



Welcome!

Ice Axe is happy to announce our 2021 Antarctica Adventure Cruise. We have sub-chartered a 132-passenger ship for a 13 day, 12-night expedition. It is a great mix of international and local adventurers, explorers and humanitarians. Lock in your spots now and rest easy that you have the cabin of your choice on this one in a lifetime trip to the white continent. Deposits are 50% of total berth.

You have just joined the ranks of a group of intrepid explorers and adventurers! The journey ahead of us is one filled with great company, good food, and amazing natural and physical experiences. Your memories of your Antarctic journey will be something you will cherish for the rest of your life.

Dates:

November 3rd- November 15th, 2021

How to Book:

To Sign Up for the 2021 Antarctic Adventure Cruise, log into our online [ActiveNet Registration](#) and select your cabin and adventure option. You will be able to create a portal where you can track your submitted orientation material and set up a payment plan for the cost of the trip.

<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/IceAxeExpeditions?season=2823816&session=46629416>

2021 Cabin Pricing:

Lower Deck Twin: \$12,599 per guest
Main Deck Twin (porthole): \$13,559 per guest
Main Deck Twin (window): \$15,995 per guest
Main Deck Twin Single: \$21,995 per guest
Upper Deck Superior: \$17,995 per guest
Captain's Deck Deluxe: \$18,995 per guest
Captain's Deck Suite Cabins: \$20,995 per guest
Owner's Suites: \$21,995 per guest

Adventure Activity Options on this Voyage:

\$2,000 fee for ski mountaineering

\$1,200 fee for sea kayaking: MAX of 16 clients.

\$325 fee for **NEW!!** DAY paddling: **please see full details on the terms and conditions on our website before registering. "Paddling in the Polar Regions"** <https://www.iceaxe.tv/antarctica-cruise-2020-resources/>

\$500 fee for snowshoe trekking/ glacier hiking

*airfare not included

*all pricing per person

*Contact our office to discuss accommodations for children

What is the itinerary?

Day 1: Arrive in Ushuaia, Argentina. Orientation with ski guide or trekking guide. Overnight in Ushuaia.

Day 2: Board the Ocean Adventurer and set sail down the Beagle Channel.

Day 3-4: Cross the Drake Passage. Sperm and fin whales, along with skies of seabirds will accompany our journey.

Day 5: Ski, kayak and trekking objectives at Neko Harbour. Zodiac cruises, penguin rookeries.

Day 6: Ski, kayak and trekking objectives at Anvers and Wenke Islands. Port Lockroy scientific base and museum. Visit gentoo and adelia penguin habitat.

Day 7: Ronge/Island/Mt. Britannia. Visit penguin rookery at Georges Point. Ski, kayak and trekking options.

Day 8: Ski, kayak and trekking objectives in Paradise Bay. Zodiac excursions. Visit penguin rookery and Almirante Brown Station.

Day 9: Lemaire Channel/ Mt. Scott/ Mt. Demaria/Mt. Mill ski descents. Ski, kayak, and trekking options. Visit the Ukrainian Vernadsky scientific station. Killer whale and leopard seal sightings.

Day 10: Ski descents, kayaking, trekking and nature cruises of Charlotte Bay; begin journey north in the evening.

Day 11-12: Sail Drake Passage; pass the dramatic cliffs of Cape Horn.

Day 13: Disembark the Sea Adventurer in Ushuaia, Argentina.

***Flexibility is necessary for all Antarctic travel. This program is subject to change throughout the journey depending on ice, weather and local conditions.**

Cruise Cost includes:

*1-night pre-expedition shared hotel accommodation in Ushuaia, Argentina. This room includes a continental breakfast.

*Group dinner in Ushuaia.

*Group transfers from the hotel to the ship on embarkation and from the ship to the airport on disembarkation and all miscellaneous service taxes and port charges.

*Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board the Sea Adventurer.

*Shore landings and Zodiac excursions as permitted by weather and local conditions.

- *Presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers.
- *Comprehensive pre-departure information package
- *Use of a pair of rubber expedition boots on loan for shore landings. These will be returned at the end of the voyage.

Not Included:

- *Airmfares to or from your home city, whether on scheduled or charter flights.
- *Passport and visa expenses. Tourist entry fees may apply depending on your nationality.
- *Any government arrival and departure airport taxes.
- *Ski or trekking equipment.
- *Any meals ashore with the exception of breakfast at the host hotel and the Welcome dinner on the evening prior to departure.
- *Baggage, cancellation and travel insurance (emergency medical and evacuation insurance is mandatory. Ice Axe can help you to arrange this insurance if you need assistance.).
- *Excess baggage charges.
- *Laundry, bar, beverage and other personal charges onboard the ship or at the hotel.
- *Telecommunications charges or the customary gratuity at the end of the voyage for stewards, guides, and other service personnel.
- *Tips for guides and hospitality staff.

FAQs:

How do I reserve my trip?

- *To Sign Up for the 2021 Antarctic Adventure Cruise, log into our online [ActiveNet Registration](#)
- *Or Contact Ice Axe Expeditions at [530-582-1246](tel:530-582-1246) or contact us via email at Questions@iceaxe.tv

What is the weather like?

