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## LUXURY & EXPEDITION VOYAGES TO ANTARCTICA, FALKLANDS & SOUTH GEORGIA

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### SUGGESTED ITINERARY:

(Prepared on behalf Barolin Travel Bundaberg)

Prepared: 9 September 2019

Thank you for considering Antarctica Travel Centre for your holiday to **Chile, Antarctica and Argentina.**

### QUOTE

*Please note that this is a proposed itinerary only. It is based on flights and schedules that are current at the time of preparation. Flight schedules are subject to change and may affect the final itinerary.*

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**Day 1    Saturday 16 January 2021**

**Brisbane/Australia**

**Flight:**

**Airline:** QANTAS  
**Departing:** Bundaberg 17:30

**Flight Number:** QF 2325  
**Arriving:** Brisbane 18:25

**Accommodation:**

Ibis Hotel – Brisbane Airport (Standard Room)

**Description:**

Depart Bundaberg on your domestic flight to Brisbane.

On arrival at Brisbane Airport, make your OWN way to your hotel located within the Airport precinct.

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### CHILE ENTRY FEE

Australian passport holders are required to pay an Entry Fee to enter Chile, payable on arrival at Santiago International Airport. Please proceed to the Entry Fee counter (look for the signs) before passing through immigration. You will receive a loose-leaf receipt which is usually affixed to the back page of your passport. Do not lose this Chile Entry receipt as you may be asked for it at immigration upon departure. The current fee is **USD117.00** per person (payable in USD cash or by credit card) and is valid for multiple re-entry within a period of 3 months from the date of first arrival.

**\*Note:** *The cost is subject to change at any time.*

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Some of the park's lakes are navigable and are connected by a network of rivers. There is also an abundance of birds and wildlife including nandus (type of small ostrich), armadillos, guanacos (related to the llama), rheas (ostrich-like), condors, geese, black-necked swans and even flamingos. During summer (November-March) the region has 18 hours of daylight.

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## **PATAGONIA CAMP**

Located approx. 15km outside the Torres del Paine national park's entrance, on the shores of Lake Toro, Patagonia Camp - one of the original 'glamping' (glamorous camping) concepts - offers wonderful views across the water towards Los Cuernos de Paine. It is part-owned by the Matetic family of Chilean winery fame and their vineyards supply fine wines to the restaurant and bar.

The camp has been designed to have minimum impact on the environment and to harmonise with the landscape of the area. To achieve this, everything has been built on wooden stilts and platforms, including the yurts, communal areas, and walkways that connect the complex. The complex is made up of 18 comfortable, independent tent domes, set in a forest of beech trees and facing the spectacular lake and the Paine Massif.

Each well-insulated yurt is decorated with woven fabrics and locally crafted furniture, and has its own balcony, heating and a private hot-water bathroom in hut that adjoins the yurt (note: because this is planned to be a "get away from it all" experience, there is no TV). A beautiful central dome lets you enjoy the ever-changing Patagonian clouds during the day or the amazing starry sky at night, all from inside the comfort and warmth of your yurt.

A high-ceilinged building in the centre of the camp houses the spacious restaurant, bar and comfortable lounge.

Your all-inclusive Patagonian experience includes meals, open bar (for house drinks and wines), and a menu of daily guided excursions, providing guests with the opportunity to get out and enjoy one of the most pristine and wild landscapes on earth. Each evening, you are offered a choice of half and full day excursions for the following day, selecting from a wide range designed to suit all levels of ability and interest including easy, medium and challenging treks, and sightseeing by van or on foot (subject to weather conditions).

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### **Day 4 Tuesday 19 January 2021**

### **Torres del Paine/Chile**

**Flight:** **Airline:** LATAM Airlines **Flight Number:** LA 001  
**Departing:** Santiago 11:20 **Arriving:** Puerto Natales 14:40

**Arrangements:** Transfer from Hotel to Santiago Airport (Private)  
Transfer from Puerto Natales Airport to Patagonia Camp  
(Shared Patagonia Camp Vehicle)

**Accommodation:** Patagonia Camp (Deluxe Yurt)

**Meal Plan:** Breakfast/Dinner

#### **Description:**

This morning, met at your hotel for transfer to Santiago Airport for your domestic flight to Puerto Natales.

