

25 February 2025 | Arrival

Day 1: Chile: Santiago

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Las Condes: Mandarin Oriental

Welcome to Santiago, Chile's bustling capital city.

Founded in 1541, flanked by the Andes mountain range on the one side and the coastal range on the other, today, the Chilean capital is a vibrant, modern metropolis where colonial mansions sit among soaring skyscrapers, folk art becomes fashion, and Latin and European cultures intertwine. It is here you can enjoy a range of city tours from historical and cultural explorations to specific excursions centered around food, architecture, and art. From stylish art galleries and world-winning eateries to a thrilling nightlife, Santiago offers an eclectic start to your adventure.

Upon arrival at Santiago Airport, you will be warmly welcomed by an &BEYOND representative and taken to your hotel, Mandarin Oriental Santiago Hotel located in the heart of one of the city's most exclusive and influential districts, Las Condes.

Once you have settled in, enjoy a half-day panoramic tour around Santiago.

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Day 2: Chilean Patagonia: Puerto Natales | Torres del Paine National Park

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Estancia Cerro Guido

After breakfast at your hotel, you will be privately transferred to Santiago Airport to board your three-hour flight to Puerto Natales, otherwise known as the gateway to Chilean Patagonia. Upon arrival, you will be collected by a friendly local representative for a scenic drive to your lodge, Estancia Cerro Guido, an historic working farm situated on the slopes of the imposing Cerro Guido in Chilean Patagonia's Torres Del Paine National Park. En route enjoy a selection of refreshments as well as the many picture-perfect photo opportunities, showcasing the gorgeous flamingos and other incredible birdlife along the Patagonian Steppes.

Known for its spectacular beauty, Torres Del Paine National Park is a rich biosphere reserve stretching over 242,000 hectares (597,995 acres) and over the next two days you will have the incredible opportunity to truly discover and explore this vast, wild, and indomitable region in the company of puma and naturalist experts. Situated in the heart of the national park, the Torres del Paine Mountains are one of the main attractions of the region and an icon of Chilean Patagonia. The immensity of the ice glaciers, the majesty of the mountains and the expanse of the lakes are a constant source of wonderment. The Torres del Paine National Park's habitat blends a wide array of ecosystems, making it a treasure for Chilean wildlife.

Day 3 | Chilean Patagonia: Puerto Natales | Torres del Paine National Park

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Estancia Cerro Guido

Nestled in the vast expanse of Chilean Patagonia, Estancia Cerro Guido holds a significant place in the region's history. It was once a vital hub in the largest cattle network ever witnessed in this part of the world. The buildings at Estancia Cerro Guido, constructed by pioneers in 1920, are now lovingly preserved and repurposed as part of their exclusive guest offering. This preservation is a testament to their dedication to safeguarding the invaluable cultural heritage of the estate.

Spanning an astonishing 100,000 hectares (247,105 acres), this sprawling estate stands as the largest in the entire region. What truly sets it apart is its unwavering commitment to sustainable livestock management. The harmonious coexistence between livestock and wildlife is of paramount importance, serving as the guiding principle for their daily endeavours.

This remarkable territory, graced with an extraordinary array of native flora and fauna, also proudly serves as a vital biological corridor alongside the illustrious Torres del Paine National Park. Amidst these awe-inspiring surroundings, one can encounter some of Chile's most prized wildlife, including the endemic guanaco llama, puma, chingue, ñandú, and the majestic condor. Yet, it's not just the fauna that will captivate your senses; an astonishing tapestry of plants and flowers adorns this land, creating a symphony of colours and scents that will leave you utterly spellbound.

Engage with the Cerro Guido Foundation's puma researchers and trackers on an observation excursion, where you will gain insight into the wildlife conservation project. Discover the diverse fauna characteristic of Patagonia and the strategies that Cerro Guido ranch is developing to foster respectful and coexisting relationships between livestock and wild species. As part of this experience, you can also delve into Rewilding Chile's puma conservation learnings, adding further depth to your exploration of this remarkable landscape.

#### Cerro Guido Foundation Conservation Project | Conservation Safari

Leaving from your hotel before dawn, enjoy a full day participating in the Cerro Guido Foundation Conservation Project, in the company of expert puma researchers and trackers on an observation excursion where you will learn more about the wildlife conservation project.

