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About Weddell Sea trips

Located on the eastern side of the Antarctic Peninsula, the Weddell Sea is probably the least visited place on the whole Peninsula. The vast amount of sea ice leads to increased wildlife encounters. Some very specific trips in this area aim to reach the northernmost emperor penguin rookery in Antarctica, at the southern extremity of Snow Hill Island.

Highlights of a Weddell sea trip:

- Explore the east side of the Antarctic Peninsula, a rarely visited area
- Expect to encounter huge tabular icebergs and big numbers of Adélie penguins
- Observe the mighty Emperor Penguins (only on trips visiting Snow Hill island)
- Get to land on the Antarctic Continent
- Plunge in the frigid waters of Antarctica
- Experience abundant wildlife and landscapes
- Learn about the environment and wildlife from on-board presenters

An example of a Weddell Sea trip would be as follows:

Day 1 – Ushuaia, embarkation day
Days 2 and 3 – At Sea

Days 4 to 10 – Weddell Sea and Snow Hill Island Emperor Penguin Colony

Days 11 and 12 – At Sea

Day 13 – Disembark in Ushuaia

Important note

When choosing an Antarctic Expedition, options can be overwhelming. There are lots of operators running trips to Antarctica at the moment, each of them with their own trip names and descriptions. In our opinion, this results in great confusion at the time of booking.

We really want to help you understand the different options, in the easiest way possible.

Although there are variants, all trips can be filtered according to their objective into the following groups:

- 1 - Classic Antarctica
- 2 - Crossing the Circle
- 3 - Fly over the Drake
- 4 - South Georgia and Falkland Islands / Malvinas
- 5 - Weddell Sea

Regardless the voyage type, during transit days the expedition team will conduct mandatory briefings (safety, IAATO, etc.) but they will also run an educational program. Presentations on different topics such as ornithology, history, marine biology and geology, will be made by experts in those fields.

Except transit days (could be full or half days) there will be two excursions a day, weather permitting. One will be in the morning and the second in the afternoon. During lunch the ship will reposition to a new location.

The offer of optional activities such as camping, sea kayak, mountaineering, etc, depends on each different operator.

Except on some specific trips, there is never a fixed itinerary. We can tell you in which geographical region your voyage will take place, but we cannot tell you the specific locations that you will be visiting. Locations are subject to change in each individual voyage for various reasons such as weather and other ships in the area for example.

There is no best time to travel to Antarctica, each month of the austral spring and summer is different, and each has its particular charm.