Cruise Details

Name:	Antarctica and the Weddell Sea
Reference:	SCENIC501S221226-1
Operator:	Scenic Ocean Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Scenic Eclipse II
Regions:	Antarctica
Departs On:	22 Dec 26
Departs From:	Buenos Aires
Arrives On:	06 Jan 27
Arrives At:	Ushuaia
Cruise Nights:	15
Total Vacation Days:	16

Itinerary

Day 1: Buenos Aires (Argentina)

Welcome to Buenos Aires, where you'll have an overnight hotel stay. Perhaps plan to spend some time in the city, nicknamed the 'Paris of South America'. Resplendent with Belle Epoque buildings, sidewalk cafes and green spaces, there's the fiery passion of Latin America – a collective love for football, flame-cooked meats (asado) and the tango. Some of the highlights are La Boca, a colourful, creative mecca with a must-do art walk, and San Telmo, a former aristocratic neighbourhood that was abandoned during a 19th-century epidemic. Mansions were turned into conventillos (shared housing), boutique hotels, antique shops, and tango clubs, exuding a captivating bohemian vibe.

Arrives On: 22 Dec 26

Day 2: Buenos Aires (Argentina)

Fly from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia, the main island of Tierra del Fuego and the southernmost city in the world. The Captain and crew will warmly greet you as you board your ultra-luxury Discovery Yacht, Scenic Eclipse. Toast the start of your once-in-a-lifetime expedition as you depart South America and cruise through the calm and scenic Beagle Channel, named so for the ship that carried Charles Darwin on his five-year discovery journey. Admire the dramatic views of the Andean mountains from the comfort of your private verandah or from the Observation Deck with its commanding view of the bow.

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Day 2: Ushuaia (Argentina)

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Day 4: Antarctic Peninsula (Antarctica)

Today you will enter Antarctic waters, an unpredictable but stunningly beautiful environment that always surprises. Rug up in your complimentary polar parka and head to the Observation Deck to spot icebergs for the first time – it’s a feeling that will stay with you forever. Watch out for the blow of a whale in the distance and ask for some insights from the expert Polar Discovery Team. Comprised of up to 20 members, this team of geologists, historians, ornithologists, marine biologists, and glaciologists is at the heart of your Antarctic Voyage. Scenic Discovery: Due to the extraordinary nature of the region, Discovery excursions throughout your Expedition Voyage are dependent on the ice and weather conditions. Your experienced Captain and specialist Polar Discovery Team, who have made countless journeys to Antarctica, will use their expertise to design your voyage from day to day, making the most of 18–20 hours of daylight.

Arrives On: 25 Dec 26

Day 5: Antarctic Peninsula (Antarctica)

The Weddell Sea is as mesmerising as it is extreme. It’s best known as the location where Ernest Shackleton’s expedition to cross the Antarctic came to a crushing end, when his ship Endurance was trapped in ice. Today, it’s one of the most pristine and intact ecosystems on Earth. On board Scenic Eclipse, you’ll comfortably wind your way through dense ice floes and tabular icebergs, enjoying the eerie stillness and grandeur. From your verandah, listen for the haunting call of the Weddell seal welcoming you to their kingdom. They are one of the toughest mammals on the planet, permanently living further south than any other mammal. Scenic Discovery: Daily experiences may include cruising on Zodiacs, stepping ashore to view vast penguin rookeries or historic huts, and kayaking around icebergs. Wherever your voyage takes you, you will have countless “pinch me"

moments.

Arrives On: 26 Dec 26

Day 6: Antarctic Peninsula (Antarctica)

Slide open the floor-to-ceiling doors of your suite to see icebergs sculpted by nature and glacial mountains rising thousands of metres from the ocean. True magic awaits as you may witness an incredible wildlife spectacle: from the graceful leopard and Weddell seals to the majestic baleen whales and elusive orcas, completed by the delightful colonies of penguins that dot the landscape. Antarctica is also a birdwatcher's paradise, with more than 40 different species. Keep your eyes peeled for wandering albatrosses, which have the largest wingspan of any flying bird, as well as shearwaters, giant petrels and more. Scenic Discovery: Partake in daily Scenic Discovery excursions. Cruise on the Zodiacs around ice formations, step onto islands to view vast penguin rookeries and seals. Kayak and stand-up paddleboard around icebergs and hear the ice cracking and whales feeding below.

Arrives On: 27 Dec 26

Day 7: Antarctic Peninsula (Antarctica)

Portal Point – a former British refuge hut – may be a potential landing site during your voyage. Walk up to the hut and look back over the ice-filled ocean towards the ship. Or you may visit Deception Island as part of your itinerary. Nestled in the South Shetland Islands archipelago, it is one of the only places in the world that ships can sail directly into the centre of a submerged caldera of an active volcano. With her world-class design and state-of-the-art technology, Scenic Eclipse can squeeze through a rocky gap into the horseshoe-shaped harbour. The island is also home to a few small scientific outposts and hundreds of thousands of chinstrap penguins. Tonight could be the night you enjoy Sushi @ Koko’s with your new friends. Stay up late in the bar or retire to the library for a moment of blissful solitude before bed.

