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VOYAGE TO PATAGONIA AND CAPE HORN

SPECIAL SEASON 2021-2022





CAPE HORN & PATAGONIA

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Join us, for a one-off exploration of the natural wonders, isolated fjords and surprising wildlife of Tierra del Fuego in southernmost Patagonia. Here at Australis we have been navigating the waters of Cape Horn, the Beagle Channel and Strait of Magellan since 1990 as a leading expedition cruise company. During that time our passion and goal has never changed: to transport our guests to another world, one which is wild and beautiful, untouched by humankind and rarely seen by tourists; a unique experience that will not be forgotten.

A UNIQUE, UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEY TO THE END OF THE WORLD

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Australis cruise routes all encompass the hidden canals, fjords and environments of this evocative part of Patagonia. We have access to areas that other cruise operators do not, meaning that your on-land and offshore excursions – whether trekking towards giant glaciers, wandering forest trails or exploring the delights of the Penguin colony – will be in complete isolation.

Our itineraries also include a stop at Cape Horn, the southernmost point in the Americas which is often nicknamed the 'End of the World'. First discovered in 1616 by brave Dutch sailors, this area connects the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, so not only is it geographically symbolic but also happens to be beautiful to look at, atmospheric and a true once-in-alifetime experience to visit.

TAKE AN INTIMATE LOOK AT GLORIOUS PATAGONIA

PRONEERING TRAVEL

AUSTRALIS' SCIENTIFIC EXPLORATION

UNDERSTAND & PRESERVE

Ever since our very first voyage, Australis has been passionate about and dedicated to the importance of environmental issues, and conservation more widely. This is something we do ourselves though also promote with our travelling guests.

So, in 2015 we took the initiative to partner with a group of scientists and specialists at the local CONAF organisation and actively participate in the VCE Program, to study the Patagonian ecosystem and its endemic species. Together, through research, experiments and a greater knowledge of the ecosystem, we can ensure that the penguins, sea birds, native plant life and other wildlife across Tierra del Fuego remains protected.







PERITO MORENO GLACIER



THE END OF THE WORLD

SIMPLY STUNNING LANDSCAPES

There is nowhere in the world quite like the immense glaciers, dramatic ice-laden channels, native forest and enchanting wildlife that make up this area of Patagonia; as you'll see throughout your tour.

Every day will bring something new, though the feeling of complete isolation, wonder and awe at such untouched surroundings and marvels of Mother Nature certainly stays the same.

Combine your trip on Australis with natural wonders in Patagonia as Perito Moreno Glacier and Torres del Paine national park.

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AND ONLY WITH AUSTRALIS

At Australis, we feel at one with the landscape, having explored it so intimately for so long. As a result, you will be treated to all of the unmissable highlights throughout Tierra del Fuego, both on land and with exciting Zodiac boat rides, during your Australis expedition cruise. Discover the glaciers, national parks, native plant life and diverse wildlife species – including Penguins and Seals – always in the company of our expert guides.

WHAT TO WEAR:

- WATERPROOF HIKING BOOTS OR SHOES
- WATERPROOF TROUSERS
- WATERPROOF PARKER OR WINDPROOF JACKET
- WARM, WATERPROOF GLOVES
- A WARM JUMPER/PULLOVER
- A CAP OR BEANIE HAT
- SUNGLASSES
- SUN CREAM



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ELEGANCE, ENTERTAINMENT & STYLE

LIFE ONBOARD

While aboard, your enjoyment is our top priority, with every effort made to make you feel at home in the comfort of our luxurious vessels. As such, the all-inclusive onboard restaurant and lounge bar serve up gourmet treats each day, with cuisine that takes its inspiration from all over the world and a wine menu designed to please every palate.

Between meals, and indeed excursions, there is plenty else to keep you entertained throughout your Australis cruise, such as insightful seminars and lectures as well as a library of informative books. Both are an excellent way to learn more about your daily outings, the glaciology, geography, history, flora and fauna of Tierra del Fuego and wider Patagonia.

Our crew are also extremely welcoming, speaking both Spanish and English and assisting with whatever you need.





TRAVEL SAFE

HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES

For you to travel with peace of mind, we have the «Safe Travels» stamps, from the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) and the Chilean Government's «Tourist Trust», which certify our adherence to global and national protocols .

- SOCIAL DISTANCE
- DAILY DISINFECTION OF COMMON SPACES AND CABINS
- HVAC AIR FILTERS
- DAILY TEMPERATURE MONITORING
- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ON EVERY TRIP
- AVAILABILITY OF HOMOLOGATED ANTIGENS TESTS ON BOARD







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GLACIERS AT THE EDGE OF THE WORLD

PUNTA ARENAS // PUNTA ARENAS 5 NIGHTS

M/V Ventus Australis

Day 1: Punta Arenas

Boarding as of 4:15 pm. For the first evening on board, the departure from the port of Punta Arenas, a first-class dinner and a first introductory lecture to get to know the captain, his crew and the expedition team are planned.

