

# Expedition Cruises to Antarctica aboard m/v Sea Explorer



In Antarctica the silence is so perfect that every blink of an eye or every breath taken seem so loud. You become a part of it – whether you wish it or not – with its own conditions and rules:

... A whale doesn't care you have only “whale-watching” in your program when you are close enough to get a “whale shower”, leaving you bathed in fish-scented mist.

... A penguin leaves no chance to keep the demanded 5-meter distance, climbing up your boot.

... Orcas interrupt a lecture on wildlife coming right close by the ship.

Antarctica comes to you with all its glory and magnificence!

## CLASSIC ANTARCTICA

### Day 1. Ushuaia.

Arrive into Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Make your way to your hotel and enjoy the evening at leisure. You can visit the Argentinean leather markets and succulent lamb dishes that make Patagonia famous as you explore the southernmost town in the world. Highlights of Ushuaia include an award-winning museum and trips to nearby Tierra del Fuego National Park and its popular “Train at the End of the World”.



## **Day 2. Embarkation.**

Arriving at the ship in the afternoon, you will be greeted by our Expedition Team and ship's officers at a safety and orientation briefing followed by the Captain's welcome dinner. After dinner, relax and take in the mountainous scenery on our early evening sail down the Beagle Channel past Magellanic Penguin, Rock Cormorant, and Sea Lion colonies.



## **Day 3-4. Crossing the Drake Passage.**

The sea and weather conditions are hard to predict – the Drake Passage might be a real challenge most of the time. These first days we are going to spend chatting with other travellers and listening to the presentations given by our Expedition Team. As we are getting closer to the continent our excitement reaches its peak.

## **Day 5-9. South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula.**

We will experience some of the most unique wildlife viewing and inspiring scenery in the world – gentoo, chinstrap and adelie penguin rookeries. Weddell, crabeater and leopard seals, and orca, humpback and minke whales in the cold Antarctic waters are likely to be encountered. Landing sites vary depending on weather conditions. We will have plenty of time to explore the amazing scenery, a pristine wilderness of snow, ice, mountains and waterways, and an incredibly wide variety of wildlife. We are sure that we are going to see many animals, historically significant sites and fascinating landscapes.



In fact watching penguins swimming and ambling over pebbled beaches, taking a Zodiac cruise around oddly artistically shaped icebergs, or witnessing a leopard seal hunt in the frigid Antarctic waters are going to be our main occupations in the South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula.

**Day 10-11. Drake Passage.** The journey back across the Drake Passage provides us with final opportunities for spotting seabirds and looking for whales.



The Expedition Team run their last lectures and presentations, recapping the great Antarctic adventure that we have gone through.

**Day 12. Disembarkation in Ushuaia, Argentina.**

The time to say goodbye has arrived. After breakfast, we will say goodbye to our Expedition Team, after which we will have our transfers to the airport.

**Inclusions/Exclusions**

- 1 pre-voyage hotel night in Ushuaia;
- Group transfer to the ship on day of embarkation;
- Group transfer to airport or central location upon disembarkation in Ushuaia;
- Shipboard accommodations;
- All scheduled landings/excursions;
- Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Leader & Expedition Team;
- All meals on board throughout the voyage;
- Tea and coffee station 24 hours daily;
- Welcome and Farewell cocktails;
- A pair of rubber boots on loan for shore landings;
- Expedition jacket (yours to keep);
- All port fees;
- Pre-departure materials;
- Digital Voyage Log

**Rates**

Cruise	Triple Suite	Porthole Suite	Window Suite	Superior Suite	Deluxe Suite	Veranda Suite	Penthouse Suite
Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands	8 895 USD	9 995 USD	11 295 USD	12 195 USD	13 595 USD	14 895 USD	16 795 USD
<b>AVAILABILITY</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>
The rate of single occupancy is 1,7 times the shared rate (available only in Porthole Suites, Window Suites, Superior Suite). Cabin share is available only in the following cabin categories: Porthole Suites, Window Suites, Superior Suite.							

