

# Follow the call of adventure.

- **Explore untouched regions:**  
a small ship on spectacular routes
- **Expand your horizons:**  
crew and scientists with worldwide expertise
- **Expedition in the purest sense:**  
on numerous Zodiac rides and landings
- **Experience safety in the polar regions:**  
thanks to the highest ice class for passenger ships (PC 6)
- **Travel respectfully:**  
committed to protecting the natural environment
- **Enjoy magical moments as an explorer:**  
with highest standards in terms of service and facilities
- **Even closer to adventure:**  
plenty of deck space, a deck tour at the bow, glass balconies and an on-board marina
- **Inspired by nature:**  
innovative and inviting design concept
- **The freedom to choose:**  
creative cuisine, a spacious spa area and a wide range of sports activities – always with an ocean view



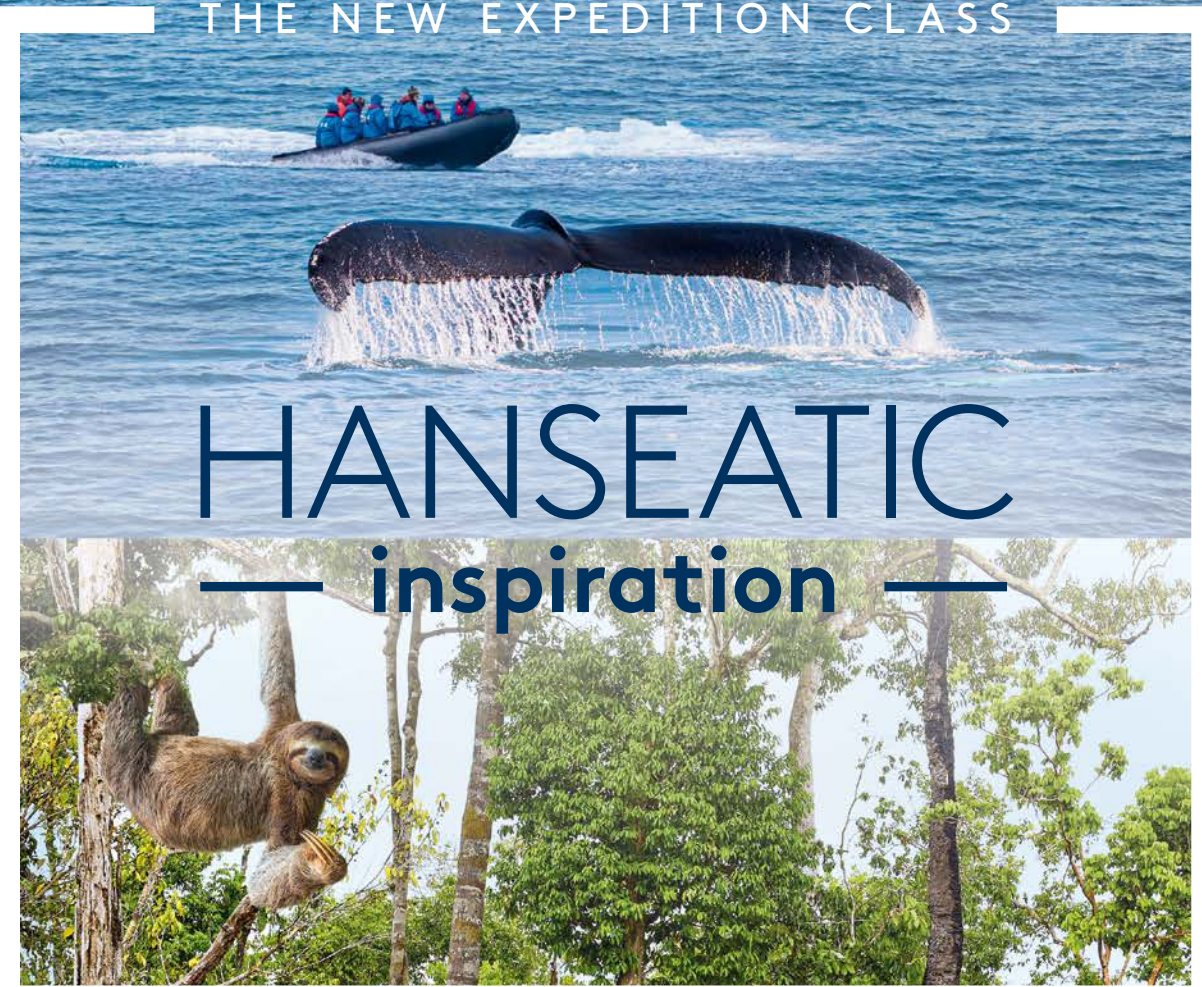
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EXPEDITION  
CRUISES

October 2024 – October 2025

THE NEW EXPEDITION CLASS

HANSEATIC  
— inspiration —



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On-board languages: German/English  
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PIONEERING SPIRIT

A HUGE GOAL AND  
A PROFOUND FEELING

Experience more in a small circle of passionate explorers

## For memories that last

Searching for the unknown and finding your inner self in the process. Respectfully encountering nature and perceiving yourself as part of it. Appreciating foreign cultures and gaining profound insights. For more than 30 years, we have been offering expedition cruises that touch your soul. For this purpose, the number of passengers is limited to a maximum of 230 guests, thus giving you extra freedom in terms of adventure and comfort.

The 2024/2025 season once again offers you the chance to join our state-of-the-art HANSEATIC inspiration in order to experience the planet's riches in a uniquely intensive way. With us, the route is always determined by experiences: whether it's the premiere at Japan's west coast, the crossing of the Northwest Passage, cruising the vast expanse of the Pacific, the semi-circumnavigation of Antarctica or enjoying Indian summer on the Great Lakes.

Amazing uncharted territory awaits you in places both near and far.

Look forward to the many sensory impressions of each route, which will make you very aware of one thing: a love of discovery.

Welcome on board.



*Julian Pfitzner*  
Julian Pfitzner  
CEO Hapag-Lloyd Cruises



*Isolde Susset*  
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Director Product Management Expedition Cruises



We're cleaning up our act. Already since 2020, we have been using marine gas oil with a maximum sulphur content of only 0.1 % both in our main cruising areas, such as the Arctic and Antarctic, and in all other regions. By voluntarily foregoing heavy fuel oil, we are reducing sulphur emissions and particulate emissions.



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INS2510	21 Jul – 10 Aug 2025 21 days	Expedition Kamchatka, Kuril Islands and Aleutian Islands*	Otaru – Seward	page 90
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\*Voyage for Young Explorers: The proven expedition concept from Hapag-Lloyd Cruises turns every day of the holiday into an adventure for young people aged 10 to 17. Destinations such as Antarctica and Kamchatka, the Kuril Islands and the Aleutian Islands become an experience for the whole family (cruises INS2500 and INS2510).



## EXPEDITION

THE HEARTBEAT OF REAL  
EXPLORERS IS MEASURED  
IN KNOTS



With us, an expedition follows the philosophy of making things possible. We ensure that your dream destinations take shape. Our many years of experience let you discover the wonders of the world from a respectful close-up perspective. In places where larger cruise ships would have to turn back, the HANSEATIC inspiration is right in its element. We enable you to experience and get to know spectacular regions. You expand your knowledge and explore regions visited by very few others: gaining a new perspective about how we need to protect our planet in the midst of a majestic icy landscape, for instance. Or listening to the wonders of creation during a Zodiac ride on the Sepik River. Explore uncharted territory at the ends of the earth and equally exciting destinations practically on your doorstep. What emotions will these experiences stir up for you? How will your world view change? What will you take home? The answers await on board our ship: expedition in the purest sense.



## Excellent reasons to choose a cruise with us

# Expedition spirit in all its forms



- **A small, state-of-the-art expedition ship**  
that combines adventure and comfort perfectly
- **Spectacular routes to remote regions**  
where other ships have to turn back
- **Cruises that respect nature, wildlife and cultures**  
following trails but leaving no trace
- **Adventure with the Zodiacs**  
in natural environments and where there are no ports
- **Closer to nature on board**  
thanks to an exceptional amount of open deck space
- **A small group of like-minded people (max. 230 guests)**  
for more space and a truly personal atmosphere
- **Captains and crews with years of expertise**  
who bring their skills to each cruise
- **See and understand more thanks to teams of experts**  
who share their knowledge in presentations, discussions  
and ashore
- **Committed crew with exceptional service**  
and attention to detail for feel-good moments
- **Reach new frontiers in safety**  
thanks to features such as the highest ice class for  
passenger ships (PC 6)







#### RESTAURANTS

Our three restaurants (a total of 300 seats inside, 110 seats outside) pamper you with a wide selection of cuisine and free choice of seating.



#### HanseAtrium

Enhance your spectacular experiences with fascinating knowledge in the multi-functional lounge with state-of-the-art LED and presentation technology.



#### SPORTS CLUB

With an area of around 100 m<sup>2</sup> (1,076 ft<sup>2</sup>), modern equipment and a course room for individual training or with an instructor – ocean view included.



#### OCEAN SPA

A light-filled spa and sauna area covering 215 m<sup>2</sup> (2,314 ft<sup>2</sup>), plus 25 m<sup>2</sup> (269 ft<sup>2</sup>) of outdoor space with a view of the open sea.



#### SPECIALITY RESTAURANT NIKKEI

Japanese/Peruvian cuisine, for special evenings and at no surcharge.



#### OCEAN ACADEMY

From the Study Wall to the Study Poster – our interactive Knowledge Studio is the ideal place for self-study.

360° walking tour  
on board at  
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## Small ship, great diversity

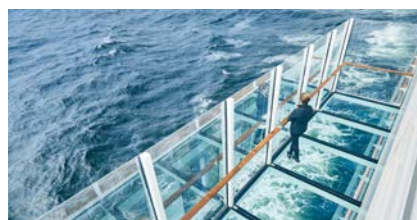
### HANSEATIC **inspiration**

On-board languages: German/English



#### MARINA

The marina is the convenient starting point for a variety of activities such as swimming, stand-up paddling or snorkelling.



#### GLASS BALCONIES

Two extendible glass-floored balconies on the Sun Deck provide a unique feeling of floating over the ocean.



#### POOL AREA/BAR

A wonderful place to relax with water loungers and whirlpool. A canopy enables this 630 m<sup>2</sup> (6,781 ft<sup>2</sup>) area to be used flexibly.



#### INSPIRATION WALK

The deck tour at the bow puts you in the front row for wildlife sightings.



#### OBSERVATION LOUNGE

See more, experience more: the superbly equipped bar with library brings the excitement indoors with a 180-degree panoramic view.



