

# The Antarctic Summer

Voyage to Antarctica on the new luxury ships SH Vega and SH Diana



Discover the White Continent aboard the newest expedition ships SH Vega and SH Diana. For this voyage, we have chosen dates at the peak of the Antarctic summer, when the region's rich nature and wildlife are revealed in all diversity.

# Experiences you'll have

## Luxury voyage to Antarctica

This voyage will meet your highest expectations of traveling to the southernmost part of the Earth. Onboard, you will find more than just comfort: suites with fireplaces, an outdoor infinity pool overlooking the icebergs, gourmet restaurants with meals from famous chefs, panoramic lounges, a well-equipped gym, and more. Outside, Antarctica's incredible views and unique wildlife will fill you with unforgettable impressions.

### Special offers:

up to 40% discount is available on certain dates if booked by February 29, 2024  
50% discount for 3rd and 4th cabin berths  
90% discount for children under 18 y.o. in a cabin with two adults

Please contact us for details.

### Highlights of the cruise:

crossing the Drake Passage, the widest and deepest on Earth  
passing through the Iceberg Alley, where ice castles reach the height of a multi-story building  
watching colonies of Adelie, Gentoo, and Chinstrap penguins with their cubs up close  
visiting the South Shetland Islands and the Lemaire Channel, considered to be the most photogenic place in Antarctica  
meeting various species of seals, whales, and seabirds

The cost of the cruise depends on the date, duration, and cabin type selected. See details in the Accommodation section.

## Itinerary

The journey begins in Buenos Aires, where you should get to on your own.

*This is a general plan of the expedition, the route may vary depending on the weather and ice conditions.*

### Day 1

**Upon your arrival at the Buenos Aires airport, you will be**

transferred to a hotel. Your 1-night stay at the hotel is included in the price of the program.

### Day 2

**In the morning, you will be taken to the airport for**

the charter flight to Ushuaia, the southernmost city on Earth. Ushuaia is located in south Argentina, surrounded by the majestic Andes Mountains.


**Embarkation to the ship will take place in the afternoon.**

You will meet the ship's crew and expedition's members during a

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guide

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welcome cocktail.

### **Day 3**

#### **Your journey to Antarctica begins by crossing the widest**

and deepest strait on Earth. In the narrowest part, the width of the Drake Passage is 820 km, and the depth in some parts can reach 5 km.

#### **Days at sea are the perfect time to observe seabirds and**

mammals from aboard the ship. Lectures from experts in glaciology, marine biology, history, and geology are waiting for you. You will learn about the history of Antarctic exploration, the origin of glaciers, and the flora and fauna of the White Continent.

#### **Also, during these days, you can relax and use various**

services on board. Visit a spa or a gym, check out a library filled with thematic books, or admire the stunning ocean views from your cabin balcony.

### **Day 4**

#### **These days you will explore the Antarctic Peninsula, the**

most accessible part of the continent of Antarctica. The mild climate attracts all representatives of Antarctic wildlife here. On shore you will approach huge colonies of penguins, and at sea you can meet whales and leopard seals.

#### **One of the days you will pass through the Lemaire**

Channel, which is considered to be the most photogenic place in Antarctica. The narrow sea passage is framed by mountains and sparkling glaciers. Leopard seals and crabeater seals rest on the passing flat ice floes, and the shores are inhabited by penguins. Orcas and humpback whales often accompany the ship.

### **Day 5**

#### **The South Shetland Archipelago are sub-Antarctic islands**

where the flora and fauna are markedly different from the rest of Antarctica due to higher temperatures. Most of the islands were discovered by expeditions of fur seal hunters in the early 19th century.

#### **On zodiac expedition boats, you will enter the picturesque**

submerged caldera of Deception Volcano and see the abandoned whaling stations on the island. Black volcanic beaches are favored by penguins, sea elephants, fur, crabeater, and Weddell seals. They are not afraid of humans at all and can be approached at a fairly close distance.

### **Day 6**

#### **These days the ship will take a return course to Ushuaia**

through the already familiar Drake Passage. You can relax in the bar on board and exchange impressions with other cruise participants.

#### **The captain's bridge is also always open for you. In the**

evening you will enjoy a gala dinner with the captain, officers, and expedition team.

### **Day 7**

#### **In the morning, the ship will pass through the Beagle**

Channel and call at the port of Ushuaia. After breakfast, you will say goodbye to the expedition team and the ship's crew and disembark. Then, a transfer to the airport for departure to Buenos Aires will be organized.

