to relax into the wonderful world of cruising and a chance to really enjoy the wonderful facilities and activities available on board.





DAY TO DAY ITINERARY



Friday 10 – Tuesday 14 February

Antarctic Experience

The routing and activities are dependent on weather and ice conditions.

We will enjoy complimentary Zodiac landings each day (subject to weather), take part in digital photography workshops, frequent wildlife sightings and numerous Enrichment programs with special guest speakers.

A new and exciting offering will be two custom-built submarines carried onboard, providing an unforgettable view of the world beneath the ocean's surface. The ship will also carry a complement of double sea kayaks as well as 24 Zodiacs that can accommodate all onboard guests at once, which will allow for a truly immersive experience.

Wednesday 15 – Thursday 16 February

At Sea (B,L,D)

We retrace our route and return via the Drake Passage to Ushuaia. Our final evening at sea will also be our last time to enjoy dinner together and reminisce about our amazing life changing experience.

Friday 17 February

Ushuaia – Home (B)

Sadly, we disembark this morning and join our flight back to Buenos Aires where we connect with our flight home.

Sunday 19 February

Home

Arrival home is early this morning.





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