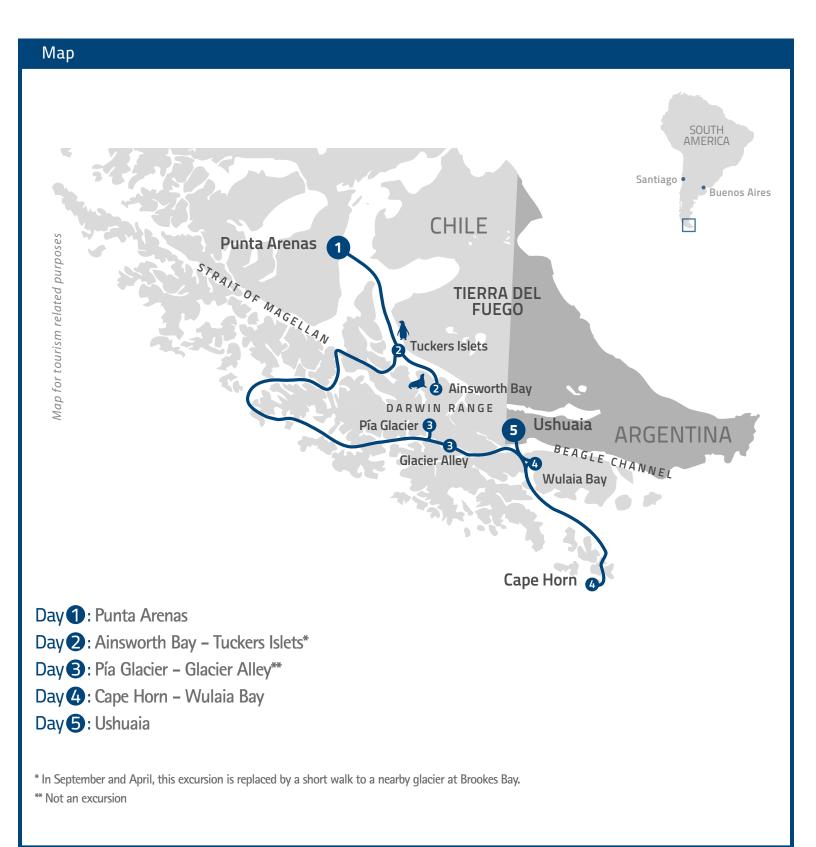




One Way Route • * * ;

Punta Arenas - Ushuaia 4 nights | M/V Via Australis M/V Stella Australis From US\$ 1,440 on double basis







Day 1: Punta Arenas

Check in at 990 Magallanes Street between 13:00 and 17:00. Board the M/V Via Australis or M/V Stella Australis cruise ship at 18:00. After a welcoming cocktail reception hosted by the Captain and his crew, the ship will depart for one of the remotest parts of the planet. Our trip 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, which includes the Tierra del Fuego archipelago.

Day 2: Ainsworth Bay - Tuckers Islets

At dawn, we will navigate our way through Almirantazgo Sound, arriving at Ainsworth Bay which is sited within Alberto De Agostini National Park. It's the perfect spot from which to see the Marinelli Glacier descending from Darwin Mountain Range in the distance; and to appreciate how the land returns to life after glacial retreat. We will also take a walk to a beaver dam in the stunning sub-polar Magellan Forest. Whether on the beach or the island, there's a good chance of sighting Southern Elephant Seals. But do bear in mind the fact that sightings cannot be guaranteed due to the colony's unpredictable movements. Later, we will be sailing to Tuckers Islets, and after lunch, we will board well-equipped Zodiac boats to get close to a colony of Magellan Penguins (indigenous to the Southern Hemisphere) and cormorants.

Day 3: Pia Glacier - Glacier Alley

We will navigate along the northwest arm of the Beagle Channel before disembarking at Pia Fjord. From there, we'll take a short hike to a panoramic viewpoint from where we can enjoy spectacular views of the awe-inspiring Pia Glacier whose main tongue extends from the mountaintops down to the sea. After this memorable experience, we will continue our voyage along the Beagle Channel through the majestic Glacier Alley.

Day 4: Cape Horn - Wulaia Bay

During the morning we will be sailing through Murray Channel, going ashore at historical Wulaia Bay, originally the site of one of the region's largest Yamana aboriginal settlements. Charles Darwin landed there in 1833 during his voyage on the HMS Beagle. This area is also renowned for the mesmerizing beauty of its vegetation and geography. We will take an enchanted walk through the Magellan Forest of lengas, coigües, canelos, ferns, and other endemic vegetation, to reach a panoramic viewpoint. In the afternoon we will go South through Nassau Bay to reach Cape Horn National Park, where, weather permitting, we shall go ashore. The legendary Cape Horn was discovered in 1616 and is a sheer 425-meter (1,394-foot) high rocky promontory. For many years it was an important navigation route between the Pacific and the Atlantic, and is referred to as the 'End of the Earth'. The park was declared a World Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in 2005.

