

# ICE AXE EXPEDITIONS

## 2024 ANTARCTIC PENINSULA ADVENTURE CRUISE

*Explore the white continent alongside the most experienced Antarctic experts on Earth, setting foot where few ever will and doing what few can even dream.*

Truly experience Antarctica on land, by boat, with every sense. Each day, you can opt to go snowshoe trekking, sea kayaking, and take Zodiac excursions from the ship to explore glaciated bays, channels and landing sites. Glacier crossings, high speed zodiac rides around icebergs, and ripping turns are punctuated by sightings of exotic polar creatures: penguins, whales, leopard seals, giant albatross and more. Antarctica isn't just a painting to witness, it is a landscape to interact with. At first glance the landscape seemed a sea of monochromatic texture but a closer look reveals a range of blues and opportunities that tempt the imagination, each excursion presenting a new collection of landscapes and creatures to keep your camera busy and you in awe.



### **Dates:**

October 19-31, 2024

### **2024 Pricing:**

Antarctic Adventurer Package:  
\$13,995 USD per person

*\*the required deposit is 50%  
of the total berth price.*

### **How to Book:**

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### **Itinerary:**

OCTOBER 19th - Arrive in Ushuaia, Argentina. Orientation with trekking guide. Welcome Dinner. Overnight in Ushuaia.

OCTOBER 20th - Board the Ocean Albatros and set sail down the Beagle Channel.

OCTOBER 21st - Cross the Drake Passage. Sperm, fin, and humpback whales, along with skies of seabirds will accompany our journey.

OCTOBER 22nd - Continue crossing the Drake Passage.

OCTOBER 23rd - Kayak and trekking objectives at Neko Harbour. Zodiac cruises, penguin rookeries, hiking.

OCTOBER 24th - Kayak and trekking objectives at Anvers and Wenke Islands. Port Lockroy scientific base and museum. Visit gentoo and adelic penguin habitat.

OCTOBER 25th - Ronge/Island/Mt. Britannia. Visit penguin rookery at Georges Point.

OCTOBER 26th - Kayak and trekking objectives in Paradise Bay. Zodiac excursions. Visit penguin rookery and Almirante Brown Station.

OCTOBER 27th - Lemaire Channel/ Mt. Scott/ Mt. Demaria/Mt. Mill. Visit the Ukrainian Vernadsky scientific station. Killer whale and leopard seal sightings.

OCTOBER 28th - New kayak and trekking objectives and nature cruises of Charlotte Bay; begin journey north.

OCTOBER 29th - Sail Drake Passage; pass the dramatic cliffs of Cape Horn.

OCTOBER 30th – Continue sailing Drake Passage.

OCTOBER 31st - Disembark the Ocean Albatros in Ushuaia, Argentina.

*\*Flexibility is necessary for all Antarctic travel. This program is subject to change throughout the journey depending on ice, weather, and local conditions.*

### **A Typical Day:**

7-8am: Breakfast

8-9am: Disembark on zodiacs for morning snowshoe trek

12:30-2pm: Return to ship for lunch

2-5:30pm: Afternoon kayak or scenic wildlife zodiac cruise

7pm: Dinner

9pm: Evening talk/presentation from mountain guide or expedition staff

### What's Included:

- 1-night pre-expedition shared hotel accommodation in Ushuaia, Argentina + continental breakfast.
- Group welcome dinner in Ushuaia.
- Group transfers from the hotel to the ship on embarkation and from the ship to the airport on disembarkation and all miscellaneous service taxes and port charges.
- Main Deck Balcony accommodations on board the Ocean Albatros.
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner on board the Ocean Albatros.
- Unlimited kayak, trekking, and zodiac excursions.
- Shore landings and Zodiac excursions as permitted by weather and local conditions.
- Presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers.
- Comprehensive pre-departure information package.
- Use of a pair of rubber expedition boots on loan for shore landings. These will be returned at the end of the voyage.
- Use of all sea kayaking gear.
- Photographic trip-log shared after the voyage.

### Not Included:

- Airfares to or from your home city, whether on scheduled or charter flights.
- Passport and visa expenses. Tourist entry fees may apply depending on your nationality.
- Any government arrival and departure airport taxes.
- Trekking equipment.
- Any meals not detailed above.
- Baggage, cancellation, and travel insurance (emergency medical and evacuation insurance is mandatory).
- Excess baggage charges.
- Laundry, bar, beverage, and other personal charges onboard the ship or at the hotel.
- Telecommunications and wifi charges or the customary gratuity at the end of the voyage for stewards, guides, and other service personnel.
- Tips for guides and hospitality staff.





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### **FAQs:**

#### *How do I reserve my trip?*

To sign up for the 2024 Antarctic Peninsula Adventure Cruise you can [register online](#) or contact Ice Axe Expeditions at 530-582-1246 or via email at [questions@iceaxe.tv](mailto:questions@iceaxe.tv).

#### *What is the weather like?*

The weather in Antarctica is extremely unpredictable. Heavy rainfall is unusual; strong winds are relatively common, so it is important to pack accordingly. The average temperatures on the Antarctic Peninsula during the summer months' range from approximately 23° - 41° F. The weather in Ushuaia is a bit warmer but also has the wind and rain characteristics of the Antarctic weather systems.

#### *You say the weather can be unpredictable. What happens if there are delays?*

If any trip must be delayed due to bad weather, cancelled or delayed transportation, sickness or any other situation for which Ice Axe Expeditions cannot make provisions, all costs incurred during such delays must be borne by trip members.

#### *What if I need to cancel?*

All requests for cancellations must be received in writing. Cancellations received by June 1, 2024 or prior are refunded less an administrative fee of \$750 per person. Cancellations received between June 2, 2024 and July 31, 2024 will be subject to forfeit the deposit. Please note that for cancellations received after July 31, 2024 of which 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, you are strongly encouraged to obtain trip cancellation insurance. Prices quoted are based on group participation and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which you choose not to participate.

