



1/5: In Punta Arenas we sail through some of the world's wildest and impressive nature Photo: Barbara Barbour/Shutterstock -

Adventure the Chilean Fjords and Antarctica

→ Patagonia, Argentina - Chilean fjords and Cape Horn

From the steep mountains, glaciers and valleys of the Chilean fjords to close encounters with Antarctic wildlife. This 15-day voyage showcases the best of Patagonia and the last untouched continent on Earth.

Travel Period - 07 November 2017 and 20 November 2017

Duration - 15 Days

Ship - MS Midnatsol



Embark on an expedition early in the season where Antarctica is the most white and pristine



Explore Southern Patagonia by ship, the ideal way to travel due to the region's infrastructure, providing you unmatched visibility of glaciers and waterfalls.



Witness a haven for native wildlife including penguins returning from sea to nest and an abundance of whales



Awe at the renowned Garibaldi fjord when exploring the Chilean fjords

After an overnight stay at a hotel in Santiago de Chile, you will meet your expedition ship in Punta Arenas. Then the journey south begins as we head into the Chilean fjords with steep mountains, green valleys teeming with life and glaciers as a spectacular backdrop.

Across the Drake Passage to Antarctica

If the weather is on our side we might come ashore on Cape Horn before crossing the Drake Passage on our way to [Antarctica](#). Here you will enjoy close encounters with wildlife and glaciers, old whaling stations and relics, meet penguins on shore and watch whales from the deck. Puerto Williams in the Beagle Channel is the back-up alternative if it proves difficult to land on Cape Horn, either southbound

or on our way back. On the return there will be another landing in the Chilean fjords before debarkation in Punta Arenas.

Price includes:

- Cabin grade of your choice on a full board basis
- One hotel night in Santiago de Chile before the voyage including breakfast
- Transfer from hotel to airport in Santiago de Chile
- Transfer from airport to ship in Punta Arenas
- Transfer ship to airport in Punta Arenas including orientation tour
- Return economy flights between Punta Arenas and Santiago de Chile
- Wind and water resistant jacket
- Landings with Polarcirkel boats and activities onboard and ashore
- Professional English speaking Expedition team that gives lectures as well as accompanying landings and activities
- Free tea and coffee

Not included:

- International flights
- Travel insurance
- Luggage handling
- Optional excursions and gratuities

Note:

- Prices are in EUR (€) per person
- All planned landings are subject to weather and ice conditions
- All itineraries are subject to change
- Medical questionnaire mandatory
- Free rubber boot rental service on board

The itinerary

This is an expedition where the elements rule, and the weather, wind and ice conditions will determine our schedule. Safety is paramount and the captain will decide the final sailing itinerary during the voyage. Hence, this itinerary is just an indication of what you can experience and why every expedition with Hurtigruten is unique.



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Departs From:
Santiago, Chile

DAY 1



Taste of Santiago

Location: Santiago de Chile

Welcome to Chile and your adventure, starting with an overnight hotel stay in Santiago de Chile.

Founded in 1541, Santiago has been the capital city of Chile since colonial times. The city has a downtown core of 19th century neoclassical architecture and

winding side-streets, dotted by art deco, neo-gothic, and other styles. Santiago's cityscape is shaped by several stand-alone hills and the fast-flowing Mapocho River, lined by parks such as Parque Forestal. Mountains of the Andes chain can be seen from most points in the city.

DAY 2



Midnatsol awaits

Location: Santiago de Chile and Punta Arenas

Today you will fly to Punta Arenas, where your expedition ship is awaiting you. Once on board the MS Midnatsol we kick off everything with a welcome-on-board dinner.

DAY 3



Undisturbed nature

Location: Chilean fjords / Tierra del Fuego

The next three days we will sail through amazing areas like the Magellan Strait and the Beagle Channel, with channels, fjords and mountains plunging strait into the icy water. The wild and remote area seems almost undisturbed by humans. The ice has scoured its way between the mountains, leaving isolated islands and hidden bays and creating the unique fjord landscape of Chile.

DAY 4



Fjords galore

Location: Chilean fjords / Tierra del Fuego

Any nature enthusiast will find it exciting to explore the Chilean fjords, Garibaldi fjord being one of them. When we enter the last part of this fjord you're in for a beautiful surprise; the Garibaldi glaciers. The mountains and valleys are steep with snow-capped mountains making a striking contrast to an otherwise very green area rich in wildlife. Come ashore and maybe we will see sea lions, Andean Condors and several other birds only found here. There will be an Argentinean wine tasting in the evening.

DAY 5



Southernmost point of South America

Location: Chilean fjords / Tierra del Fuego

At almost 56 degrees south, Cape Horn is the southernmost point of South America. When ranking the mythical places on Earth, Cape Horn is high on the list. Before the Panama Canal, seafarers had to pass this infamous rocky island in order to cross from one side of the Americas to the other. We will do our best to make a landing on Cape Horn – however, this is an area known for high seas and challenging conditions and if we make it this will be a great achievement.

DAY 6



Crossing the famous Drake Passage

Location: The Drake Passage

As we cross the famous Drake Passage on our way to Antarctica, we continue our “Young Explorers Antarctica” classes. There will also be several lectures on popular science topics, the explorer room is buzzing with activity and there is a tango course in the afternoon.

DAYS 7-11



Get your camera ready!

Location: Antarctica

It's not like it hasn't been a lot of photo opportunities so far on this adventure, but Antarctica is probably where you will use most of your memory card. Come ashore to explore the impressive Antarctic scenery, penguins and seals. From deck there are lots of chances of seeing whales as well. Enjoy close encounters with wildlife and glaciers, old whaling stations and relics. Trust us when we say that you will not be bored for one single second.

Now you are in one of the most remote areas of the world! Weather, wind and ice conditions dictate our programme and schedule. Safety is always the first priority and the captain will decide the final sailing schedule during the voyage.

While in Antarctica, we will attempt to land on several sites. Among the places we will see are The South Shetlands and Cuverville Island, home to one of the largest known colonies of gentoo penguins. We may also explore Neko Harbour, beautifully located in the inner part of Andvord Bay; Paradise Harbour which got its descriptive name from the whalers during the last century; and Wilhelmina Bay or "Whale-mina Bay" as it is called due to its spectacular scenery and humpback whales in December.

During our stay here, you can come ashore and join our expedition team to see the penguins, seals and possibly whales up close; enjoy field days, kayaking and exploring the waters and ice in small boats.

DAY 12



Reflect on the Antarctic adventure

Location: The Drake Passage

After an exhilarating time in Antarctica, you can spend the day in the explorer room, with lectures, on deck or see a recap of our experiences so far.

DAY 13



Back to civilisation

Location: Cape Horn and Chilean fjords

Seeing Cape Horn again means we are back in civilization. In the Beagle Channel we visit Puerto Williams, a small town between the ocean and the mountain. On our way back to Punta Arenas, we sail through the majestic Chilean fjords.

DAY 14



Last landing in the fabulous fjords

Location: Chilean fjords

We will make one last landing in the Chilean fjords, surrounded by high mountains and glaciers. As this is the last night on board, there will be a farewell dinner and gathering. Arriving in Punta Arenas it is time to say goodbye to all your new friends and the crew. After debarkation we transfer you to the airport for your flight to Santiago de Chile.

DAY 15



Journey home

Location: Punta Arenas / Santiago de Chile

Sadly, every adventure must come to an end. It is time to say goodbye to all your new friends and the crew when we reach Punta Arenas, on the edge of the Strait of Magellan. Your journey home continues with our flight to Santiago de Chile.



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Location:
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