# Accommodation at the trip

**A 15% prepayment is needed to make a reservation. The final payment of 85% is paid 65 days before the start of the cruise.**

**Rates depend on the date, cruise duration, and cabin type selected. The price is per person with double occupancy in a cabin.**

## **3-15 February 2024 | 13 days | SH Vega**

Oceanview D4 (deck 4, bow) - 14,385 USD  
Oceanview M4 (deck 4, center) - 15,046 USD  
Balcony D5 (deck 5, bow and aft) - 16,517 USD  
Balcony M5 (deck 5, center) - 17,291 USD  
Balcony D6 (deck 6) - 19,010 USD  
Suite (deck 5 and 6, center) - 22,045 USD  
Premium Suite (deck 6, aft) - 25,615 USD

## **6-16 February 2024 | 11 days | SH Diana**

Oceanview D4 (deck 4, bow) - 12,099 USD  
Oceanview M4 (deck 4, center) - 12,640 USD  
Balcony D5 (deck 5, bow and aft) - 15,347 USD  
Balcony M5 (deck 5, center) - 16,059 USD  
Balcony D6 (deck 6) - 17,642 USD  
Junior Suite (deck 5 and 6) - 19,904 USD  
Suite (deck 5 and 6) - 23,096 USD  
Premium Suite (deck 6) - 26,852 USD

## **14-24 February 2024 and 23 February - 4 March 2024 | 11 days | SH Vega**

Oceanview D4 (deck 4, bow) - 12,099 USD  
Oceanview M4 (deck 4, center) - 12,640 USD  
Balcony D5 (deck 5, bow and aft) - 13,843 USD  
Balcony M5 (deck 5, center) - 14,477 USD  
Balcony D6 (deck 6) - 15,884 USD  
Suite (deck 5 and 6, center) - 18,367 USD  
Premium Suite (deck 6, aft) - 21,288 USD

## **2-13 December 2024 | 12 days | SH Diana**

Oceanview D4 (deck 4, bow) - ~~14,613~~ 8,835 USD  
Oceanview M4 (deck 4, center) - ~~15,287~~ 9,285 USD  
Balcony D5 (deck 5, bow and aft) - ~~18,655~~ 10,935 USD  
Balcony M5 (deck 5, center) - ~~19,542~~ 11,460 USD  
Balcony D6 (deck 6) - ~~21,512~~ 12,485 USD  
Junior Suite (deck 5 and 6) - ~~24,326~~ 14,460 USD  
Suite (deck 5 and 6) - ~~28,299~~ 15,210 USD  
Premium Suite (deck 6) - ~~32,972~~ 16,710 USD

## **4-15 December 2024 | 12 days | SH Vega**

Oceanview D4 (deck 4, bow) - ~~14,613~~ 8,085 USD  
Oceanview M4 (deck 4, center) - ~~15,287~~ 8,535 USD  
Balcony D5 (deck 5, bow and aft) - ~~16,784~~ 10,035 USD  
Balcony M5 (deck 5, center) - ~~17,572~~ 10,485 USD  
Balcony D6 (deck 6) - ~~19,323~~ 11,610 USD  
Suite (deck 5 and 6, center) - ~~22,413~~ 14,010 USD  
Premium Suite (deck 6, aft) - ~~26,048~~ 15,435 USD

## **12-22 December 2024 | 11 days | SH Diana**

Oceanview D4 (deck 4, bow) - ~~13,333~~ 7,635 USD  
Oceanview M4 (deck 4, center) - ~~13,940~~ 8,010 USD  
Balcony D5 (deck 5, bow and aft) - ~~16,971~~ 9,435 USD  
Balcony M5 (deck 5, center) - ~~17,769~~ 9,885 USD  
Balcony D6 (deck 6) - ~~19,542~~ 10,860 USD  
Junior Suite (deck 5 and 6) - ~~22,075~~ 12,510 USD  
Suite (deck 5 and 6) - ~~25,650~~ 13,110 USD  
Premium Suite (deck 6) - ~~29,856~~ 14,460 USD

## **27 December 2024 - 8 January 2025 | 13 days | SH Vega**

Oceanview D4 (deck 4, bow) - ~~5,893~~ 10,560 USD  
Oceanview M4 (deck 4, center) - ~~16,634~~ 11,160 USD