#### SUSTAINABILITY

Optimised ship hull, SCR catalytic converter, equipped for cold ironing and marine gas oil 0.1 %. See page 18 and [www.hl-cruises.com/environment](http://www.hl-cruises.com/environment)



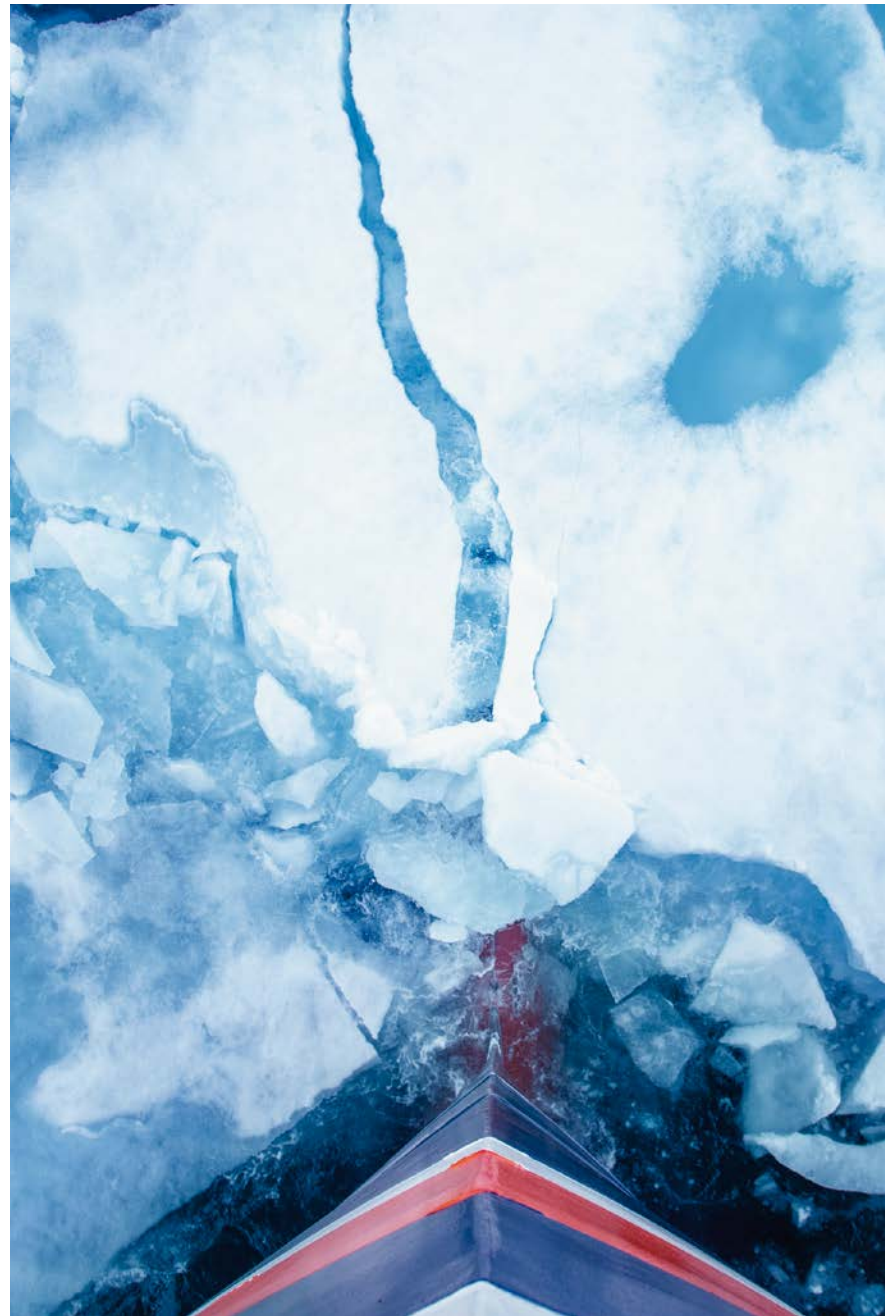
RESPONSIBILITY

SEE BEAUTY CLEARLY  
WITH RESPECT



A small ship, a small group, a big responsibility – for the habitats and for you on board. We are not just passionate about exploring regions of this world, but about raising awareness of the beauty and sensitivity of the planet, right into its remotest corners. That's why spectacular expeditions and a commitment to protect nature have gone hand in hand for us for decades. This is only possible with a small ship like ours. We have a select number of guests on board – a maximum of 230 passengers, and even a limit of 199 in the Antarctic and around Spitsbergen. This special type of “downsizing” gives you the chance to explore exceptional regions, to develop a special awareness for them and to leave them as you found them. We treat the flora and fauna and the people who live there with special appreciation. We call it traveling with respect. You can simply call it sustainable adventures that leave lasting memories.





**Charting a course with technology**  
State-of-the-art navigation, positioning and communications systems place our new expedition ship in a technical league of its own – we'll be happy to show you when you visit the bridge.

## Safety in a class of its own

# Protecting people and nature

Expedition cruises leave no room for experiments – nautical expertise, serious planning, great caution and care are essential to ensure safety and wonderful experiences. Only cruise operators like us who meet the requirements of the Polar Code of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) and are certified accordingly may travel in polar waters. The specifications comprise ship construction, equipment and qualification of ships

and their crews. For polar expeditions, our expedition ship is constructed in a completely different way to “normal” (cruise) ships – it has thicker steel plates and numerous additional frames at the main ice area of the hull. The ship can move through polar waters for longer periods without stopping for provisions or fuel – for example, on the Northwest Passage. With the highest ice class for passenger ships (PC 6), our expedition ship can push aside

the broken pack ice and, if necessary, travel safely through solid ice cover of around 90 cm (35 in.) thick. On our expeditions, we not only adhere to stringent legal provisions, but go beyond these requirements with voluntary measures to protect the regions we visit. Therefore, we completely forgo the use of heavy fuel oil and, since 2020, have exclusively been using marine gas oil with a maximum sulphur content of 0.1 % (LS-MGO).







#### Charting a course with knowledge

No ship technology can show us where polar bears are roaming, pods of whales are surfacing inquisitively and tabular icebergs are jutting high into the sky – but intuition and experience can.



#### Challenging routes, legendary passages

Our expedition ships have completed, for example, 20 journeys through the Northwest Passage, five through the Northeast Passage, five semi-circumnavigations of the Antarctic and even one complete circumnavigation of the Arctic.

## Expeditionary spirit is anchored in our DNA Expertise of the highest order

**W**hy explore the world with us? Because we truly know how to do expeditions. In particular, our many years of experience allow us to plan, prepare and perform these highly complex journeys. In 1891, Albert Ballin, who would later become the general director of HAPAG, sent the "Augusta Viktoria" to the Mediterranean with 241 passengers – the birth

of the modern cruise. This pioneering spirit was continued for almost 30 years by the expedition ship BREMEN and 25 years by the former HANSEATIC. Their expedition expertise, award-winning route concept and numerous pioneering feats shape all current cruises. Together with their teams, each of our captains has mastered many nautically challenging routes

in remote regions. They'll share their passion for discovering the new and unfamiliar with you. Particularly in the polar regions, they check the route daily, look for even more impressive alternatives and react flexibly to the weather and ice. This expertise has proven to provide the best foundations for expeditions and will take you to places that other ships cannot reach.









# Sustainability and prevention

## We take responsibility

Experiencing the beauty of our planet brings certain responsibilities along with it. For that reason, our aim on cruises with our new expedition class is to preserve vulnerable habitats and raise awareness of how we can cultivate a respectful attitude towards flora and fauna. Those who explore the world with us know that these treasures are worth protecting.




The combination of various measures ensures that the highest standards of sustainability are met around the world. We are also committed to continuously improving the environmental performance of our small, state-of-the-art ships so that we protect the very things that have made expedition cruises with Hapag-Lloyd Cruises so fascinating over the decades.

### ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND COMMITMENT

-  Long-standing membership of IAATO (International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators) and support for well-known organisations that aim to protect the Antarctic.
-  All of our Antarctic cruises are approved by the German Federal Environment Agency (Umweltbundesamt).
-  As a member of AECO (Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators), we promote responsible, sustainable and safe tourism in the Arctic.
-  We are involved in the "Clean Up Svalbard" project around Spitsbergen. Together with our guests, we gather rubbish and ensure that it is disposed of correctly.
-  We are committed to helping people and nature in cruise destinations worldwide – also together with specialised partners and organisations.
-  Hapag-Lloyd Cruises offers sustainable excursions that take place on foot, by bicycle or using forms of transport with low CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.









### ENERGY EFFICIENCY

-  Reduction in fuel consumption of around 30 % thanks to optimised route management and avoidance of top speeds.
-  Reduced fuel consumption thanks to the newly developed hull.
-  The PROMAS rudder with a special propeller also helps reduce fuel consumption and therefore lower emissions.

### RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

-  Seawater desalination technology on board for our own treatment of drinking water.
-  Waste separation prior to disposal on land in accordance with the MARPOL regulations, ensuring less impact on the environment.
-  Power management and decreased electricity consumption thanks to energy-saving light bulbs and LEDs.
-  Ballast water management to ensure that flora and fauna are not carried into regions where they are not indigenous.
-  Hapag-Lloyd Cruises has been reducing unnecessary plastic on all its ships for many years already.

### EMISSION REDUCTIONS


-  Already since 2020, we have been using marine gas oil with a maximum sulphur content of only 0.1 % both in our main cruising areas, such as the Arctic and Antarctic, and in all other regions. By voluntarily foregoing heavy fuel oil, we are reducing sulphur emissions and particulate emissions.
-  The new-build ships are fitted with an SCR catalytic converter, which further reduces nitrogen oxide emissions.
-  Below-average CO<sub>2</sub> emissions according to our EEDI certificate.
-  The bow thrusters and stabilisers run on eco-efficient ecological oil.
-  Our expedition fleet is equipped for cold ironing and makes use of this technology where possible.
-  TBT-free underwater paint.

### SAFETY AND PREVENTION CONCEPT

Our prevention and hygiene concept can be found at





### CO<sub>2</sub> OFFSETTING


-  Offset the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions on your cruise: Hapag-Lloyd Cruises offers this in conjunction with the climate protection organisation myclimate. More information is available at [www.hl-cruises.com/climate-calculator](http://www.hl-cruises.com/climate-calculator)



### RESPONSIBILITY AT OUR DESTINATIONS

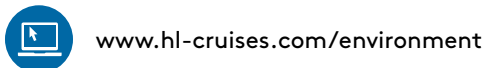
-  We prepare our guests both in advance and on board before they visit fragile ecosystems.
-  Wherever possible and reasonable, we buy local produce to shorten our transport routes and support the local economy.

### ENVIRONMENTALLY COMPATIBLE PRODUCTION

-  All advertising materials are printed on FSC®-certified paper.

