

## Antarctica

Tuesday 26 November – Tuesday 10 December 2024  
12 nights

### TOUR OVERVIEW

Journey in comfort on a modern, purpose-built polar expedition ship to a continent considered by many to be the ultimate travel destination, where wildlife is prolific and the scenery is staggeringly beautiful. Your adventure begins with two nights in Argentina exploring the grand and vibrant capital city of Buenos Aires. Then fly south to Ushuaia in Tierra del Fuego, the world's southernmost city, to board your ship and begin your Antarctic adventure. You will sail through Beagle Channel and across Drake Passage, a major shipping route around Cape Horn for centuries before the Panamá canal was built.

En route to Antarctica, you will have time to spot wildlife from the indoor/outdoor observation deck, learn more about the biology, history, and geology of the area from experts, or simply relax and enjoy the fine facilities on board.

After time at sea, you will be in Antarctica to begin five enthralling days exploring the shores of the frozen continent. You will go ashore in small groups with expert guides, getting up close to penguins and other wildlife. You will travel in Zodiacs close to massive icebergs and dramatic ever-changing landscapes. A fleet of underwater drones will reveal what's below the ocean surface.

From the ship, you might see whales as they begin to arrive in greater numbers. You may even have the opportunity to go kayaking among the icebergs. Back on board, specialists will continue their lectures to help you gain insights into this magical place, and you can carry on enjoying the five-star facilities. Come aboard for one of the most memorable experiences of your life.



### TOUR INCLUSIONS

- The services of an experienced New Zealand-based Calder & Lawson tour manager
- 2 nights accommodation in Buenos Aires before the cruise
- Economy class return flights between Buenos Aires and Ushuaia
- 10 nights on board the *Fridtjof Nansen* including all meals, soft drinks, beer and house wine
- Other meals as specified in the itinerary
- Landings and other exploration in Antarctica with specialist guides
- Transfers, guided tours, and entrance fees as detailed in the itinerary
- All tips and gratuities for crew and local guides
- Loan of cold weather gear such as boots and trekking poles
- Complimentary wind and water-resistant jacket for you to keep
- Pre-tour material

### TOUR EXCLUSIONS

- International air fare to and from New Zealand and airline taxes
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses
- Meals not specified in the Itinerary
- Hotel portorage
- Credit card fees
- Optional pre-tour extension in Santiago, Chile

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover Antarctica's wildlife, including seals, penguin colonies and whales, against backdrops of staggering natural beauty
- Specialist guides will share their knowledge of wildlife, climate change, glaciology and polar exploration
- Navigate by ship and small boats among stunning icescapes
- Go ashore to explore the frozen continent
- Outstanding opportunities for photographers
- Cruise Antarctica and the Southern Ocean in luxurious comfort on a new ship
- Visit Argentina's impressive capital city, Buenos Aires
- Optional pre-tour extension in Santiago, Chile



## IS THIS TOUR FOR ME?

You will need to be in good health and fit enough to enjoy comfortably-paced walks on uneven and slippery terrain. On the cruise the activity level can be as intense or relaxed as you are comfortable with, as it is always your choice whether to participate in the activities or just relax on board. You must be able to get on board the small boats (Zodiacs) to cruise around or go on shore. The Southern Ocean can be rough at times.

If the Antarctic tour is for you, then you'll enjoy the pre-tour extension. The walking tours comprise about 3 hours of walking, sometimes on cobbled streets, and some standing, but that's about the extent of the exertion.

## TOUR PRICE

Share twin per person polar outside (RR) cabin	\$14,250
Single supplement RR cabin	\$3,390
Share twin per person Arctic superior (XT) cabin	\$15,950
Single supplement XT cabin	\$3,990

The above prices are in NZ dollars and do not include international airfares from Auckland to South America.

**We have been able to obtain an 'early-bird' discount for this tour, but to take advantage of this you must book by 15 March 2024. We have limited cabins at this special price.**

Even when international airfares are included, this tour will be at about the same price as we offered in 2020.

Please see the last page of this itinerary for the special terms and conditions for this tour

**GROUP SIZE** Minimum 10, maximum 18

**VARIATIONS IN TRAVEL** We can make arrangements for any travel you would like to do before or after this tour, or book business class flights. Please contact us to discuss your requirements.

