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to join us on board MS Oosterdam

ANTARCTICA & SOUTH AMERICA CRUISE

26 January to 21 February 2025

Buenos Aires, Ushuaia, Puerto Madryn,
Argentina; Punta del Este, Montevideo,
Uruguay; Stanley, Falkland Islands;
Punta Arenas, Puerto Chacabuco,
Puerto Montt, Santiago, Chile

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Join us on board the stately MS Oosterdam to cruise the spectacular southern South American coastline and Antarctica.



DAY 1 Sunday January 26, 2025

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Today we board our flight to Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina. As we cross the International Date-Line we will arrive on the same date that we depart Australia. After clearing Customs, we will be transferred to our hotel, with free time to relax.

DAY 2 Monday January 27, 2025

Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires has been dubbed the "Paris of South America." One writer described it as having "seductive charm." On our tour of this fascinating, South American city, we travel down 9 de Julio Avenue – said to be the widest avenue in the world, passing some of the city's important buildings – the famous Colon Opera House, the Obelisk, commemorating the founding of the city in 1536, to get to Plaza de Mayo, Government House, the Metropolitan Cathedral, with the mausoleum of General Jose de San Martin – one of Argentina's greatest independence heroes and political leaders. From there, we head into La Boca, intriguingly, a "typically Italian" quarter where Argentina's first Italian immigrants settled. These days it's known for its colourful houses, tango-dancing and its soccer team. We continue our tour to the city's port area and onto Palermo Chico, a "cool" residential district with plenty of cafés, bars, restaurants, galleries, shops and artisan markets. Our tour ends in the elegant Recoleta district and a visit to the tomb of "Evita" – the infamous late Eva Peron.

DAY 3 Tuesday January 28, 2025

Buenos Aires

Today we visit a ranch on the Pampas, South America's fertile grassland plains – to experience some of the heritage of this country, including an authentic Argentinean BBQ – arguably a BBQ like no other in the world. We also see a group of Gauchos (legendary Argentinean cowboys) show us their prowess at throwing bolas and lassoing. Originally, gauchos roamed most of Argentina and also much of Brazil and Uruguay. Later we will be transferred to the port to board the MS Oosterdam. We don't depart until the following evening, making it possible to go ashore to explore the exuberant night life of enthralling Buenos Aires.

DAY 4 Wednesday January 29, 2025

Buenos Aires

A free day to enjoy, relax and shop in the city. This evening, join fellow group members at our welcome drinks to celebrate the start of our fabulous adventure to Antarctica.

DAY 5 Thursday January 30, 2024

Punta del Este, Uruguay

Mid-morning we arrive in the picturesque seaside city of Punta del Este, the Monte Carlo of South America. Our sightseeing tour takes in every corner of this majestic city, from its sandy beaches to busy city streets. We will see the 45-meter-high lighthouse, built in 1860 with volcanic sand from Rome. See the upscale shops and restaurants along the famed Avenida Gorlero and peruse the local handicrafts while at Plaza Artigas. We traverse the La Barra Bridge and experience the sensation of driving over the famous wave-like bridges. Created by Leonel Viera in 1965, this bridge served to expand the area of Punta del Este and helped pioneer the design of concrete segment bridges of this kind. We will also see gleaming yachts at the Port, the Brava Beach coast and stunning homes of the rich and famous in the

residential districts such as San Rafael, the romantic Hotel L-Auberge, Beverly Hills and the iconic Casa Pueblo and Carlos Paez Vilaro Museum.

DAY 6 Friday January 31, 2025

Montevideo, Uruguay

Today, we arrive in Montevideo, the capital of Uruguay, often referred to as the "Switzerland of South America." Geographically, Lonely Planet cleverly described this small country as "wedged like a grape between Brazil's gargantuan thumb and Argentina's long forefinger." We have a sightseeing tour of the city with its blend of traditional and European architecture. We will visit the Old Town of Ciudad Vieja, the city's cultural heart.

DAY 7 Saturday February 1, 2025

At sea

A day at sea to enjoy the facilities of the ship.