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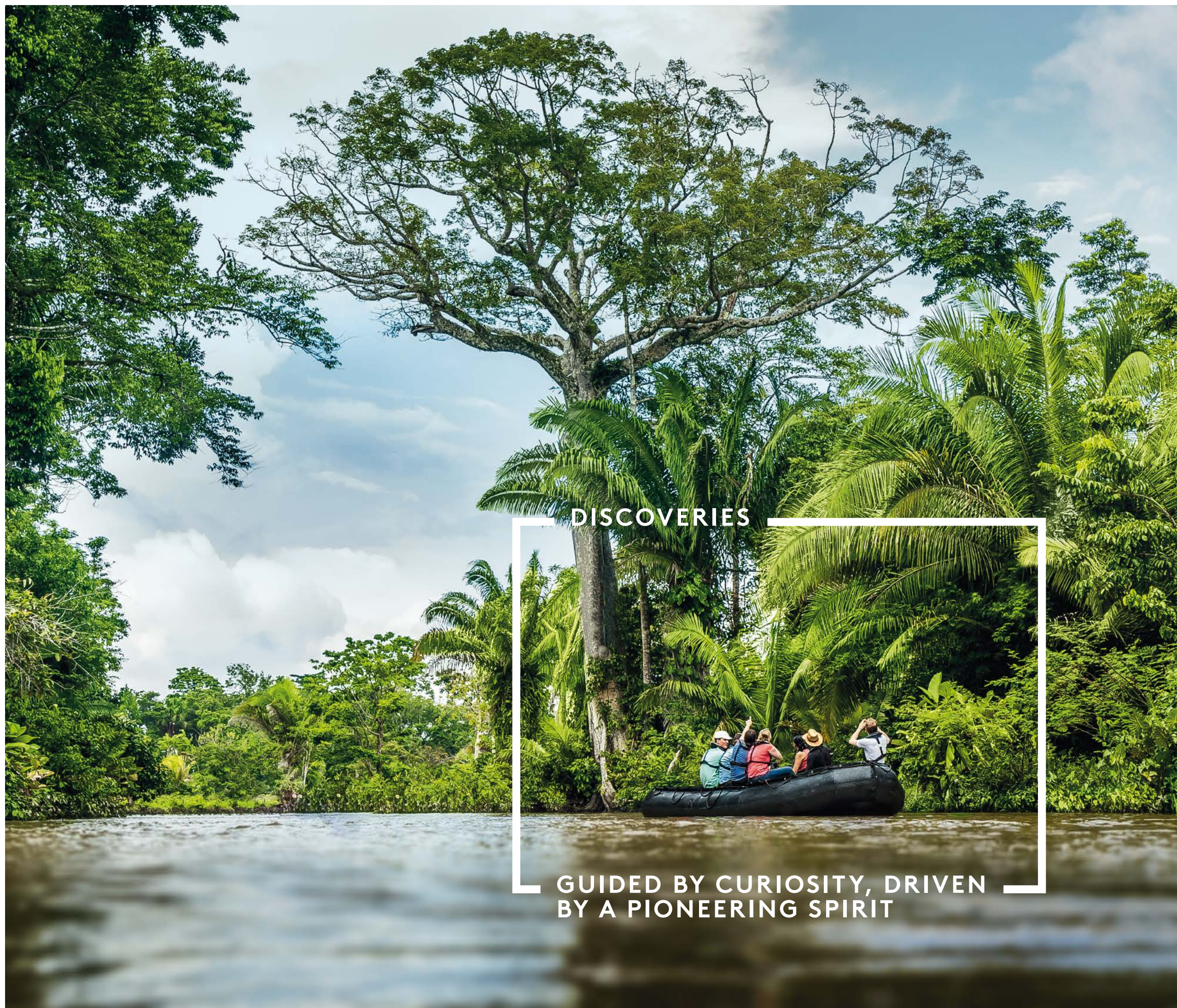
Our Sustainability Management team will be happy to answer your questions by email at [sustainability@hl-cruises.com](mailto:sustainability@hl-cruises.com)







Voyages of discovery have existed since time immemorial. But with the new expedition class from Hapag-Lloyd Cruises, a very special level has been created: designed for adventures both in the polar regions as well as in narrow rivers; built with extraordinary open spaces on the decks; and launched so that you can experience authenticity in an unfiltered and leisurely manner. In this way, detours are not seen as delays, but as gateways to something new. Unplanned events are an invitation to regain flexibility in your mindset. Where the imagination ends, our expedition ship expands your horizons. It unleashes emotions and provides out-of-the-ordinary insights. All this makes expeditions with us so exceptional. There are no routes from A to B, but ways to rediscover the world in the footsteps of legendary pioneers. And you can write the next exploration chapters yourself ...



DISCOVERIES

GUIDED BY CURIOSITY, DRIVEN  
BY A PIONEERING SPIRIT





**At the heart of the experience**  
Get closer to nature than the captain from your “front row” spot on the deck tour at the bow. Or float above the ocean on two 10 m (32.8 ft) long glass balconies, extendable up to 2 m (6.6 ft) from the sides of the ship.



Exceptional amount of open deck space

# Boundless, weightless – cast off!

You don't want to miss a single second when whales jump for joy and polar bears take an icy bath. And you won't. Because we offer more open deck space than any other expedition ship. Hear the ice cracking as bizarre formations glide past below you or watch as pods of dolphins come for a visit. Feel yourself to be part of nature.

And while we of course maintain a respectful distance, sometimes animals come up close out of sheer curiosity. The Observation Deck is also built with “foresight” with various observation levels and mounted binoculars. Inside, the Observation Lounge shows just how comfortable pioneering spirit can be, as you enjoy the 180-degree view through

the floor-to-ceiling windows with a glass of red wine. The ship's shallow draught and great manoeuvrability take you to the heart of experiences in a way large ships can't. Even legendary pioneers like Amundsen, Shackleton and Cook might have been a little jealous – with us, you can explore the world like nobody else.





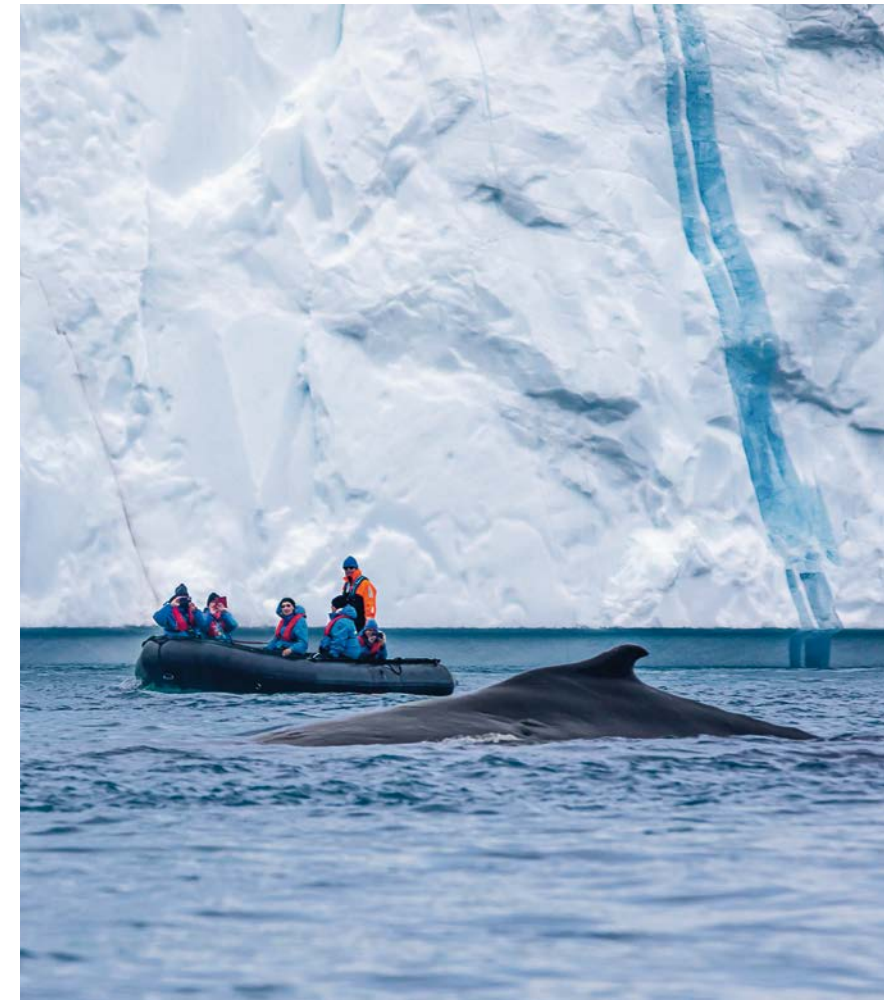
## Experiences only possible by Zodiac

# Disembark for adventure

Feel the wind in your hair and the spray on your skin when our expedition rubber boats take you deep into the wonders of nature. Where even the HANSEATIC inspiration can

travel no further and there are no ports, you will board the Zodiacs whenever possible – in small groups and with no long waiting times. Cruise off imposing glaciers and drift on the waves

with seals. Negotiate Pacific reefs to explore remote islands. Even on narrow waterways, the Zodiacs glide through the water – so that you can observe the nature and wildlife in silence.



**If there's no port ...**  
... that's where the fun often begins for us. Trips and landings by Zodiac will take you to regions that are almost out of reach.



### 17 Zodiacs

Once guests have boarded via the ship's side gate, the specially trained drivers take the Zodiacs to untouched coasts.



# In harmony with nature

## Pioneering spirit in action

Grand expedition moments await you in the most beautiful regions on earth, where your activities promise to make very special memories. For example, it always pays to look beneath the surface of the water: the marina at the stern is the perfect starting point for snorkelling tours. Enjoy relaxing yet sporty stand-up paddling and reach your own dream destinations – depending on good local conditions and pleasant water temperatures, of course. Hikes and wildlife sightings with expert guides will invigorate your body and mind. Whether Nordic Walking, light trekking tours or snowshoeing in the Antarctic – we offer plenty of active experiences in the tradition of great pioneers.

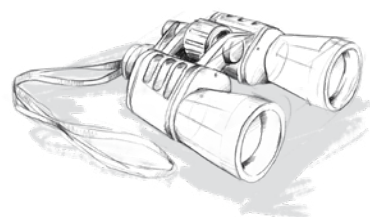


**See the sights on the move**  
Each cabin/suite has a pair of high-quality binoculars and Nordic Walking poles ready for you to use throughout your cruise.

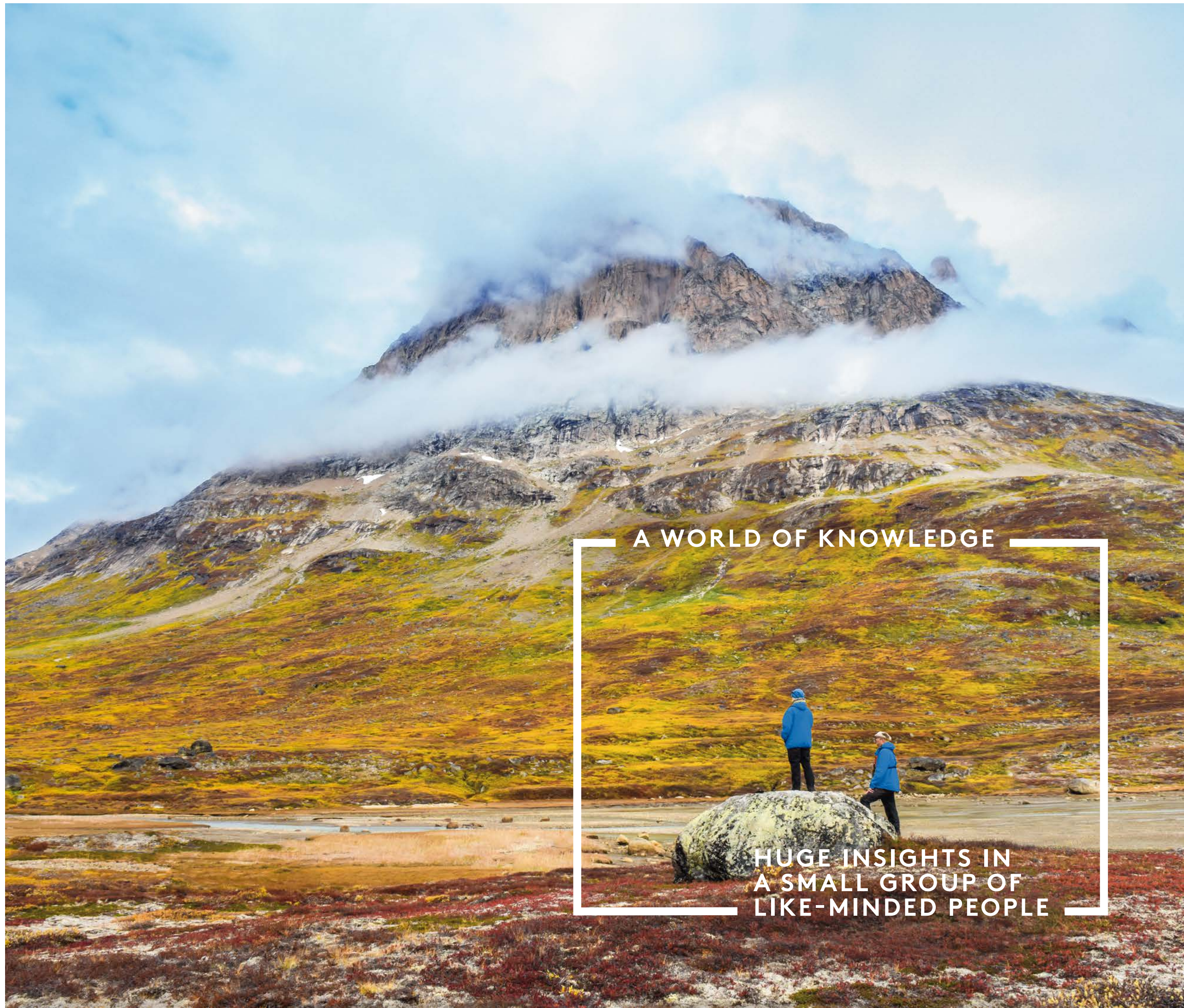
**Lots of outdoor equipment available**  
Borrow parkas, rubber boots, snorkelling equipment, fishing rods, stand-up paddle boards and snowshoes (depending on the destination).