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## FLIGHTS

International flights are not included in your package. Once the tour is confirmed the team at Calder & Lawson Tours can assist you in booking your flights, stopovers, extensions or upgrades.

Please also see the optional pre-tour stopover package

The best and quickest way to travel to Buenos Aires from Auckland is via Santiago, Chile, on LATAM Airlines.

### **Flight times:**

Auckland to Santiago 11 hours

Santiago to Buenos Aires 2 hours

Santiago to Auckland 12 hours 40 mins

## TOUR MANAGER: Andrew Matheson

Your tour manager Andrew Matheson has led many of our successful international tours over the past decade, including ones centred on both ocean and inland cruises. He is an enthusiastic and adventurous traveller, keen to explore off the beaten track.

As tour manager Andrew applies his strong organisational skills to make sure the trip runs to plan and delivers the best for all tour members. He soaks up the history and culture of the areas he visits and seeks out unique local experiences. Andrew is looking forward to sharing these special destinations and experiences with you.





# DAILY ITINERARY

## **Tuesday 26 November 2024** **Buenos Aires, Argentina**

Meals: In flight

Flight: 11 hours and 2 hours

Overnight: in flight and  
Buenos Aires

Leave Auckland in the late afternoon for a direct overnight flight to Santiago in Chile. Thanks to crossing the international date line you'll arrive on the afternoon of the same day. Connect to your flight to Buenos Aires arriving in the evening. Check into your hotel for the next two nights.

## **Wednesday 27 November** **Buenos Aires**

Meals: B/D

Overnight: Buenos Aires

Explore Argentina's capital on a tour of the highlights of this grand city, with its wide boulevards and magnificent buildings. Visit the glamorous neighbourhood of Recoleta and its famous cemetery, burial place of Eva Peron, and other features of this city dubbed the 'Paris of the South'. In the evening, a welcome dinner.

## **Thursday 28 November** **Buenos Aires - Ushuaia**

Meals: B/D

Overnight: on board the  
*Fridtjof Nansen*

Take an early morning flight to the southernmost city in the world, Ushuaia — the capital of Tierra del Fuego and gateway to the Antarctic.

Board your home for the next 10 nights, the purpose-built expedition ship *Fridtjof Nansen*. After a briefing from the expedition team, you have time to locate your cabin and explore the comforts and amenities on board.

## **Friday 29 – Saturday 30** **November** **Drake Passage**

Meals: B/L/D daily

Overnight: on board the  
*Fridtjof Nansen*

During the two-day crossing through the Beagle Channel and across the Drake Passage and towards Antarctica, the expedition team will equip you with all you need to make the most of your polar expedition.

Visit the onboard science centre and find out what lies ahead. Listen to experts talk with knowledge and passion about Antarctica's history, the science beneath the ice, and the impact of climate change and plastic pollution. You'll learn how to make your visit as safe and as low-impact as possible, and about the citizen science projects you can take part in.

There's plenty of time to relax — whether on the deck, in the spa or at the gym, and you can enjoy some delicious cuisine and meet fellow travellers in the Explorer lounge and bar.



# DAILY ITINERARY

**Sunday 1 – Thursday 5  
December  
Antarctica**

Meals: B/L/D

Overnight: on board the  
*Fridtjof Nansen*

For five memorable days your ship will explore the coast of this massive, icy continent. The crew will monitor conditions and create the best possible itinerary for this adventure. You will go ashore in small groups with expert guides, getting up close to penguins and other wildlife. From the ship you might see whales as they begin to arrive in greater numbers. You may even have the opportunity to go kayaking among the icebergs. Back on board, specialists will continue their lectures to help you gain insights into this magical place.

**Friday 6 - Saturday 7  
December  
Antarctica – Drake Passage**

Meals: B/L/D

Overnight: on board the  
*Fridtjof Nansen*

As you head north back to warmer waters, it is time to reflect on your expedition to the seventh continent. You'll have time to recap on your adventures, relax on deck and look for more wildlife or enjoy the comforts on board. You may even want to take a class on how to edit the fantastic photos you have taken.

