

This Journey is Specially Prepared for

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### Classic Antarctica 2018-19

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Embark on an award-winning Luxury Expedition Cruise for the centerpiece of the Southern Hemisphere - extraordinary Antarctica - discovering towering icebergs, impressive glaciers and wildlife in abundance.

### A&K Advantages

Cruise for 10 nights aboard luxurious 'Le Lyrial' with guaranteed outside balcony accommodations for all guests, only when exclusively chartered by A&K

Begin your journey with a stay at the luxurious Palacio Duhau - Park Hyatt on beautiful Alvear Avenue in Buenos Aires

Travel with A&K's renowned Expedition Team, featuring passionate scientists that include an ornithologist, marine biologist and geologist, all deeply familiar with Antarctica

Discover some of the world's rarest wildlife and terrain on included excursions led by the region's best guides

Learn about Antarctica's changing environment and efforts to conserve it

Gain a deep understanding of the region with enriching lectures by award-winning A&K experts, including historians, professional photographers and recipients of the Polar Medal

Experience the benefits of all-inclusive cruising with onboard gratuities, unlimited house drinks, gear, and all excursions, Zodiac rides, and port charges included on your voyage

Take advantage of convenient A&K charter flights to and from Ushuaia

Enjoy additional programming on our January 6 departure, which features an A&K Philanthropy focus on Understanding Climate Change with special guest lecturer and noted scientist Dr. James McClintock

# Itinerary

## DAY 1 ARRIVE BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Arrive this morning in Argentina's capital and transfer to your hotel, where immediate check-in has been arranged. As complex as it is energetic, this port city has been the gateway to Argentina for centuries, bringing many porteños (locals) into its boundaries. Although reminiscent of a European city, the spirit of Buenos Aires is evident in its diverse local neighborhoods. Experience it firsthand during an afternoon tour of the city that includes the Plaza de Mayo, the Cabildo and the Metropolitan Cathedral. Tonight, meet your fellow adventurers for a welcome cocktail reception.

Palacio Duhau - Park Hyatt Buenos Aires

## DAY 2 USHUAIA | GATEWAY TO ANTARCTICA

Fly to the charming port town of Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. On arrival, enjoy lunch at the Arakur resort and — time and weather permitting — the opportunity to take a guided trek in the Cerro Alarken Nature Reserve or simply relax with a cappuccino and enjoy the scenic views of Ushuaia and the Beagle Channel. This afternoon, arrive at your ship and settle in for your first night on board. Stylish and comfortable, 'Le Lyrial' features all-balcony staterooms and suites only on A&K journeys to Antarctica. Wander the decks to become acquainted with the ship, relax in the lounge and mingle with fellow guests in anticipation of your voyage. On departure, enjoy cruising through the beautiful Beagle Channel before heading out to sea.

'Le Lyrial' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 3–4 CRUISING THE DRAKE PASSAGE | EPIC PASSAGE

The journey south toward Antarctica is an exciting one. An important trade route in the 19th and early 20th centuries, the Drake Passage is a 600-mile-wide swath of water where the Southern Ocean currents are squeezed between South America's southern tip and Antarctica's northernmost reaches. Its stormy waters and icy conditions once made the journey a difficult one, though the stabilizer-equipped 'Le Lyrial' handles it with ease. As you travel in the comfort of your luxury cruiser, enjoy enriching lectures from members of the Expedition Team on topics ranging from birdlife and geology, to photography and history. After lunch, join your naturalists on the deck to look for various species of whales and abundant seabirds, which join other mammals in feasting on the krill-rich waters of the Drake Passage; it's all just a taste of the wildlife you will encounter in the days to come. Later in the evening, chat with experts about the wildlife spotted today and discuss the next day's itinerary.

'Le Lyrial' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 5–9 ANTARCTICA | THE WHITE CONTINENT

As the Antarctic Peninsula and its offshore islands appear on the horizon, a sense of excitement begins to build. While day-to-day itineraries depend on weather, ice and wildlife conditions, daily excursions carefully planned by your Captain and Expedition Team may include exploration of the following areas:

**Antarctic Sound:** At the northernmost tip of the Antarctic mainland, this body of water features some of the best sightseeing on the peninsula and a proliferation of giant icebergs. Noted for its vast numbers of bird species, the sound is home to the largest breeding colonies of Adélie penguins in Antarctica. Landings here may include Paulet, Vortex or Terror islands. You may also make your first continental landing at sites such as Brown Bluff or Esperanza Station at Hope Bay.

**South Shetland Islands:** Antarctic research stations, remarkable history, amazing geological features and abundant wildlife define these islands off shore of the Antarctic Peninsula. Island visits may include Penguin, Half-Moon and Deception, where you may cruise into this flooded caldera to explore geothermal black sand beaches and abandoned whaling stations.

**Danco Coast:** Boardering the South Shetland Islands along the Antarctic continent, the Danco Coast is famed for its scenic, jaw-dropping waterways. From the comfort of 'Le Lyrial,' you may sail through the Gerlache Strait, Paradise Bay and photogenic Lemaire Channel. Landings may include Neko Harbour, Cuverville Island and Wilhelmina Bay.

