

We believe our guests should be able to customize their life-changing Antarctic adventure by choosing what they wish to see and do. That, of course, depends on the season, as each is highlighted by different wildlife experiences, temperature changes, shifts in ice-covered landscapes, and variations in off-ship activities.

WHERE TO GO

EARLY SEASON

Big Ice and Nesting Penguins



MID SEASON

Calving Glaciers and Penguin Chicks



LATE SEASON

Marine Wildlife and Spectacular Sunsets



WHEN TO GO

NOV - DEC

DEC - FEB

FEB - MAR

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Antarctica reawakens after the long winter
- Icebergs are at their greatest mass and range from snow white to aquamarine
- Pack ice begins to melt, thus opening up the vast Southern Ocean
- Landscape photography is at its best, as the prolonged daylight illuminates glaciers and snowscapes not yet marred by animal activity.

- From late December into January, the region gets up to 20 hours of sunlight per day
- Sunlight and salt water begin to melt icebergs, turning each one into an ever-changing work of art
- Glaciers actively and thunderously calve as temperatures rise.

- From mid-February to the end of the Antarctic season, it's possible to explore further south as the pack ice recedes
- The days begin to get shorter and the sunsets render visitors speechless
- Glaciers, icebergs, beaches and landing sites become weathered as the sun and heat take their toll—even in a climate where the temperature remains below freezing most of the year.

WHAT TO SEE

- Southern elephant and Weddell seals bask on the sea ice as they molt under the austral skies
- Penguins demonstrate their fascinating courtship rituals and begin to nest
- Orcas return to the waters surrounding Antarctica for the summer feeding season, often surfacing near landing sites.

- The first penguin chicks begin to hatch late in December, making this a great time to see adult penguins hunting for fish and krill just offshore or playing with their young
- Whale-watching is tremendous, especially in places like Wilhelmina Bay, often referred to as Whale-a-mina Bay.

- Plentiful sightings of humpback, minke and killer whales. You may also encounter blue, fin, sei, southern right and sperm whales
- Penguin chicks become "teenagers" as they start to grow adult feathers, while their parents begin their molting season.

WHAT TO DO



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