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One of the most dynamic and fast changing regions of Antarctica, the Weddell Sea demands the most from those who attempt to explore it.

Home to massive ice shelves, an under water volcano and wildlife rich islands this voyage will take us to places where few humans have been.



“Exploring one of the most unpredictable bodies of water in the world, this expedition combines the contrasting east and west coasts of the Peninsula. Aurora pioneered many of the landing sites along these shores and we'll need all of our captain's vast ice navigation skills on this thrilling adventure.”

Sue Werner - Assistant Expedition Leader, Aurora Expeditions

Itinerary for Weddell Sea

Day 1

After boarding *Polar Pioneer* in Ushuaia mid-afternoon, we set sail along the Beagle Channel then turn south.

Day 2

As we cross the Drake Passage, the temperature begins to fall. We are busy with lectures and safety briefings in preparation for our first landing.

Day 3

By mid-afternoon we should be in iceberg waters. If all goes well we may encounter our first penguin on one of the South Shetland Islands.

Day 4

In the early hours of the morning we hope to be among the towering corridors of icebergs in Antarctic Sound. A narrow passage, alive with penguins, guards the entrance to the Weddell Sea.

Day 5 - 7

Three days of exploring in the whale - and seal -rich Weddell Sea, where our activities will be controlled by the movement of ice. Huge glaciers pour down between the mountains from the polar plateau, and the surface of the ocean is covered with plates of ice the size of city blocks. One of our aims is to visit the fossil-rich shores of Seymour Island.

Day 8 - 9

We plan to visit the beautiful western flanks of the Antarctic Peninsula, exploring the Gerlache Strait, Neumayer Channel, and Paradise Harbour.

Day 10 - 11

We will cross the Drake Passage with magnificent albatrosses in our wake. The last shipboard lectures give us time to polish our Antarctic education before making a ceremonial rounding of Cape Horn, weather permitting.

Day 12

We cruise up the Beagle Channel in the early morning before docking in Ushuaia. We farewell new found friends, some transferring to hotels with time to explore the town, others continuing their travels in South America or heading home.

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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