Each cruise day begins with an early breakfast followed by a morning excursion on swift Zodiacs (sturdy inflatable boats). Guided by expert drivers, each Zodiac excursion is accompanied by lecturers and joined by groups of no more than 10 guests. After mornings discovering native species and striking terrain, return to 'Le Lyrial' for lunch, and time to relax and observe the wildlife-rich waters that surround you, searching for everything from fin whales, humpback whales and orcas, to Antarctic and imperial shags. By afternoon, set out for the day's second excursion, which may include visiting a working scientific research station, hiking on a sheltered beach packed with basking Southern elephant seals, or circumnavigating colossal icebergs that serve as floating homes to seals and penguins. After full days of adventure, evenings aboard your luxury cruiser invite you to unwind over cocktails in the cozy lounge before dinner in the elegant dining room. At night, choose to recap the day's discoveries with your naturalist guides; chat on deck with fellow guests; or seize the opportunity to capture photos in the stunning low light characteristic of Antarctica's long, ethereal twilight.

'Le Lyrial' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 10–11 CRUISING THE DRAKE PASSAGE | MEMORABLE RETURN

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Bid farewell to wondrous Antarctica and begin your cruise back to Ushuaia at the southernmost tip of Argentina. The ship's return through the Drake Passage is an interlude for recap and reflection, with time to compare notes with your expert lecturers on the wildlife, history and geology of the White Continent. Spend time on board with newfound friends in the comfortable common spaces of 'Le Lyrial,' enjoy quiet relaxation on your own private balcony or absorb more fascinating lectures by your captivating Expedition Team. While cruising through this historic passage, you may spot various species of whales and seabirds, including the elusive albatross and the giant petrel, an opportunistic predator and scavenger nicknamed the "stinker." The immense albatross is an especially stunning sight to behold. These wandering birds boast a wingspan approaching 12 feet and are capable of gliding through the air for hours at a time in search of food.

'Le Lyrial' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### **DAY 12 DEPART USHUAIA**

'Le Lyrial' docks at Ushuaia this morning. After breakfast, bid farewell to your crew and fellow guests before disembarking. Transfer to the airport for your return flight to Buenos Aires, where you connect to your international flight home.

Meals: Breakfast

## Extensions



### Iguazu Falls Pre-Cruise Extension

**Days:** 4 | **From:** \$1,495

Internal air from \$390 (Buenos Aires/Iguazu/Buenos Aires)

#### DAY 1:

Arrive in Buenos Aires, where you are met and transferred to your historic hotel in the heart of the city.

#### DAY 2:

Fly to Iguazu Falls and explore the Brazilian side, with its cascading waterfalls along a gulf. Join your guide on a tour through the national park to a catwalk within arm's reach of the falls.

Belmond Hotel das Cataratas | Meals: Breakfast

#### DAY 3:

Today, experience the Argentine side of the park, walking the trails above and along the falls. Choose to venture out on a catwalk that extends 3,600 feet over the tropical basin of the Devil's Throat. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

Belmond Hotel das Cataratas | Meals: Breakfast

#### DAY 4:

Fly to Buenos Aires. Begin your main program.

Meals: Breakfast

# Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>Dec 12 - Dec 23</b>				
Classic Balcony Stateroom - Category 1	\$11,995 (was \$14,995)	\$7,495	\$850	Available
Deluxe Balcony Stateroom - Category 2	\$13,495 (was \$16,495)	\$8,295	\$850	Available
Premier Balcony Stateroom - Category 3	\$14,495 (was \$17,495)	\$8,795	\$850	Available
Prestige Balcony Suite - Category 4	\$23,495	\$21,145	\$850	Available
Premier Two-Room Balcony Suite - Category 5	\$24,495	\$21,995	\$850	Available
Privilege Two-Room Balcony Suite - Category 6	\$26,995	\$24,295	\$850	Available
Grand Deluxe Two-Room Balcony Suite - Category 7	\$30,995	\$27,895	\$850	Limited Availability
Grand Privilege Three-Room Balcony Suite - Category 8	\$35,495	\$33,695	\$850	Limited Availability
Owner's Balcony Suite - Category 9	\$38,995	\$36,045	\$850	Limited Availability
<b>Jan 06 - Jan 17</b>				
Classic Balcony Stateroom - Category 1	\$13,495 (was \$16,495)	\$8,245	\$850	Available
Deluxe Balcony Stateroom - Category 2	\$14,995 (was \$17,995)	\$8,995	\$850	Available
Premier Balcony Stateroom - Category 3	\$15,995 (was \$18,995)	\$9,495	\$850	Limited Availability
Prestige Balcony Suite - Category 4	\$24,995	\$22,495	\$850	Available
Premier Two-Room Balcony Suite - Category 5	\$25,995	\$23,345	\$850	Available
Privilege Two-Room Balcony Suite - Category 6	\$27,995	\$25,195	\$850	Call for Availability
Grand Deluxe Two-Room Balcony Suite - Category 7	\$32,995	\$29,695	\$850	Call for Availability
Grand Privilege Three-Room Balcony Suite - Category 8	\$36,495	\$34,645	\$850	Call for Availability
Owner's Balcony Suite - Category 9	\$39,995	\$37,945	\$850	Call for Availability

Special departure: Understanding Climate Change: Sail our this departure for special programming and an A&K Philanthropy focus on our changing planet, joined by noted scientist Dr. James McClintock.

## Journey Details

Internal Air: Buenos Aires/Ushuaia/Buenos Aires (Economy from: \$850)

This journey contains some active elements and is subject to change based on weather, wildlife, ice and other conditions beyond A&K's control. The final itinerary will be determined at the sole discretion of the Captain and Expedition Leader.

Minimum age is 10 years

First group event: afternoon city tour on Day 1.

Last group event: disembarkation in Ushuaia at 9:00 a.m. on Day 12.

Suite categories 4-9 include butler service on board 'Le Lyrial' and suite accommodations at the Palacio-Duhau - Park Hyatt Buenos Aires.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).