Voyage rates are quoted in U.S. dollars and are based on passengers sharing a cabin. Rates for all Poseidon Expeditions voyages are based on anticipated fuel costs at the time of departure multiplied by a maximum daily usage. There will be no fuel surcharge for voyages aboard Sea Explorer if the price of applicable fuel, delivered locally, does not exceed US\$1,150 per metric ton. Should the price go above this a surcharge, to cover only the increase in fuel costs, may apply. In this case agents will be notified immediately and passengers will have the right to cancel their reservations within 14 days of notice of increase without penalty. To confirm a booking a deposit of \$1500 per person is required. Final payment is due in full 90 days prior to departure. Within 90 days of departure, full payment is required to confirm a booking. All payments are to be made in US dollars. Payments are made via bank transfer.

## m/v "Sea Explorer"

Our five-star, deluxe Sea Explorer is an all-suite mega-yacht accommodating up to 114 guests. Sea Explorer is a comfortable hotel with spectacular views from every window, superb international cuisine, and luxury amenities including a full library, restaurant and bar area.

This 'hotel' navigates remote Antarctic locations offering the guests whale watching, penguin observations, Zodiac cruises, and visits to scientific research stations – all those are highlighted by talks of our international experts on everything from scenic exploration to polar wildlife. Sea Explorer is ice-strengthened for cruises into Antarctic waters, and is equipped with a fleet of Zodiac inflatable craft for landings.

### Every Suite Features:

- Sea view
- Queen-size beds separable into two twin beds
- Sitting area
- Satellite TV, DVD/CD player
- Telephone
- Mini-refrigerator
- Marble-appointed bathroom with fine toiletries

Your return from daily excursions is greeted with complimentary refreshments, afternoon tea, and all-day coffee in 'The Club'.

### Other Sea Explorer Features Include:

- Library
- Lounge with audiovisual facilities
- Dining room
- Wraparound sun deck
- Exercise room
- Medical facilities with available doctor
- Elevator serving all passenger decks