Discover the diverse fauna characteristic of Patagonia and the strategies that Cerro Guido ranch is developing to achieve respectful and coexisting livestock, with wild species. The puma population is monitored to ensure their survival, and scientists and researchers are discovering the unique behavioural patterns of this species.

Accompanying professional researchers and trackers, who have dedicated themselves to studying the pumas living on the Estancia, spend the morning out in the field understanding the puma research work commencing on the ranch. Through observation with binoculars, review of camera traps, talks and presentation of audiovisual material, the team of researchers will share with you their daily work, achievements, and challenges. Learn not only about this magnificent feline, but also the varied wildlife characteristic of the region and work to achieve harmonious coexistence between livestock and wildlife. A stop for breakfast is included.

Returning to the hotel for lunch, later that afternoon continues your observation and learning at 'Casa Pumas', the operation centre of the conservation project. Upon arrival, you will be met by the trackers for an exciting presentation and discussion before heading out again on one last night in the field.

Other half and full-day excursions to enjoy during your stay include an overland Torres del Paine adventure, horseback riding to Macizo Paine viewpoint, a historical cultural tour as well as catch-and-release fishing excursions.

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Day 4 | Chile: Punta Arenas | Cabo Froward

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Cabo de Hornos Hotel

This afternoon you will bid a fond farewell to Puerto Natales as you hop aboard a charter flight to Punta Arenas.

Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure, making sure to have a good night's rest as tomorrow holds an exciting adventure to Cabo Froward. Tonight you will stay at the Cabo de Hornos Hotel.

#### More about Cabo Froward

In 2021, thanks to the support of Tompkins Conservation and a group of nine Chilean and international philanthropists, Rewilding Chile acquired 93,492 hectares (231,024 acres) at Cabo Froward. Collaborating with the government, the team is continuously working to ensure that this territory acquires the greatest possible protection, triggering additional protection on public lands. Cabo Froward boasts large areas of native forest, with the presence of *Pilgerodendron uviferum* (Guaitecas cypress), the southernmost conifer on the planet, and extensive peatlands, one of the most efficient ecosystems in carbon sequestration. It is also the last continental habitat of the huemul deer and is adjacent to the southernmost nesting site of the Ruddy-headed goose, which are both endangered species.

This place also stands out for its cultural value and history, marked by the presence of ancestral cultures such as the local Kawésqar people. The Cabo Froward project, initiated by external conservation groups, is a significant part of the global effort towards largescale conservation. This project aims to conserve at least 30% of land and ocean by the year 2030, setting a precedent for future conservation initiatives. Cabo Froward stands as a beacon of hope, striving to achieve the highest level of conservation possible both on land and at sea, ensuring the preservation of this unique ecosystem for generations to come.

#### Day 5 | Chile: Punta Arenas | Cabo Froward

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##### Cabo de Hornos Hotel

Today enjoy a unique navigation experience to Cabo Froward.

Cabo Froward is the southernmost point of mainland South America, located in the Magallanes region of Chile along the north shore of the Magellan Strait, marking the southern tip of the Brunswick Peninsula. A haven for natural wonders such as glaciers, humpback whale, sei whale, austral dolphin, toninas overas, and magellanic penguin, it is celebrated as one of the most untouched and remote locations on the planet.

This full-day excursion into this pristine environment begins early in the morning, departing by bus to Carrera Bay located 50 km (31 mi) south of Punta Arenas. This extraordinary trip reveals a landscape adorned with mountains, glaciers, and forests of lenga and coihue. The proximity and abundance of marine life, including sea lion, petrels, cormorants, austral dolphin, albatross, and more, make for a remarkable experience, making you feel as if you are one with nature.

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#### Day 6 | Argentina: Ushuaia | Beagle Channel

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##### Quark Expeditions | Ultramarine

Today, you will enjoy a half-day tour of Punta Arenas, exploring the vibrant southern city's rich cultural tapestry and historical landmarks.

Your journey will take you through the charming streets, allowing you to witness the blend of colonial architecture and modern influences that define Punta Arenas. Highlights include the central plaza, the renowned Maggiorino Borgatello Museum, and the picturesque viewpoints overlooking the Strait of Magellan. This tour offers you an intimate glimpse into the local way of life and the unique heritage of the region, making for an unforgettable experience in one of Chile's most fascinating cities.

