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HIGHLIGHTS OF ANTARCTICA

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HURTIGRUTEN EXPEDITIONS • MS FRIDTJOF NANSEN
JANUARY 7-21, 2026 • 15 DAYS • 35 MEALS
JOURNEY LEADER

Gentoo penguins waddling across the Antarctic ice

The unparalleled natural beauty and wildlife of Antarctica sets this cruise apart from any other voyage. Beginning with an overnight stay in Buenos Aires, our expedition takes us to Ushuaia, where we board the MS Fridtjof Nansen for a 10-day cruise exploring the Antarctic Peninsula. Encounter breathtaking landscapes as we navigate through ice-filled waters, discovering dramatic islands and pristine bays. Witness majestic whales and observe penguins during a pivotal stage of their breeding cycle, offering captivating photo opportunities.

Designed for exploration, the MS Fridtjof Nansen provides comfort and stability in Antarctica's challenging environment, featuring state-of-the-art amenities and spacious, outside-facing staterooms. Our itinerary includes expert-led lectures that deepen our understanding of this remote region's ecology and history. Upon returning to Buenos Aires, we'll immerse ourselves in the city's vibrant culture, exploring its historic landmarks and experiencing the passion of a world-class tango show.

Inclusive Features and Highlights

- 3 nights in first-class hotels in Buenos Aires
- Internal flights between Buenos Aires and Ushuaia
- 10-night cruise on the MS Fridtjof Nansen
- In-depth expert lectures, full access to the ship's Science Center, participation in the Citizen Science Program to assist with scientific research, and photography tips from a professional for capturing stunning landscape and wildlife photos
- Guided landings with small expedition boats, loan of boots, trekking poles, and all equipment for activities
- All meals onboard, with wine, beer and spirits available, plus all-day coffee, tea and soft drinks
- A complimentary water bottle to refill onboard
- Complimentary Wi-Fi (streaming not supported)
- Services of local representatives and journey leader
- Baggage handling at hotels and shipside
- Transfers in Buenos Aires, and between the Ushuaia airport and the ship, including a brief tour of the town
- Full-day city tour of Buenos Aires and an all-inclusive Tango Show with dinner and drinks included
- Gratuities for all included services
- All cruise and air taxes, surcharges and fees
- Air-inclusive rates also include economy group airfare from Canada to Buenos Aires and airport transfers in Canada or equivalent value



Our Cruise Ship • MS Fridtjof Nansen

MS Fridtjof Nansen, Hurtigruten's latest expedition ship, embodies cutting-edge technology with a revolutionary hybrid battery-powered propulsion system. Combining 125 years of expertise with premium comfort, its Scandinavian-inspired interior features natural materials like granite, oak, birch, and wool, creating stylish cabins and public spaces. All cabins are outside-facing, half with private balconies, while some suites boast private outdoor hot tubs.

At the heart of the ship lies the Nansen Science Center, serving as both an educational hub and Expedition Team headquarters. Three restaurants offer diverse dining experiences rooted in Norwegian and Nordic traditions alongside international influences.

Guests can unwind in the Explorer lounge, gym, or Wellness Center, or enjoy panoramic views from indoor/outdoor observation decks featuring an aft infinity pool and hot tubs.

Enhancing the onboard experience, each expedition is guided by a specialized Expedition Team, ensuring safety, sustainability, and a deeper understanding of the destinations explored. Custom-built expedition gear includes kayaks, Blueye underwater drones, and RIBs for safe landings in remote areas.

Visit our website for more details on the amenities and a video walkthrough of the MS Fridtjof Nansen ship.



The vibrant 9 de Julio Avenue, the heart of Buenos Aires



JAN 7, Wednesday **DEPART CANADA**

Tour members from across Canada depart for Buenos Aires, the bustling capital of Argentina.

JAN 8, Thursday **BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA**

Upon arrival, we will be transferred to our hotel for check-in. After settling in, take the opportunity to explore this vibrant city at your leisure. **Hotel to be Confirmed** (1 night)

JAN 9, Friday **BUENOS AIRES / USHUAIA**

Our Antarctica adventure kicks off with an early morning flight to Ushuaia, the capital of Argentina's Tierra del Fuego Province. Here, we'll board our hybrid electric-powered expedition ship, purpose-built for sustainable cruising in polar waters. Nestled against the stunning Martial mountain range, Ushuaia vies for the title of the world's southernmost city. After a briefing from the Expedition Team, you will have time to find your cabin and explore the ship's many comforts and amenities.

MS Fridtjof Nansen (10 nights) **BD**

JAN 10-11, Saturday-Sunday **DRAKE PASSAGE**

During our two-day crossing of the Drake Passage, the Expedition Team will prepare you thoroughly to make the most of your polar expedition. Visit the onboard Science Center to learn about what lies ahead. Listen to passionate experts discuss Antarctica's history, the science beneath the ice, and the effects of climate change and plastic pollution. Gain insights on how to ensure your visit is safe and discover the Citizen Science projects you can join. There will be plenty of time to relax, so unwind in the spa and wellness area, savour delicious cuisine, and mingle with fellow travellers in the Explorer lounge and bar. **BLD**

