



NEW LUXURY EXPEDITION CRUISES

2020 Antarctic Discovery: Palmer's Bicentennial Expedition 2020

15 days from **\$18,495** was \$21,995

Limited to 199 guests

OFFER

Book early and save \$3,500 per person on stateroom categories 1, 2 and 3.

Cruise on a once-in-a-lifetime, 15-day voyage commemorating the 200th anniversary of the discovery of Antarctica, featuring a unique itinerary exploring historic areas and wildlife-rich islands, as well as the chance to travel within the Antarctic Circle.

A&K Advantages

Cruise for 12 nights aboard luxurious 'Le Lyrial' with guaranteed balcony accommodations for all guests, an A&K exclusive feature

Begin your journey with two nights at the luxurious Palacio Duhaú — Park Hyatt on famed Alvear Avenue in Buenos Aires

Sail with an exceptional team curated by A&K, featuring our award-winning Expedition Team, an experienced service staff and crew, and one of the best personnel-to-guest ratios at 1 to 1.3

Enjoy all-inclusive cruising with included gratuities, unlimited house drinks, onboard meals, all Zodiac rides and excursions, expedition gear, port charges, and — our newest offerings — complimentary Wi-Fi and Traveller's Valet laundry service

Celebrate the bicentennial of the 1820 discovery of Antarctica with: special programming and lectures; a unique itinerary exploring historic areas and wildlife-rich islands; and, conditions permitting, rare exploration within the Antarctic Circle

Fully immerse in Antarctica's amazing wildlife and landscapes on daily excursions led by experienced field naturalists

Experience an A&K Philanthropy focus on climate change research with special guest and noted Antarctic researcher Dr. James McClintock, who leads a behind-the-scenes tour at Palmer Station (conditions permitting)

Take advantage of A&K internal flights to and from Ushuaia, guaranteeing timely arrival to your ship

Itinerary

JAN 16 ARRIVE BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Arrive in the energetic port city of Buenos Aires and transfer to your luxury hotel, with time to relax and enjoy the amenities of the beautiful Park Hyatt. This evening, meet with fellow guests for a welcome cocktail reception.

Palacio Duhau — Park Hyatt Buenos Aires

JAN 17 BUENOS AIRES | LIVELY PORT CITY

The gateway to Argentina for centuries, Buenos Aires has long brought *portenos* (locals) into its boundaries. Although reminiscent of a European city, the spirit of Buenos Aires is evident in its diverse local neighborhoods. Experience it firsthand, choosing from a selection of included excursions. Opt to explore the city on a guided tour complete with a tango demonstration; spend the day at a traditional *estancia* (ranch), where you pause for an authentic lunch; or dive into a burgeoning art scene on a guided tour focused on Buenos Aires street art. Enjoy time at leisure this evening.

Palacio Duhau — Park Hyatt Buenos Aires | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

JAN 18 USHUAIA | GATEWAY TO ANTARCTICA

Fly to the southernmost city in the world, the charming port town of Ushuaia on Tierra del Fuego (Land of Fire). On arrival, enjoy a nature walk (time permitting) and a gourmet lunch. This afternoon, transfer to your ship and settle in for your first night on board. Wander the decks to become acquainted with the ship, relax in the lounge and mingle with fellow guests in anticipation of your voyage. From your private balcony or the outside decks, take in views as you cruise the beautiful Beagle Channel before heading out to sea.

'Le Lyrial' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

JAN 19-20 CRUISING THE DRAKE PASSAGE | EPIC PASSAGE

The first part of your adventure at sea and toward extraordinary Antarctica begins with a voyage across the storied Drake Passage, which functioned as an important trade route in the 19th and 20th centuries. Spanning 600 miles of open ocean, this passage is also the place where the humid, subpolar conditions of Tierra del Fuego meet with the frigid, polar reaches of Antarctica — and where the voluminous Antarctic Circumpolar Current presses from west to east. Notorious for its squalls, the Drake Passage once made for an unpredictable voyage; today, the stabilizer-equipped 'Le Lyrial' commands these waters comfortably. As you travel on your remarkable luxury cruiser, enjoy life on board as well as several university-caliber lectures every day — all part of the intriguing, ongoing conversations you have throughout your cruise with A&K's Expedition Team and enrichment experts. Topics span marine biology, photography and history — the last of which is especially fascinating on this special, one-time-only expedition celebrating Antarctica's discovery. After lunch, join your naturalists on deck to spot pelagic seabirds, which may include the wandering albatross and smaller storm petrels in their element. Later in the evening, look forward to a briefing in the theater on the next day's itinerary followed by dinner at your choice of restaurants.