The concept of lifelong learning shapes our knowledge-based society. With Hapag-Lloyd Cruises, your learning spectrum is sustainably expanded by the number of expedition days you take. We provide you with non-stop opportunities to gain new knowledge of the wonders of the world. What, how much and when? You decide this yourself. The modern HANSEATIC inspiration serves as your expedition base, research station and place of study – with a well-equipped Knowledge Studio and multimedia presentation equipment. An experienced team of experts enhances each cruise with specialist knowledge and presentations, while pointing out those special sights that are beyond the reach of other travellers. For example, you will see the exotic species deep in the jungle and the traditions of the people in the polar region with different eyes. Each individual moment reveals its own vivid insights – and together they will create a lasting new perspective.



A WORLD OF KNOWLEDGE

HUGE INSIGHTS IN  
A SMALL GROUP OF  
LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE





**See more, understand more**  
When you travel with our experts, you travel with real authorities in their respective fields who have researched and published articles on the topics of the cruise and have travelled extensively in the region.



## Teams of top-class experts on every cruise

### Come closer to the **secrets**

Satisfy your hunger for adventure, quench your thirst for knowledge. Each cruise is accompanied by a team of up to 16 experts with different specialisations. Biologists, glaciologists, historians and geologists will share their wealth of knowledge –

bringing it to life with vivid descriptions rather than an overly academic approach. They will share fascinating background information in the Zodiacs and ashore, and explain complex links and scientific research with “living” examples. When questions arise about

nature and culture, our experts provide answers in engaging presentations and personal discussions. They will enrich your visits ashore with so-called precaps and recaps. Not only will you enjoy spectacular views, you will also gain profound insights.





#### An educational expedition

On board, travel experiences are enhanced with scientific content – via interactive multimedia means, including binoculars for captivating details, or through specialist literature available in the extensive on-board library.



For 10- to 17-year-olds:  
**YOUNG EXPLORERS  
ON BOARD**

## With multimedia technology to new shores

# A ship outside – unlimited knowledge inside

On board you will tread new paths from experience to understanding. Your path is paved by the different spaces and possibilities enabling this in-depth transfer of knowledge. You decide what, when and how much. In the Ocean Academy, you can discover the world's most beautiful secrets with digital content from scientists and journalists or from the GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research

in Kiel. At the fascinating touch-screen Study Wall around 6 m (20 ft) wide, at the digital Study Poster and in the comfortable Study Seats with touchscreens, you will embark on a multimedia expedition. Special detailed views are available when using a microscope. Or how about a literary voyage of discovery in the Observation Lounge? In the well-stocked on-board library with specialist literature, you can delve into

exciting narratives. The meeting place for all those with a thirst for knowledge is the HanseAtrium, the multifunctional lounge. State-of-the-art LED walls open up new horizons for you visually as well. During the day, it is a comfortable presentation room – in the evening, it transforms into an atmospherically illuminated bar, where you can exchange your many insights with a small circle of like-minded people.



Adventurous hikes, microscopy and exciting Zodiac trips – enriched by age-appropriate presentations and knowledge workshops with lots of fun. The proven expedition concept of Hapag-Lloyd Cruises turns every holiday into an adventure for young people aged 10 to 17. Selected cruises to Antarctica and Kamchatka are an experience for the whole family (see pages 60 and 90).

For more information, visit:  
[www.hl-cruises.com/young-explorers](http://www.hl-cruises.com/young-explorers)  
For prices, see the price insert on page 10.





Everyone experiences happiness differently. But what unites those who take part in our expeditions is the joy of something special. The basis for this is a crew of 175 that looks after a maximum of 230 guests. Using their top-class training and experience, the teams will take care of your comfort and well-being with their warmth, enthusiasm and attention to detail. In just a short time, they'll have learnt your name as well as your individual preferences and will take care of all your needs – big or small – with attentiveness, understanding and discretion. Your expedition experiences will just get better and better – for example, when the crew offers you a refreshing drink in a coconut shell on the beach after you've been snorkelling in the underwater gardens of Micronesia or serves hot punch as you admire the breathtaking scenery of the Arctic. That special extra touch is thanks not only to the excellent service but also the comfortable atmosphere of the ship, bringing you countless feel-good moments.



REAL HAPPINESS

COMFORT AND ENJOYMENT  
AS A WORLD OF DISCOVERY



Fantastic views to whet your appetite

## Satisfy your hunger for adventure

They say that you eat with your eyes first, which is why we serve up nature and cuisine together on our state-of-the-art expedition ship. After all, you have to look beyond your own personal horizon in order to discover new things. As you dine, your gaze will be drawn into the distance

again and again. Have breakfast under an open sky, or enjoy a juicy steak cooked to perfection on the large outdoor barbecue – garnished with breathtaking panoramic views in the Lido Restaurant. A varied buffet will vie for attention with the facets of the coastlines drifting by.

Your crew ashore also uses nature as an appetiser for special creations. A barbecue on a secluded beach, a reception surrounded by glistening ice or refreshing drinks while exploring the tropics will satisfy your hunger for adventure, thirst for knowledge and culinary wishes perfectly.



### Unforgettable memories

Where the most spectacular regions in the world leave nothing more to be desired, the crew creates a truly personal feeling of well-being with exclusive moments on every expedition.







# Indulge in a unique atmosphere

## A sense of discovery for your taste buds

The cuisine on board is just as exceptional as the destinations you'll visit. In the HANSEATIC Restaurant, the main restaurant, we will indulge your senses whatever the time of day – at the breakfast buffet, lunch or dinner a la carte, with flexible mealtimes and free

choice of seating. Wherever your ship drops anchor, our top chefs will look to local specialities and send your taste buds on a global tour of discovery. The speciality restaurant is an excellent option for the evening. Visit the Nikkei restaurant and encounter exquisite Japanese crea-

tions and Peru's modern, fashionable cooking – a world first on the high seas. The HANSEATIC inspiration will bring the day to a perfect end with superbly equipped bars in the Observation Lounge and HanseAtrium. "On the rocks" will gain a whole new meaning if icebergs drift by.



**SPECIALITY RESTAURANT NIKKEI**  
Exquisite Japanese creations and Peru's modern, fashionable cooking unite in a delightful ambience.

**HANSEATIC RESTAURANT**  
The main restaurant offers culinary delights from breakfast to dinner a la carte, with different menus every day.



**OBSERVATION LOUNGE**  
Lean back and enjoy a dream panorama with a full-glass window and a 180-degree view during tea/coffee time or have a drink from the bar.







#### Body and soul

A wide range of courses – on deck (weather permitting) or in the Sports Club – will revive your spirit and relieve tension.



#### Oases on the ocean

The Finnish sauna looking out over the ocean, steam sauna, ice fountain and relaxation room promise plenty of scope for unwinding, while the spacious pool area (flexible canopy) with water loungers and whirlpool provides lots of space to relax in the fresh air.



#### The depths of relaxation

Pampering programme with deep-tissue massages, exclusive beauty treatments and hairdresser (bookable separately).



## OCEAN SPA and Sports Club

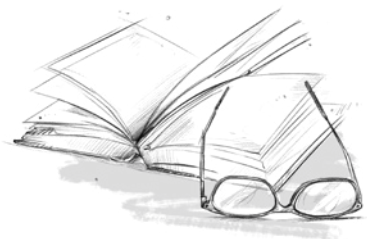
# Feel-good base with a sea view

Nature is a source of inspiration and comfort, which is why our OCEAN SPA offers enriching contact with the outside world. From the vast ocean view to colours and forms that reflect unspoilt landscapes. Harmonious design, light-filled rooms. We use

exclusive, certified natural cosmetics for our beauty treatments and rejuvenating massages. The Sports Club always has its finger on the pulse with state-of-the-art equipment and a course room. Our fitness coach offers a wide range of activities and

will be happy to provide you with targeted guidance during personal training sessions (the latter subject to a surcharge). With views of glittering icebergs or lush rainforests, you will see how revitalising and relaxing expeditions can be.





One of the many fascinations of your expedition is that of regaining freedom. Leaving old viewpoints behind to learn new perspectives. Creating spaces to become aware of oneself again. When spectacular landscapes glide past you on board or the blue colours of the sky and sea paint a masterful work of art for you to take in, that's when you will experience that wonderful feeling of unlimited freedom. For the many experiences of nature continue harmoniously in your cabin or suite. The outside world skilfully blends with the inside world. The interiors of the HANSEATIC inspiration have been designed by probably the world's best interior designer – nature herself. Inspiration for the unique design was taken from the natural world, which means that the expedition experiences from the regions visited are also reflected in the ship's interior. Special highlights, a sense of vastness, the play of the waves – plenty of space for interpretations and, above all, for well-being. Travel experiences can hardly be more varied and inspiring.



## Cabins

# Nature-inspired interior design

Unique design, inspired by nature: curved lines, natural colours and premium materials – for pure relaxation. The HANSEATIC inspiration has four cabin types. The fixtures and fittings are identical, only the window/balcony area differs.

### Four spacious cabin types

- Outside Cabin (large window), approx. 22 m<sup>2</sup> (237 ft<sup>2</sup>)
- Panoramic Cabin (large floor-to-ceiling window), approx. 21 m<sup>2</sup> (226 ft<sup>2</sup>)
- French Balcony Cabin approx. 21/23 m<sup>2</sup> (226/248 ft<sup>2</sup>)
- Balcony Cabin approx. 27 m<sup>2</sup> (291 ft<sup>2</sup>), including private balcony, approx. 5 m<sup>2</sup> (54 ft<sup>2</sup>)

### Details

- Heated wall in bathroom (e.g. for towels and wet parkas)
- Rain shower
- Free mini bar (soft drinks)
- Coffee machine
- Separable beds
- Binoculars
- Nordic Walking poles
- 24-hour cabin service
- Extensive infotainment with live broadcast and recordings of expert presentations, forward-view camera, navigation chart, films and much more

The floor plan is only an example and sizes given are approximate.





## Junior Suites

# Space for your senses

In one of the 14 Junior Suites (42 m<sup>2</sup>/452 ft<sup>2</sup>) including private balcony (6 m<sup>2</sup>/65 ft<sup>2</sup>), enjoy inspiring, spacious design and ultimate comfort like a gentle ocean breeze.

### Details

- Separate living and sleeping areas
- Separate dining area
- Sleeping area with panoramic view
- Separable beds
- TV in living and sleeping areas
- Bathroom with two sinks and rain shower
- Steam sauna in shower area
- Heated wall in bathroom (e.g. for towels and wet parkas)
- Butler service, 24-hour cabin service
- Table reservation in the HANSEATIC Restaurant
- Binoculars
- Nordic Walking poles
- Free mini bar
- Coffee machine
- Extensive infotainment with live broadcast and recordings of expert presentations, forward-view camera, navigation chart, films and much more

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## Grand Suites

# Exclusive expedition base

Each of the four Grand Suites is a comfortable home port, oasis and panoramic deck all in one. Across 71 m<sup>2</sup> (764 ft<sup>2</sup>), including private veranda (16 m<sup>2</sup>/172 ft<sup>2</sup>), they offer everything you require for a seriously stylish expedition.

