



## **PUNTA ARENAS TO USHUAIA AUSTRALIS CRUISE** **5 Days/4 Nights from \$1,400**



This cruise begins in Punta Arenas, Chile and continues via the Strait of Magellan and the Beagle Channel to Ushuaia, Argentina. You will see massive glaciers flowing into the sea, colonies of Magellanic penguins, elephant seals, and cormorants, and disembark in Cape Horn and Wulaia Bay. Cape Horn is the southernmost point of the continent, and Wulaia

Bay is one of the most important indigenous sites of the region.

The **M/V Mare Australis** and the **M/V Via Australis** are 236 foot expedition ships that were built in 2002 and 2005. Both have four decks and 64 cabins with private bathrooms, low beds, and panoramic windows. Their social areas include two lounges, a dining room, a game room, a gift shop, and a panoramic open deck. The **M/V Stella Australis** was built in 2010, is 292 feet long, and has five decks and 100 cabins. It offers private bathrooms, low beds, and panoramic windows.

**ACTIVITIES:** Sightseeing, wildlife viewing, hiking, and zodiac boating.



**DEPARTURE DATES:** Saturday-Wednesday departures on the M/V Mare Australis and the M/V Stella Australis, and Tuesday-Saturday departures on the M/V Via Australis from mid-September to Mid-April.

**GROUP/PRIVATE:** All services included in this tour are operated on a group basis.

### **DETAILED ITINERARY**

#### **DAY 1: Punta Arenas.**

Check in at the Cruceros Australis office in Punta Arenas from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Cruise-ship boarding at 6:00 p.m. The Captain and crew give a welcome cocktail

reception on board. Immediately afterward, the ship departs for “the uttermost part of the earth”. Our excursion will take us through the Strait of Magellan and Beagle Channel to explore one of the most breathtaking wilderness regions in the world: Southern Patagonia, and Tierra del Fuego. We have just embarked on a Great Adventure! (D)

### **DAY 2: Ainsworth Bay/Tucker Islet.**

At dawn, we continue navigating through Almirantazgo Sound until finally arriving near Marinelli Glacier in Ainsworth Bay, where we enjoy a walk to discover a beaver dam in the midst of a marvelous Magellanic forest. On the beach we observe a colony of Elephant Seals. Later we visit Tucker Islet, where we view colonies of Magellanic Penguins and Cormorants from the Zodiac boats. The islet’s penguins migrate in April; as a replacement we visit Brookes Bay, for a short walk to see a glacier. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 3: Pia Glacier/Glacier Alley.**

We navigate through the main part of Beagle Channel to reach Pia Bay, where we disembark near Pia Glacier. We take a short hike to a lookout point with a spectacular view of the entire glacier tongue, stretching from high in the mountains all the way to the sea. After this unforgettable experience, we sail again along the northwest arm of Beagle Channel through majestic “Glacier Alley”: Spain, Romanche, Germany, Italy, France and Holland glaciers. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 4: Cape Horn/Wulaia Bay.**

We sail through Beagle and Murray channels to reach and disembark in Cape Horn National Park (weather permitting). Cape Horn, on Hornos Island, is a sheer, 425-meter (1,394-foot) high rocky promontory. This mythical place is known as the “End of the Earth”; a visit is a singular privilege. The park was declared a World Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in June 2005. In the afternoon, we go ashore in historic Wulaia Bay, once the site of one of the region’s largest aboriginal settlements. This area is also renowned for the mesmerizing beauty of its vegetation and geography. We walk through a Magellanic forest of Lengas, Coigües, Canelos, ferns and other native vegetation to reach a lookout point. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 5: Ushuaia.**

Arrival at Ushuaia, Argentina’s most important city on Tierra del Fuego, and the southernmost city in the world. We disembark at 8:00 a.m., enabling you to get an early start on visiting the city and national parks, and on continuing your trip through Patagonia. (B)

**NOTE:** The excursions/day trips described in the itineraries can normally be, and are frequently, carried out. Without prejudice to the aforesaid, the operators of the ship reserve the right to reschedule shorten or alter all or part of itineraries and/or excursions without previous notice, in order to safeguard the well being and safety of passengers, preserve the environment or due to the

extraordinary circumstances, acts of god or force majeure. In view of the same reasons, the hours of departure or arrival of the vessels may be subject to change.

