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Punta Arenas

Ushuaia

Drake Passage

Scotia Sea

Legend

— HX Expedition

200 km

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Ushuaia, Argentina - Feb 28, 2026



Embarkation

Our guests arrived in Ushuaia after flying south from Buenos Aires, leaving the busy capital behind for the dramatic landscapes of Tierra del Fuego. At the pier, they embarked the ship and then settled into their cabins, their home for the expedition ahead. Soon after boarding, guests gathered for the mandatory safety briefing where

they were introduced to our muster stations and emergency procedures. Later, our Hotel Manager and Expedition Leader welcomed them with a presentation that explained life on board and what to expect during the voyage. With excitement growing, our Antarctic adventure was underway.

Drake Passage, Antarctica - Mar 1, 2026

556.4 km



Drake Passage – Settling into Life at Sea

Our guests' first full day in the Drake Passage allowed them to ease into the rhythm of life at sea. Throughout the day, they gathered for several lectures and introductions to the activities available during the expedition, including kayaking. Many also spent time on deck on a wildlife watch, scanning the Southern Ocean for seabirds gliding

above the waves. In the evening we came together for the Captain's Welcome, where the senior officers and ship managers were introduced. This was followed by an introduction to the Expedition Team members, who will guide our guests through the adventure ahead.

Drake Passage, Antarctica - Mar 2, 2026

489.5 km



Drake Passage – Heading South

Another day in the Drake Passage carried us steadily closer to Antarctica, with remarkably calm seas making for a very smooth crossing. Our guests attended the mandatory IAATO briefing, learning how to visit this remarkable environment responsibly. During the day they also received their rubber boots, an essential piece of

gear for our upcoming landings. Lectures continued on board, while many returned to the decks to wildlife watch, keeping an eye on the seabirds that followed the ship. With every mile south, anticipation quietly grew as Antarctica drew nearer.

Yalour Islands, Antarctica - Mar 3, 2026

239.4 km



Yalour Islands – First Glimpse of Antarctica

In the morning we approached the Yalour Islands, greeted by a beautiful sunrise over the mountains. Some set out on a discovery kayak, gliding through the icy waters for a closer look at the scenery. Others joined an expedition boat cruise along the shoreline, spotting

Adélie and gentoo penguins, fur seals, and even humpback whales. The quiet majesty of the landscape and the abundance of wildlife made every moment on the water memorable.

Petermann Island, Antarctica - Mar 3, 2026

6.5 km



Petermann Island – Close Encounters with Antarctica

In the afternoon we landed on Petermann Island, stepping onto the Antarctic shore for the first time. Some joined a sea kayaking adventure, paddling along the icy waters and taking in the dramatic scenery from a new perspective. On land, we explored among the

gentoo penguins and watched fur seals as they rested nearby. The crisp air, towering cliffs, and active wildlife made this landing quite extraordinary.

Lemaire Channel, Antarctica - Mar 3, 2026

13.6 km



Lemaire Channel – Evening Transit

In the evening we sailed northwards through the Lemaire Channel, surrounded by steep cliffs and calm waters. The ship glided smoothly, giving everyone time to admire the striking Antarctic scenery from the decks. Wildlife continued to appear along the way, with seabirds and

the occasional seal keeping us company. Many took photographs and enjoyed the peaceful atmosphere as the light shifted over the mountains. The transit through the channel provided a quiet moment to take in the scale and beauty of the Antarctic landscape.

Dorian Bay, Antarctica - Mar 4, 2026

80.4 km



Dorian Bay – Visiting Damoy Hut

The next morning, we arrived at Dorian Bay, where strong winds marked a sharp contrast to the sunny days we had experienced earlier. Despite the weather, we made our way to Damoy Hut, exploring this historic site and learning about its role in Antarctic research. The wind added a sense of energy to the visit, making the

landscape feel raw and untamed. Some took photos while others simply watched the waves and ice formations. The visit offered a mix of history and the dramatic conditions that define this part of Antarctica.