JAN 12-16, Monday-Friday **ANTARCTICA**

Nothing can truly prepare you for your first sight of Antarctica's immense, frozen beauty. The continent fills you with wonder, surrounded by towering glaciers and icebergs as large as floating cathedrals. One of Antarctica's most surprising aspects is its profound silence, occasionally interrupted by the local wildlife. Whales begin to arrive in greater numbers by December and January, coinciding with the hatching of the first penguin chicks. Watching these clumsy, feathered chicks is always a charming sight. Here, nature reigns supreme, and we are mere observers. Our experienced Captain will monitor conditions to create the best possible itinerary for your adventure, ensuring each day offers something new and thrilling. Join the Expedition Team on landings and ice cruises, and you may even have the chance to kayak among the icebergs. Back on board, the Expedition Team will continue their lectures, deepening your understanding of this frozen continent. Over five magical days, we will witness this extraordinary world, forging experiences that will forever remain etched in our hearts. **BLD**

JAN 17-18, Saturday-Sunday **DRAKE PASSAGE**

After five incredible days, we start our journey back to Ushuaia. Use the next few days to reflect on your adventure to the seventh continent and its breathtaking wonders. As you reminisce about the magical Antarctic scenery, take the opportunity to unwind in the sauna or indulge in relaxing spa treatments. **BLD**

JAN 19, Monday **USHUAIA / BUENOS AIRES**

Our expedition cruise concludes in Ushuaia, followed by a flight back to Buenos Aires, often called the "Paris of South America" for its stunning architecture. This lively city is rich



Stunning view of Ushuaia, the gateway to Antarctica



Welcome to Antarctica! Image courtesy of Hurtigruten Expeditions



Majestic king penguins in their natural habitat



Exploring towering icebergs. Image courtesy of Hurtigruten Expeditions

in history and renowned for its art, popular café culture, incredible food scene, lively atmosphere, and passionate locals. As both Argentina's capital and largest city, Buenos Aires offers a wealth of experiences. Upon arrival, we will transfer to our hotel for check-in, followed by a delightful dinner this evening.

Hotel Grand Brizo Buenos Aires or similar (2 nights) BD

JAN 20, Tuesday

BUENOS AIRES

Explore Buenos Aires in style starting with a drive along the iconic "9 de Julio," the world's widest avenue, passing by the impressive Colón Theatre. Visit Plaza de Mayo to see the Government House and the historic City Hall. Step inside the Metropolitan Cathedral to marvel at its towering ceilings, stained glass, marble columns, and exquisite paintings. Next, explore the vibrant La Boca district with a stroll along "Caminito," famous for its colourful streets brimming with souvenir shops and Tango dancers. Pass by the Boca Juniors soccer stadium before heading through the lush parks of Palermo towards Recoleta, one of the city's most glamorous areas. Conclude your tour at Recoleta Cemetery, founded in 1822 and home to the graves of national heroes, presidents, writers, scientists, and artists. Admire its ornate mausoleums, sculptures, and vaults created by local and international artists, and visit Eva Perón's tomb. As we return towards the downtown area we'll make a stop in Puerto Madero, the waterfront district transformed from recycled docks (the itinerary is subject to change depending on traffic conditions). In the evening, experience the essence of Buenos Aires with a tango show in San Telmo. At Gala Tango, immerse yourself in local culture with gourmet dishes and fine wines. Enjoy live music by tango musicians, featuring deep, romantic poetry sung by renowned singers. Experience a spirited Andean music show and an emotive Evita performance. Celebrities like Madonna, Andrea Bocelli, Sting, and Zucchero have embraced Gala Tango during their visits to Buenos Aires. BLD

JAN 21, Wednesday

BUENOS AIRES / CANADA

All too soon our journey draws to a close as we board our return flights to Canada. B



CT Rating 3.5/5 - Challenging: While this cruise is suitable for most travellers, members should be aware that it may involve difficult travel conditions such as very heavy seas and extreme weather conditions during the transit of the Drake Passage. Landings in the Antarctic will be made by small boat and may include landings without the use of a pier and/or gangway (wet landings). Members need to be fit and agile to get the most from this cruise.

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**Book by July 30, 2025
and save \$400 per person**



Cruise Cost in Canadian Dollars Per Person

Category/Description/Deck	Sharing Twin
RR Outside (Deck 4, 5)	\$13,995
XT Outside (Deck 7, 8)	\$16,345
ME Outside (Deck 8, 9)	\$18,445
Single Supplement	On Request

Rates are per person based on sharing the category chosen. Singles are on request only, please contact us for rates. Stateroom categories are subject to availability at the time of booking. Book early for best choice. See deck plan for full details on the various categories available. Refer to our Inclusive Features for more details.

Join our CT Match Program

Find a like-minded traveller to share your cabin and enhance your journey with shared experiences, fostering the potential for future travel companionship.

Cruise price is based on joining and leaving the group at the hotels in Buenos Aires. To determine your total cost, please include the airfare specified below from your home city. Prices are based on a minimum of 20 members and on rates, taxes, and fees effective July 2024 and are subject to change due to factors beyond our control. This cruise will be escorted with a minimum of 20 travellers.

Estimated Air Add-Ons Per Person

Toronto	\$1,675
Ottawa / Montreal	\$1,845
Halifax / Winnipeg	\$1,945
St. John's / Calgary	\$1,995
Edmonton / Vancouver	\$1,995
Regina / Saskatoon / Victoria	\$2,095

Airfares from other gateways are available on request. Airfares are subject to change and will be confirmed prior to final payment.

Insurance is NOT INCLUDED but is highly recommended. Premiums are calculated based on the individual's age, destination (country), trip length, and trip booking window – please contact our staff to receive a quote. Your coverage starts on the effective date of your confirmation of coverage. Please discuss your insurance coverage prior to booking. Check our website for the most current information. Refer to the enrollment form for terms and conditions.

**Final payment is due on September 2, 2025
Deposit is \$3,700 per person**

To reserve your spot on this cruise, you can either book online through our website or submit an enrollment form along with your deposit to:



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