**Sunday 8 December  
Ushuaia – Buenos Aires –  
Santiago – Auckland**

Meals: B/in flight

Overnight: in flight

After disembarking at Ushuaia in the morning, take a charter flight back to the Argentine capital to connect with flights to Santiago and then to Auckland, crossing the dateline and arriving early on Tuesday 10 December.

Every expedition cruise to Antarctica is unique. All routes and excursions are provisional and subject to change as weather, sea or ice conditions may affect the itinerary. Rest assured the ship's crew will work hard to get the most out of your visit.



# OPTIONAL PRE-TOUR EXTENSION

There will be an optional pre-tour extension in Chile, which we encourage you to consider. This stopover will break what is otherwise a long journey to Buenos Aires and help you deal with jetlag before the Antarctic cruise. You will have more time to get to know your fellow group members before joining the ship, and of course you will get to see more of the fascinating continent of South America.

You will stay two nights in the coastal city of Vina del Mar and one night in the Chilean capital Santiago. You will enjoy a day touring both Vina del Mar and the colourful, spontaneous, and edgy port city of Valparaiso.

See something of Chile's traditional countryside in the fertile Aconcagua Valley, home to some of Chile's more productive vineyards. There's also the opportunity to look at alpaca farms and learn something of the wars against Spanish rule in the 19th century, led by a revolutionary with the improbable name of Bernardo O'Higgins. Finish up with a morning exploring the capital Santiago, nestled between the Andes and the coastal cordillera.

<b>Saturday 23 November 2024</b> <b>Auckland – Santiago, Chile</b> Meals: In flight Flight: 11 hours Overnight: Vina del Mar	Leave Auckland in the late afternoon for a direct overnight flight to Santiago in Chile. Thanks to crossing the international date line you'll arrive on the afternoon of the same day. Transfer to your hotel in Vina del mar for the next two nights.
<b>Sunday 24 November</b> <b>Valparaiso</b> Meals: B/D Coach: 1.5 hours each way Overnight: Vina del Mar	Spend the day touring Vina del Mar and the vibrant and funky port city of Valparaiso, built on steep hillsides overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Explore its colourful and eclectic architecture, extensive street art and small galleries and studios. Take a funicular railway up the hills for panoramic views over the city and port.
<b>Monday 25 November</b> <b>Aconcagua Valley</b> Meals: B/D Overnight: Santiago	On a day trip to the Aconcagua Valley you'll visit wineries, an alpaca farm and places that are significant in Chile's rich history of the independence wars of the 19th century. There will be opportunities to sample Chilean cuisine, and taste the excellent wines of course.
<b>Tuesday 26 November</b> <b>Santiago – Buenos Aires, Argentina</b> Flight: 2 hours Meals: B Overnight: Buenos Aires	Explore Chile's capital on a tour of the highlights of this diverse city — from a 16th-century Spanish church to a modern commercial centre, both bohemian and affluent neighbourhoods, green parks, wide boulevards and the mountains that surround the city.  Finish at the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires, where you will transfer to your hotel and start the main tour.

## PRE-TOUR EXTENSION PRICE

Share twin per person NZ\$1,590

Single supplement NZ\$490

We require a minimum of 6 participants for the pre tour extension to proceed.



# YOUR SHIP — *Fridtjof Nansen*

## YOUR SHIP

You will be cruising to and at Antarctica on the operator Hurtigruten's newest ship, the *Fridtjof Nansen*. Launched in 2020, this custom-built polar ship is a luxury experience in its own right. All the spacious cabins are on the outside of the ship and have either a window (rather than a porthole) or a sliding door to a private balcony (additional charge applies).

The ship has an elegant lounge and bar, three restaurants, library, science centre and an indoor/outdoor observation deck. Other facilities on board include a large gym and wellness centre, library, sauna, infinity pool and hot tubs. There is a medical centre staffed by an English-speaking doctor and nurse. All meals, soft drinks, beer and house wine are included, along with free wifi.

The crew includes a team of Antarctic specialists and modern-day explorers. Highly experienced, passionate and knowledgeable, they will escort you on small boats and shore expeditions, and give lectures and hands-on citizen-science workshops on board the ship. A fleet of underwater drones will give you a good look at what's happening below the ocean surface.