## Cabin Description



**Penthouse Suites** on Penthouse Deck, private balcony and sitting area, 37 sqm./ 400 sq.ft. (4 cabins).



**Veranda Suites** on Veranda Deck, private balcony and sitting area, 27 sqm./ 300 sq.ft. (8 cabins).



**Superior Suites** on Deck 4, window and sitting area, 23 sqm./ 235 sq.ft. (13 cabins).



**Deluxe Suites** on Deck 4, forward and side windows and sitting area, 26 sqm./ 285 sq.ft. (2 cabins).



**Window Suites** on Deck 3, window and sitting area, 20 - 21 sqm./ 225 - 235 sq.ft. (15 cabins).



**Porthole Suites** on Deck 2, portholes and sitting area, 21 sqm./ 235 sq.ft. (9 cabins).



**Triple Suites** on Deck 3, windows and sitting area, 21 sqm./ 235 sq.ft. (4 cabins).

## Deck Plan and Vessel Description

Country of registry: Marshall Islands

Tonnage: GT 4200, NT 1263

Length: 90.6 M

Width: 15.3 M

Draft: 5.14 M

Ice Class: 1C

Cruising speed: 14.5 knots

Crew capacity: 70

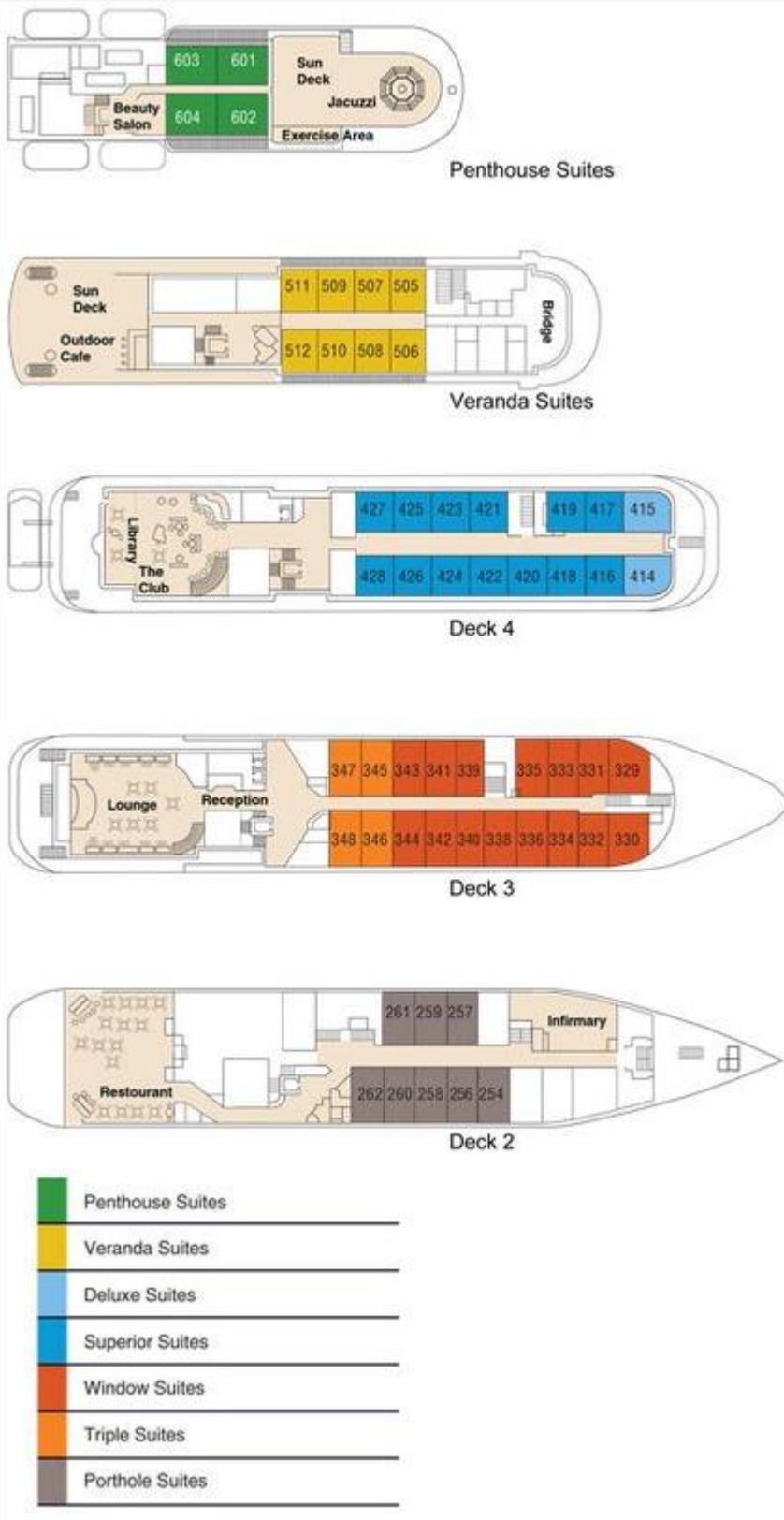
Built: 1992

Refurbished: 2005

Zodiacs: 7

Maximum Passengers: 114

Official language: English



# Booking Terms and Conditions

## Options/Reservations/Payments

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**Reservations** – To confirm a booking a deposit of \$1500 per person is required. Final payment is due in full 90 days prior to departure. Within 90 days of departure, full payment is required to confirm a booking.

**Payments** – All payments are to be made in US dollars. Payments are made via bank transfer.

**Booking Cancellations / Refunds** – All cancellations must be received in writing. Reservations cancelled more than 90 days prior to departure are subject to a \$800 per person cancellation fee. Reservations cancelled 90 days or less prior to departure are subject to full fare forfeiture.