Day 2: Pia Glacier - Glacier Alley

A true highlight of any Tierra del Fuego cruise today, as you take the scenic trek to a viewpoint overlooking the Pia Glacier; a 20km-long block of solid ice. Next, enjoy the remarkable experience of cruising down «Glacier Alley».

Day 3: Cape Horn - Wulaia Bay

Navigating the Murray Channel and Nassau Bay, your next eagerly anticipated destination is the Cape Horn National Park, known for both its remote walking trails and temperamental weather! From here, it's on to historic Wulaia Bay where Charles Darwin visited in 1833 and native Yamana Canoeists had settled many years before.

Day 4: Águila Glacier

Day four of this explorational tour will see you sail through the Cockburn Channel and Agostini Sound, a dramatic backdrop of imposing peaks and glaciers descending down the Darwin Mountain Range. Disembark and enjoy a quintessential Patagonian experience, first visiting a lagoon formed from the meltwaters of nearby Águila Glacier.

Day 5: Parry Fjord - Ainsworth Bay

At down we will navigate Parry Fjord. From this area it will be possible to appreciate various glaciers that come down to the sea from the upper icefield. Onboard Zodiac boats, we will motor to the far end of the fjord to see an amphitheatre of glaciers in an area where sometimes it is possible to see leopard seals. After lunch we continue with a picturesque navigation through the Almirantazgo Sound, towards Ainsworth Bay and the Marinelli Glacier. Here, your knowledgeable guide will explain how life began to emerge and adapt across the region as polar ice caps retreated.

Day 6: Magdalena Island - Punta Arenas

An early morning expedition today will see you landing near Magdalena Island to visit a large colony of the ever-endearing Magellan Penguins. To see these lovable creatures thriving in their natural habitat is a joy, so be sure to have your cameras fully charged on this day, before disembarking at Punta Arenas at around 12:15 pm.





UNIQUE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AND TOURS

A CENTRAL PART OF YOUR AUSTRALIS CRUISE

Twice daily, you'll have the chance to disembark the main vessel in small groups of fellow adventurers and a professional guide. Set off in Zodiac boats to explore the façade of a glacier, spot native wildlife, or take a shore excursion to walk the world's southernmost forests or hike dramatic coastline, all of which will be areas otherwise inaccessible by land.

To add to the experience, we'll pair you with a guide and group who speak your native language, making sure you get the most out of each tour. So whether on the lookout for Magellanic Penguins, discovering the Tucker Islets, or visiting the Island of Hornos, to name just a few, your daytrips are always full of excitement, wonder, and comradery.What's more, Australis is the only exploration vessel allowed to travel these waters in Southern Patagonia, meaning you and your group are guaranteed exclusive access to each destination, too.

From serene voyages and gentle wildlife walks to outright adventure and adrenaline, there's something for everyone here in Southern Patagonia. Stop at Pia Glacier or Wulaia Bayy, for example, and hike across glaciers and ice fields, or up to magnificent elevated viewpoints for stunning Patagonian panoramas. This is just a taste of what makes every Australis excursion a trip to really remember.



ABOARD VENTUS AUSTRALIS

THE ART OF PHOTOGRAPHY

With Australis, you'll get the chance to enjoy our unforgettable voyage through the straits of Patagonia under the tutelage of award-winning photographer Nori Jemil, on a selected special departure.

Attending daily workshops, as well as the full Australis itinerary of excursions and activities, Nori will lead both tours and seminars to explain the finer detail of capturing that perfect picture in difficult conditions. She will ensure you are making the most of your camera, understanding how to maximize lenses and light, mastering exposure compensation, shooting in manual and other world-class techniques. This helps you with those all-important photographs of the vast, beautiful wilderness of Patagonia and its wildlife, meaning that you'll have plenty of captured memories to take home with you on top of Nori's tips and tricks.

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COMFORT AND HOSPITALITY COMBINED ON BOARD

CABIN PLAN Standard / 16,5 m²

CABIN PLAN Superior / 20.5 m²





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VENTUS AUSTRALIS

Our wonderful Ventus Australis vessel sister ship of the Stella Australis benefits from the kind of manoeuvrability that allows exploration of even the tightest of channels. This means that you'll be both comfortable and relaxed in each elegant space while also venturing into parts of Patagonia that no other ship can access.

Year of construction: 2017

Number of cabins: 100 Capacity: 210 passengers





ABOUT US

AUSTRALIS

Australis is a leading expedition cruise company, navigating the southernmost Patagonian fjords since 1990 during our 4-night adventures, between September and April; we know these waters and their wildlife personally.

Our European and Asian headquarters are located in Barcelona, with offices in South America too. So, you'll always be able to get in touch and be sure that we speak your language when it comes to unique travel experiences.







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