



Cruise Details

Name: Expedition Semi-Circumnavigation Antarctica - The Emperor's Route Among Antarctic Cruises
Reference: HAPAGINS2502
Operator: Hapag-Lloyd Cruises
Cruise Type: Ocean
Cruise Rating: Expedition
Ship: Hanseatic Inspiration
Regions: Antarctica

Departs On: 28 Jan 25
Departs From: Ushuaia

Arrives On: 02 Mar 25
Arrives At: Lyttelton

Cruise Nights: 32
Total Vacation Days: 33

Itinerary

Day 1: Ushuaia (Argentina)

Arrives On: 28 Jan 25

Day 2: Port information not found

Arrives On: 29 Jan 25

Day 3: South Shetland Islands (Antarctica)

The semi-circumnavigation of the Antarctic is something very special for those in search of an unforgettable expedition. The HANSEATIC inspiration braves this endeavour on an incredible route from South America to New Zealand. The captain and crew flexibly adjust the itinerary to the

constantly changing conditions. Experience the South Shetland Islands between ice and awe intensively – on deck as well as by Zodiac. Towering basalt cliffs, rugged volcanic rock and snow-covered mountains herald an impressive destination: the Antarctic Peninsula. Icebergs, glaciers and majestic mountains – populated by penguins, seals and a huge variety of seabirds. The small, manoeuvrable expedition ship promises unique days. Numerous Zodiac rides and landings heighten the sense of discovery. Stories of pioneers are brought to life on islands, in bays and in seas with names harking back to great explorers. Whether in the footsteps of James Clark Ross, Robert Falcon Scott or Sir Ernest Shackleton – you'll follow their pioneering spirit on your expedition. With the highest ice class for passenger ships, the HANSEATIC inspiration can forge its way by crossing the Antarctic Circle to the most beautiful and rarely visited regions such as Marguerite Bay.

Arrives On: 30 Jan 25

Day 18: Cape Royds, Ross Island (Antarctica)

It is the ideal season, the perfect timing – can the HANSEATIC inspiration make its way through the pack ice and drifting ice to get to Ross Island? Will the weather and ice conditions allow us to land in legendary places such as Cape Royds? The spot where Sir Ernest Shackleton built a base camp for his South Pole expedition in 1908 is now home to penguins. Cape Evans, by contrast, set the scene for the Terra Nova expedition led by Robert Falcon Scott, who never returned from his attempt to beat Roald Amundsen to the South Pole. The American McMurdo Station will also bring polar history to life (subject to authorisation). Perhaps you'll spot emperor penguins and whales in this historically significant region. Another indescribable highlight awaits as you cruise in front of the fantastic backdrop of the Ross Ice Shelf: the gigantic wall of ice as tall as houses stretches for hundreds of kilometres. Next, Victoria Land welcomes you with an endless expanse in Terra Nova Bay, named after the ship that Scott was sailing in when he discovered the bay in 1901. The features here now include an Italian research station. In Cape Adare, you will find the ruins of a hut that Borchgrevink built in 1899 and in which an expedition team spent a winter in Antarctica for the first time. The spectacular natural surroundings are just as moving as the region's past – including the largest colony of Adelie penguins in Antarctica with over 250,000 breeding pairs.

Arrives On: 14 Feb 25

Day 25: Balleny Islands (New Zealand)

Further along your route, you will come across untouched island worlds with a rich fauna that are hardly known in our latitudes. In a small group of like-minded people, the aim is to discover these paradises and develop a special awareness for them. Nature conservation is playing an increasingly important role in their preservation, which is why permits are becoming more and more complex. Destinations in New Zealand, for example, are dependent on the authorities granting permission to cruise and land. If they give the green light, you can enjoy mystical views of

the largely glaciated Balleny Islands.

Arrives On: 21 Feb 25

Day 30: Port information not found

Which of New Zealand's subantarctic islands will a landing be successful on? With a bit of luck, you will experience Campbell Island and the world's largest breeding colony of southern royal albatrosses. The Auckland Islands have the lushest flora of all the islands – yellow-eyed penguins and New Zealand sea lions are native here. The Snares penguin, meanwhile, is only found on the Snares Islands, alongside Cape petrels and albatrosses. By making this semi-circumnavigation of the Antarctic, you will be one of the few people who have delved deep into the secrets of this remote region.

Arrives On: 26 Feb 25

Day 34: Lyttelton (New Zealand)

Arrives On: 02 Mar 25

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