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If Antarctica has a looking glass to step through - 66° 33' S is it! This voyage follows the Antarctic Peninsula's spectacular west coast down through the Lemaire Channel. We toast our Circle Crossing in glorious Crystal Sound, then wind our way through a maze of intricate waterways. Our second departure has a specialist Diving option.



“Cruising past the Antarctic circle, it's easy to see how difficult conditions were for early explorers. Our comfortable ship *Polar Pioneer* and its experienced crew travels without a rigid timetable, setting course based on a combination of conditions, passenger's interests and our famous enthusiasm for discovering new places.”

Gary Miller - Expedition Leader, Aurora Expeditions

## Itinerary for Across the Antarctic Circle

### ***Day 1***

We board our ship *Polar Pioneer* in Ushuaia in the afternoon, then sail down the Beagle Channel in the evening.

### ***Day 2***

Overnight, weather permitting, we will have travelled into Drake Passage. During the day we will begin last minute preparation for our time ashore on Antarctica.

### ***Day 3***

We expect to cross the Antarctic Convergence, the biological boundary of Antarctica, and may see our first icebergs. In the evening we approach the South Shetland Islands and, if we have had a quick passage, make our first landing and perhaps our first dive (if dive option selected).

### ***Day 4 - 9***

For six days we plan to explore the western flanks of the Antarctic Peninsula as far south as the Antarctic Circle, where the waters abound with whales at this time of the season. We hope to enter the magical Crystal Sound and, if ice conditions are favourable, to navigate a passage into Marguerite Bay through a very narrow channel called The Gullet.

### ***Day 10***

From Anvers and Brabant Islands, we head north into Drake Passage.

### ***Day 11***

At Sea. Our last day of lectures and the final opportunity to enjoy the seabirds of the Southern Ocean. A cruise past Cape Horn (weather permitting, of course) and a farewell dinner provide a fitting finale.

### ***Day 12***

We travel up the Beagle Channel to disembark in Ushuaia. Farewell new found friends as we follow our separate paths. For those staying in Ushuaia, the rest of the day can be spent at leisure in "The Town At The End Of The World".

# Activities for Across the Antarctic Circle

## **Scuba Diving**



From the icy waters of Antarctic to the tropical reefs of Papua New Guinea, both of our scuba diving destinations guarantee amazing new experiences. Antarctic diving reveals a world of ice, where glaciers, gigantic icebergs and a unique blend of marine life greet us. The wildlife rich warm waters of Papua New Guinea teem with a myriad of spectacular tropical fish, coral gardens, deep-water dropoffs and WWII wrecks.

## **CABINS**

**Triple:** Two lower bunks and one upper bunk, a desk, a small washbasin, ample storage and hanging space and portholes. Showers and toilets are very close by and are shared with other Main Deck cabins.

SIZE: Total Cabin: 423cm x 241cm = 10.2 sqm

**Twin Public:** Two lower bunks, a desk, small washbasin, ample storage and hanging space, a couch and a porthole. Showers and toilets are very close by and are shared with other Main Deck cabins.

Total Cabin: 400cm x 245cm = 9.8 sq m

**Twin Private:** Two lower bunks, a desk, windows and private bathroom with shower, toilet and washbasin. #402 and #403 have upper and lower bunks and a couch.

SIZE:

Deck 4:

Bedroom/Bathroom – 411cm x 260cm = 10.7 sqm

Bathroom – 120cm x 256cm = 3 sqm

Deck 5:

Bedroom/Bathroom – 494cm x 243cm = 12 sqm

Bathroom – 110cm x 170cm = 1.9 sqm

**Mini Suite:** Double bed in a separate room, foldout couch that can be used as a single bed, TV, video player, windows, desk, table area, fridge, and private bathroom with shower, toilet and washbasin.

SIZE:

Living Room/Bedroom/Bathroom – 453cm x 370cm = 16.8 sqm

Bathroom – 120cm x 160cm = 1.92 sqm

**Captain's Suite:** Double bed in separate room, plus foldout couch that can be used as a single bed, forward and port windows, lounge and table area, fridge, TV, video player, and private bathroom with shower, toilet and washbasin.

SIZE:

Living Room/Bedroom – 450cm x 500cm = 22.5 sqm

Bathroom – 120cm x 160cm = 1.92 sqm

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