DAY 8 Sunday February 2, 2025

Puerto Madryn, Argentina

Today we tie up at Puerto Madryn in the mind-boggling region of Patagonia, in the province of Chubut. Taking in both Argentina and Chile, at 'the south of the world', Patagonia is one of those places that has the lot – immense natural beauty; vast plains, forests, lakes, snow-capped mountains, fertile valleys, ocean shores and glaciers! We will visit nearby Peninsula Valdés, a wildlife sanctuary for birds and marine species, including rheas, oystercatchers, flamingos, egrets, whales, elephant seals, sea lions and many other species of wildlife. In addition, Puerto Madryn itself has an interesting history. Long after Spanish explorers landed, this area was settled by Welsh colonists.

DAY 9 Monday February 3, 2025

At sea

Today we have a day at sea to enjoy the facilities of the ship. This afternoon we have a game of Bingo with prizes for the winners.

DAY 10 Tuesday February 4, 2025

Stanley, Falkland Islands

Today, we arrive in Stanley, the capital of an archipelago of more than 700 islands that make up the Falklands, located off the east coast of South America. This quaint seaside town is dotted with colourfully painted houses, small shops and restaurants and a truly unique scenic landscape. A free day today. Why not join one of the ship tours and see the traditional British charm that is preserved in this overseas territory of the United Kingdom. Tours visit Stanley House, the only brick house in town and Government House, the home of the islands' governor and beautiful flower gardens. There are also remnants from the nasty 10-week Falklands conflict in 1982.

DAY 11 Wednesday February 5, 2025

At sea

Today we have a day at sea to enjoy the facilities of the ship.

DAY 12 Thursday February 6, 2025

Antarctic Sound

After 10 absorbing days of travel and on-board relaxing, we're in the Antarctic, starting with Antarctic Sound, a body of water about 50kms long and anything from 11 to 19kms wide. Cruise ships have been visiting this part of Antarctica for more than 10 years; The Sound separates the Joinville Island group from the northeast end of the Antarctic Peninsula.

MS Oosterdam

Oosterdam is the second in Holland America Line's series of Vista-class ships. Launched in 2003 with a capacity of 1900 passengers she embraces the latest industry and environmental technologies and is the perfect, spacious, mid-sized ship. The centerpiece of Oosterdam is a magnificent Waterford crystal globe, prominently displayed in the three-story atrium. She features an extensive use of crystal, marble, inlaid woods and brass, lovely flower arrangements, priceless artwork and antiques and a full wraparound teak promenade deck with padded deck chairs. Throughout the ship there are restaurants to suit every mood, from authentic Italian cuisine to a legendary experience at Le Cirque to a perfectly grilled porterhouse steak. Savor the many diverse restaurants and delicious menus inspired by the latest trends. Evenings on board brim with choices. Take in a thrilling show in the lounge, try your luck in the Casino, or sing along in the piano bar. Explore the varied gathering places to suit every taste. A highlight is the BB King' Blues Club. Direct from Beale Street, the B.B. King All-Star band brings the best of Memphis music to sea.



DAY 13 Friday February 7, 2025

Antarctic Sound

As we continue south we begin to pass one iceberg then another. On board over these few days viewing the Antarctic region, expert lectures are on offer for those who prefer to stay indoors. Or, despite the potentially icy winds, you may find it hard to resist the lure of remaining outdoors all day to absorb the beauty of this area.

DAY 14 Saturday February 8, 2025

Antarctic Sound

On your Antarctic Expedition you will sail through the bays and islands of the Palmer Archipelago, off the northern tip of the long Antarctic Peninsula, which reaches out toward South America. Encircled in a landscape of snow and ice in every direction, your ship will slowly navigate the iceberg-dotted waters. The surroundings are hauntingly quiet as well, an aspect of the continent that comes as a surprise to many first-time visitors. Along the way, the ship's naturalists will point out the birds—terns, petrels, and gulls—found on the coast and on small islets at stops like Dallmann Bay. As you pass dark, rocky Cuverville Island, you'll see some of the 6,500 pairs of gentoo penguins that make their home there, the largest known colony in the world. Continuing on to Paradise Harbor, you'll have a chance to observe not only gentoo and chinstrap penguins but possibly humans as well: Both Argentina and Chile have manned research stations here.

DAY 15 Sunday February 9, 2025

Antarctic Sound Cruising

A day to further enjoy the unique sights of the Antarctic and to enjoy the facilities of the ship.

DAY 16 Monday February 10, 2025

At sea

A day to further enjoy the facilities of the ship. This afternoon join us for a fun game of Scategories with prizes for the winners.