### Details

- Veranda with space heaters
- Separate living and sleeping areas
- Separate dining area
- Sleeping area with panoramic view
- Separable beds
- TV in living and sleeping areas
- Daylight bathroom with two sinks, free-standing bath, rain shower and veranda access
- Steam sauna in shower area
- Heated wall in bathroom (e.g. for towels and wet parkas)
- Separate toilet
- Butler service, 24-hour cabin service
- Table reservation in the HANSEATIC Restaurant
- Free choice of Zodiac group
- Binoculars
- Nordic Walking poles
- Free mini bar
- Coffee machine
- Extensive infotainment with live broadcast and recordings of expert presentations, forward-view camera, navigation chart, films and much more

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# Magical moments at sea

Our cruise-only offers are more than a journey from A to B. They are a journey to oneself – with plenty of variety for body, mind and palate. That’s why we call them passages of enjoyment.

Active, stimulating and varied: in an extraordinarily personal atmosphere, great variety determines every passage of enjoyment. The cruise-only offers with selected programme on board the HANSEATIC inspiration combine the vastness of the ocean with the many possibilities of our ship. With plenty of opportunities for slowing down and relaxing – whether with a book in the Obser-

vation Lounge, a treatment in the spa, sunbathing by the pool or early-morning exercise with a fitness coach. Enjoy the restaurants and cuisine as well as the personal service. Expert presentations in the HanseAtrium or your own research in the Ocean Academy will enrich you intellectually. Extend the cruise you have booked before or after with a passage of enjoyment.

All details can be found at [www.hl-cruises.com/CRUISENUMBER](http://www.hl-cruises.com/CRUISENUMBER)

**ALSO BOOKABLE AS AN INDIVIDUAL CRUISE:**  
For guaranteed prices without extension offer, see price insert and online.

## EXTEND AND SAVE: SEA CRUISES WITH SAVINGS FOR COMBINATION TRAVELLERS

INS2421 St Lawrence River (page 68)	INS2422 sea cruise	INS2423 Panama Canal (page 72)
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28 Oct – 4 Nov 2024 · 7 days

From Boston to Colon

Sea cruise INS2422 per person (extension price, valid for double and single occupancy)  
only € 690 / USD 760 / GBP 600

INS2514 Great Lakes (page 106)	INS2515 sea cruise
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25 Oct – 2 Nov 2025 · 8 days

From Halifax to Colon

Sea cruise INS2515 per person (extension price, valid for double and single occupancy)  
only € 990 / USD 1,090 / GBP 860

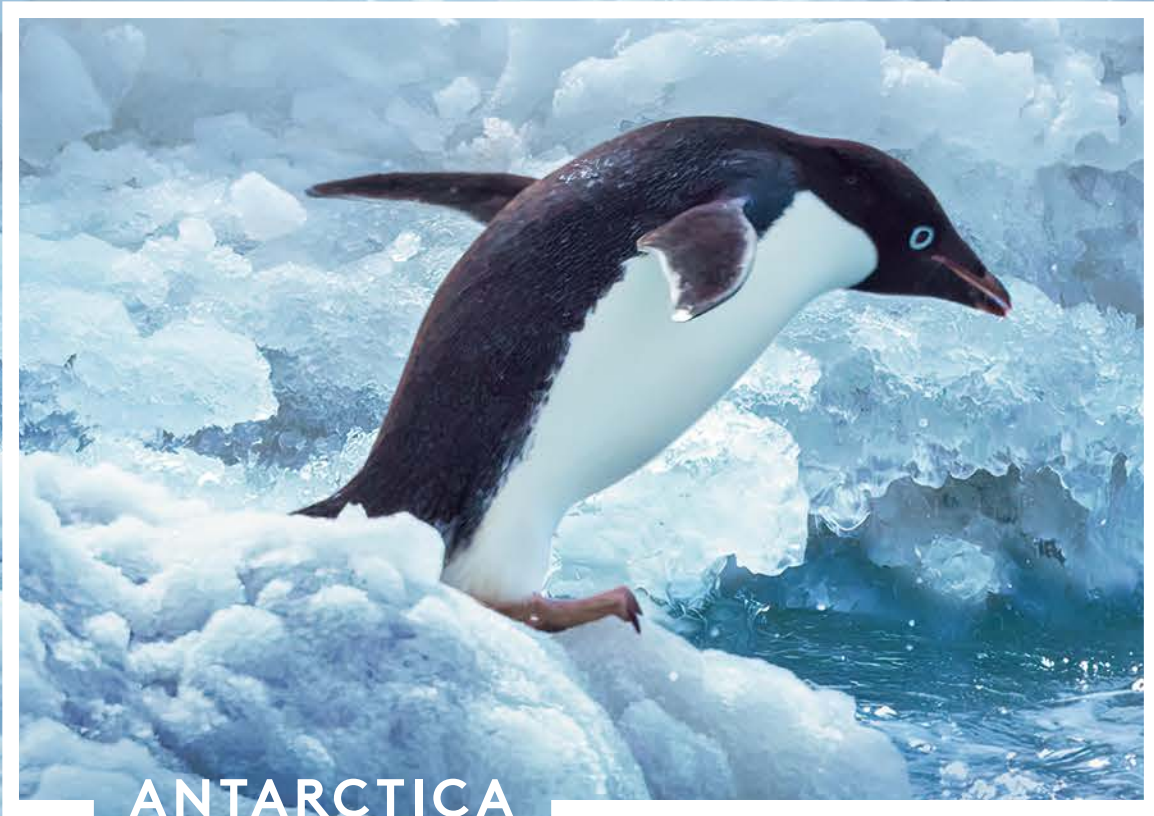


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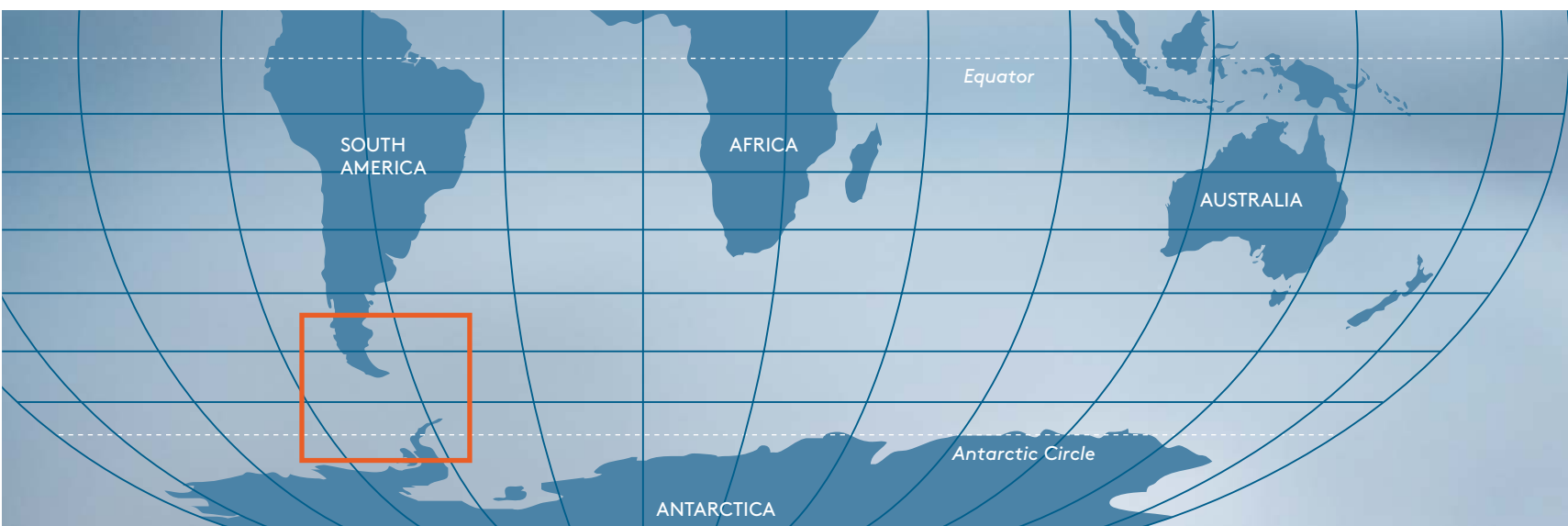
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# SET COURSE FOR TERRA INCOGNITA

The white world at the end of the earth is the beginning of probably the greatest adventure of your life: Antarctica, the sixth continent. Icebergs sculpted in the strangest shapes and sparkling glaciers and fjords. Awesome expanses merge with mysterious silence. Unspoilt nature, home to huge colonies of penguins as well as mighty elephant seals and fur seals. On extraordinary routes, you will experience great pioneering spirit combined with the highest level of comfort. Only the arrival and departure dates are fixed – everything else is expedition in its purest sense.



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## MORE THAN ICE

Fill the blank spots on your personal explorer map with the wonders of the Antarctic. We offer numerous cruise dates each season. Different highlights await you, depending on the duration and timing of your chosen cruise. Each expedition promises a high level of experience – and you decide which one is right for you. Most cruises start and end in Ushuaia, Argentina's southernmost city, which you

can reach with a charter flight from Buenos Aires (included in the cruise-only price). If you have a little more time, it's a great idea to organise an individual pre- or post-cruise programme in the Argentinian capital. You can also add a visit to the Iguacu Falls to your Antarctic cruise. Let the following pages inspire you and learn more about the different regions and wildlife of the Antarctic.

## EXPEDITIONS IN THE BEST SEASON FOR CRUISING

Cruises to the Antarctic generally run in austral summer – i.e. between November and March – with various highlights. In November, the fauna here is on the cusp of change: whales return and penguins start to mate and build nests. Fresh powder snow covers the landscape, the ice is still pristine, and there are only a few Antarctic travellers. In December, with almost 24 hours of daylight, it's the breeding season of wandering albatrosses and the time when fur seals

grow into adulthood. It is also the breeding season for penguins, whose chicks can be seen everywhere in January alongside fur seal cubs. February and March are the best time for whale watching and dreamy sunsets. Southern giant petrels and Cape petrels use these months to breed, and young penguins become independent from their parents. You can also find more information in our animal calendar on page 55.



# EACH REGION IS A WORLD OF ADVENTURE



## SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS

The South Orkney Islands are a lonely, glaciated world of icy wilderness in the Scotia Sea. They are home to chinstrap and Adelie penguins, which can be spotted here. With luck, you'll also see icebergs drifting off the rugged coast. Find out how the polar researchers at the Argentinian Orcadas Station live when you visit by Zodiac, weather permitting (subject to authorisation).



## SOUTH GEORGIA

As soon as this subantarctic animal paradise comes into view, mighty glaciers and fjords will captivate you. Bustling colonies of king penguins carpet the coasts and steep slopes. Hundreds of thousands of animals share the island with elephant seals and fur seals, which you can observe from a respectful distance after landing on one of the black shores. You'll keep returning to the footsteps of Sir Ernest Shackleton, who found his final resting place on South Georgia in 1922.



## FALKLAND ISLANDS

A dream destination for birdwatchers. The British Overseas Territory is home to over 60 bird species such as the endemic Falkland pipit, as well as striated caracaras, Cape petrels and king cormorants. Black-browed albatrosses and wandering albatrosses make skilful use of the wind to sail through the air without flapping their wings. Aside from the birdlife, there are also impressive traces of an eventful history to see. The small island capital Stanley will welcome you with Victorian houses and British charm.



## SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS AND ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

The South Shetland Islands form a long chain in the ocean. The legendary Elephant Island is where Shackleton's team held out for months. Jagged crags loom fiercely on the horizon and the evening sun casts a delicate pink glow over the snowfields. Only small expedition ships like the HANSEATIC inspiration are able to sail into the flooded caldera of Deception Island. Accompanied by the creaking of the ice, venture onwards to the Antarctic Peninsula. Majestic glaciers and gigantic icebergs glint in Paradise Bay. Another impressive sight awaits in the Lemaire Channel, where mountains up to 1,000 m (3,281 ft) high line the spectacular shipping passage. Look forward to some thrilling moments.



## ANTARCTIC CIRCLE

The further south your expedition goes, the harsher and icier the endless world of white appears. The excitement on board will mount as you approach the crossing of the Antarctic Circle. How far can the ship advance? Thick ice fields are a common sight here, the glaciers seem more dominant, and more icebergs drift on the water, creating a very special feeling of pioneering adventure.



## ANTARCTIC SOUND AND WEDDELL SEA

A mystical icy world lies in the Antarctic Sound and at the tip of the Antarctic Peninsula. There are new scenes to feast your eyes on and catch on camera every day from the deck and Zodiacs. The numerous tabular icebergs are particularly spectacular and will astound you with their size, shape and colour. In one of the world's most remote and most challenging expedition areas, the tuya (flat-topped) volcano Brown Bluff makes an amazing sight in clear weather, for example. Its brown tuff cliffs towering over 700 m (2,297 ft) tall are a formidable sight rising between two mighty glaciers.



# AMAZING WILDLIFE

## CHARACTERFUL PENGUINS

They are extremely agile underwater hunters with streamlined bodies and an appetite for krill, fish and squid, but not all penguins are alike. During your expedition, the team of experts will help you to identify the species from their features. For example, the king penguin, which is the second largest of its kind at about 95 cm (37 in.). From neck to tail, its plumage is a silvery grey-blue colour. It should not be confused with its larger relative, the emperor penguin, which lives on the edge of the Antarctic continent on solid sea ice and, with a bit of luck, can be observed on the semi-circumnavigation. The Adelie penguin is also characteristic with its black head, white ring around the eyes and small beak. Or the rockhopper penguin, whose protruding yellow eye feathers give it a highly conspicuous appearance. If a gentoo penguin is around, you won't be able to miss it, due to its loud squawking during the mating season. Look forward to seeing the stars of Antarctica – whether in large colonies on wide beaches, where you land at a respectful distance with the Zodiacs, or as they glide off an iceberg into the sea in small groups.



## ANIMAL CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

- Return of the whales
- Mating, nest-building and egg-laying season of the Adelie, rockhopper, macaroni, king and chinstrap penguins
- Pupping season of the Weddell seal, leopard seal and South American fur seal

### DECEMBER

- Egg-laying and breeding season of the wandering albatross
- Pupping season of the Antarctic fur seal
- Breeding and rearing season of the Adelie, chinstrap, macaroni and gentoo penguins

### JANUARY

- Rearing season of the Antarctic fur seal
- Breeding season of the wandering albatross and king penguin
- Breeding and rearing season of the Adelie, chinstrap, macaroni and gentoo penguins

### FEBRUARY

- Breeding season of the wandering albatross and Cape petrel
- Rearing season of the Antarctic fur seal
- Breeding and rearing season of the king, Adelie, chinstrap and macaroni penguins

### MARCH

- Rearing season of the wandering albatross
- Rearing season of the king, macaroni and gentoo penguins

These monthly lists and wildlife sightings are based on past experience and may vary from year to year.

## LOUD-VOICED SEALS

The seals will underscore the special experience of your expedition – in the open sea, on ice floes and on beaches. You'll see – and hear – the great diversity of these creatures in the southern polar region. Ashore, elephant seals weighing several tonnes court the females like heroic tenors in an open-air opera. Baby seals on the beach call loudly for their mothers. Meanwhile, the Weddell seals communicate with ethereal underwater sounds in the ultrasonic range.

## MAJESTIC WHALES

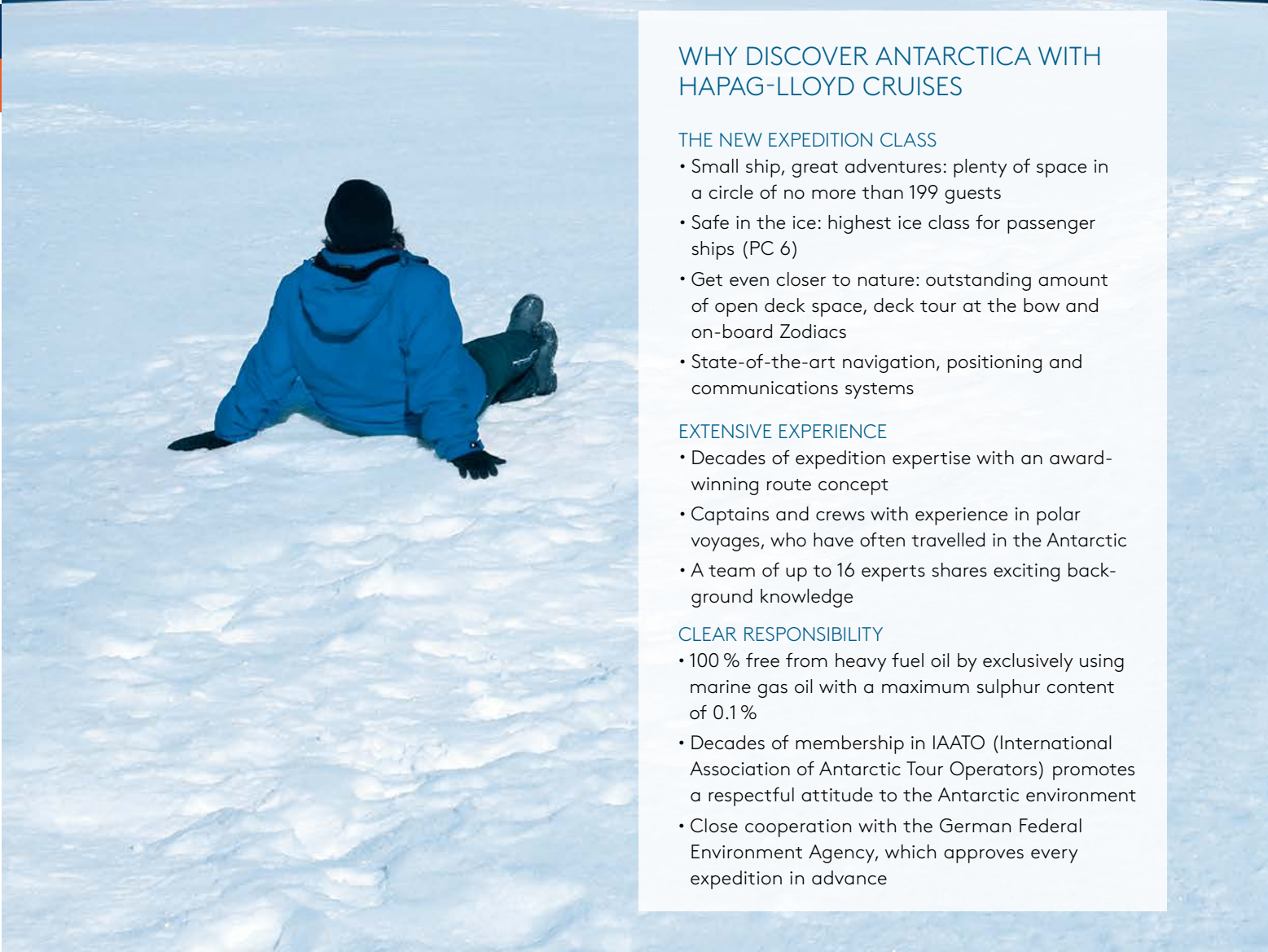
An enormous body glides gracefully through the water, a deep burst of breath breaking the silence of the polar world. The fluke rises and falls as if in slow motion, but this is no dream – it is an up-close experience of nature that, with a little luck, will be part of your expedition. There is a chance of seeing blue whales, sperm whales, humpback whales and orcas. When the impressive marine mammals surface nearby, the captain will spontaneously change course and allow you to observe them thoroughly from a respectful distance.

## DIVERSE SEABIRDS

There are around 275 species of seabird living in the southern polar waters, including king cormorants, petrels and blue-eyed shags. They spend their lives almost entirely on the open sea, where they find food and also sleep. Birds such as the wandering albatross often follow the ship curiously. With a wingspan of over 3 m (9.8 ft), all they need is the wind to sail for kilometres with barely a flap of their wings. In the Antarctic summer – at the time of your expedition – the seabirds come ashore for mating, nest building and breeding.







## WHY DISCOVER ANTARCTICA WITH HAPAG-LLOYD CRUISES

### THE NEW EXPEDITION CLASS

- Small ship, great adventures: plenty of space in a circle of no more than 199 guests
- Safe in the ice: highest ice class for passenger ships (PC 6)
- Get even closer to nature: outstanding amount of open deck space, deck tour at the bow and on-board Zodiacs
- State-of-the-art navigation, positioning and communications systems

### EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE

- Decades of expedition expertise with an award-winning route concept
- Captains and crews with experience in polar voyages, who have often travelled in the Antarctic
- A team of up to 16 experts shares exciting background knowledge

### CLEAR RESPONSIBILITY

- 100 % free from heavy fuel oil by exclusively using marine gas oil with a maximum sulphur content of 0.1 %
- Decades of membership in IAATO (International Association of Antarctic Tour Operators) promotes a respectful attitude to the Antarctic environment
- Close cooperation with the German Federal Environment Agency, which approves every expedition in advance



## Moments to remember forever – every day

Where the extremes of nature dictate the route and sudden wildlife sightings require flexible changes of course, every day can only be planned to a certain extent – but is all the more eventful.

What might an expedition day look like for you? Your morning starts by invigorating your senses. You stand on deck and breathe in the indescribably clear air. Gazing out over the vast, spellbinding scenery, you get an impression of the first early Zodiac landing that lies ahead. After leaving the ship, you venture into a natural backdrop of snow-capped mountains and steep glaciers – a special feeling of reverence and amazement accompanying every turn. The robust expedition rubber boats pass by an iceberg at a respectful distance, just as a group of penguins is getting ready to jump from the sheet of ice into the water. Which one will be the first to take the leap? And what type of penguins are these captivating creatures? How lucky that you can satisfy your hunger for adventure and your thirst for knowledge at the same

time – the experienced experts at your side will broaden your horizons and teach you how to distinguish between the various species from their little tell-tale features. Back on board, you spot a majestic albatross that follows the ship for a while. The experts' lectures also fill you with inspiration. Various topics relating to nature and the animal kingdom, history and science enrich your discoveries, whether exploring Shackleton and his battle to survive in the ice, the glaciology and geology of the Antarctic, or the latest findings about how the sensitive ecosystem affects the planet's weather and magnetic field.

In the afternoon, the sounds of the ice crunching and cracking accompany the expedition ship as your adventure continues and mighty sheets of ice are pushed aside. The deck is your

best vantage point for watching this world of sparkling blue and white. The captain and crew react flexibly to the ice conditions and choose a route with less ice to reach a nearby island, where the Zodiacs take you ashore again. Kitted out with snowshoes, you hike with the experts to a viewpoint where you are struck by the uniqueness of the southern polar region. Is there any more authentic place to learn about the deeds of legendary pioneers? As enormous mountains rise up before you, you feel a growing, deep sense of how small humans are compared to this natural world. Even once you're back on board, you can't take your eyes away from the icebergs drifting proudly in the waters. You reflect on your experiences into the evening with a small group of like-minded travellers and are filled with endless anticipation for what tomorrow will bring.





