

QUILTING TOUR AND CRUISE TO

ANTARCTICA & SOUTH AMERICA

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



ANTARCTICA & SOUTH AMERICA CRUISE

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



MS Oosterdam

Designed to carry fewer guests while providing more space for maximum comfort, MS Oosterdam is a Vista class cruise ship of the Holland America Line, The ship's name is derived from the Dutch translation for the eastern compass point. It offers spacious public areas and plus staterooms many with private verandas. A voyage on the MS Osterdam is a unique experience to be savoured and remembered.

Michelle Marvig



Within two years of discovering patchwork, Michelle was working for an Australian distributor of American patchwork cottons, as a sample maker. This allowed her to work from home,

around the responsibilities of her two small children. It also meant that she was exposed to many styles of fabrics, and stepped up to the challenge of designing quilts in all genres. It was during this time that her work was noticed by magazine editors. She was among the contributors included in the first edition of Australian Patchwork and Quilting magazine. Her guilts have received numerous awards at the NSW Quilter's Guild Quilt Shows. Since 2008 Michelle has escorted Australian quilters overseas on patchwork tours to America, Canada, Japan, Vietnam, Singapore and Europe for Travelrite International and Quilter's Companion. When not traveling on tours, Michelle teaches workshops around Australia, and New Zealand. She loves teaching others the skills required to make new quilt designs and to understand the best way to use fabrics. She also loves to help others spend their money in the patchwork shops on tour!

DAY 1 Thursday 29 January 2026 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.

DAY 2 Friday 30 January, 2026 Buenos Aires

This morning, we will visit Toldos El Indio for our first fabric fix. They carry a large array of fabrics. In the afternoon we will visit Milana Hilados, a wool factory founded in 1965. They are constantly exploring new techniques and colours to keep their products up to date. In the evening we will enjoy a welcome dinner, at an Asedo restaurant, to formally meet Michelle Marvig and other group members. The restaurant offers a large variety of tapas and plates of delicious meat.

DAY 3 Saturday 31 January, 2026 Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires has been dubbed the "Paris of South America," With 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. We will have time at the Feria de Recoleta, where we will see the highest quality of artisan wares including silver jewellery and colourful ceramics, before we are 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 Sunday 1 February, 2026 Buenos Aires

Late morning we visit the Eva Peron Museum. Through films, photographs and a collection of her personal articles we will learn about her life. We continue with a visit to Feria de San Telmo, a wonderful indoor market, which sells many Argentinean made produce and articles. There is a large variety of food, art and music stalls, which we will enjoy browsing. After returning to the ship be up on deck as we sail out of Buenos Aires early evening.

DAY 5 Monday 2 February 2026 Montevideo, Uruguay

Today, we arrive in Montevideo, the capital of Uruguay, often referred to as the "Switzerland of South America." 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. In the afternoon we visit Les Labores, which has a large collection of beads, ribbons and yarn.



DAY 6 Tuesday 3 February, 2026 Punta del Este, Uruguay

This 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-metre-high lighthouse, built in 1860 with volcanic sand from Rome. We will have time to peruse the gorgeous local handicrafts while at Plaza Artigas. We travel across the La Barra Bridge. 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 visit the eye-catching Carlos Paez Vilaro Museum. Once the home of the artist, it is now shows a collection of modern art.

DAY 7 Wednesday 4 February, 2026

A day at sea to enjoy the facilities of the ship. Michelle will set the group up with the project that we will be working on during the cruise.

DAY 8 Thursday 5 February, 2026 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 Friday 6 February, 2026

Today we have a day at sea to enjoy the facilities of the ship. There will be time to work on our projects.

DAY 10 Saturday 7 February, 2026 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. Group members might like to book an MS Oosterdam sightseeing tour or wander around the town with other group members.

DAY 11 Sunday 8 February, 2026 At sea

Today we have a day at sea to enjoy the facilities of the ship. Enjoy time working on your project with other group members.

DAY 12 Monday 9 February, 2026 Antarctic Sound

After 12 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 19 kms 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.

DAY 13 Tuesday 10 February, 2026 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 Wednesday 11 February, 2026 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 Harbour, 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 Thursday 12 February, 2026 Antarctic Sound Cruising

A day to further enjoy the unique sights of the Antarctic and to enjoy the facilities of the ship. Group members have time to work on their projects.

DAY 16 Friday 13 February, 2026 At sea

A day to further enjoy the facilities of the ship. This afternoon join us for a fun game of Trivial Pursuit with prizes for the winners. We will have questions related to things that we have seen and done on our travels.