Met on arrival at Puerto Natales Airport by a representative of Patagonia Camp for the journey by road to the camp. During the drive you will have plenty of time to admire the Patagonian steppe with its guanacos and snow-peaked mountain horizon.

On arrival settle into your accommodation. You will meet with the lodge guides to discuss the excursion which are included for the next two days.

**\*Note:** The daily shared excursions offered by Patagonia Camp are of varying degrees of difficulty and designed to suit all levels and preferences. Please check with your guides when staying at the camp whether the excursions you are interested in are appropriate for your level of fitness.

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**Day 5    Wednesday 20 January 2021**

**Torres del Paine/Chile**

**Arrangements:** Patagonia Camp Excursions (Shared Patagonia Camp Vehicle)  
**Accommodation:** Patagonia Camp (Deluxe Yurt)  
**Meal Plan:** Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

**Description:**

Day at leisure to enjoy excursions offered by the camp.

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**Day 6    Thursday 21 January 2021**

**Torres del Paine/Chile**

**Arrangements:** Patagonia Camp Excursions (Shared camp vehicle)  
**Accommodation:** Patagonia Camp (Deluxe Yurt)  
**Meal Plan:** Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

**Description:**

Day at leisure to enjoy excursions offered by the camp.

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**Day 7    Friday 22 January 2021**

**El Calafate/Argentina**

**Arrangements:** Transfer from Patagonia Camp to El Calafate  
(Private – Spanish speaking driver only)  
**Accommodation:** Kosten Aike (Superior Room)  
**Meal Plan:** Breakfast/Snack

**Description:**

After an early breakfast, transfer across the vast Patagonian steppes to the town of El Calafate in Argentina (approx. 5 hours). Along the way stop at both the Chilean and Argentine border checkpoints for immigration formalities to be completed before continuing on to the town of El Calafate situated on the shores of Lago Argentino. ***\*Please remember to have your passport handy when crossing the border.***

El Calafate is the entrance to Glaciers National Park (Los Glaciares) which is one of the largest in the country and perhaps the only truly untouched area where nature is preserved intact. It also takes in some of the Continental Ice Cap.

On arrival in El Calafate drop off at your hotel.

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**Day 8    Saturday 23 January 2021**

**El Calafate/Argentina**

**Arrangements:** Full Day Perito Moreno Glacier Tour with Nautical Cruise (Private)  
Los Glaciares National Park Fee  
**Accommodation:** Kosten Aike (Superior Room)  
**Meal Plan:** Breakfast

**Description:**

This morning, depart your hotel for the journey (80km) to the Perito Moreno Glacier, considered one of the natural wonders of the world and found on the southern arm of Lago Argentino. Visit the main viewing area for a breathtaking panoramic view of this huge glacier with a frontage of 4,000m and walls that rise to a height of more than 60m.



On this uninhabited land, which wasn't explored until the 19th century, your encounters with the wildlife will no doubt be one of the highlights of your experience. The Gentoo, Adelle and chinstrap penguins, humpback whales, seals and seabirds will provide you with cherished lifelong memories. Highlight of your cruise: sailing on the Weddell Sea. The Le Boréal will take advantage of a time of year when it is relatively free of ice to sail amid the free-floating pack ice in a magical setting. A top spot for polar exploration in the Antarctic, the Weddell Sea offers spectacular, unrivalled scenery. If luck is on your side, you may even get to see some emperor penguins. Each day, whether on land, aboard your ship or during a Zodiac outing, you will be surrounded by a grandiose decor ranging from icebergs to ice floe and ancient glaciers.