# Active masterclasses

Respectful discovery and fascinating knowledge come together in a unique symbiosis on your many adventures with the teams of experts.

The Antarctic invites active exploration and there are various opportunities to enjoy this on each day of your expedition. Even when you are standing with your experts on the deck tour at the bow at the front of the ship, the majesty and silence of the region awaken your hunger for adventure as you cruise through narrow channels. Zodiac rides off glaciers and vast coastlines are just the “tip of the iceberg”, bringing views from an array of different perspectives. Satisfy your thirst for adventure with the many landings by Zodiac. These take you ashore in small groups, where you can see an absolutely unbelievable number of penguins or visit beaches with elephant seals, for instance. It is a humbling experience to watch

them from a respectful distance. Explore the Antarctic from ever-changing angles on hikes with your experts. For example, you’ll trace the footsteps of historic explorers before your route takes you along the moraines of a majestic glacier and then rewards you with spellbinding views atop the hills. Or embark on a snowshoe hike and get a sense for yourself of what efforts the by-gone pioneers went to in order to explore this wonderland. With a bit of luck, you will even spend a night in tents ashore and feel like a polar explorer. Please note: a final decision can only be made on board whether camping can be offered on your cruise (depending on official permits and weather conditions, not included in the cruise price). Experience some-

thing exceptional and learn something new from the great expertise and specialist knowledge shared by the team of experts who are always at your side. They will explain more about what you have seen and be on hand to answer your questions in the Zodiacs, too. What causes the weather phenomenon known as a white-out, where the ground and sky merge into an icy nothingness? Why do icebergs glow green and how do they provide nutrients for the algae? How do trapped air bubbles 3,000 m (9,843 ft) below the surface help us to understand the climate? Whether ashore or on board, during lectures or in the Ocean Academy, our expeditions to the Antarctic offer activities, experiences and knowledge that you will remember forever.



## ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

- Numerous Zodiac rides and landings
- Fascinating presentations by the team of experts along with precaps and recaps (on-board preparation and follow-up sessions)
- Trace footsteps in the snow: visit and explore the exhilarating places where polar history was made
- Discover spectacular landscapes on snowshoe hikes
- Illuminating and fascinating: experts accompany active hikes





Grand expedition route  
From Ushuaia to Ushuaia



Grand expedition route with Cape Horn  
From Ushuaia to Ushuaia



Grand expedition route  
From Ushuaia to Ushuaia

INS2500: Voyage  
for Young Explorers  
More information on page 33

5 Dec – 21 Dec 2024		16 days	INS2425
Thu 5 Dec	Individual travel arrangements to Buenos Aires/Argentina		
Fri 6 Dec	Charter flight to Ushuaia/Argentina, departure 18.00 hrs		
Sat 7 Dec	Relaxation at sea		
Sun 8 – 9 Dec	Stanley/Falkland Islands ⚓		
Tue 10 – 11 Dec	Relaxation at sea		
Thu 12 Dec	South Georgia ⚓		
Fri 13 – 18 Dec	Relaxation at sea		
Thu 19 – 20 Dec	South Orkney Islands ⚓, South Shetland Islands ⚓, Weddell Sea ⚓, Antarctic Peninsula ⚓		
Sat 21 Dec	Sailing through the Drake Passage		
	Ushuaia/Argentina, arrival 6.00 hrs		
	Charter flight to Buenos Aires/Argentina		
	Individual travel arrangements from Buenos Aires		

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21 Dec 2024 – 10 Jan 2025		20 days	INS2500
Sat 21 Dec	Individual travel arrangements to Buenos Aires/Argentina		
Sun 22 Dec	Charter flight to Ushuaia/Argentina, departure 18.00 hrs		
Mon 23 – 24 Dec	Relaxation at sea		
Wed 25 – 26 Dec	Falkland Islands ⚓		
Fri 27 – 29 Dec	Relaxation at sea		
Mon 30 Dec	South Georgia ⚓		
Tue 31 Dec – 7 Jan	Relaxation at sea		
Wed 8 Jan	South Orkney Islands ⚓, South Shetland Islands ⚓, Weddell Sea ⚓, Antarctic Peninsula ⚓		
Thu 9 Jan	Sailing through the Drake Passage		
Fri 10 Jan	Cape Horn/Chile ⚓		
	Ushuaia/Argentina, arrival 6.00 hrs		
	Charter flight to Buenos Aires/Argentina		
	Individual travel arrangements from Buenos Aires		

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10 Jan – 28 Jan 2025		18 days	INS2501
Fri 10 Jan	Individual travel arrangements to Buenos Aires/Argentina		
Sat 11 Jan	Charter flight to Ushuaia/Argentina, departure 18.00 hrs		
Sun 12 – 13 Jan	Relaxation at sea		
Tue 14 – 15 Jan	Falkland Islands ⚓		
Thu 16 – 18 Jan	Relaxation at sea		
Sun 19 Jan	South Georgia ⚓		
Mon 20 – 25 Jan	Relaxation at sea		
Sun 26 – 27 Jan	South Orkney Islands ⚓, South Shetland Islands ⚓, Weddell Sea ⚓, Antarctic Peninsula ⚓		
Tue 28 Jan	Sailing through the Drake Passage		
	Ushuaia/Argentina, arrival 6.00 hrs		
	Charter flight to Buenos Aires/Argentina		
	Individual travel arrangements from Buenos Aires		

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WHAT MAKES THIS  
CRUISE SO SPECIAL

Advent adventures at the end of the world – where penguins breed and some of the first chicks hatch, while fur seals care for their pups.



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The Antarctic high summer with emotional highlights for explorers. And an attempt to land at Cape Horn as the crowning finale.



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On this route, the sub-antarctic and Antarctic regions are visited in real depth. A true classic with many wildlife sightings and observations of nature.



HIGHLIGHTS OF EVERY  
ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION

- The extraordinary every day: on a flexible course through the white wonderland
- Vibrant wildlife: watch penguins, whales, seals and seabirds
- Spectacular passages: along majestic glaciers and mighty icebergs
- Active experiences: numerous Zodiac rides, landings and hikes
- Insider knowledge: presentations, precaps and recaps by experts



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The itinerary depends on official approval, weather and ice conditions. The natural experiences and wildlife sightings described on pages 52 – 55 are possibilities on these expeditions and are not guaranteed.





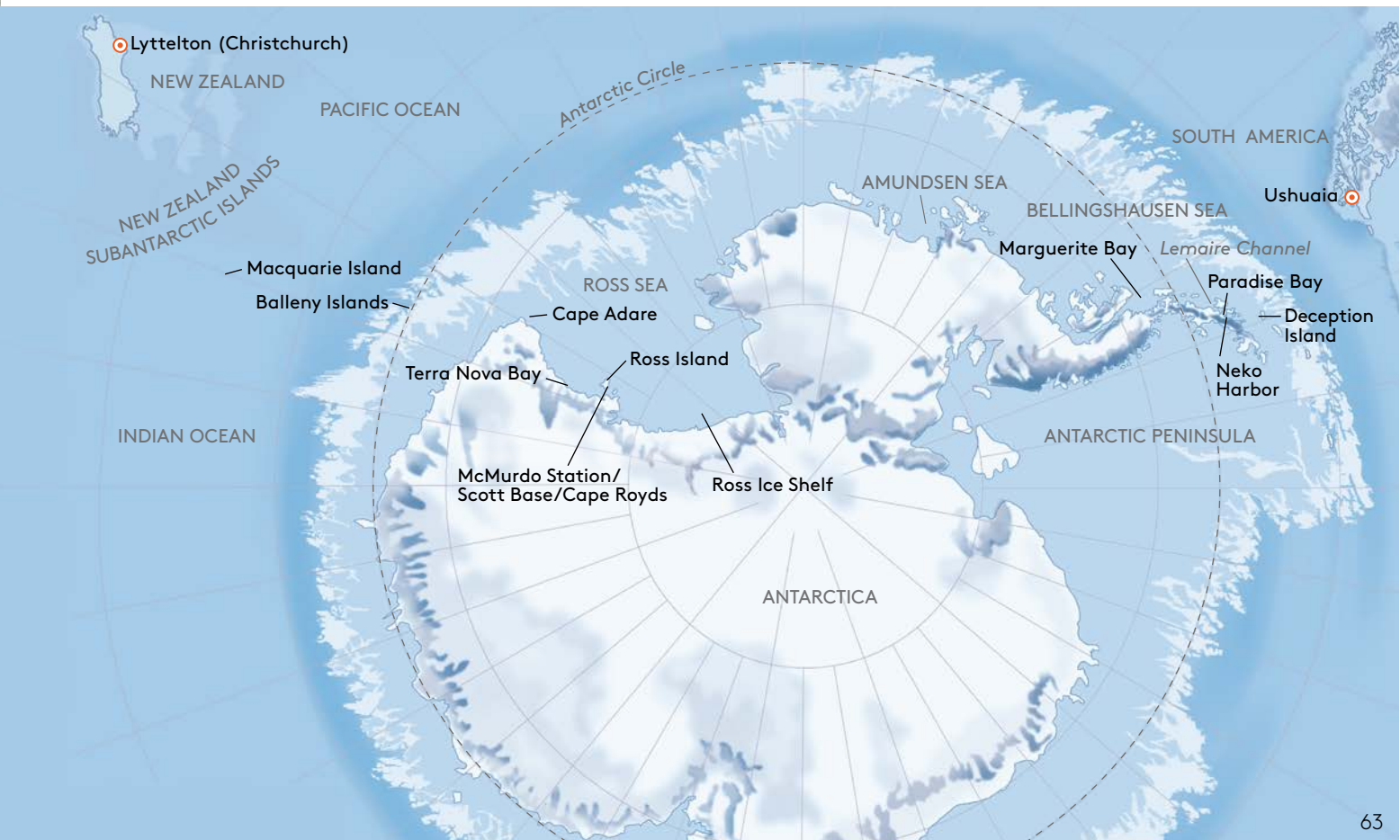
Expedition semi-circumnavigation Antarctica  
28 Jan – 2 Mar 2025 · 32 days

# THE EMPEROR’S ROUTE AMONG ANTARCTIC CRUISES

The semi-circumnavigation of the Antarctic is something very special for those in search of an unforgettable expedition. The HANSEATIC inspiration braves this endeavour on an incredible route from South America to New Zealand. The captain and crew flexibly adjust the itinerary to the constantly changing conditions. Towering basalt cliffs, rugged volcanic rock and snow-covered mountains herald an impressive destination: the [Antarctic Peninsula](#). Icebergs, glaciers and majestic mountains – populated by penguins, seals and a huge variety of seabirds. The small, manoeuvrable expedition ship promises unique days. Numerous Zodiac rides and landings heighten the sense of discovery. Stories of pioneers are brought to life on islands, in bays and in seas with names harking back to great explorers. Whether in the footsteps of James Clark Ross, Robert Falcon Scott or Sir Ernest Shackleton – you’ll follow their pioneering spirit on your expedition. Depending on the ice and weather conditions, the HANSEATIC inspiration will head to [Deception Island](#). Marvel at the extinct volcano all around you as the ship sails into the centre of the flooded caldera and takes you to the black volcanic beaches. In contrast, the white world of [Neko Harbor](#) makes for stunning images: massive glacial cliffs are reflected in the sea. Along wonderful icy panoramas populated by Weddell and fur seals, you will head for [Paradise Bay](#) and its drifting icebergs. The feeling of exploration on board soars with each nautical mile – and with it the dimensions of the

landscapes that you can watch in awe whenever you like thanks to the many open deck spaces. Mountains up to 1,000 m (3,281 ft) high flank the narrow [Lemaire Channel](#) on one of the world’s most beautiful sea passages. Keep an eye out for gentoo and Adelie penguins and the blue-eyed cormorants that have their breeding colonies on Petermann Island. Other ships have long had to turn back at this point, but the HANSEATIC inspiration is able to cross the [Antarctic Circle](#) and head for more Antarctic adventures. It is hard to imagine living in this isolation as a scientist, but the remains of a hut and a plaque at the cape of Prospect Point serve as reminders that some once did.

