



**USHUAIA TO PUNTA ARENAS CRUISE ON MARE OR VIA AUSTRALIS
4 Days/3 Nights from \$1,139**



This cruise begins in Ushuaia, Argentina and continues via the Beagle Channel and the Strait of Magellan to Punta Arenas, Chile. You will see massive glaciers flowing into the sea, colonies of elephant seals, and cormorants, and disembark in Cape Horn and Wulaia Bay, and Magdalena Island to walk among an immense colony of Magellanic penguins. Cape Horn is the

southernmost point of the continent, and Wulaia Bay is one of the most important indigenous sites of the region.

The M/V Mare Australis and the M/V Via Australis are 236 foot expedition ships that were built in 2002 and 2005. Both have four decks and 64 cabins with private facilities, low beds, and panoramic windows. Their social areas include two lounges, a dining room, a game room, a gift shop, and a panoramic open deck.

ACTIVITIES: Sightseeing, wildlife viewing, hiking, and zodiac boating.



DEPARTURE DATES: Wednesday-Saturday departures on the M/V Mare Australis and Saturday-Tuesday departures on the M/V Via Australis from the last week in September to Mid-April.

GROUP/PRIVATE: All services included in this tour are operated on a group basis, except for the transfers at the beginning of the cruise, which are private.

DETAILED ITINERARY

DAY 1 (Wed): Ushuaia.

Check in at the Cruceros Australis office in Ushuaia, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cruise-ship boarding from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Captain and crew give a

welcome cocktail reception on board. Immediately afterward, the ship departs for “the uttermost part of the earth.” Our excursion will take us through Beagle Channel and the Strait of Magellan to explore one of the most captivating wilderness regions in the world: Southern Patagonia, and Tierra del Fuego. We have just embarked on a Great Adventure! (D)

DAY 2 (Thu): Cape Horn/Wulaia Bay.

We sail through Beagle and Murray channels to reach and disembark in Cape Horn National Park (weather permitting). Cape Horn, on Hornos Island, is a sheer, 425-meter (1,394-foot) high rocky promontory. This mythical place is known as the “End of the Earth”; a visit is a singular privilege. The park was declared a World Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in June 2005. In the afternoon, we go ashore in historic Wulaia Bay, once the site of one of the region’s largest aboriginal settlements. This area is also renowned for the mesmerizing beauty of its vegetation and geography. We walk through a Magellanic forest of Lengas, Coigues, Canelos, ferns and other native vegetation to reach a lookout point. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 (Fri): Gunther Pluschow Glacier.

In the afternoon, we view awe-inspiring Gunther Plüschow Glacier, named after the region’s pioneering German aviator. Then we sail to Chico Sound, where we disembark in Zodiacs to observe majestic Piloto and Nena glaciers from the sea. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 (Sat): Magdalena Island/Punta Arenas.

Early in the morning, we go ashore on Magdalena Island, the home of an immense colony of more than 120,000 Magellanic Penguins that we can watch during our walk to a lighthouse, which guides ships on their way through the Strait of Magellan. The island’s penguins migrate in April; as a replacement we visit Marta Island, to observe a sea lion colony. After our visit, we sail to Punta Arenas, disembarking at 11:30 a.m. (B)

NOTE: The excursions/day trips described in the itineraries can normally be, and are frequently, carried out. Without prejudice to the aforesaid, the operators of the ship reserve the right to reschedule shorten or alter all or part of itineraries and/or excursions without previous notice, in order to safeguard the well being and safety of passengers, preserve the environment or due to the extraordinary circumstances, acts of god or force majeure. In view of the same reasons, the hours of departure or arrival of the vessels may be subject to change.

B = Breakfast, **L** = Lunch, **D** = Dinner

PRICING

All prices are per person, based on double occupancy, in U.S. Dollars.

Low Season

	Single	Double	Triple
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B Cabins	n/a	\$1,139	\$1,119
A Cabins	n/a	\$1,609	\$1,589
AA Cabins	\$2,579	\$1,689	\$1,669
AAA Cabins	\$2,709	\$1,779	n/a
Single	\$2,069	n/a	n/a

High Season

	Single	Double	Triple
B Cabins	n/a	\$1,419	\$1,399
A Cabins	n/a	\$1,939	\$1,929
AA Cabins	\$3,119	\$2,049	\$2,029
AAA Cabins	\$3,239	\$2,129	n/a
Single	\$2,509	n/a	n/a

Low Season: Sep 23, 30; Oct 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28, 31; Dec 19; Mar 20, 27; Apr 3.

High Season: Nov 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28; Dec 2, 5, 9, 12, 26; Jan 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30; Feb 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27; Mar 3, 6, 10, 13.

Special Pricing: December 23 and 30 Departures have Special Pricing. Call for Availability and a Quote.

The above prices are valid for bookings made prior to December 31, 2009.

Note:

1. A limited amount of triples can be accommodated (three B Cabins on the Mare Australis and seven A/AA Cabins on the Via Australis, with an upper bed for the third person).

PRICE INCLUDES:

- South American Vacations' expert pre-departure planning services and documentation.
- Private transfer from the Airport in Ushuaia, Argentina to the Australis Cruceros office and from the Australis Cruceros office to the pier at the beginning of the cruise.
- Accommodations on board the Mare or Via Australis.
- All meals scheduled on board including alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.
- Shore excursions.
- On-board entertainment.
- Licensed, English-speaking naturalist guides.

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- International airfare.
- Domestic airfare.
- Chilean Reciprocity Fee (\$131 for U.S. and \$132 for Canadian citizens, payable in cash upon arrival and subject to change without notice due to currency fluctuations or other reasons).
- Hotel nights before/after the cruise.

- Port Tax in Punta Arenas (\$20).
- Gratuities to ship crew and guides.
- Gifts, personal items, and travel insurance.

We will be happy to quote the cost of airfare, hotels, land services, and travel insurance, and to make these arrangements for you.

PASSPORT/VISA: For **Argentina**, U.S., Australian, Canadian, and EU citizens require a passport and return ticket for stays of up to 90 days. Citizens of other countries are advised to contact the Argentinian embassy in their country before traveling. For **Chile**, U.S., Australian, Canadian, and EU (except Greece and Romania, which require a visa) citizens require a passport valid for at least six months from date of entry and return ticket for stays of up to 90 days. U.S., Australian, and Canadian citizens are required to pay a reciprocity fee (considered a multiple entry visa) of \$131, \$61 and \$132 respectively in cash upon arrival (subject to change without notice due to currency fluctuations or other reasons). This tax is paid once and remains valid until the passport expires. Citizens of other countries are advised to contact the Chilean embassy in their country before traveling.

RECOMMENDED CLOTHING: Trekking or hiking boots are required for all passengers. Hat, sunglasses, sun-block, waterproof parka, sweater, waterproof gloves, and waterproof trousers are recommended.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: In order to protect your travel investment from unforeseen circumstances that may arise before or during your trip, we strongly recommend that you purchase travel insurance. We offer **Access America's Classic Comprehensive** and other plans. The Benefits, Coverage Limits, and rates are summarized on our website at www.savacations.com/insurance. Call your travel counselor if you have any questions or to purchase a plan.

TO BOOK THIS TRIP: Call or email us to confirm the availability of the ship, hotels, and airfare for your desired dates of travel. Once we have confirmed availability, you will need to pay a non-refundable deposit of \$800. Full payment is needed 60 days prior to departure.

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