*You are privileged guests in these extreme lands where you are at the mercy of weather and ice conditions. Landings on certain sites and the observation of certain wildlife cannot be guaranteed. They vary from day to day, making each cruise a unique experience. The Captain and the Expedition Leader will make every effort to ensure that your experience is as rich as possible, while complying with the safety rules and instructions imposed by the IAATO.*

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**Day 10 Monday 25 February 2021**

**Antarctic Cruise**

**Arrangements:** Transfer from Hotel to Ushuaia Port (Private)  
Commence the Emblematic Antarctica with National Geographic Cruise

**Accommodation:** Le Boréal (Deluxe Stateroom)

**Meal Plan:** Breakfast/Dinner

**Description:**

Morning at leisure in Ushuaia.

In the afternoon, transfer from your hotel to Ushuaia Port to begin your Antarctic adventure. Embarkation will occur from 16:00 to 17:00 with departure scheduled for 18:00.

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**Day 11 Tuesday 26 January 2021 to**

**Antarctic Cruise**

**Day 12 Wednesday 27 January 2021**

**Arrangements:** At Sea- Crossing the Drake Passage

**Accommodation:** Le Boréal (Deluxe Stateroom)

**Meal Plan:** Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

**Description:**

Use your days spent in the Drake Passage to familiarise yourself with your ship and deepen your knowledge of the Antarctic. The Expedition Leader will first present the IAATO rules of conduct that must be observed during landings in the region and will explain everything you need to know about the Zodiac outings. Lectures about the history and wildlife of the Antarctic will be an opportunity for you to learn more about this magical region, where every cruise is a unique experience. From the ship's bridge, you will experience exceptional sailing moments before joining the naturalist-guides on your ship's exterior decks to look out for albatrosses, cape petrels, and other seabirds flying over the Drake Passage.

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Day 13 Thursday 28 January 2021 to  
Day 17 Monday 1 February 2021

## Antarctic Cruise

**Arrangements:** Antarctic Peninsula  
**Accommodation:** Le Boréal (Deluxe Stateroom)  
**Meal Plan:** Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

### Description:

Succumb to the magic of a place unlike any other. To this day, the mythical Antarctic Peninsula still holds real fascination and promises its visitors unforgettable moments. Throughout your adventure in this icy realm, you will find yourself in the heart of a spectacular decor in subtle shades of blue and white, surrounded by exceptional wildlife. Penguins, humpback whales, seals and giant petrels are at home here, as are elephant seals, fur seals, Antarctic minke whales, and orcas. Depending on which sites you will be lucky enough to visit, you may get the chance to observe them and share with them the beauty of these extreme parts.

Each day, based on ice conditions, the Captain and the Expedition Leader will suggest Zodiac outings or landings to discover the infinite riches of the Antarctic Peninsula. Glaciers, ice floe, tabletop icebergs, mountain peaks that plunge straight into the sea, volcanic beaches, research stations, enchanting bays, and vestiges of the whaling industry: these are the faces of the Antarctic that will likely reveal themselves to you, in a hushed and surreal atmosphere. You will sail in the wake of Jean-Baptiste Charcot, Adrien de Gerlache and Sir Ernest Shackleton, great Antarctic explorers who, from the 19th century, set out to conquer these remote and uninhabited lands.

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Day 18 Tuesday 2 February 2021 to  
Day 19 Wednesday 3 February 2021

## Antarctic Cruise

**Arrangements:** At Sea- Crossing the Drake Passage  
**Accommodation:** Le Boréal (Deluxe Stateroom)  
**Meal Plan:** Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

### Description:

If there is one place, one sea, one waterway dreaded by tourists, researchers and hardened seafarers alike, it is undoubtedly the Drake Passage. Situated at the latitude of the infamous Furious Fifties winds, between Cape Horn and the South Shetland Islands, it is the shortest route to Antarctica. Seasoned navigators will tell you that you must earn your visit to the White Continent! As the Antarctic convergence zone where cold currents rising up from the South Pole meet warmer equatorial water masses, Drake Passage harbours a very diverse marine fauna. Don't forget to look to the sky to catch a glimpse of elegant albatross and Cape petrels, playfully floating about in the wind around your ship.