**B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner**

**PRICE PER PERSON** (in U.S. Dollars)

**Low Season**

	<b>Single</b>	<b>Double</b>	<b>Triple</b>
B Cabins	n/a	\$1,400	\$1,400
A Cabins	n/a	\$2,043	\$2,043
AA Cabins	\$3,213	\$2,142	\$2,142
AAA Cabins	\$3,362	\$2,241	n/a
AA Superior	\$3,695	\$2,463	n/a
AAA Superior	\$3,866	\$2,577	n/a
Single (B or A Cabins)	\$2,510	n/a	n/a

**High Season**

	<b>Single</b>	<b>Double</b>	<b>Triple</b>
B Cabins	n/a	\$1,770	\$1,770
A Cabins	n/a	\$2,484	\$2,484
AA Cabins	\$3,902	\$2,601	\$2,601
AAA Cabins	\$4,091	\$2,727	n/a
AA Superior	\$4,487	\$2,991	n/a
AAA Superior	\$4,704	\$3,136	n/a
Single (B or A Cabins)	\$3,110	n/a	n/a

**Low Season:** Sep 18, 25; Oct 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30; Dec 14, 18; Mar 19, 22, 26, 29; Apr 2, 5, 12.

**High Season:** Nov 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30; Dec 4, 7, 11, 25; Jan 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29; Feb 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26; Mar 1, 5, 8, 12, 15.

**Special Pricing:** December 21 and 28 Departures have Special Pricing. Call for Availability and a Quote.

**NOTES:**

1. The above prices are valid for cruise departures through April 12, 2011.
2. A limited amount of triples can be accommodated (three B Cabins on the Mare Australis and seven A/AA Cabins on the Via Australis, with an upper bed for the third person).

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- South American Vacations' expert pre-departure planning services and documentation.
- Accommodations on board the Mare or Via Australis.
- All meals scheduled on board including alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.
- Shore excursions.
- On-board entertainment.
- Licensed, English-speaking naturalist guides.

## PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- International airfare.
- Domestic airfare.
- Chilean reciprocity tax (\$131).
- Transfer from the airport to the pier.
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- Hotel nights before/after the cruise.
- Port Tax and National Parks Fee (\$25).
- Gratuities to ship crew and guides.
- Gifts and personal items.
- Travel insurance.

**We will be happy to quote the cost of airfare, hotels, land services, and travel insurance, and to make these arrangements for you.**

**PASSPORT/VISA:** For **Chile**, U.S., Australian, Canadian, and EU (except Greece and Romania, which require a visa) citizens require a passport valid for at least six months from date of entry and return ticket for stays of up to 90 days. U.S., Australian, and Canadian citizens are required to pay a reciprocity fee (considered a multiple entry visa) of \$131, \$61 and \$132 respectively in cash upon arrival (subject to change without notice due to currency fluctuations or other reasons). This tax is paid once and remains valid until the passport expires. Citizens of other countries are advised to contact the Chilean embassy in their country before traveling. For **Argentina**, U.S., Australian, Canadian, and EU citizens require a passport and return ticket for stays of up to 90 days. Citizens of other countries are advised to contact the Argentinian embassy in their country before traveling.

**RECOMMENDED CLOTHING:** Trekking or hiking boots are required for all passengers. Hat, sunglasses, sun-block, waterproof parka, sweater, waterproof gloves, and waterproof trousers are recommended.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** In order to protect your travel investment from unforeseen circumstances that may arise before or during your trip, we strongly recommend that you purchase travel insurance. We offer **Access America's Classic Comprehensive** and other plans. The Benefits, Coverage Limits, and rates are summarized on our website at [www.savacations.com/insurance](http://www.savacations.com/insurance). Call your travel counselor if you have any questions or to purchase a plan.

**TO BOOK THIS TRIP:** Call or email us to confirm the availability of the ship, hotels, and airfare for your desired dates of travel. Once we have confirmed availability, you will need to pay a non-refundable deposit of \$800. Full payment is needed 60 days prior to departure.

Punta Arenas to Ushuaia Australis Cruise

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