



# ANTARCTICA

## EMPEROR PENGUIN QUEST:

### Expedition to Snow Hill

November 16-29, 2027

*With Werner & Myra Kura*



# **Itinerary at a Glance**

## **November 16–29, 2027: 14 Days/13 Nights**

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

Arrivals into Buenos Aires, Argentina  
Hotel Emperador (1 night, November 16–17)

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

Flight to Ushuaia  
Embark the Ultramarine  
(12 nights, November 17–29)

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

Crossing the Drake Passage

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

Navigate into the Weddell Sea

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

Weddell Sea and Snow Hill Island

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

Crossing the Drake Passage

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

Disembark in Ushuaia  
Flight to Buenos Aires  
Departure flights home



## EMPEROR PENGUIN QUEST Expedition to Snow Hill

- Onboard *Ultramarine*
- - - - - Flights to/from Buenos Aires
- Approximate ship drifting position
- Emperor Penguin Colony

# BUENOS AIRES

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

### Arrivals into Buenos Aires

Meet the group at the Hotel Emperor in Buenos Aires. A presentation room will be open from 12 pm to 8 pm for luggage weighing and tagging. The Quark Expeditions Team will be available to answer your questions and give information about the next day's flight and ship embarkation.



## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

### Flight to Ushuaia & Embark the Ultramarine

After an early breakfast at the hotel, you will transfer to the airport and board a private charter flight to Ushuaia, Argentina.

In Ushuaia, you will be transferred from the airport to a central downtown location to enjoy time on your own to explore quaint Ushuaia—the world's southernmost city—before making your way to the pier.

You will be transferred to the Ultramarine for embarkation around 4 pm.

Sail along the historic Beagle Channel, which transects the Tierra del Fuego archipelago in the extreme south of South America. Enjoy the air of anticipation as you depart—the next land you see will be the Antarctic.



# ULTRAMARINE

## ULTRAMARINE

The technologically-advanced Ultramarine is designed to go beyond the familiar in polar exploration, to immerse guests in parts of the Polar Regions where few humans have ever set foot.

Equipped with two twin-engine helicopters and 20 quick-launching Zodiacs, Ultramarine offers the most off-ship adventure activities in the industry.

Guests can enjoy two restaurants (Balena and Bistro 487), Tundra Spa, a sauna-with floor-to-ceiling windows, spacious suites and abundant wildlife-viewing spaces.

Ultramarine also features advanced sustainability systems- which exceed all industry standards.

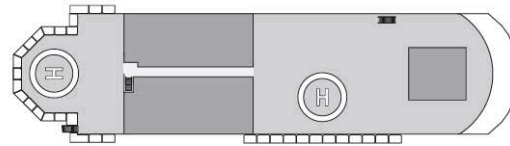
### SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