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Day 20 Thursday 4 February 2021

## Buenos Aires/Argentina

**Flight:** **Airline:** LATAM Airlines **Flight Number:** LA 7745  
**Departing:** Ushuaia 11:50 **Arriving:** Buenos Aires 15:15

**Arrangements:** Antarctic Cruise Concludes  
Transfer from Ushuaia Port to Ushuaia Hotel (Private)  
Transfer from Buenos Aires Airport to Hotel (Private)  
**Accommodation:** Loi Suites Recoleta (Studio Junior)  
**Meal Plan:** Breakfast

### Description:

After breakfast say farewell to the Le Boréal and your new found friends in the city of Ushuaia where you embarked on this incredible journey.

A private transfer will take you to the airport in time for your domestic flight to Buenos Aires.

Buenos Aires is a charming, sophisticated city with a strong European influence and culture. With its blend of Spanish, French and Italian architectural styles, its great variety of nightspots, and its cultural life, it is often referred to as the 'South American Paris'.

Met on arrival at Buenos Aires (AEP Aero Parque) Airport for transfer to your hotel located in the Recoleta area.

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**Day 21 Friday 5 February 2021**

**Buenos Aires/Argentina**

**Arrangements:** Half Day Buenos Aires City Tour (Private)  
Tango Show at La Ventana (Private)  
**Accommodation:** Loi Suites Recoleta (Studio Junior)  
**Meal Plan:** Breakfast/Dinner

**Description:**

This morning, depart your hotel on a half-day city sightseeing tour visiting Plaza de Mayo (May Square) around which are El Cabildo (City Hall), the Cathedral and Casa Rosada (Government House). Also visit the colourful district of La Boca, Recoleta Cemetery, Plaza San Martin, Avenida Santa Fe and the Colon Opera House.

After the tour, return to your hotel. Remainder of the afternoon at leisure.

This evening, enjoy a tango lesson, then dinner and a night of music and tango at La Ventana, one of the excellent venues where typical songs and dances are performed. Pick-up and drop-off at your hotel included.

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**Day 22 Saturday 6 February 2021**

**Depart Buenos Aires/Argentina**

**Flight:** **Airline:** LATAM **Flight Number:** LA 442  
**Departing:** Buenos Aires 19:50 **Arriving:** Santiago 22:10

**Arrangements:** Transfer from Hotel to Buenos Aires Airport (Private)  
**Meal Plan:** Breakfast

**Description:**

Morning at leisure.

This evening, met at your hotel for transfer to Buenos Aires Airport for your international flight to Santiago.

On arrival at Santiago Airport, remain in transit for your international flight to Sydney (flight scheduled to depart at 01:35 on Sunday 7 February 2021).

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**Day 23 Sunday 7 February 2021**

**Depart Santiago/Chile**

**Flight:** **Airline:** LATAM Airlines **Flight Number:** LA 803  
**Departing:** Santiago 01:30 **Arriving:** Sydney 06:15 (+ 1day)

**Description:**

Depart Santiago Airport on your international flight to Sydney (flight scheduled to arrive on Monday 8 February 2021).

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Day 24 Monday 8 February 2021

Arrive Bundaberg/Australia

Flight:

Airline: LATAM Airlines

Flight Number: LA 803

Arriving: Sydney 06:15

Airline: QANTAS

Flight Number: QF 508

Departing: Sydney 08:00

Arriving: Brisbane 08:30

Airline: QANTAS

Flight Number: QF 2326

Departing: Brisbane 11:30

Arriving: Bundaberg 12:30

**Description:**

On arrival at Sydney international terminal, clear Customs and Immigration, then proceed to the domestic terminal to connect with your domestic flight to Brisbane.

On arrival at Brisbane Airport, join your flight to Bundaberg.