Arrives On: 28 Dec 26

Day 8: Antarctic Peninsula (Antarctica)

Included in your Expedition Voyage are incredible activities such as Zodiac excursions, landings, and guided hikes. You can also go kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding, which will become some of your favourite activities in Antarctica. Gliding along the water is peaceful and being at the same level as the icebergs is both a humbling and powerful experience. An expert Polar Discovery Team guide will be with you for any questions you may have, although it is the perfect time to embrace the silence and be in the moment.

Arrives On: 29 Dec 26

Day 9: Antarctic Peninsula (Antarctica)

Your discovery experiences are elevated by your relaxing time on board. Take some time to explore your ultra-luxury Discovery Yacht, from the Sky Bar on Deck 10 to the tranquil Senses Spa on Deck 6. Join the Polar Discovery Team in the state-of-the-art theatre for engaging lectures and learn more about the wildlife and history of Antarctica. Explore more of the up to 10 all-inclusive dining experiences today, sampling fine French cuisine at Lumière or vibrant Asian fusion at Koko’s. Alternatively, choose to dine in the comfort of your suite and have your evening nightcap brought by your butler, choosing from a range of premium wines, beers and spirits.

Arrives On: 30 Dec 26

Day 10: Antarctic Peninsula (Antarctica)

Eight species of penguins can be found in Antarctic and the sub-Antarctic region, with around 12 million penguins living on the Peninsula, including Adélie, Chinstrap, Gentoo, and the very rare Emperor penguins. Guided by the expert Polar Discovery Team, you’ll witness colonies up close; hear their mighty calls and watch as they clumsily waddle along and interact with each other. Whales are another majestic creature you may encounter, whether a minke, a humpback or an Orca. Watch them from the comfort of your ultra-luxury Discovery Yacht, in a Zodiac with an experienced Polar Discovery Team member, or from their level in a kayak or stand-up paddleboard – a breathtaking experience. Scenic Discovery: When enjoying daily Scenic Discovery excursions, ask for your expert Polar Discovery Leader for photography tips and guidance on how to spot the wildlife around you. They will help you immortalise these incredible moments while cruising on the Zodiacs, kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding around impressive ice formations.

Arrives On: 31 Dec 26

Day 11: Antarctic Peninsula (Antarctica)

Lemaire Channel is so photogenic it was nicknamed ‘Kodak Alley’. If during your voyage the Scenic Eclipse weaves through this channel, make sure you set your alarm and embrace the cool air from the Observation Terrace. Pass through the 11-kilometre-long channel, just 700 metres wide at its narrowest point, and be amazed at the dramatic rocky mountains and glowing blue icebergs so close to the ship. In between Scenic Discovery experiences, enjoy a specialty tea or coffee in the Observation Lounge and watch the world float by through Swarovski telescopes.

Arrives On: 01 Jan 27

Day 12: Antarctic Peninsula (Antarctica)

Be sure to pack your swimming costume because you could be going for a swim today. For many, the polar plunge is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and a rite of passage on an expedition to Antarctica. Once throughout your voyage, Scenic Eclipse will stop, and the team will set up the marina ready for the brave people who want to jump into the freezing Antarctic waters. Excitement will spread through the Discovery Yacht, and you will start hearing the contagious nervous laughter. As you stand on the edge, ready to jump, you will feel the adrenaline rush while you second-guess whether this is a good idea. When you jump, the moment before you hit the water will feel like it goes forever, but soon, an invigorating, exciting, and surprisingly refreshing sensation will take over. If you choose to skip the polar plunge, make sure you find a good viewing location as you feel the chills of everyone coming out of the water. Join them for a cup of hot chocolate or toast with a glass of whiskey.

Arrives On: 02 Jan 27

Day 13: Antarctic Peninsula (Antarctica)

After days of enriching discoveries, this morning it’s time to reflect on your journey. Ask the butler to bring your morning coffee, then enjoy a complimentary yoga or Pilates class followed by a deeply healing Tibetan Sound Bowl Meditation session. Sit down for lunch with your new friends, sharing photos and travel experiences as you recall your favourite memories from these awe-inspiring days on the seventh continent. Later tonight, raise a glass to an unforgettable voyage at the spacious Scenic Lounge Bar. Enjoy your beverage of choice, whether it be aged whiskey—there are over 130 varieties—or a glass of wine.

Arrives On: 03 Jan 27

Day 15: Ushuaia (Argentina)

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Day 16: Ushuaia (Argentina)

Your voyage ends this morning as you farewell the crew and fellow guests. Disembark after breakfast to fly to Buenos Aires, taking away memories of a truly unforgettable experience. Please book your flight to depart out of Buenos Aires after 09:30 PM. ^Flights on board our two helicopters and submersible experiences are at additional cost, subject to regulatory approval, availability, weight restrictions, medical approval and weather, ice and tidal conditions. #Spa treatments at additional cost. +All drinks on board, including those stocked in your mini bar, are included, except for a very small number of rare, fine and vintage wines, Champagnes and spirits. The

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Day 16: Buenos Aires (Argentina)

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