## SUSTAINABILITY

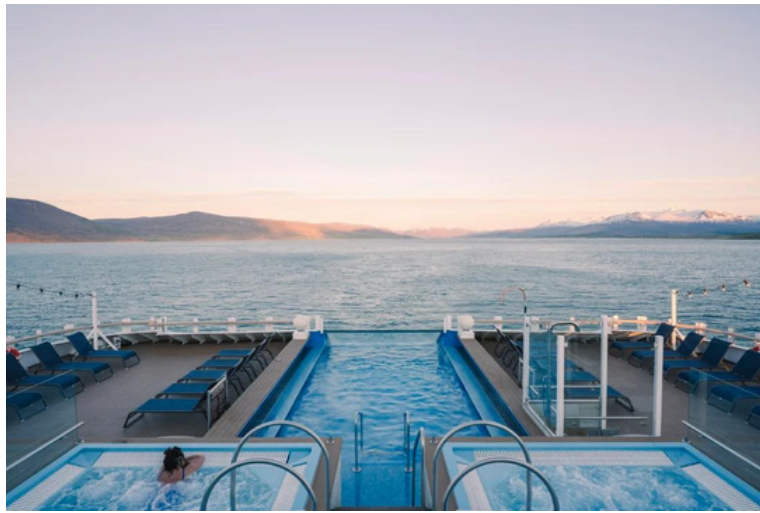
The *Fridtjof Nansen* is packed with ground-breaking green technology such as battery packs, heat recovery systems and a cutting-edge hull design. These innovations combine to reduce carbon emissions by more than 20% compared with other cruise ships of the same size.

Hurtigruten stopped using heavy fuel oil more than a decade ago and campaigns for its worldwide ban. To set a new standard, it is also considering a range of new, green fuel options including biofuels made from organic waste. The company aims to be the most sustainable tourism operator in the world, and push the industry's boundaries on ESG (environmental, social and governance indicators).

By travelling on this ship you are also supporting the Hurtigruten Foundation, which works to fight climate change, strengthen local communities in areas where the company works and stop unsustainable mass tourism.



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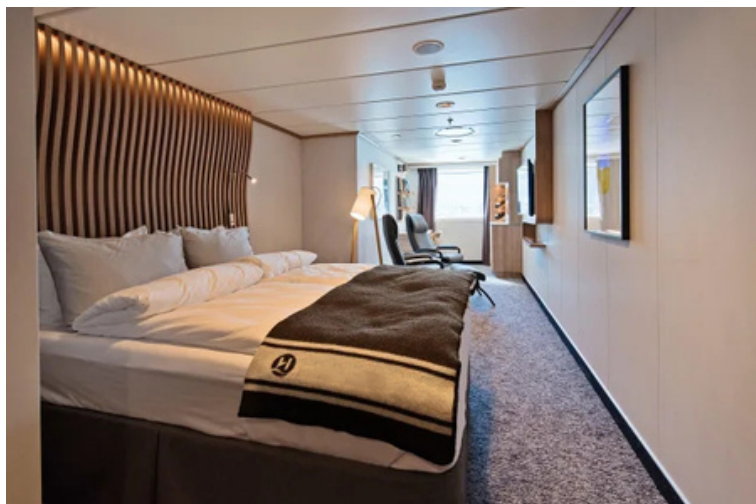
## CABINS

### **Polar outside (RR)**

Spacious 19–23 square metres, with ensuite bathroom and a window.

### **Arctic superior (XT)**

High deck cabins with ensuite bathroom and balcony.





# Activities



## HOW TO SECURE YOUR PLACE ON THIS TOUR

A deposit of \$1,000 is required to secure your place on the tour. This deposit is fully refundable up to 15 March 2024 so you can secure your space with confidence that you can pull out any time up to that date, for any reason. If the tour is confirmed on 15 March 2024 we will contact you to confirm you are still keen to join us and your deposit will become non-refundable.

A payment instalment of 25% will be due on 15 May 2024 and your final balance will be due on 15 August 2024.

Click below to complete the online registration form, pay the \$1,000 deposit, and your place in this tour is secured. Or you can complete a paper registration form. You can download one from our website [www.calderandlawsonstours.co.nz/forms](http://www.calderandlawsonstours.co.nz/forms) or give us a call and we will email or post one to you.

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