From there, it's time to bid a fond farewell to the enchanting Patagonia landscape as you make your way to the airport for your charter flight to Ushuaia. Located on the Tierra del Fuego archipelago, the southernmost tip of South America, Ushuaia is aptly nicknamed the 'End of the World.' Perched atop a steep hill, surrounded by the Martial Mountains and the Beagle Channel, Ushuaia is also known as the gateway to Antarctica.

Upon arrival in Ushuaia, prepare to step aboard your magnificent polar vessel, and your home for the next 12 nights: the Ultramarine operated by Quark Expeditions. Nothing short of exceptional, this vessel was designed to redefine the boundaries of polar exploration. Committed to preserving the environment with advanced systems to minimise ecological impact, Quark Expeditions seeks to ensure a superior guest experience with little impact on our precious planet—a philosophy that &Beyond strongly supports.

Your journey to Antarctica begins in the late afternoon. As the ship leaves port, it will glide through the scenic Beagle Channel, which transects the Tierra del Fuego archipelago in the extreme south of South America. As the journey continues, the channel gives way to the vast Southern Ocean, steering your course straight towards the awe-inspiring sights of Antarctica.

## Day 7 and 8 | Drake Passage

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### Quark Expeditions | Ultramarine

For the next two days, the Ultramarine will navigate the unpredictable Drake Passage, situated at the confluence of the Pacific, Atlantic, and Southern Oceans, nestled between South America's Cape Horn, Chile, Argentina, and the South Shetland Islands of Antarctica.

This journey is an adventure in itself. Spend time on deck, gazing out at the expansive ocean waters, capturing photographs of iconic seabirds, and scouting for whales. What makes the Drake Passage uniquely infamous is the absence of any landmass to impede the currents at this latitude, anywhere on the planet. Combined with the area's propensity for high winds, crossing the Drake Passage can be an audacious and thrilling exploit.

While cruising, engage in one of the many onboard presentations led by world-respected experts in fields such as photography, wildlife, glaciology, and history. You will be introduced to the renowned researchers who will serve as your hosts, interpreting the wildlife and landscape of Antarctica. These presentations will enrich your polar knowledge and ignite your curiosity, offering fascinating facts and insights into the Antarctic Peninsula and its inhabitants. It's the perfect opportunity to delve deeper into this captivating region and the incredible marine life that calls it home. This is also an excellent time to get to know your fellow Ultramarine passengers.

Ultramarine boasts an impressive array of facilities and capabilities, including forward-thinking sustainability features designed to preserve the delicate polar regions for future generations. With two twin-engine helicopters and 20 quick-launch Zodiacs, prepare to immerse yourself in an array of on-ship and off-ship adventures, becoming fully immersed in the raw beauty of these icy realms. From breathtaking wildlife encounters to captivating vistas, Ultramarine offers an abundance of opportunities to create lifelong memories.

## Unmissable onboard experiences

From taking the polar plunge and Zodiac cruising to sea kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, hiking, flightseeing and exclusive heli-landings, browse a few of Ultramarine's once-in-a-lifetime adventures.

### Day 9 to 11 | South Shetland Islands and Antarctica Peninsula

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#### Quark Expeditions | Ultramarine

Prepare to be swept away as you set foot on the pristine Antarctic Peninsula. This is a destination that has captivated the imaginations of explorers and wanderers throughout history, and soon you'll understand why.

Each day of your expedition will reveal new wonders as you embark on thrilling Zodiac excursions to explore local bays, channels, and landing sites. Your dedicated expedition team will guide and support you every step of the way, whether you're traversing the Antarctic terrain, visiting research stations, or mingling with lively penguin colonies. In these extremely remote regions, your expedition leader will keep you updated with weather briefings and information on meteorological and sea ice conditions. The sea, ice, and weather must always be considered to ensure a safe and sensible experience.

With wildlife as your constant companion, you'll venture to penguin rookeries, discovering the charm of chinstrap, adélie, gentoo, and king penguins, while marveling at the presence of five different seal species. For a more intimate encounter with these marine giants, the Zodiac cruises offer the chance to observe magnificent Antarctic minke and humpback whales up close. While your days will be filled with captivating wildlife sightings, nothing can compare to the sheer beauty that surrounds you. Immerse yourself in the symphony of crackling icebergs and glaciers and be enchanted by the comical waddle of penguins on the beach.