#### *What is the COVID-19 Policy?*

Please check health requirements of destination and transit countries, as well as those of transport services (airlines). In the two weeks prior to travel, we recommend you closely monitor your health, do a symptom self-check regularly, and practice good hygiene (physical distancing, hand washing, limited social interactions, avoid social events and gatherings in badly ventilated spaces). If you test positive in Ushuaia you will not be able to board the ship. We strongly recommend guests to purchase travel insurance that covers any isolation costs.

### **Insurance:**

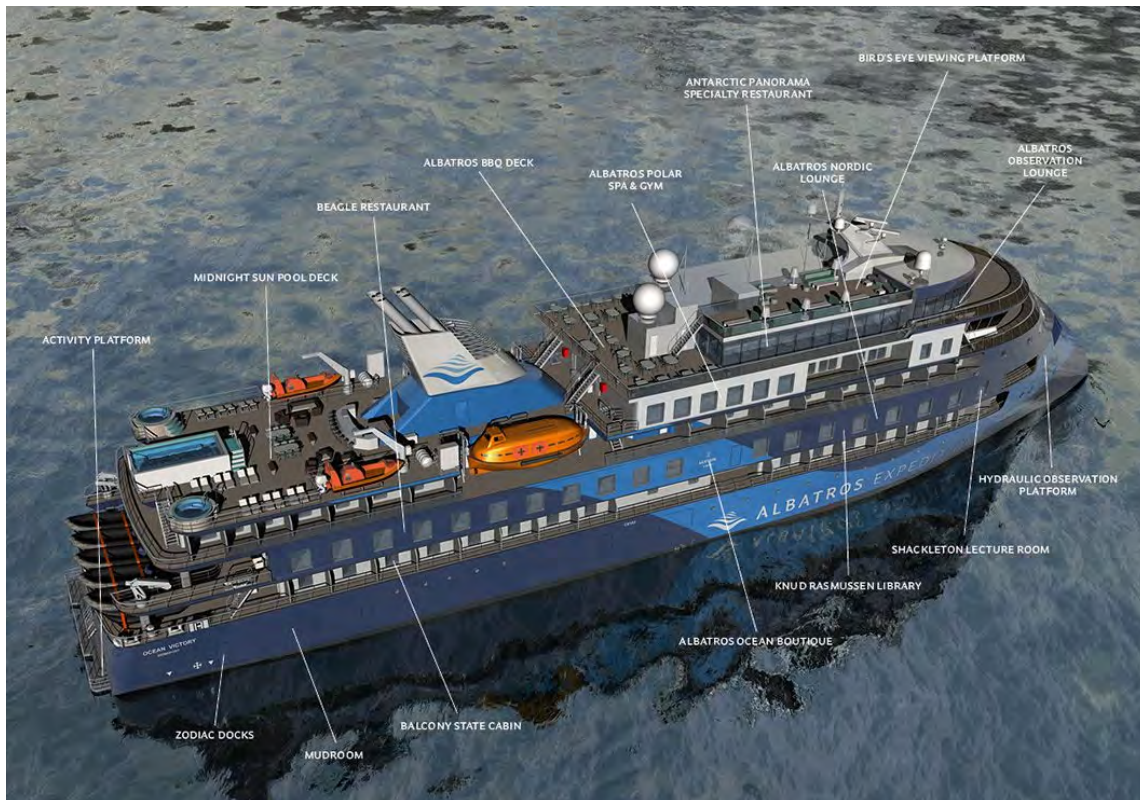
We require that you have at least \$200,000 in medical evacuation insurance. Your insurance policy should cover hazardous sports and we recommend that your policy cover search and rescue. Since we cannot confirm each client's policy individually, it is your responsibility to make sure your policy will cover you while you participate in your activities of choice on the expedition. We also always encourage you to purchase TRIP CANCELLATION insurance in addition to the mandatory medical evacuation insurance, though it is not required.

For US citizens, we recommend the [Travelex Travel Select Insurance](#) with the Adventure Sports upgrade. The Travel Select policy includes trip cancellation and trip interruption coverage. Additional insurance recommendations can be found [here](#). When selecting a policy, please make sure they insure a) the region of Antarctica, b) snowshoeing-which involves the use of ropes, and is a guided activity.

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### The Ship:

Ice Axe Expeditions is proud to introduce our new vessel, the Ocean Albatros, as our Antarctic home. With a total of 93 comfortable staterooms for our guests, all with a view of the ocean, (and 90% with their own balcony), several restaurants, a wellness area, an Albatros Nordic Bar, an open deck dining facility, a modern lecture lounge, and other amenities, the vessel will also be environmentally friendly onboard, with an implementation of the Green Initiative Program, ensuring both absolute comfort and sustainability for our guests.



### On Board Accommodations - Main Deck Balcony:

Main deck balcony staterooms, located on deck 4. These are conveniently located staterooms close to the Mudroom which facilitates access to the Zodiacs during embarkation and disembarkation to begin your adventures on the Zodiacs. Featuring a double bed and bathroom, and a private balcony 258 square feet.





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## Ocean Albatros Ship Details:



*Panorama Restaurant, deck 8*



*BBQ Deck, deck 8*



*Beagle Restaurant, deck 5*



*Shackleton Lecture Room, deck 5*



*Library, deck 5*



*Observation Lounge, deck 8*



*Nordic Bar and Lounge, deck 7*



*Gym, deck 7*



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We look forward to having you join us in October 2024 on this trip of a lifetime! Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions, (530) 582-1246 or [questions@iceaxe.tv](mailto:questions@iceaxe.tv).

All the best,



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