



## **Argentinian Explorer**



### **AUSTRALIS 5 OR 4 DAYS ONE WAY**

*This Australis trip can be 4 nights with Vía Australis or 3 nights at the the Stella Australis. The tours are similar, the first two days are the same, in the third day the Stella Australis reaches the Aguila Glacier, Nena and Seno De Agostini, instead the Via Australis goes to Pia, Nena and Garibaldi Glacier, on the Via Australis also reaches Piloto, Nena, Aguila and Seno De Agostini Glacier and the last days before arriving in Punta Arenas both trips goes to Isla Magdalena. Summarizing, the Via Australis visits Pia, Garibaldi, Piloto and Nena Glacier in the shortest journey in the Stella Australis will not get to visit.*



Navigating Cape Horns from Ushuaia to Punta Arenas, crossing the cold Waters in the Magallanes Strait and Beagle Chanel.

## From Ushuaia to Punta Arenas

This circuit is shorter than the other program offered by Australis Cruises. The float has 2 main ships: the Via Australis and the new member this season, the Stella Australis Cruise. We will start the voyage in the southern city of the World, Ushuaia, so then we can go to the south limit port in Chile and South America, Punta Arenas. We will start this trip by crossing the Beagle Chanel, a marine way ruled by the sea which divides the big island of Tierra del Fuego from some southern islands such as Stewart, O'Brien, Gordon and Nueva, among others. We will continue our journey in the Australis Cruise on the Murray Chanel, a sea way which joins the Beagle Chanel and Nassau Bay in the middle of the ocean. We will finally arrive to the southern place in the World connected to Latin America: Cape Horns. This point has been the main objective of the ancient ships which wanted to comercialize around the World, even when this Waters were known as extremely dangerous because of the intense winds, strong waves and impressive icebergs. After our arrival, we will disembark in Wulaia Bay, an archaeological place which was home of one of the greatest tribes in the region a long time ago: the Yámanas. It was in this very same bay that Fitz Roy, who discovered the Beagle Chanel, found the main anglican mission with the famous english naturalist Charles Darwin, during his second expedition.

We will take again our navigation in order to look for the Gunther Plüschow Glacier. The name of this glacier was given in honor to the german pilot Gunther Plüschow who flew over the Darwin mountain chain and he landed in Punta Arenas in his Aircraft named "FeuerInd" (Tierra del Fuego). Later on we will go to Seno Chico so we can disembark in our Zodiac boats to appreciate the great millenial volume of ice of the Piloto and Nena glaciers. We will start the final journey of our crossing on board the Australis cruise by disembarking in Magdalena Island. This chilean island is very famous because it is home for one of the most distinguished group of penguins known as a Natural Monument Los Pingüinos, together with the small island Marta. Another of the most important attractions in the island is the lighthouse, an old one declared as National Historical Monument, which helps to those navigators who cross the Strait of Magallanes. We will end this journey in the city of Punta Arenas, known as "the chilean capital in Patagonia". This city is famous because of the port in which we will disembark, the southern port in the south region of Chile and South America. Once we disembark, we will have the opportunity to tour this European stylish city, that can be noticed because of its architecture and unic design, which cannot be found in any other region in the country.

## Day 1 - Ushuaia

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During the first hours in the afternoon we will do the check in in the city of Ushuaia, so we can embark in one of the expedition ships of Australis: Via or Stella. We will set sail from the most southern city in the World, Ushuaia, crossing the famous Beagle Chanel, going through Cape Horns, and then navigating the Strait of Magallanes to finally arrive to our final port: Punta Arenas. The Beagle Channel is a marine way, which was originated by different stages during the quaternary glaciations period, which was later ruled by the sea. It is defined in the north by Ushuaia and the other extremes are defined by some islands such as the Stewart, O'Brien, Gordon, Navarino e Nueva, among others. The southern region of the southamerican continent, that limits to the north with the Drake Passage, also known as the Hoces Sea, is the well-known Cape Horns. This sea is distinguished for separate the american continente from the Antarctic Peninsula. The pasaje which joins the two biggest mass of water in the World (Pacific and Atlantic Ocean), is the famous Strait of Magallanes. It is located in the middle of Tierra del Fuego and some other islands of the Pacific Ocean and the Chilean Patagonia, it has an strategic location in the south limit of South America.

## Day 2 - Cape Horn & Wulaia Bay

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According to our fixed route, we will continue navigating by the Beagle Chanel and Murray Chanel, so then we can try to disembark (if weather conditions allows us to) and appreciate the nature beauties in the National Park Cape Horns. We can realise about our arrival to this southern point, once we come accross with a 400 metres high hill. This place marks the most distant limit of the Group of the "fueguinas" islands, which is the most southern point in South America. It is also the point that defines the north extreme of the Drake Passage, it a sea which divides the American continent of the Antarctic Peninsula.