DAY 17 Tuesday February 11, 2025

Cape Horn, Argentina

We continue our journey through Drake Passage, then around the bottom of South America, past the tip of the continent. This deep waterway connects the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Cape Horn – the southernmost tip of South America – remains a maritime legend. Sailing around this remote point has always been regarded as one of the most challenging nautical routes on the planet with big seas and unpredictable conditions.

DAY 18 Wednesday February 12, 2025

Ushuaia, Argentina

This morning we arrive in Ushuaia, for all the obvious reasons known as the "City on the bottom of the World". Located on the island of Tierra del Fuego ("Land of Fire"), it's a breathtaking landscape, known for its plains surrounded by snowcapped mountains. After disembarking, we take a sightseeing tour of the city and the surrounding Tierra del Fuego National Park to marvel at its endless nature and ever-changing geography. We cruise through Cockburn Channel – a strait in the Tierra del Fuego Archipelago on the extreme southern tip of South America, partly in Chile and partly in Argentina. We then enter Beagle Channel (with its tell-tale Charles Darwin connections) about 240 kilometres long and at its narrowest point only about 5 kilometres wide. It extends east to Darwin Sound and Cook Bay in the west. Glacier Alley is literally embedded in the Darwin Range on the north-west arm of the Beagle Channel. From a lookout at Pia Glacier, we have a spectacular view of the entire glacier tongue, stretching from high in the mountains all the way to the sea. Weather permitting; we will sail past glaciers such as Italia, Holanda, Alemania, Francia and Romanche, among others.

DAY 19 Thursday February 13, 2025

Punta Arenas, Chile

This morning we arrive in Punta Arenas, Chile's most southerly city with a rich sheep farming history, as it is surrounded by Patagonian grazing plains. On our tour we explore the town lined by the impressive townhouses of the sheep barons and the tree-lined Plaza de Armas Square and La Cruz Hill. Back on board, we cruise through the Straits of Magellan, a 580km strait named for the Portuguese

explorer, Ferdinand Magellan, who famously discovered a way to circumnavigate the globe. We'll retrace Magellan's route as we make the only natural crossing available between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans – with the notable alternative, of course, being the mechanised Panama Canal, far to the north of South America, in Central America!

DAY 20 Friday February 14, 2025 Chilean Fjords & Canal Sarmiento

The goal of these two days of cruising is to sight the Amalia Glacier, which is a highlight of the memorable few days of natural beauty all around us. In the central Southern Patagonian Ice Fields, the Amalia descends from the Andes Mountains and sits towering above the sea (and us). Here's a bit of fascinating natural science – the glacier's immense weight causes the oxygen to be pressed out of the ice, giving it a startlingly beautiful crystalline appearance. Amalia is hailed as one of three spectacular glaciers that are genuine once-in-a-lifetime sights. Cruising through the Tierra del Fuego gives us a chance to witness what some observers have poetically described as the "ethereal blue" glaciers of Canal Sarmiento.

DAY 21 Saturday February 15, 2025

Chilean Fjords

Today, we continue cruising through the Chilean Fjords stretching from the Strait of Magellan to Puerto Montt, some of the most magnificent fjords in the world. As your eyes work their way up the jagged walls of mammoth glaciers, you may also be rewarded with an Andean condor sighting. As you're probably aware, the condor is the largest flying bird in the world! On the ocean's surface, the Magellan penguins always put on a good show.

DAY 22 Sunday February 16, 2025

Puerto Chacabuco, Chile

Along the wild western coast of Chile's fjord land, 400kms south of Puerto Montt, Patagonian ice-sheets fall into the sea in neon blue splendour. One of the last frontiers, there are few such remote and underdeveloped places left on this battling planet than Puerto Chacabuco. On our tour, we'll also enjoy the Rio Simpson National Reserve 37kms west of the town Coyhaique, providing us with yet another opportunity to enjoy Chile's remote natural beauty – canyon rivers, valleys, beaches, waterfalls and forests. Getting close to the end of our South American journey, Coyhaique also has a craft market selling handmade items.

DAY 23 Monday February 17, 2025

Puerto Montt, Chile

This morning we wake cruising Reloncavi Sound, a body of water located immediately south of Puerto Montt, Chile, the place where geologists tell us the "Intermediate Depression" falls into the Pacific Ocean. It's also an ideal place to catch a glimpse of three volcanoes, Mounts Oorno, Calbuco and in the distance, Puntagudo. Arriving in Puerto Montt, the heart of the Chilean Lakes District, we'll tour the surrounding lake region – another unspoiled Chilean national park.