'Le Lyrial' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

JAN 21-27 ANTARCTICA | IN THE WAKE OF NATHANIEL PALMER

First sightings of the Antarctic Peninsula are moving, surreal and unforgettable, especially on the 200th anniversary year of an expedition led by Nathaniel Palmer, the young sealer who, on November 18, 1820, became the first American explorer to discover mainland Antarctica. Share in the excitement of this historic moment as the Antarctic's offshore islands appear on the horizon. Your lecture program becomes especially poignant with an inspired team of A&K experts and guest lecturers shedding light on Palmer's voyages and the significance of his discovery. It sets the stage for inspiring daily landings along the Peninsula, all of which are carefully designed by your Captain and Expedition Team. Excursions via Zodiacs (sturdy inflatable boats) are also piloted by expert naturalist guides, joined by groups of no more than 10 guests and often accompanied by your lecturers. The year 1820 was significant not only for Palmer but also for Russian explorer Admiral Fabian Gottlieb von Bellingshausen and the British Royal Navy's Captain Edward Bransfield, who also made claims regarding the discovery of Antarctica. This special-edition voyage focuses on key historical areas at the center of these expeditions. Your Captain and Expedition Team carefully plan your active, curated itinerary, which is dependent on weather, sea, ice and wildlife conditions. With that in mind, daily excursions may include exploration of the following areas:

South Shetland Islands: Remarkable history, amazing geological features and abundant wildlife define these islands offshore of the Antarctic Peninsula. Island visits may include Livingston, Half-Moon and Deception, where you may cruise into this flooded caldera to explore geothermal black sand beaches and abandoned whaling stations. You may also visit Anvers Island and Palmer Station, where you enjoy an exciting, behind-the-scenes look at the science happening there now.

Danco Coast: Bordering the South Shetland Islands along the Antarctic continent, the Danco Coast is famed for its scenic, jaw-dropping waterways. From the comfort of 'Le Lyrial,' you may sail through the Gerlache Strait, Paradise Bay and photogenic Lemaire Channel. Landings may include Neko Harbour, Cuverville Island and Wilhelmina Bay. **Antarctic Circle:** Conditions permitting, you may cruise beyond the Antarctic Circle at 66°34'S 65°44'W, along the west coast of the Antarctic Peninsula. You may also sail to the protected waters of mountainous Marguerite Bay; handwritten journals suggest that Palmer reached this far southern region on later expeditions. Landings may occur on Adelaide Island, which was discovered by British Explorer John Biscoe. You may also visit the British Antarctic Survey (BAS) station at Rothera. After mornings discovering the White Continent's rare and remarkable treasures from the shore to terra firma, return to 'Le Lyrial' for lunch. Enjoy time to relax and observe the surrounding abundance of wildlife, searching for everything from humpback whales and porpoising penguins to Antarctic and imperial shags. By afternoon, set out for the day's second excursion, which may include hiking on spectacular beaches teeming with braying gentoo penguins, or circumnavigating colossal icebergs that serve as floating homes to seals. After days of adventure, look forward to comfortable evenings aboard your luxury cruiser, sipping cocktails in the Panoramic Lounge before your choice of a buffet or elegant dinner. At night, recap the day's discoveries with your Expedition Team, enjoy entertainment in the theater, and chat with fellow guests in one of 'Le Lyrial's' lounges, ever on the lookout for late-night wildlife appearances just off

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'Le Lyrial' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