### Day 12 and 13 | Antarctic Circle

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#### Quark Expeditions | Ultramarine

Embarking on a journey to cross the Antarctic Circle is not only a remarkable experience but also an extraordinary feat, as only a select few adventurers venture that far south. If conditions align and grant you passage, it will be a moment to celebrate the courageous explorers who first set foot in these unforgiving waters, true pioneers of a wild life. It's a time to raise a glass and revel in the knowledge that you have reached a place that few have ever had the privilege of visiting. As part of this celebration, enjoy an exclusive viewing of the Wild Life documentary, a sweeping portrait of conservationists Kris and Doug Tompkins chronicling their fight to preserve one of the last truly wild places on earth, followed by a dinner and engaging Q&A session.

This is the heart of Antarctica, where the raw, untouched beauty of the region unfolds before your eyes. Here, you will witness the mesmerizing midnight sun casting its ethereal glow upon the icy landscape. It's a place where weddell seals reign supreme, and the vast expanse of sea ice sets the stage for the thriving Antarctic marine ecosystem.

Crossing the Antarctic Circle is a testament to your spirit of adventure and an opportunity to connect with the very foundations of this remarkable environment. Renowned for its exceptionally icy air, stark wilderness landscapes, and exotic wildlife, the entire continent of Antarctica falls within the area of the Antarctic Circle.

## Day 14 and 15 | Northbound along the Antarctic Peninsula

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### Quark Expeditions | Ultramarine

As you journey back north, your days will be brimming with thrilling Zodiac excursions, providing you with the opportunity to delve deeper into the wonders of this remarkable region. Accompanied by our expert expedition team, you will continue to keep a keen eye out for elusive species of seabirds, seals, and whales that may have remained unseen during your southbound journey. Every moment presents the opportunity for new encounters and unforgettable wildlife sightings.

The journey north promises to be just as awe-inspiring as your voyage south, offering a chance to complete the narrative of your Antarctic expedition with new tales of discovery.

Frozen icicles dangling from an iceberg in Antarctica's Lemaire Channel

## Day 16 and 17 | Drake Passage

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### Quark Expeditions | Ultramarine

As you embark on the journey back across the Drake Passage, the majestic landscape of Antarctica gradually fades from view, leaving behind a treasure trove of cherished memories that will endure a lifetime. The anticipation and excitement shared among you and your newfound friends will infuse the crossing with vibrant energy, effortlessly bridging the gap of weather and sea conditions.

During this homeward voyage, your dedicated expedition team will conclude their series of captivating presentations. They will gather you together for a special slideshow, showcasing the extraordinary adventures you've embarked upon, and the remarkable wildlife encounters you've been privileged to witness throughout your voyage. It will be a moment to relish in the shared experiences that have bonded you as a group, forever etching these moments into your collective memory.

As the ship carries you closer to familiar shores, take the time to pause and reflect on the magnitude of everything you have experienced thus far. Allow the vastness of the southern ocean to stir a sense of introspection within you as you contemplate the profound impact this expedition has had on your perspective of the world.

Now is also a great time to reminisce with your fellow passengers, recalling the incredible Antarctica adventure you've experienced together over the past couple of days. Regardless of the weather or sea conditions, the camaraderie among you will transform the journey into an opportunity for further connection and reflection.

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## Day 18 | Argentina: Ushuaia

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### Palacio Duhau – Park Hyatt Buenos Aires

Arriving in Ushuaia, and after one last breakfast aboard the Ultramarine, it is time to bid a fond farewell to your majestic sea-steed and dedicated expedition team. Let the memories and experiences you've gathered serve as a constant reminder of the incredible voyage you've undertaken, forever shaping your perspective, and leaving an indelible mark on your soul.

Back in the capital city of Tierra del Fuego province in Argentina, embrace the opportunity for a brief exploration of the breathtaking Tierra del Fuego National Park. Thereafter, you will be transferred to the airport for your return

charter flight to Argentina's bustling capital city of Buenos Aires, where you will overnight at Palacio Duhau – Park Hyatt Buenos Aires.

15 March 2025 | Departure

Day 19 | Argentina: Buenos Aires

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Today is the last day of your incredible journey.

A vibrant, cosmopolitan city, Buenos Aires beckons travellers to indulge in its fine eateries, exceptional shopping experiences and electric nightlife. Argentinians are a proud people who strongly hold onto their many traditions. They are also incredibly accommodating in their hospitality and passionate about their cultural icons, in particular football (or soccer), and the sensual spectacle that is the tango.

Wave a fond farewell to South America as you enjoy your final day at leisure, before heading home or onward your next travel destination.