Flanders Bay, Antarctica - Mar 4, 2026

43.3 km



Flanders Bay – A Successful Change of Plans

In the afternoon we altered our original plans, sailing in search of calmer waters. Flanders Bay proved to be an excellent alternative plan, offering better conditions for exploration. Guests went out on expedition boats and were rewarded with numerous whale sightings,

alongside seals resting on the ice. Penguins could also be seen scattered across ice floes, adding to the wildlife encounters. The afternoon provided a dynamic and rewarding experience despite the morning's strong winds.

Neko Harbor, Antarctica - Mar 5, 2026

63 km



Neko Harbour – Continental Landing and Glacier Views

We spent the day at Neko Harbour, enjoying our first continental landing of the expedition. Some went ashore in the morning and cruised in expedition boats in the afternoon, while others followed the opposite schedule. A few chose to explore the icy waters on kayaks, getting close to the floating ice. The area offered plenty of ice

formations, along with sightings of seals and penguins on the shore and ice floes. Towering above the bay, Neko Harbour's stunning glacier provided a dramatic backdrop to a full day of exploration and wildlife observation.

Paradise Harbor, Antarctica - Mar 5, 2026

27.3 km



Humpbacks and Paradise Bay

In the evening we sailed towards Paradise Bay to assess conditions for camping. At the north entrance of the Aguirre Channel we encountered hundreds of humpback whales, creating a truly memorable wildlife spectacle. We continued our journey as the sun lowered over the landscape, it highlighted the dramatic Antarctic

scenery. Unfortunately, conditions at Leith Cove were not suitable for camping, with no snow and only ice at the planned campsite. Despite this, the day offered incredible encounters and stunning views along the way.

Danco Island, Antarctica - Mar 6, 2026

64.3 km



Danco Island – History and Wildlife

We spent the day at Danco Island, with some guests going ashore in the morning and cruising in expedition boats in the afternoon, and others the opposite. On land, we explored the remnants of the foundation of the former British Antarctic Survey station Base O, learning about its history and the early Antarctic presence. Expedition

boat cruises brought our guests close to wildlife, including humpback whales, Weddell seals, and leopard seals resting on ice. Penguins could be seen along the shore and on ice floes, adding to the activity around the island. The combination of history and diverse wildlife made Danco Island a memorable stop on our journey.

Stancomb Cove, Antarctica - Mar 7, 2026

235.7 km



Deception Island – A Dramatic Volcanic Caldera

We arrived at Deception Island, entering through the dramatic Neptune's Bellows into the flooded caldera. From there we made our way to Stancomb Cove by Telefon Bay, where some of us went on a hike around a parasitic crater. The walk offered striking views of the surrounding volcanic landscape, a sharp contrast to the icy scenery we had seen elsewhere. The area's rugged terrain and unique geology highlighted the island's volcanic origins. Experiencing this combination of activity and scenery gave us a new perspective on Antarctica's diversity.

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Drake Passage – Heading Back to Ushuaia

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Drake Passage - Cape Horn, Antarctica - Mar 9, 2026

643 km



Drake Passage and Beagle Channel – Final Day at Sea

The seas were calm as we continued to sail northward, with our guests enjoying more lectures and time on deck to wildlife watch. A surprise sail-by past Cape Horn offered a dramatic farewell to the southernmost tip of South America. As we neared the Beagle

Channel, the Captain's Farewell brought everyone together one last time. Later, the ship's Photographers presented a slide show of the expedition, capturing memorable moments from our journey.

Ushuaia, Argentina - Mar 10, 2026

132.5 km



Ushuaia – Disembarkation

In the morning we arrived back in Ushuaia and prepared for our guests' disembarkation. Bags were collected and cabins checked one last time as they gathered to say their goodbyes. The crew offered

farewell words and warm wishes, marking the official end of the expedition.



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