DAY 24 Tuesday February 18, 2025

At sea

This is our last day at sea, one to relax and enjoy the facilities of our "temporary floating South American home"!

DAY 25 Wednesday February 19, 2025

San Antonio (Santiago), Chile

After disembarking, we will take a tour of Chile's capital city, Santiago; including the Civic Centre, La Moneda Presidential Palace, the Plaza de Armas and the main square. We'll head towards the Bellavista district, home to many of Santiago's artisans, that is lined with galleries, open-air cafés and restaurants. The lookout on San Cristobal Hill, its tallest peak, has a wonderful panoramic view of the city. Later, we will be transferred to the airport for our return flight to Australia.

DAY 26 Thursdays February 20, 2025

In flight

DAY 27 Friday February 21, 2025

Arrival Australia

Having crossed the International Date Line east to west we lose a day and arrive in Australia today. What an unforgettable geographic and cultural journey!

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Included in The Senior Antarctica & South America Cruise price:

- Economy-class air travel from Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane to Buenos Aires and return from Santiago
- Travel on Holland America line MS Oosterdam in the selected cabin category
- All meals, entertainment and gratuities on the Holland America line MS Oosterdam
- 2 nights' accommodation (4.5 star) in Buenos Aires including breakfasts
- Sightseeing with admissions and meals as shown in the itinerary (no tour included for Stanley).
- A Travelrite International Tour Manager
- All port taxes, air taxes, fees and current fuel supplements
- Transfers to and from Holland America line MS Oosterdam
- Welcome Drinks

Not included in the price:

- Travel insurance
- Passport and visa fees
- Drinks on board
- Lunches when not on the ship
- Additional travel arrangements not detailed in the itinerary, including sightseeing tours, while on the ship

Availability: Extending: You can stay longer in South America for minimal extra cost. Machu Picchu and Iguazu Falls pre and post tour arrangements are available. **Please contact Travelrite on 1800 630 343 for more information.**

Price per person in Australian Dollars

Cabin / Description	Deck	Twin-share Fare PP	Single Fare
MM Inside	8	\$ 13090	\$ 17190
M Inside	7	\$ 13290	\$ 17390
L Inside	4,5,6,7	\$ 13490	\$ 17590
K Inside	1,4,5,6,10	\$ 13690	\$ 17790
G Oceanview (Obstructed)	4	\$ 14290	\$ 18590
F Oceanview	1,6	\$ 14590	\$ 18990
E Oceanview	1	\$ 14790	\$ 19190
DD Oceanview	1	\$ 14890	\$ 19390
D Oceanview	1,4	\$ 14990	\$ 19590
C Oceanview	1	\$ 15090	\$ 19790
VF Balcony		\$ 15990	\$ 22690
VD Balcony	6,7	\$ 16190	\$ 23190
VC Balcony	4,5,6,8	\$ 16390	\$ 23390
VB Balcony	4,5,6,7,10	\$ 16490	\$ 23590
VA Balcony	4,5,6,8	\$ 16590	\$ 23790
SY Suite	5,8	\$ 18890	\$ 28390
SS Suite	6	\$ 19290	\$ 28990
SC Suite	6,7	\$ 24490	\$ 39490
Included port and handling charges		\$ 1694	\$ 2358
Included on-board gratuities		\$ 758	\$ 758
Included air taxes as at 1 January 2024		\$ 490	\$ 490

Availability: All cabins are subject to availability. **Please call 1800 630 343 for fares and information on other cabin categories.**

General information and booking conditions

International touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.

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CANCELLATION CHARGES: Number of days before sailing.

Days prior to Departure	Cancellation Fee
Over 90 days	loss of deposit
90 - 61 days	50% of full fare
60 days or less	100% of full fare
Non-appearance/no written notice:	100% of full fare

REFUNDS: The cruise is based on arrangements which do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals or other services not utilised after the tour has commenced.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: All passengers will require a valid pass-port. A visa will be required for Chile. If you are not an Australian passport holder check with Travelrite International for visa requirements.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Adequate travel insurance is highly recommended to cover cruise members for the consequences of unforeseen events during the cruise and for cancellation fees which could result from events such as illness, accident, death etc.

BAGGAGE: Passengers qualify for a 20kg free baggage allowance on flights to join or return from the cruise.

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