The National Park is located in the "End of the World", has been declared as a Biosphere Reserve in the 2005 by the UNESCO. During sunset, we will disembark in Wulaia Bay, current archaeological place which was home of one of the most greatest tribes in the region a long time ago: the Yámanas. It was in this very same bay that Fitz Roy, who discovered the Beagle Chanel, found the main anglican mission during his second expedition with the famous english naturalista Charles Darwin. During our tour along the bay, we will have the opportunity to appreciate its magnificent flora and geography. We will do a trekking in the "magallánico" woods which will be waiting with a great quantity of floral species like lengas, coihues, ferns, among others, and then we will arrive to a viewpoint where we will have an Amazing view.

### Day 3 – Pia Glaciers and Garibaldi Glaciers: Disembarkation in glaciers

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In the morning we sail along the Beagle Channel, more precisely through the northwest arm with a specific goal, reach the Pia Fjord. After making a dry landing we will walk to a viewpoint that gives us a perfect view of Pia Glacier, watching as the glacier tongue falls from the top diving into the icy waters of the channel. The Pia Glacier is a snowdrift that is located in the Mountain range Darwin, whose walls have a blue color, and has a height of over 300 meters at the front, and leans with its detachments falling into the channel. After midday we will board the Garibaldi Fjord, where we will also land with a similar intention: Make a jungle trekking ascending to the base of a waterfall. The Garibaldi Glacier is part of the Alberto de Agostini National Park in the XII Region of Magallanes in Chile, this park covers an area of over 14,500 km<sup>2</sup> and extends to the south of Strait of Magellan, Tierra del Fuego and the Darwin Mountain range.

### Day 4 – Piloto & Nena Glaciers

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In our third navigation day, we will go to the desert inlets of the Brecknock, Ocasión and Cockburn channels, so we can arrive to our first destination: Seno Chico. The Brecknock passage is a short length channel, but there are waves and runnings to take into account among its many islands. We will leave this route so we can get into the Cockburn Passage and keep safe from the big waves produced in the channel. We will finally get to Seno Chico so we can disembark in zodiac boats through the Alakaluf Fjord.

This Fjord was named in honor to the ancient groups of nomad canoeros, who could made the Alakaluf ethnic Group in the last hundred years, also known as the Kaweskars. These fishermen and sea hunters lived in the archipelagos, fjords and channels surrounded by the Gulf of Penas and Brecknock Peninsula. We will continue through beautiful waterfalls to Piloto and Nena glaciers, where we would be able to know more about the origin of the glaciers and their repercussion on the patagonic channels region. One of the most memorable experiences will be the sound produced when we go through fragments of ice from the glaciers. We will continue our crossing to the Glacier Águila Bay, where we can do a light trekking along its marvelous Beach and then we can surround its lagoon to arrive to the glacier.

### Day 5 – Magdalena Island & Punta Arenas

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During our last day of navigation we will go to Island Magdalena to try to make a disembark at the beginning of the day. This natural spot is distinguished for being the Natural Monument Los Pingüinos together with the small island Marta, one of the most outstanding group of penguins in the Chilean Patagonia. Another important attraction in the island is its lighthouse, an old one declared as a National Historical Monument which guides the navigators who go through the Strait of Magallanes. We will do a trekking to this high and illuminated tower to appreciate all the natural charm that the region offers, among them the important group of "magallánico" penguins. If we do this expedition crossing during September and April, we will replace this experience with a descent to Island Marta to enjoy watching the seals which we will be able to watch from our zodiac boats. This replacement is done because the groups of penguins in the mating period only stay in the island from October to March, every year. We will end our sea expedition by disembarking in the city of Punta Arenas when midday comes.

#### ***Optionally this itinerary can be extended to 8 days***

#### ***Australis in 8 days Round Trip – Punta Arenas–Punta Arenas***

*When you get to Ushuaia on the fifth day you can extend this program to 8 days, putting together with the itinerary Australis in 4 days One Way that leaves from Ushuaia to Punta Arenas, generating an 8 days / 7 night's trip called Australis in 8 days Round Trip (Punta Arenas – Punta Arenas). The costs of the cabins are on the Round Trip program.*

 **Map of Route**



## Services

### Servicios incluidos

- ✓ Accommodation on board the ship during the trip
- ✓ Carriage according to itinerary
- ✓ Meals including drinks, beer or wine
- ✓ Shore Excursions
- ✓ Entertainment on board

### Servicios no incluidos

- ✓ Laundry
- ✓ Onboard Communications

📅 4 days - 3 nights

Day 1 to 2 - Ushuaia

The first two days of the program Australis in 4 days from Ushuaia to Punta Arenas matches the the itinerary Australis in 5 days from Ushuaia to Punta Arenas. Therefore we do not repeat.

### Day 3 – Seno Agostini & Aguila Glacier

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We will navigate the waters of different channels, such as Brecknock, Occasion, Cockburn and Magdalena with the main objective to get to the Seno Agostini. This is a fjord located in the region of Magallanes and the Chilean Antarctic territory, its characteristic is long and narrow, has steep walls on deep water. Divides the two sectors of the Mountain Range Darwin, the mountainous area called Navarro in the southwestern with a predominant presence of ice and the mountain range that covers Monte Buckland in the far north, named after an exceptional Italian explorer Alberto de Agostini. In the afternoon we will sail towards Aguila Glacier to disembark and walk along the Antarctic–Patagonian forest, an extremely wet and cold place, finally we will meet the Águila Glacier located in the Alberto de Agostini National Park. It is worth making the trek in this majestic place where we can feel that we are very small in the middle of this amazing place.