Balcony D5 (deck 5, bow and aft) - ~~18,281~~ 13,110 USD  
Balcony M5 (deck 5, center) - ~~19,148~~ 13,785 USD  
Balcony D6 (deck 6) - ~~21,074~~ 15,135 USD  
Suite (deck 5 and 6, center) - ~~24,473~~ 18,285 USD  
Premium Suite (deck 6, aft) - ~~28,472~~ 20,085 USD

#### **7-17 January 2025 | 11 days | SH Vega**

Oceanview D4 (deck 4, bow) - ~~13,333~~ 8,235 USD  
Oceanview M4 (deck 4, center) - ~~13,940~~ 8,610 USD  
Balcony D5 (deck 5, bow and aft) - ~~15,287~~ 10,185 USD  
Balcony M5 (deck 5, center) - ~~15,996~~ 10,635 USD  
Balcony D6 (deck 6) - ~~17,572~~ 11,760 USD  
Suite (deck 5 and 6, center) - ~~20,353~~ 14,160 USD  
Premium Suite (deck 6, aft) - ~~23,625~~ 15,585 USD

#### **7-9 January 2025 | 13 days | SH Diana**

Oceanview D4 (deck 4, bow) - ~~15,893~~ 9,360 USD  
Oceanview M4 (deck 4, center) - ~~16,634~~ 9,810 USD  
Balcony D5 (deck 5, bow and aft) - ~~20,340~~ 11,535 USD  
Balcony M5 (deck 5, center) - ~~21,315~~ 12,135 USD  
Balcony D6 (deck 6) - ~~23,482~~ 13,335 USD  
Junior Suite (deck 5 and 6) - ~~26,577~~ 15,360 USD  
Suite (deck 5 and 6) - ~~30,947~~ 16,110 USD  
Premium Suite (deck 6) - ~~36,088~~ 17,760 USD

#### **16-26 January 2025 | 11 days | SH Vega**

Oceanview D4 (deck 4, bow) - 13,333 USD  
Oceanview M4 (deck 4, center) - 13,940 USD  
Balcony D5 (deck 5, bow and aft) - 15,287 USD  
Balcony M5 (deck 5, center) - 15,996 USD  
Balcony D6 (deck 6) - 17,572 USD  
Suite (deck 5 and 6, center) - 20,353 USD  
Premium Suite (deck 6, aft) - 23,625 USD

#### **25 January - 4 February, 3-13 February, 12-22 February 2025 | 11 days | SH Vega**

Oceanview D4 (deck 4, bow) - ~~13,333~~ 7,485 USD  
Oceanview M4 (deck 4, center) - ~~13,940~~ 7,935 USD  
Balcony D5 (deck 5, bow and aft) - ~~15,287~~ 9,360 USD  
Balcony M5 (deck 5, center) - ~~15,996~~ 9,610 USD  
Balcony D6 (deck 6) - ~~17,572~~ 10,785 USD  
Suite (deck 5 and 6, center) - ~~20,353~~ 13,035 USD  
Premium Suite (deck 6, aft) - ~~23,625~~ 14,235 USD

#### **4-15 February 2025 | 12 days | SH Diana**

Oceanview D4 (deck 4, bow) - ~~14,613~~ 8,460 USD  
Oceanview M4 (deck 4, center) - ~~15,287~~ 8,910 USD  
Balcony D5 (deck 5, bow and aft) - ~~18,655~~ 10,485 USD  
Balcony M5 (deck 5, center) - ~~19,542~~ 11,010 USD  
Balcony D6 (deck 6) - ~~21,512~~ 12,060 USD  
Junior Suite (deck 5 and 6) - ~~24,326~~ 13,935 USD  
Suite (deck 5 and 6) - ~~28,299~~ 14,610 USD  
Premium Suite (deck 6) - ~~32,972~~ 16,035 USD

#### **21 February - 3 March 2025 | 11 days | SH Vega**

Oceanview D4 (deck 4, bow) - ~~13,333~~ 7,635 USD  
Oceanview M4 (deck 4, center) - ~~13,940~~ 8,010 USD  
Balcony D5 (deck 5, bow and aft) - ~~15,287~~ 9,435 USD  
Balcony M5 (deck 5, center) - ~~15,996~~ 9,885 USD  
Balcony D6 (deck 6) - ~~17,572~~ 10,935 USD  
Suite (deck 5 and 6, center) - ~~20,353~~ 13,185 USD  
Premium Suite (deck 6, aft) - ~~23,625~~ 14,460 USD

#### **Cabin types:**

**Oceanview** (19 sq.m.): 2 single beds (convertible to a double bed), sitting area with a sofa, soothing flame-effect fireplace, luxurious bathroom, panoramic windows

**Balcony** (28 sq.m.): 2 single beds (convertible to a double bed), sitting area with a sofa, soothing flame-effect fireplace, luxurious bathroom, private balcony 6 sq.m.