DAY 17 Saturday 14 February, 2026 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 Sunday 15 February, 2026 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 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 Monday 16 February, 2026 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! We will continue with a visit to a local shopping area, where the group will have time to browse.

DAY 20 Tuesday 17 February, 2026 Chilean Fjords & Canal Samiento

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. Amalia is hailed as one of three spectacular glaciers that are genuine once-in-a-lifetime sights.

DAY 21 Wednesday 18 February, 2026 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 look up at the jagged walls of mammoth glaciers, you may also be rewarded with an Andean condor sighting. The condor is the largest flying bird in the world! We will also see the gorgeous Magellan penguins.

DAY 22 Thursday 19 February, 2026 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. On our tour, we'll 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. Coyhaique also has a wonderful craft market selling handmade items, where we will have time to shop.

DAY 23 Friday 20 February, 2026 Puerto Montt, Chile

This morning we wake cruising Reloncavi Sound, a body of water located immediately south of Puerto Montt, Chile. It's also a place to catch a glimpse of three volcanoes, Mounts Oorno, Calbuco and in the distance, Puntiagudo. 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 Saturday 21 February, 2026 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 Sunday 22 February, 2026 (San Antonio) Santiago, Chile

After disembarking, we will travel to Chile's capital city, Santiago, where we will enjoy a sightseeing tour, which includes 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. In the afternoon we visit the Museo Chileno de Arte Pre-Colombino, which houses an amazing collection of pre-Columbian textiles. Weaving achieved a high level of technical refinement thousands of years ago in the Andean region. We will enjoy a farewell dinner to say goodbye to Michelle and other group members.

DAY 26 Monday 23 February 2026 Departure

This morning we visit the Quilt Shop, which stocks favourite fabrics, books, designs and sewing items. We continue with a visit to Mundo Patchwork, our last chance to stock up on fabric. Later, we will be transferred to the airport for our evening return flight to Australia.

DAY 27 Tuesday 24 February 2026 In flight

DAY 28 Wednesday 25 February 2026 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!



Included in the tour price:

- Economy-class air travel from Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane to Buenos Aires and return from Santiago.
- Tour leadership by Michelle Marvig.
- 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 in Buenos Aires and 1 night in Santiago in 4-star hotels on a bed and breakfasts basis.
- Sightseeing with admissions and meals as shown in the itinerary.
- The services of a private, English-speaking guide and private coaches in Buenos Aires and Santiago.
- A Travelrite International Tour Manager.
- All port taxes, air taxes, fees and current fuel supplements.
- A welcome and farewell dinner.

Per person in Australian Dollars

Cabin / Description		Deck	Twin-Share	Single
MM	Inside	8	\$ 16490	\$ 20690
L	Inside	4,5,6,7	\$ 16990	\$ 21590
J	Inside	1	\$ 17190	\$ 21990
-1	Inside	6,7,8	\$ 17290	\$ 22090
G	Oceanview (Obstructed)	4	\$ 17790	\$ 22890
F	Oceanview	1,6	\$ 17890	\$ 22990
Е	Oceanview	1	\$ 17990	\$ 23190
DD	Oceanview	1	\$ 18090	\$ 23390
D	Oceanview	1,4	\$ 18190	\$ 23590
C	Oceanview	1	\$ 18290	\$ 23790
VD	Balcony	6,7	\$ 19690	\$ 27990
VC	Balcony	4,5,6,8	\$ 19890	\$ 28290
VB	Balcony	4,5,6,7,10	\$ 19990	\$ 28590
VA	Balcony	4,5,6,8	\$ 20090	\$ 28890
SY	Suite	5,8	\$ 23190	\$ 34690
SS	Suite	6	\$ 23490	\$ 35490
SC	Suite	6,7	\$ 29990	\$ 49490
Included port and handling charges Included on-board gratuities Included air taxes as at 1 Dec 2024			\$ 1742 \$ 786 \$ 490	\$ 2406 \$ 786 \$ 490

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

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.







General information and booking conditions

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TOUR OPERATOR: Travelrite International Pty Ltd (ABN 64 005817 078) is the tour organiser. The MS Oosterdam is operated by Holland America and the fly/cruise arrangements are subject to the terms and conditions and general information detailed in the Holland America website www. Holland america.com

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CANCELLATION CHARGES: Number of days before sailing.

Days prior to DepartureCancellation Fee0ver 90 daysloss of deposit90 days or less100% of full fareNon-appearance/no written notice100% 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 passport. 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 23kg free baggage allowance on flights to join or return from the cruise.

MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS: The fly/cruise arrangements have been made on the basis of a minimum number of passengers travelling. In the event that less than the required number of passengers have confirmed their booking 90 days from the date of departure, Travelrite International

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