Staff and Crew: 140

Guests: 199

Lifeboats: 4, fully enclosed

Ice Class: PC6



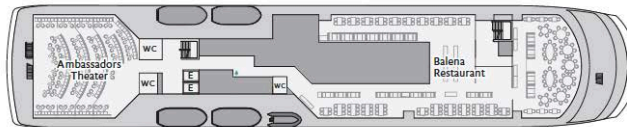
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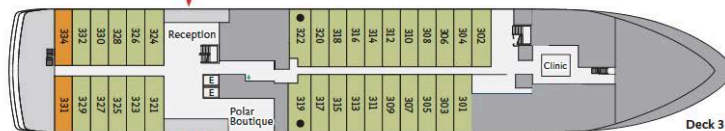
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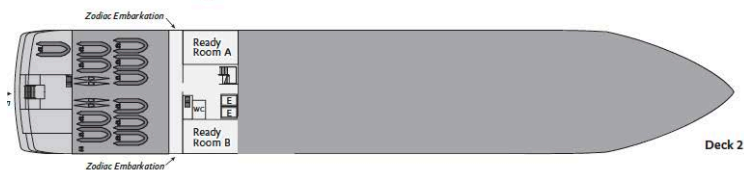
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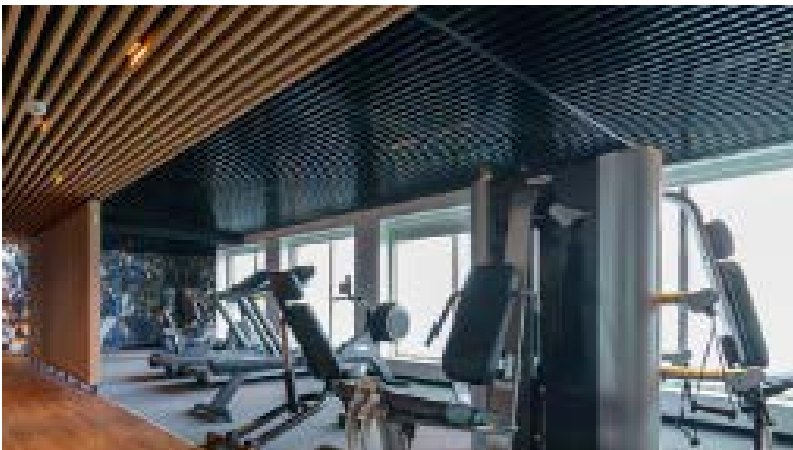


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- Ultra Suite
- Owner's Suite
- Penthouse Suite
- Terrace Suite
- Deluxe Balcony Suite
- Balcony Suite
- Explorer Suite
- Explorer Triple
- Solo Panorama
- Balcony
- ↔ Interconnecting Suites
- Accessibility modified cabin; please speak to your travel professional for details

# ULTRAMARINE

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## **NOVEMBER 18 & 19**

### **Crossing the Drake Passage**

The unpredictable and exciting Drake Passage, which lies at the confluence of the Pacific, the Atlantic and the Southern oceans, is an adventure unto itself. While being well taken care of by the expert onboard staff and expedition team, you'll have plenty of time to gaze out at the expansive ocean waters, photograph seabirds as they swoop around the ship, and get to know your Expedition Team and fellow travelers.

## **NOVEMBER 20**

### **Navigating into the Weddell Sea**

Onboard presentations by world-respected experts will enrich your polar quest, conveying what it was like a century ago for the brave polar heroes who embraced the unknown. You'll also learn more about the ice-dwelling Emperor penguins.





## NOVEMBER 21-26

### Weddell Sea and the Quest to Land at Snow Hill

The journey toward Snow Hill Island will put you in explorer mode as the captain and Expedition Leaders keep you updated through weather briefings, meteorological and sea ice condition reports.

The thickness of ice will determine how close Ultramarine can get to Snow Hill Island, then the twin-engine helicopters will take over.

Like summiting a mountain from base camp, parties will set out from Ultramarine towards the Emperor penguin colony. The adventure begins with an extended helicopter transfer that will reveal a landscape of snow-capped peaks and apartment-building-sized tabular icebergs.

The rookery itself is located on the sea ice off the south coast of Snow Hill Island and the landing will be as close to the penguins as possible, yet at a safe distance to avoid disturbing the birds.

Upon landing, your party will walk across the ice toward one of the rarest wildlife opportunities on the planet: the colony of approximately 8,000 rarely-seen Emperor penguins.





The goal of the expedition is to get every guest to the remote colony at least once. The Expedition Team and special experts will be close by to answer your questions and ensure you take in everything there is to see.

Observe close up how the Emperor penguins behave as a tight-knit community, how they care for their young, and how they body surf across the ice in a way that can only be described as quirky yet efficient.

In addition to the penguin colony, you will be immersed each day in the polar experience of the Weddell Sea.

Daily activities can include Zodiac cruising among the icebergs, paddle-on-top kayaking, or working with the team to observe the weather forecasting and ship operations up close.