**Junior Suite\*** (35 sq.m.): king-size bed, sitting area with a sofa, soothing flame-effect fireplace, luxurious ensuite bathroom, private balcony 7 sq.m.  
*\*SH Diana only*

**Suite** (44 sq.m.): king-size bed, separate living room with a soothing flame-effect fireplace, luxurious ensuite bathroom, private balcony 6 sq.m.

**Premium Suite** (47-49 sq.m.): king-size bed, separate living room with a soothing flame-effect fireplace, luxurious ensuite bathroom, spacious walk-in wardrobe, private balcony 12 sq.m.

## Ship's description

SH Vega and SH Diana are new 5-star expedition ships built in Finland's famous Helsinki Shipyard in 2022 and 2023. They are equipped with ice-strengthened hulls and extra-large stabilizers.

A small number of guests – 152 on SH Vega and 192 on SH Diana – provide a friendly, informal atmosphere aboard as well as dynamic activities of the ships.

All public areas have fireplaces and panoramic windows. You can admire the Antarctic scenery from anywhere on board.

**Onboard facilities:** club lounge with 24-hour food service, observation lounge equipped for lectures and live music evenings, outdoor infinity pool, sauna with hot tubs with panoramic ocean views, SPA, gym, main restaurant, basecamp, library, and laboratory.

## FAQ

### What to bring with me

You will be given a branded waterproof and windproof expedition jacket, and high expedition rubber boots will be provided during sea walks and landings.

### Clothing:

- waterproof pants for boat landings and landwalks (Gore-Tex and similar membrane fabrics are preferred. Wear them over your regular pants)
- thermal underwear (2 sets)
- thermal socks (3 pairs)
- shirts and T-shirts
- jeans or other comfortable pants (several pairs)
- turtlenecks (suitable for wearing under a warm sweater and for wearing on board)
- wool or fleece sweaters
- dressy clothes (for the welcome dinner and farewell cocktail with the captain)
- warm mittens and thin gloves (2 pairs)
- warm hat to protect your head and ears
- warm scarf

### Footwear:

- comfortable shoes to wear on board
- shoes for the cities where your cruise begins and ends

### Personal items and gear:

- sunglasses
- high SPF sunscreen

- protective lip balm
- waterproof backpack for your camera and other essentials on disembarkation
- waterproof case for your gear
- swimming gear
- binoculars (optional for animal watching)
- camera
- battery pack/spare batteries

## Who will be my guide

The crew of the liner consists of 120 employees, including an expedition team of experienced guides, speakers, and lecturers. On the ship and during zodiac boat trips they will tell about the nature and history of Antarctic exploration, give lectures, presentations, and master classes.

## Meals

The price includes full board meals on the ship and an open bar (tea, coffee, soft drinks and alcoholic beverages, except premium brands). You will also enjoy a welcome cocktail with the captain and crew, a farewell gala dinner, and 24-hour cabin service.

## Medical insurance

Medical insurance covering emergency evacuation from inaccessible and remote places is required for the journey. It is not included in the tour price and is paid additionally. We are ready to help with its registration. If necessary, please leave a comment in the application form.

## Special offer

Purchasing this cruise will give you a 5% discount on all future journeys with RussiaDiscovery.

# Booking

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### What's included in the price:

- flight from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia and back
- pre-voyage night in Buenos Aires in 5\* hotel
- accommodation on the ship in a cabin of the chosen category
- all transfers between the hotel, port and airport
- full board service
- all excursions and landings as per the program
- lectures from the expedition team
- rental of rubber boots and branded expedition

### Extra charge:

- [airfare to Buenos Aires](#)
- mandatory health insurance with emergency evacuation from remote locations coverage
- premium alcoholic drinks at the bar, not included in the price
- personal expenses on board (laundry, calls, spa, etc.)
- kayaking (optional, 250 USD pp for one-time activity, requires booking in advance)

jacket as a gift

— tip on board and standard Wi-Fi

— port charges



Best price  
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Personal  
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