The weather in Antarctica is extremely unpredictable. Heavy rainfall is unusual; strong winds are relatively common, so it is important to pack accordingly. The average temperatures on the Antarctic Peninsula during the summer months' range from approximately 23° - 41° F. The weather in Ushuaia is a bit warmer but also has the wind and rain characteristics of the Antarctic weather systems. You say the weather can be pretty unpredictable. What happens if there are delays?

If any trip must be delayed due to bad weather, cancelled or delayed transportation, sickness or any other situation for which Ice Axe Expeditions cannot make provisions, all costs incurred during such delays must be borne by trip members.

What if I need to cancel?

All requests for cancellations must be received in writing. Cancellations received up to 150 days prior to departure are refunded less an administrative fee of \$500 per person.

If cancellation is received between 149 and 95 days prior to departure, the deposit is forfeited. Please note that for cancellations received within 94 days prior to departure, all deposits and tariffs are

forfeited. If cancellation occurs within the 94-day period and full payment has not yet been received, the full penalty will still apply and unpaid monies are due immediately. **For these and other reasons mentioned below, you are strongly encouraged to obtain trip cancellation insurance.** Prices quoted are based on group participation and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which you choose not to participate.

Insurance:

We always encourage folks to purchase **TRIP CANCELLATION insurance** in addition to the **mandatory medical evacuation insurance**. **We require that you have at least \$100,000** in medical evacuation insurance for the Ice Axe Antarctic Expedition. Your insurance policy should cover hazardous sports and we recommend that your policy cover search and rescue. Since we cannot confirm each client's policy individually, it is your responsibility to make sure your policy will cover you while you participate in your activities of choice on the expedition.

For US citizens, we recommend: Travel Select Insurance with the Adventurer Pak upgrade. You will have a choice of purchasing it with or without the cancellation coverage--so make sure to select the one that gives you the coverage that you need.

Here is the link:

<http://www.travelexinsurance.com/index.aspx?LOCATION=05-0997&go=bp>

You are welcome to seek out other insurance options, as these are only recommendations. When selecting a policy, please make sure they insure a) the region of Antarctica, b) ski mountaineering-which involves the use of ropes, crampons, ice axes and is a guided activity. Ski mountaineering is not considered the same as skiing by many insurers, and you need to confirm that they will cover this activity.

Courses:

Antarctic Prep/Glacier Travel Clinic:

Location: Martial Glacier, Ushuaia

Cost: \$600

Dates: October 31st and November 1st, 2021 9AM-4PM

Make the most of your Antarctic adventure by brushing up on backcountry basics and glacier travel in Ushuaia before you head out. This two-day class is taught by experienced Ice Axe Expedition guides and features conditions very similar to what we might find in Antarctica. The class size is limited to four skiers/riders per guide and takes place on the Martial Glacier, which is a short ten-minute taxi ride outside of downtown Ushuaia. The cost is \$600 for two full days of guiding and instruction. Hotel accommodations are not included.

Itinerary for Antarctic Prep/Glacier Travel Clinic:

Day One:

After meeting at the Hotel Albatros in the center of town, we will review gear and answer any questions about the day before loading skis and packs into an Ice Axe Expeditions truck and catching individual taxis up to the glacier. From here, we'll attach skis onto packs and walk a short distance up to the snowline before transitioning into ski mode where we will cover beacons, avalanche awareness, efficient skinning, kick turns, heel lifters, ski crampons, transitions, gear organizing and glacier skiing strategies.

Day Two:

A similar format to day one, but with more technical information. Topics include roping up for glacier travel, using boot crampons and an ice axe, climbing steeper terrain on foot, short roping, lowering and rappelling and self-arrest. As time allows, we will also cover building anchors for crevasse rescue, how to set up a C drop loop, and how to rig a 3:1 pulley system for crevasse extraction.

Course participants should bring all of the equipment on the Ice Axe Expeditions gear list to each day of the clinic and be prepared for 5-7 hours of skiing. Unless participants arrive with a preformed group of four or more, they will be broken into groups depending on experience. No prior backcountry skiing experience is required for these clinics. The clinics will go until approximately 4:00pm and people can expect to be back in Ushuaia by 5:00pm.

CME: Continuous Medical Education Course

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Physicians and other medical professionals who engage in wilderness activities, who counsel individuals who take part in such activities, or who are likely to encounter illness or injury in remote or resource-limited settings.

EXPLORE THE ANTARCTICA PENINSULA WITH ICE AXE EXPEDITIONS AND LEARN WILDERNESS MEDICINE.

A once in a lifetime opportunity for those with an adventure-driven spirit. This expedition will combine continuing medical education (CME) with a unique opportunity to trek, ski and snowboard several of Antarctica's untamed peaks. Journey deep into the rugged landscape of one of earth's last frontiers while enjoying the convenience, safety and comfort of the Sea Adventurer expedition ship. Sail past Cape Horn, across the Drake Passage and along the Antarctic Peninsula and join an exclusive group of intrepid travelers inspired by the legacy of Antarctic discovery.

Price:

\$899.00

How to Register:

Please click the link to register directly through Tahoe Wilderness Medicine for this course:

<https://tahoewildernessmedicine.com/courses/antarctic-peninsula-expedition-nov-2020>

Cost and Options Details:

This \$899 fee covers the 13 hours of Category 1 CME issued by the WILDERNESS MEDICAL SOCIETY and taught by Tahoe Wilderness Medicine, LLC.