Day 5: Ushuaia

Disembarkation in Ushuaia: Stella Australis: arrival at 08:30 a.m. and 9:30 am according to date of departure. Via Australis: arrival at 09:30 a.m.

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Season 2014 - 2015

(Rates per person in US\$)						
Cabin	Promotional	Low	High			
В	1.440	1.800	2.298			
Α	1.932	2.410	2.957			
AA	2.028	2.526	3.097			
AAA	2.124	2.644	3.246			
AA Superior	2.555	3.183	3.867			
AAA Superior	2.675	3.331	4.054			

Departures Stella Australis							
September 2014					27		
October 2014	4*	11	18*	25			
November 2014	1*	8	15*	22	29*		
December 2014	6	13*	20	27*			
January 2015	3	10*	17	24*	31		
February 2015	7*	14	21*	28			
March 2015	7*	14	21*	28			

Departures Via Australis						
September 2014						
October 2014	13	27				
November 2014	10	24				
December 2014	8	22				
January 2015	5	19				
February 2015	2	16				
March 2015	2	16	30			

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- * Normal hours of arrival in Ushuaia is at 8:30 a.m. Dates marked with * disembark at 9:30 a.m.
- Special Departures: Charles Darwin Whale Watching.
- 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.

The above rates are from rates, and only for a limited cabin stock per departure.

- Children 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.
- Rate does not include port tax, migration fee, and national park fee. The cost per person is the following: Punta Arenas Ushuaia route: US\$40.- (dollars). The cost may be modified by the port authorities of each country.
- Single rate in A, AA, AAA, AA Sup or AAA Sup will be 150% of the category rate. Single rate does not apply to Category B. Cabins AA Superior and AAA Superior are only available in M/V Stella Australis.



During the cruise there will be interesting presentations on the wildlife, history and geography of this legendary region given by the Mare Australis and Via Australis Expedition Group. The presentations will take place both on board (with audio-visual support) and on land.

Navigation Route

It is the first lecture that is given to passengers and its objective is to present the region and Patagonia to the world, showing where we are and where we will be going day-to-day on our cruise, places we will visit, climate, suggested clothes for excursions, possible sightings etc...

Glaciology in Patagonia

From the landscape's perspective we talk about "Glaciology in Patagonia" as a way to explain the natural process that shaped the Planet's Landscape, Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego, we explain the glaciers' origin, forms, colors and the former/current conditions, giving an important message regarding care for the environment and the planet.

Discovering Tierra del Fuego

Discovering Tierra del Fuego This lecture gives an interesting vision regarding the sailors who explored this territory, their adventures and encounters with the southernmost natives of the world. The British Phillip Parker King, Pringle Stokes, Charles Darwin, Francis Drake, the Dutch Wilhem Schouten and Jacob LeMaire, the French Bouganville, the Spaniards Ferdinand Magellan, Pedro Sarmiento de Gamboa, the Nodal brothers and their encounters with the local Patagones (Aonikenk), Onas (Selknams), Yamanas (Yaghans), Alacalufes (Kaweskars) and Haush (Manekenk)

Cape Horn information in advance

This talk explains the next day's landing activity in the mythical Cape Horn, which also shows photos of the landing site and discusses the possible weather conditions. Some safety instructions are given to provide maximum enjoyment of the expedition. It also mentions the Monument to the Albatross, the Chapel, the lighthouse, the history of the Caphorniers, navigation around the Horn, and its importance today.

Wulaia Bay Information in advance

This talk explains the landing in the bay along with the group options for walking to the hill, describing its degree of difficulty, or the walk along the beach. Pictures of the place are shown and the historical importance of this bay from the anthropological and historical point of view (Yaganes, Darwin, Fitz Roy, Jemmy Button) is spoken about.

Life onboard

This is the first talk explaining how the ship works, and is accompanied by a review of the national parks that are visited along with the environmental protection policy of Australis.



Visit to Engine Room

A tour is carried out of the engine room with the guides who lead groups and the engineers on shift.

Visit to the Bridge Command

Tour led by guides and the pilot on shift showing the command bridge, the chart table, and the ship's safety devices.



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