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#### ***Optionally this itinerary can be extended to 8 days***

#### ***Australis in 8 days Round Trip – Ushuaia-Ushuaia***

*When you get to Punta Arenas on the fourth day you can extend this program to 8 days, putting together the itinerary Australis in 5 days One Way that leaves from Punta Arenas to Ushuaia, generating an 8 days / 7 night's trip called Australis in 8 days Round Trip. The costs of the cabins are detailed below.*

 [Map of Route](#)



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- ✓ Laundry
- ✓ Onboard Communications

Season 2015-2016

Prices: M/V Stella Australis 5 or 4 dsys One Way USH-PUQ

Cabins	Promotional	Low	High	Promotional	Low	High
Nights	4 Nights	4 Nights	4 Nights	3 Nights	3 Nights	3 Nights
B	1.440 USD	1.800 USD	2.298 USD	1.189 USD	1.486 USD	1.895 USD
A	1.932 USD	2.410 USD	2.957 USD	1.595 USD	1.988 USD	2.440 USD
AA	2.028 USD	2.526 USD	3.097 USD	1.674 USD	2.084 USD	2.554 USD
AAA	2.124 USD	2.644 USD	3.246 USD	1.753 USD	2.181 USD	2.679 USD
AA SUPERIOR	2.555 USD	3.183 USD	3.867 USD	2.108 USD	2.627 USD	3.183 USD
AAA SUPERIOR	2.675 USD	3.331 USD	4.054 USD	2.207 USD	2.749 USD	3.338 USD

### Departures: M/V Stella Australis 5 or 4 dys One Way USH-PUQ

DEPARTURES	Stella Australis 3 Nights USH-PUQ					Via Australis 4 Nights USH-PUQ				
SEPTEMBER 2015					30					
OCTOBER 2015	7	14	21	28				5	19	
NOVEMBER 2015	4	11	18	25				2	16	30
DICEMBER 2015	2	9	16	23	30			14	28	
JANUARY 2016	6	13	20	27				11	15	
FEBRUARY 2016	3	10	17	24				8	22	
MARCH 2016	2	9	16	23	30			7	21	
APRIL 2016	6							4		

### Season 2016-2017

### Prices: M/V Stella Australis 4 days One Way USH-PUQ

Cabins	Promotional	Low	High
B	1.189 USD	1.486 USD	1.895 USD
A	1.595 USD	1.988 USD	2.440 USD
AA	1.674 USD	2.084 USD	2.554 USD
AAA	1.753 USD	2.181 USD	2.679 USD
AA SUPERIOR	2.108 USD	2.627 USD	3.183 USD

AAA SUPERIOR	2.207 USD	2.749 USD	3.338 USD
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DEPARTURES	Stella Australis 3 Nights USH-PUQ				
SEPTEMBER 2016					28
OCTOBER 2016	5	12	19	26	
NOVEMBER 2016	2	9	16	23	30
DICEMBER 2016	7	14	21	28	
JANUARY 2017	4	11	18	25	
FEBRUARY 2017	1	8	15	22	
MARCH 2017	1	8	15	22	29
APRIL 2017	5				

**General information**

**Clothes**

## REQUIRED CLOTHING FOR THE EXPEDITIONS



## Conditions

**The passage contract:** Buying a ticket implies entering into an agreement under the terms and conditions of Transportes Marítimos Terra Australis S.A. & Transportes Marítimos Via Australis S.A. (here and after "the companies") for passenger transportation

**Reservations, deposits and payments:** A deposit of US\$ 200 per passenger is required to guarantee a tentative reservation. The final payment must be received by "the companies" 45 days before the departure of the cruise

**Cancellation policy:** The following penalties will apply in case of cancellation as soon as "the companies" receives written notice:

## Notifications

<i>Notice</i>	<i>Penalty</i>
Up to 120 Days before the departure	US\$ 0
From 119 to 60 Days before the departure	US\$ 300 (deposit)
From 59 to 50 Days before the departure	25% of sales value
From 49 to 40 Days before the departure	50% of sales value
From 39 to 30 Days before the departure	75% of sales value

From 29 to 0 Days before the departure

100% of sales value

**Child policy:**

- » Infants between 0 and 3 years old have a 100% discount, sharing the bed with their parents
- » Children between 4 and 12 years old have a 50% discount, sharing a cabin with an adult

**Departures and rates:** "The companies" reserve the right to modify the cruise rates and departure dates published in this brochure, without prior notice

**Conditions of the cruise:** Rates include accommodation, sea transportation, all meals, open bar when on duty (without additional cost for wines, beverages, and liquors), shore excursions, and on-board entertainment. Optional tours and transportation are not included in the cruise rate

**Payment options:** Mastercard, Visa, American Express, and Diners credit cards, travelers checks, US Dollars, Euros, Chilean Pesos, and wire transfer are accepted

**Required costume:** Trekking or hiking boots are required for all passengers.

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