Each day your polar experts, who include penguin scientists, biologists and polar historians, will present on various aspects of Emperor penguins and their behaviors, ice formations such as the tabular icebergs which you'll see from the deck of your ship, and the experiences of polar explorers who braved the Weddell Sea over a century ago. You might also decide to take the polar plunge, or test your balance on a stand-up paddleboard.

For a little pampering, choose from Ultramarine's excellent onboard amenities, including the spa, sauna and fitness room.

Depending on weather conditions, other possible landings in Antarctica will take place on the eastern side of the Peninsula, which is an extension of the Transantarctic Mountains and is the most northern stretch of Antarctic land.



## INCLUDED ACTIVITIES

### ZODIAC CRUISING

Zodiacs are the workhorses of polar expeditions, taking you to places the ships can't access, allowing you to reach remote shorelines, explore shallow inlets and search for unique wildlife.

### HIKING

Hiking in Antarctica is free-form and supervised by expert staff, who set out a perimeter or paths at each landing site within which you are free to explore. While you hike, staff will be available to enhance your experience by answering questions about the wildlife, history and geography of the area.

### FLIGHTSEEING

While polar landscapes are spectacular from the sea, they are even more striking from the air. On board Ultramarine you will experience remarkable aerial perspectives on a 10 to 15 minute flight-seeing excursion included in the cost of your voyage.

### PHOTOGRAPHY

The onboard photography guide will help you hone your skills to capture the beauty of the polar regions.



### PRESENTATIONS

Enjoy daily chats with and presentations by the world-class onboard polar experts; expedition guides, specialists, photography guides and other special guests who will introduce you to the fascinating history, biology, ornithology, glaciology and geology of the region, and much, much more.

### POLAR PLUNGE

### HELI-LANDING

The Emperor penguin colony is located on the sea ice off the south coast of Snow Hill Island.. Guests will be transported by twin-engine helicopter from the heli deck on Ultramarine to a landing site as close to the penguins as possible—yet at a safe distance to avoid disturbing the birds. Upon landing, you will join a guided walk across the ice to the fabled Emperor penguin colony.

# POSSIBLE EXCURSIONS

## BROWN BLUFF

Brown Bluff, an immense cliff of volcanic rock, towers 2,225 feet over rookeries of Adélie and gentoo penguins, some of which will be incubating their eggs.

## DEVILS ISLAND

The Swedish Antarctic Expedition of 1901-04 discovered the narrow island, which is 1 mile long and has a low summit at each end.



## SEYMOUR ISLAND

Northeast of Snow Hill Island is a smaller island that was originally mistaken for a cape. Seymour Island is significant for fossil finds and for the remains of the KT Boundary, which marks the transition between the Cretaceous Period (dinosaurs and reptiles) and the Tertiary Period (mammals) of geological times. This era is known for the mass extinction of many forms of life, including dinosaurs.

## PAULET ISLAND

Located in the northwestern Weddell Sea, Paulet Island is home to a large Adélie penguin rookery. With a volcanic cone that rises 1,158 feet, the island reminds you that this was once a very active landscape. In addition to penguins, you may be interested in visiting a historic hut built by members of the Swedish Antarctic Expedition of 1901-04. A cross marks the gravesite of crew member Ole Wengersgaard.



## HOPE BAY

Three members of the Swedish Antarctic Expedition (1901-04) spent the winter in a hut on the shores of Hope Bay. The hut is located close to the jetty of Esperanza Station, an Argentine research station.





## **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

### **Cruising**

The journey back across the Drake Passage provides a final opportunity to enjoy the invigorating Southern Ocean air.

Spend time on the deck watching for seabirds and scouting for whales, enjoy presentations by your Expedition Team, and celebrate the experiences you've shared getting off the beaten track in the remarkable world of Antarctica.

## **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

### **Disembark in Ushuaia and fly to Buenos Aires**

The ship is scheduled to arrive back at the pier in Ushuaia between 7 am and 8 am. After breakfast you will bid farewell to your Expedition Team before completing your disembarkation. This process takes approximately one hour.

Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, you may be able to connect directly with your homeward flight. The charter flight lands at Buenos Aires international airport (Ministro Pistarini International – EZE) at approximately 5 p.m.

We recommend you only select flights departing after 9 p.m. Check your itinerary carefully before booking. Some South America-bound flights originate at Jorge Newbery Airport (IATA code: AEP), which is also known as Aeroparque (IATA airport code: AEP).

Due to unpredictable traffic in Buenos Aires, we recommend you only select flights departing Jorge Newbery Airport after 10 p.m. For the absolute safest travel plans, we recommend that you book an extra hotel night in Buenos Aires between flights. Expedition travel is occasionally unpredictable.

We strongly recommend booking flexible international air tickets.

# **COST**

## **Per Person Double Occupancy**

Explorer Suite	\$25,261
Balcony Suite	\$27,726
Solo Panorama	\$35,206
Deluxe Balcony Suite	\$32,741
Terrace Suite	\$33,931
Penthouse Suite	\$36,481
Owner's Suite	\$45,151
Ultra Suite	\$50,081

\*Cabin selections are based on availability at the time of booking

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Leadership throughout your voyage by Quark's experienced Expedition Leaders.
- Experienced Expedition guides including on all shore landings and other activities.
- All Zodiac transfers, shore landings and cruising as per the daily program.
- Helicopter flights as described in the itinerary
- Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping.
- Any welcome and farewell cocktails aboard.
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks, and juices on board throughout the voyage (Please inform us of any dietary requirements as far in advance as possible. Unfortunately, the ships' galleys cannot prepare kosher meals.
- Complimentary Coffee and Tea.
- Complimentary beer, standard wine.
- Complimentary spirits, and cocktails during bar service and dinner aboard.
- Complimentary Wi-Fi service on one device permitting basic internet browsing, email posting and social media and voice applications. Any additional service can be purchased onboard.
- Formal and informal presentations by the Expedition Team and guest speakers
- A photographic journal documenting the expedition.
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions.
- An official 3-in-1 Quark Expeditions® parka to keep.
- Hair dryers and bathrobes in every cabin.
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program.
- Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers.

## TRANSFER PACKAGE

- Hotel in Buenos Aires, on November 16th with Breakfast included
- A shared transfer from the Hotel to airport in Buenos Aires, on November 17th
- The charter flight from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia, on November 17th
- A shared transfer from the airport to the pier for embarkation on the Ultramarine in Ushuaia, on November 17th
- A shared transfer from the pier to the airport upon disembarkation of the Ultramarine in Ushuaia, on November 29th, 2027.
- The charter flight from Ushuaia to Buenos Aires, on November 29th

*There is a strict luggage limit of 50 lbs checked luggage and 18 lbs cabin baggage on each flight, subject to change if there is an aircraft change*

## **NOT INCLUDED**

- Airport to hotel transfer on arrival day, November 16
- Any transfers from Buenos Aires international airport (Ministro Pistarini International – EZE ) after the charter flight arrives there on November 29.
- International airfare.
- Passport and visa expenses.
- Meals ashore unless otherwise specified.
- Baggage, cancellation, interruption, and medical travel insurance (recommended).
- Excess baggage fees on international flights.
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising
- Laundry, bar, beverage, and other personal charges unless specified.
- Phone and Internet charges (connectivity may vary depending on location).
- Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew. (Recommended \$25 per person per day)
- Additional overnight accommodation.
- Polar Boutique store charges.

Embracing the unexpected is part of the legacy—and excitement—of expedition travel. Throughout the voyage your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. This itinerary is a proposed outline of what you may experience on this voyage; please be aware that no specific itinerary can be guaranteed.

Your visit to the remote Emperor penguin colony at Snow Hill as described is expected, but not guaranteed. Your Expedition Team will use their considerable experience in Antarctica to ensure you witness various wildlife species and ice formations on route to Snow Hill Island.



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