

# Classic Antarctica

14 Days | Departs Tuesday, returns Monday



Approaching a sculpted iceberg in the Antarctic waters



Travel in state-of-the-art comfort aboard MV 'Le Boreal' in the company of expert naturalists and guides • Visit a working scientific research station and other historical sites on the Antarctic Peninsula • Navigate safely and confidently with 'Le Boreal's' environmentally sound practices and technology • Go ashore in Zodiacs for a closer view of the land and wildlife

## **DAY 1: USA or Canada/Buenos Aires, Argentina**

Depart on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina, the "Paris of South America."

## **DAY 2: Buenos Aires**

Arrive this morning and transfer to your hotel (where immediate check-in has been arranged), with time to relax before this afternoon's city tour. As complex as it is energetic and seductive, this port city has been the gateway to Argentina for centuries, bringing many *porteños* (as its multi-national people are known) into its boundaries. Although it is reminiscent of Paris, the true spirit of the city is evident in its diverse neighborhoods — each with a character as varied as the *porteños* themselves. Meet your fellow adventurers this evening for a welcome cocktail reception.

*Caesar Park Buenos Aires B*

## **DAY 3: Buenos Aires/Ushuaia**

Fly to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Upon arrival, enjoy sightseeing (time permitting) and a traditional Patagonian

barbecue lunch. Later, arrive at your ship and settle in for your first night on board. The passenger-friendly, stylish 'Le Boreal' is the first all-balcony stateroom and suite vessel to travel to Antarctica. Wander the decks, relax in the lounge and mingle with fellow travellers in anticipation of your voyage. *MV 'Le Boreal' B L D*

## **DAYS 4-5: Cruising the Drake Passage**

The southward journey toward Antarctica is an exciting one. Fast-flowing Southern Ocean currents squeezing between land masses give the Drake Passage, the small strip of sea between the tip of South America and Antarctica, some of the world's roughest waters. An important trade route in the 19th and early 20th centuries, its stormy waters and icy conditions often made the journey around Cape Horn a difficult one, though the stabilizer-equipped 'Le Boreal' handles it easily. The krill-rich waters are a particular favorite with marine mammals and seabirds. Join 'Le Boreal's' naturalists on the deck to look for various species of whale and abundant seabirds. *MV 'Le Boreal' B L D*



Exploring the wildlife of an Antarctic coastline



A humpback whale in icy Antarctic waters

#### DAYS 6-10: Antarctica

As the Antarctic Peninsula and its offshore islands appear on the horizon, a sense of excitement and expectation begins to build. Shore excursions are carefully planned by the captain and expedition leader to take full advantage of each day's possibilities. On most days, two landings are scheduled. Head out in swift and versatile Zodiacs, guided by expert drivers and accompanied by lecturers, to a number of penguin-filled islands in the South Shetlands, which may include Half Moon, Penguin and Deception. Other possible island visits just off the continental coastline may include Cuverville, Paulet or Goudier. Weather permitting, the ship calls on the Antarctic Peninsula, 'Le Boreal' also plans to sail through stunning Paradise Bay and the Lemaire Channel, referred to as "Kodak Alley," with other possibilities for exploration, including a scientific research station and the remains of turn-of-the-century whaling and sealing stations. *MV 'Le Boreal' B L D*

#### DAYS 11-12: Drake Passage

The ship's return through the Drake Passage is an interlude for recap and reflection, with time to compare notes with your lecturers on the wildlife, history and geology of the White Continent. While cruising through this historic passage, named in honor of Sir Francis Drake's voyage in the 16th century, you may be able to spot whale and seabirds such as albatross. *MV 'Le Boreal' B L D*


#### DAY 13: Ushuaia/Buenos Aires/USA or Canada

Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport to board your flight home via Buenos Aires. *B*

#### DAY 14: USA or Canada

Arrive in the USA or Canada.



 **A&K PHILANTHROPY:** The December 7 departure is a philanthropic journey focusing on fighting climate change and educating participants on the impact of climate change on the Antarctic Peninsula's marine life. A portion of the proceeds support research.

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#### DEPARTURE DATE

Expedition #101209 December 07-20, 2010

Climate Change Challenge mission trip

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