



3 NIGHT M/V MARE & VIA AUSTRALIS CRUISE
Ushuaia to Punta Arenas
M/V Mare Australis: Wednesday through Saturday
M/V Via Australis: Saturday through Tuesday
September 2009 through April 2010
September 2010 through April 2011

Day 1 - Ushuaia

Check in at San Martín 245, Ushuaia, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Embarkation will be from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. The Captain and crew will give a welcome cocktail reception on board. Immediately afterwards, the ship will set sail for “the uttermost part of the earth.” Passing through the mythical Beagle Channel, we will travel to Southern Patagonia, including Tierra de Fuego. This is the beginning of a Great Adventure!



Day 2 - Cape Horn - Wulaia Bay



We will sail through the Beagle and Murray Channels disembarking in Cape Horn National Park. Cape Horn is a sheer, almost 1394 foot high promontory, located where the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans merge. This mythical place is known as the “End of the Earth”. It was discovered in 1616 by the Dutch commercial expedition organized by Isaac Le Maire. The Cape owes its name to the Port of Hoorn, the expedition’s departure point. The park was declared a World Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in June, 2005.

In the afternoon we will disembark in historical Wulaia Bay, once the site of one of the region’s largest native settlements. This area is also renowned for the spectacular beauty of its vegetation and geography. We will walk through a Magellanic forest filled with Lengas, Coigües, Canelos, ferns and other species to a look-out point.

Day 3 – Piloto and Nena Glaciers

In the morning we sail through the desolate Brecknock and Ocasión channels, to reach Cockburn Channel in the afternoon. After lunch, we arrive at Chico Sound and disembark in Zodiac boats to explore Alakaluf Fjord, and to see its beautiful waterfalls and observe the Piloto and Nena glaciers from the sea. We will learn

about the formation of glaciers and their influence in the abrupt geography of the region's channels.

Day 4 - Magdalena Island - Punta Arenas



Early in the morning, we will disembark on Magdalena Island, the home of an immense colony of more than 120,000 Magellanic Penguins. We will be able to observe them during our walk to the Lighthouse which guides ships passing through the Strait of Magellan. After our visit, we will return to Punta Arenas, disembarking at 11:30 a.m., concluding our adventure. Transfer to the airport or

arrange to overnight in Punta Arenas.