**Voyage Cancellation** – In the very unlikely event that a Poseidon Expeditions' voyage is cancelled prior to departure Poseidon Expeditions will provide a full refund of all funds paid to Poseidon Expeditions. Should a voyage cancel while in progress, Poseidon Expeditions will provide a pro-rated refund of the funds paid to Poseidon Expeditions.

**Transferred reservations/name changes** – Bookings transferred from one departure (more than 90 days prior to departure) to another, for the same passenger can be made at no charge, based on availability. By direct permission, and on a limited basis, name changes on a reservation can be made at a fee of \$300 per person.

**Inventory & Service**

**Upgrades** – Periodically to maximize available inventory, passengers may be upgraded into higher level cabins. These unsolicited upgrades are made at no charge, however open inventory in upper level cabins is only filled on an unsolicited basis when needed to secure reservations in other categories. In any event no upgrades will be made without prior notification.

**Single supplements** – Single occupancy of a twin cabin is available at 1.7 times the twin rate.

**Children** – In general, our policy is that children must be at least 12 years of age to participate in a Poseidon Expeditions voyage. However, we may on a case by case basis accept children ages 8-11 with additional screening.

**Onboard language** – All voyages are conducted in English as the principal language. For groups of passengers speaking other languages Poseidon Expeditions recruits multi-lingual staff members, who assist the passengers during briefings and lectures. Staff varies from voyage to voyage, please check when booking.

**On board authority** – All passengers are subject to instructions or regulations given by the Captain or the Expedition team.

**On board payments** – all payments are in US dollars. Passengers may run a tab which must be paid prior to disembarkation. Payments can be made in cash or via CC.

**Itineraries** – Poseidon Expeditions' captain and expedition team will do everything possible to complete the voyage as outlined in the voyage itinerary. However itineraries (including all scheduled landings and excursions) in Polar Regions are heavily dependent on weather and ice conditions. Occasionally conditions and or safety concerns require Itinerary changes. The Captain and expedition team will accordingly make every effort to find the best alternative to the original itinerary while keeping passengers informed and updated. Itinerary changes are not subject to passenger approval/consent and in the event of such a change no refunds or price adjustments are possible. Placement of a booking with Poseidon Expeditions amounts to an acknowledgement that itinerary changes are possible

**Photography / Video** – Poseidon Expeditions reserves the right to use photographs and/or videos taken during the operation of the voyage for promotional purposes for the company and/or its sales agents. Passengers who prefer that their images not be used are asked to identify themselves to Poseidon Expeditions and its agent, prior to embarkation.

Smoking – There is no smoking inside the ship. There will be a designated smoking place outside in a sheltered area.

Alcohol – Alcohol is available for sale in our bar. Poseidon Expeditions reserves the right to refuse alcohol to anyone deemed to be intoxicated.

Inclusions/Exclusions

### **Pre-departure forms / requirements**

**Eligibility** – There are no specific physical requirements for travel in Antarctica. However we are traveling to the most remote region of the world and we are traveling on a ship which, at times, may be in rough seas. Passengers with certain medical/health issues may not be appropriate for this type of expedition and are advised to exercise appropriate caution. Our medical information form lists a number of these conditions.

**Pre-departure forms** – Prior to boarding, specific passenger information is required not only for passenger safety, but for international reporting regulations. Required information must be complete in the forms provided by Poseidon Expeditions and in our possession at least 90 days prior to departure. Final documents cannot be issued for passengers whose information has not been received.

