



The Leader for Independent Travel

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

Day 1 - Punta Arenas

Check in from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Magallanes 990, Punta Arenas. Embarkation will be from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 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 Strait of Magellan, we will travel to Southern Patagonia, including Tierra de Fuego. This is the beginning of a Great Adventure!



Day 2 - Ainsworth Bay – Tucker Islet



During the dawn's early light, our ship will continue navigating through Almirantazgo Inlet, until arriving near Marinelli Glacier in Ainsworth Bay. Here we will walk to a beaver dam in the middle of a lovely Magellanic forest. On the beach we can observe a colony of Elephant Seals. Continuing the voyage, we will visit Tucker Islet, where we will see colonies of Magellanic penguins and cormorants from the zodiac boats.

Day 3 - Pia Glacier - Glacier Alley

We will navigate the main part of the Beagle Channel entering Pia Fjord. Here we disembark near the glacier of the same name. We will take an excursion to a look-out point. Here we can view the mountain range where the glacier originates, and we can see it flow all the way to the sea. After this unforgettable experience, we will sail again along the northwest arm of the Beagle Channel through majestic "Glacier Alley": Spain, Romanche, Germany, Italy, France and Holland glaciers.



Day 4 - Cape Horn and Wulaia Bay

We will sail through the Beagle and Murray Channels to disembark in Cape Horn National Park. Cape Horn is a sheer, almost 1394 foot high promontory, located where the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean 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 5 - Ushuaia

Arrival into Ushuaia, the most important Argentine city in Tierra de Fuego, and the southernmost city in the world. Disembark at 8:00 a.m. Transfer to the airport or arrange an overnight in this interesting city.