*Welcome home!*

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## TOUR INCLUSIONS, EXCLUSIONS AND FLIGHTS

### TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Twin/Double share room accommodation with private facilities at first class hotels
- All airfares as outlined (economy class) *\*subject to change in price*
- Daily breakfast – as shown in the itinerary
- Other meals – as shown in the itinerary
- Transfers airport/hotel/airport/ port – as shown in the itinerary
- Sightseeing tours with English-speaking guides – as shown in the itinerary
- All land transport – as shown in the itinerary

### TOUR PACKAGE DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Passport and visa costs:  
*Australian passport-holders are required to pay an entry fee for Chile which is obtained on arrival (USD117.00 per person)*  
*Australian passport-holders DO NOT require a visa for Argentina (some exceptions apply).*
- Travel insurance
- Medical and vaccination costs
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Expenses of a personal nature such as telephone calls, laundry, tips, room service, drinks, etc.
- Optional tours - a list of optional tours is available on request

### PATAGONIA CAMP PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- All meals – as shown in the itinerary
- Open bar including house wines, standard liquors, soft drinks and other beverages (excludes premium beer, wine and spirits)
- Daily excursions (half-day or full day) selected from menu with bilingual professional guides (subject to availability and weather)
- Torres del Paine National Park entrance fee

### PATAGONIA CAMP PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Passport and visa costs
- Insurance
- Medical and vaccination costs
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Premium beer, wine and spirits
- Expenses of a personal nature such as telephone calls, laundry, tips

### EMBLEMATIC ANTARCTICA WITH NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CRUISE INCLUDES:

- Accommodation for 10 nights in selected stateroom
- All meals on board the ship
- Open Bar: Beginning with boarding, and during the duration of the cruise, a wide selection of drinks (mineral water, soft drinks, wine, beer, champagne, spirits, coffee, tea) is served on request at any time of the day. Certain premium alcoholic beverages on the menu are not included
- Wi-Fi internet access 24 hours a day (the connection may be slower or even interrupted in certain geographic regions due to circumstances out of control).
- Access to the communal areas on board
- Zodiac cruises and shore excursions in Antarctica with expert expedition team
- Presentations on history, wildlife, geography, photography, etc.
- Services of highly experienced expedition leader, naturalist staff and expert guides
- A Ponant polar water-resistant parka
- Free loan of half calf rubber boot with non-slip sole for duration of the voyage

#### EMBLEMATIC ANTARCTICA WITH NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Passport and visa costs
- Insurance
- On board medical expenses *(note that emergency medical & evacuation insurance is mandatory)*
- Expenses of a personal nature such as telephone calls, laundry, room service
- Customary gratuities at the end of the voyage for expedition staff, service personnel and crew
- Waterproof pants are required for the excursions.

*Ponant reserves the right to levy a fuel charge if fuel prices increase substantially*

#### FLIGHTS AND FLIGHT PRICES:

- Flight details indicated in this itinerary are suggested flights only - they are a guide to what should be booked to make this itinerary work
- Antarctica Travel Centre is NOT holding reservations for these flights
- Some airfares quoted in this itinerary may be based on instant purchase, non-refundable fares. Which means the fare is subject to increase at any time without prior notice until paid in full and ticketed

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### NEXT STEPS

As mentioned above this is a proposed itinerary only. The arrangements detailed in this quote can only be confirmed once your deposit is received.

#### TO CONFIRM YOUR HOLIDAY

A DEPOSIT OF 25% PER PERSON WHICHEVER IS GREATER, IS REQUIRED TO CONFIRM THIS QUOTE.

Additional deposits will be required if additional arrangements are booked later. Please note that all reservations are subject to availability at the time of booking.

As soon as we have received the deposit we will set about confirming all arrangements.

#### BOOKING CONDITIONS

By paying the non-refundable deposit, or making full payment, you acknowledge you have read, understand and agree to be bound by these Booking Conditions.

<http://www.antarcticatravelcentre.com.au/booking-conditions/>

#### PASSPORT DETAILS

**Full and correct passport details** are also required in order to book many services. Therefore it is essential that you forward a copy of the **first (details) page of your passport, together with your completed form** <http://www.antarcticatravelcentre.com.au/booking-form/>

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#### IMPORTANT - PLEASE BOOK ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS EARLY

As we tailor-make each individual journey, it's not possible to hold any advance allocations (for accommodation, treks permits, etc.). Due to the cruise season you are travelling at a popular time of year, our advice is simply to book as early as you can, even 12 months or more, and we can add flights as soon as they become available in the system (for international flights, that's 11 months prior to departure).

So, in short, BOOK EARLY to allow us to put together the **very best itinerary for your clients**.

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