**Passenger Medical Information** – We require all passengers to submit basic medical information prior to departure. Upon receipt of that basic medical information, specific physical conditions may necessitate additional documentation from a passenger's physician certifying fitness to travel on a voyage to Antarctica. If additional medical confirmation is requested, boarding will not be allowed absent receipt of that confirmation. Poseidon Expeditions has a pregnancy policy that women who will be in the 12th through 23rd weeks of pregnancy during the entire voyage are welcome with explicit doctor's permission and having signed a specific waiver. Pregnancy policies of carriers (ship owners, airlines, bus companies, hotels, etc) may also apply. Please note that medical information will, of necessity, be available to designated Poseidon Expeditions staff.

Please note that regardless of general eligibility there may be instances where environmental conditions require a level of fitness/mobility. In these cases individual participation in the landing(s) in question may be restricted by the Captain, Expedition Leader, or ship's doctor.

**Travel Insurance** – All passengers are required to carry valid travel insurance. This insurance must contain medical and evacuation coverage and should include cancellation and trip interruption as well. As any potential evacuation from Antarctica can cost up to \$150,000 we recommend that no policy carry less than this amount of coverage. As part of the pre-departure forms Poseidon Expeditions will require information as to carrier, policy number, and a 24-hour contact number.

### **Pre-departure Assistance**

All prices quoted are for cruise and one pre-voyage hotel night only. Our ground agents can assist with arrangements for additional hotel nights, private transfers and land excursions.

Responsibility – The payment of a deposit or full payment for a reservation on this tour shall constitute consent to all the provisions contained herein.

Poseidon Expeditions or its agents are not responsible for any costs or penalties relating to air transport or other services that are cancelled. Poseidon Expeditions is not liable for failure to provide the services or accommodations offered to the extent that such services or accommodations cannot be provided due to force majeure or other circumstances beyond its control.

Poseidon Expeditions is a qualified tour operator that organizes and administers its polar voyages. Poseidon Expeditions will provide services in conjunction with local operators and air and sea operators. The designated



operator(s), in turn, acts only as an agent for any transportation carrier, hotel, ground operator, or other suppliers of services connected with these tours (“other providers”), and the other providers are solely responsible and liable for providing their respective services. The passenger tickets in use by the carriers shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the passenger; the carriers are not responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time participants are not aboard their conveyances.

Poseidon Expeditions and its designated service providers shall not be held liable for (A) any damage to, or loss of, property or injury to, or death of, persons occasioned directly or indirectly by an act or omission of any other provider, including but not limited to any defect in any aircraft, watercraft, or vehicle operated or provided by such other provider; and (B) any loss or damage due to delay, cancellation, or disruption in any manner caused by the laws, regulations, acts or failures to act, demands, orders, or interpositions of any government or any subdivision or agent thereof, or by acts of God, strikes, fire, flood, war, rebellion, terrorism, insurrection, sickness, quarantine, epidemics, theft, or any other cause(s) beyond their control. The participant waives any claim against Poseidon Expeditions for any such loss, damage, injury, or death. In the event of Itinerary change due to any unforeseen circumstances or due to force majeure Poseidon Expeditions is not to be held liable for any costs incurred by passengers in this case and no refunds or price adjustments are possible.

By registering for a Poseidon Expeditions voyage, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical, or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants. Poseidon Expeditions and its designated tour operator reserve the right in their sole discretion to accept, decline to accept, or remove any participant from a voyage. Poseidon Expeditions reserves the right, without penalty, to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their judgment, conditions warrant, or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of participants.

Passengers are not permitted to bring or have onboard any pets or animals, firearms, flammable or hazardous items, controlled or prohibited substances or drugs, contraband or items prohibited by any country or port to be visited.

Baggage and personal effects are at all times the sole responsibility of the participant.

Resolution of disputes – This agreement is subject to applicable UK law. Any controversy or claim arising from/or relating to a Poseidon Expeditions voyage shall be resolved by binding arbitration at the Arbitrary Court in London. Acceptance of the initial services to be provided on the trip shall constitute an acceptance by the trip member of these terms and conditions. On advancement of deposit to Poseidon Expeditions, the depositor therefore agrees to be bound by the above recited Terms & Conditions.