JAN 28-29 CRUISING THE DRAKE PASSAGE | REFLECTIVE RETURN

You may still be catching your breath over the awe and inspiration discovered in Antarctica as 'Le Lyrial' turns around to begin the voyage back to Ushuaia in Tierra del Fuego. The ship's return through the Drake Passage affords the perfect opportunity for peaceful reflection, and more conversations and lectures with A&K experts on Antarctica's spectacular environment. You may also enjoy more time with newfound friends in the common spaces of 'Le Lyrial,' or quiet relaxation in the comfort of your cabin. The Drake Passage is a rich source of krill, which fuels the heart of Antarctic food webs and draws wildlife at every turn. Your Expedition Team continues to call you out on deck to witness everything from humpback whales frolicking and bubble-net feeding to the gorgeous black-browed albatross and the wandering albatross, a rare prize for bird lovers known for its remarkable wingspan, which can be as wide as 12 feet.

'Le Lyrial' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

JAN 30 DEPART USHUAIA

'Le Lyrial' docks at Ushuaia this morning. After breakfast, bid farewell to your crew and fellow guests before disembarking. Transfer to the airport for your return flight to Buenos Aires, where you connect to your international flight home.

Note: This cruise includes regular Zodiac boat excursions, walks over uneven terrain and optional, challenging hikes. Due to the nature of expedition cruising, this itinerary is subject to change and is for guidance purpose only.

Extensions



Iguazu Falls Pre-Tour Extension

4 days from \$2,495
Single Supplement from \$995
Internal air from \$450
✈ Buenos Aires/Iguazu/Buenos Aires

JAN 13

Arrive in Buenos Aires. Meet your local A&K guide, who joins your journey, and transfer to your historic hotel in the heart of the city.

Palacio Duhau — Park Hyatt Buenos Aires

JAN 14

Fly to Iguazu Falls, and experience the Argentine side of the park, walking the trails above and along the falls. Choose to venture out on a suspended platform that extends 1,300 yards over the lush tropical basin at the very brink of the 'Garganta do Diablo' (Devil's Throat).

Belmond Hotel das Cataratas | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

JAN 15

Today, explore the Brazilian side, with its cascading waterfalls along a gulf. Join your guide on a tour through the national park to a catwalk within arm's reach of the falls.

Belmond Hotel das Cataratas | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

JAN 16

Fly to Buenos Aires. Begin your main program.

Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Jan 16 - Jan 30, 2020				
Classic Stateroom - Category 1	\$16,495 (was \$19,995)	\$14,995	\$895	Waitlist - Call A&K
Deluxe Stateroom - Category 2	\$18,495 (was \$21,995)	\$16,495	\$895	Call for Availability
Premier Stateroom - Category 3	\$19,495 (was \$22,995)	\$17,245	\$895	Waitlist - Call A&K
Prestige Suite - Category 4	\$29,995	\$26,995	\$895	Waitlist - Call A&K
Premier Two-Room Suite - Category 5	\$32,995	\$29,695	\$895	Waitlist - Call A&K
Privilege Two-Room Suite - Category 6	\$34,995	\$31,495	\$895	Waitlist - Call A&K
Grand Deluxe Two-Room Suite - Category 7	\$39,995	\$35,995	\$895	Waitlist - Call A&K
Grand Privilege Three-Room Suite - Category 8	\$44,995	\$40,495	\$895	Waitlist - Call A&K
Owner's Suite - Category 9	\$48,995	\$44,095	\$895	Waitlist - Call A&K

Optional [pre-tour extension](#) available on this departure.

Journey Details

This journey contains some active elements.

Weather, wildlife, ice and other conditions beyond A&K's control may affect the final itinerary, which may be adjusted at the sole discretion of your Captain and Expedition Leader.

Minimum age is 10 years.

Categories 4-9 include suite accommodations at the hotel and butler service on board the ship.

First group event: welcome reception on Jan 16.

Last group event: disembarkation in Ushuaia at 9:00 a.m. on Jan 30.

Special Offer Terms & Conditions

Offer valid on new bookings only in stateroom categories 1-3. Subject to availability and may be withdrawn at any time.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).