With the highest ice class for passenger ships, the HANSEATIC inspiration can forge its way to the most beautiful and rarely visited regions such as [Marguerite Bay](#) and a British research station dating back to the 1960s: on Stonington Island, you will discover how skuas and Antarctic terns have taken possession of the abandoned base. The following days at sea will be shaped not only by fascinating expert presentations on board, but also by the golden age of Antarctic research as the HANSEATIC inspiration cruises in the [Bellingshausen Sea](#), [Amundsen Sea](#) and [Ross Sea](#). These seas take their names from the daring explorers who boarded their vessels many years ago to travel this remote region without modern technology, putting their lives on the line – and they may well have been just as impressed as you are by similar views. ▶







It is the ideal season and the timing is perfect – can the HANSEATIC inspiration make its way through the pack ice and drifting ice to get to [Ross Island](#)? Will the weather and ice conditions allow us to land in legendary places such as [Cape Royds](#)? The spot where Sir Ernest Shackleton built a base camp for his South Pole expedition in 1908 is now home to penguins. Cape Evans, by contrast, set the scene for the Terra Nova expedition led by Robert Falcon Scott, who never returned from his attempt to beat Roald Amundsen to the South Pole. The American [McMurdo Station](#) will also bring polar history to life (subject to authorisation). In the shadow of the modern building and the mighty Mount Erebus stands the Discovery hut built by Scott in 1902. A good ten years later, it also played an important part in Shackleton’s Endurance expedition



as a base camp for the planned crossing of Antarctica. Perhaps you’ll spot emperor penguins and whales in this historically significant region. Another indescribable highlight awaits as you cruise in front of the fantastic backdrop of the [Ross Ice Shelf](#): the gigantic wall of ice as tall as houses stretches for hundreds of kilometres. Next, Victoria Land welcomes you with an endless expanse in [Terra Nova Bay](#), named after the ship that Scott was sailing in when he discovered the bay in 1901. The features here now include an Italian research station. In [Cape Adare](#), you will find the ruins of a hut that Borchgrevink built in 1899 and in which an expedition team spent a winter in Antarctica for the first time. The spectacular natural surroundings are just as moving as the region’s past – including the largest colony of Adelie penguins in Antarctica with over 250,000 breeding pairs.

As your route continues, you will come across untouched island worlds with a rich fauna that are hardly known in our latitudes. With a small circle of like-minded people, the goal is to discover these paradises and develop a special awareness and appreciation for them. Nature conservation is playing an increasingly important role in their preservation, which is why permits are becoming more and more complex. Destinations in New Zealand and Australia, for example, depend on whether the authorities grant their permission to cruise and land. If they do, you’ll enjoy mystical views of the largely glaciated [Balleny Islands](#) and can look out for king and royal penguins as well as fur seals as you [cruise off Macquarie Island](#). Which of [New Zealand’s subantarctic islands](#) will a landing be successful on? With a bit of luck, you will experience Campbell Island and the world’s largest breeding colony of southern royal albatrosses. The Auckland Islands have the lushest flora of all the islands – yellow-eyed penguins and New Zealand sea lions are native here. The Snares penguin, meanwhile, is only found on the Snares Islands, alongside Cape petrels and albatrosses. By making this semi-circumnavigation of the Antarctic, you will be one of the few people who have delved deep into the secrets of this remote region.

From Ushuaia to Christchurch

INS2502

	Individual travel arrangements to Buenos Aires
Tue 28 Jan	Buenos Aires/Argentina Charter flight to Ushuaia/Argentina, departure 18.00 hrs
Wed 29 Jan	Sailing through the Drake Passage
Thu 30 Jan – 4 Feb	South Shetland Islands ⚓, Antarctic Peninsula ⚓, crossing the Antarctic Circle
Wed 5 – 13 Feb	Relaxation at sea (cruise in the Bellingshausen Sea, Amundsen Sea and Ross Sea – 13 Feb omitted due to crossing the International Date Line)
Fri 14 – 19 Feb	Ross Island ⚓, Terra Nova Bay ⚓, Victoria Land ⚓
Thu 20 Feb	Relaxation at sea
Fri 21 Feb	Cruising off the Balleny Islands/ New Zealand ⚓
Sat 22 – 23 Feb	Relaxation at sea
Mon 24 Feb	Cruising off Macquarie Island/Australia ⚓
Tue 25 Feb	Relaxation at sea
Wed 26 – 28 Feb	Cruising off the subantarctic islands of New Zealand ⚓
Sat 1 Mar	Relaxation at sea
Sun 2 Mar	Lyttelton (Christchurch)/New Zealand, arrival 6.00 hrs Individual travel arrangements from Lyttelton

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HIGHLIGHTS

- One of the greatest adventures of our times: the semi-circumnavigation of Antarctica
- Ice in all its form: from pack ice and tabular icebergs to the spectacular Ross Ice Shelf
- In the wake of historic explorers: add your own chapters to polar history
- The wilderness is alive – in abundance: penguins, sea lions, whales, elephant seals and many more in their habitat
- Only possible on this route: with a bit of luck, observe emperor penguins





EAST COAST OF  
NORTH AMERICA

AND ST LAWRENCE RIVER



St Lawrence River and Nova Scotia · 12 Oct – 28 Oct 2024 · 16 days

# CANADA'S LIFELINE AMIDST INDIAN SUMMER COLOURS

French charm meets British elegance: discover the Canadian way of life on North America's third-largest river, which weaves its way through a vast wilderness glowing in autumnal colours. Your cruise with the small HANSEATIC inspiration begins on **Lake Ontario**, followed by an extraordinary passage: the **lock adventure on the St Lawrence River**, a nautical masterpiece that only a few ships can manage. The open deck areas are the ideal place from which to watch the ship negotiate the seven locks and the height differences. Afterwards, **Montreal** welcomes you with its European charm as the second largest francophone city in the world. A **city tour**\* combines picturesque town houses and wide boulevards with a walk in the underground city. Alternatively, the **wineries in the Eastern Townships**\* will awaken the sommelier in you. With its French *savoir vivre* and Canadian zest for life, **Quebec** invites you to explore the city. A **walking tour with tea at Chateau Frontenac**\* will bring around 400 years of history to life. A trip to **Montmorency Falls and Ile d'Orleans**\* will introduce you to some of the country's oldest French settlements.

Indian summer hues will colour your route with accents of reds and yellows. The exact period and intensity of the natural phenomenon are difficult to predict, but the timing of your cruise is favourable for enjoying colour-intensive impressions. One of the largest side branches of the St Lawrence River, the **Saguenay**, is also particularly picturesque at this time of year. Experience the wilderness actively on a **hike**\* or by **seaplane**\*. **Cruising on the**

**Saguenay Fjord**, you may be lucky to spot belugas, which can be found hunting for fish and plankton here all year round. As Canada's oldest town, **Tadoussac** takes you back to the time of the first settlers. The perfect place to enjoy independently. The local charm of the small town of **Gaspe** is defined by the surrounding picturesque bays and cliffs. Autumn shows its colourful sides again on a **scenic tour of the Gaspé Peninsula and the Forillon National Park**\*. You can also explore this paradise for amateur ornithologists on an active **hike**\*. In Charlottetown on **Prince Edward Island**, you will explore the birthplace of Canada. The history of the Confederation is overruled by nature in all its glory on a **scenic tour**\* or a **visit to an oyster farm**\*.

In the **Iles de la Madeleine**, red cliffs and long sandy beaches provide breathtaking **island impressions**\*. Alternatively, a **culinary tour**\* combines cheese, fish and the art of brewing. From **Baddeck**, **Fort Louisbourg**\* opens its historic gates, one of the largest fortified towns outside Europe. A **visit to the Mi'kmaq people**\* will introduce you to the culture of the Native Americans. **Halifax** is the starting point for your **scenic tour to Lunenburg**\*, whose districts and street names bear witness to German immigrants. **Peggy's Cove and the Titanic**\* tell of life on the picturesque coast and the fate of a legendary ocean giant. The small harbour town of **Bar Harbor** is the gateway to the wilderness, through which you will reach dense forests when **hiking in Acadia National Park**\* whilst enjoying the glorious hues of Indian Summer. **Lobster fishing in**



**Frenchman Bay**\* also promises some interesting insights. Enriched with the many experiences of this cruise, your memories of it will be as colourful as North America's autumn.

From Toronto to Boston

INS2421

Sat	12 Oct	Individual travel arrangements to Toronto Toronto/Lake Ontario/Canada Overnight stay on board
Sun	13 Oct	Toronto, departure 14.00 hrs Cruise on Lake Ontario
Mon	14 Oct	Lock adventure: daytime passage through the seven locks of the St Lawrence River
Tue	15 Oct	Montreal, from 7.00 to 18.00 hrs
Wed	16 Oct	Quebec, from 8.00 to 18.00 hrs
Thu	17 Oct	Saguenay (La Baie), from 9.00 to 18.00 hrs ⚓ Cruising in Saguenay Fjord Tadoussac, from 7.00 to 13.00 hrs ⚓
Fri	18 Oct	Gaspe, from 13.00 to 19.00 hrs
Sat	19 Oct	Relaxation at sea
Sun	20 Oct	Prince Edward Island, Iles de la Madeleine ⚓
Mon	21 – 22 Oct	Baddeck/Nova Scotia, from 8.00 to 18.00 hrs ⚓
Wed	23 Oct	Relaxation at sea
Thu	24 Oct	Halifax, from 7.00 to 24.00 hrs
Fri	25 Oct	Relaxation at sea
Sat	26 Oct	Bar Harbor/USA, from 8.00 to 15.00 hrs ⚓
Sun	27 Oct	Boston/USA, arrival 8.00 hrs Individual travel arrangements from Boston
Mon	28 Oct	

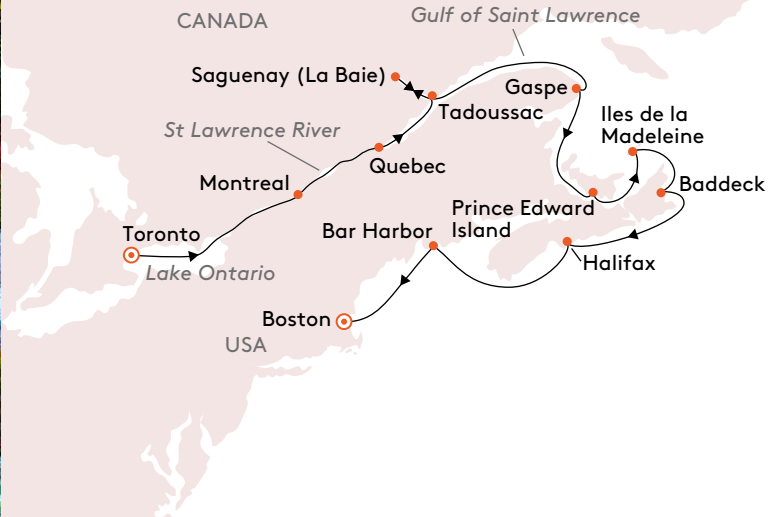
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## HIGHLIGHTS

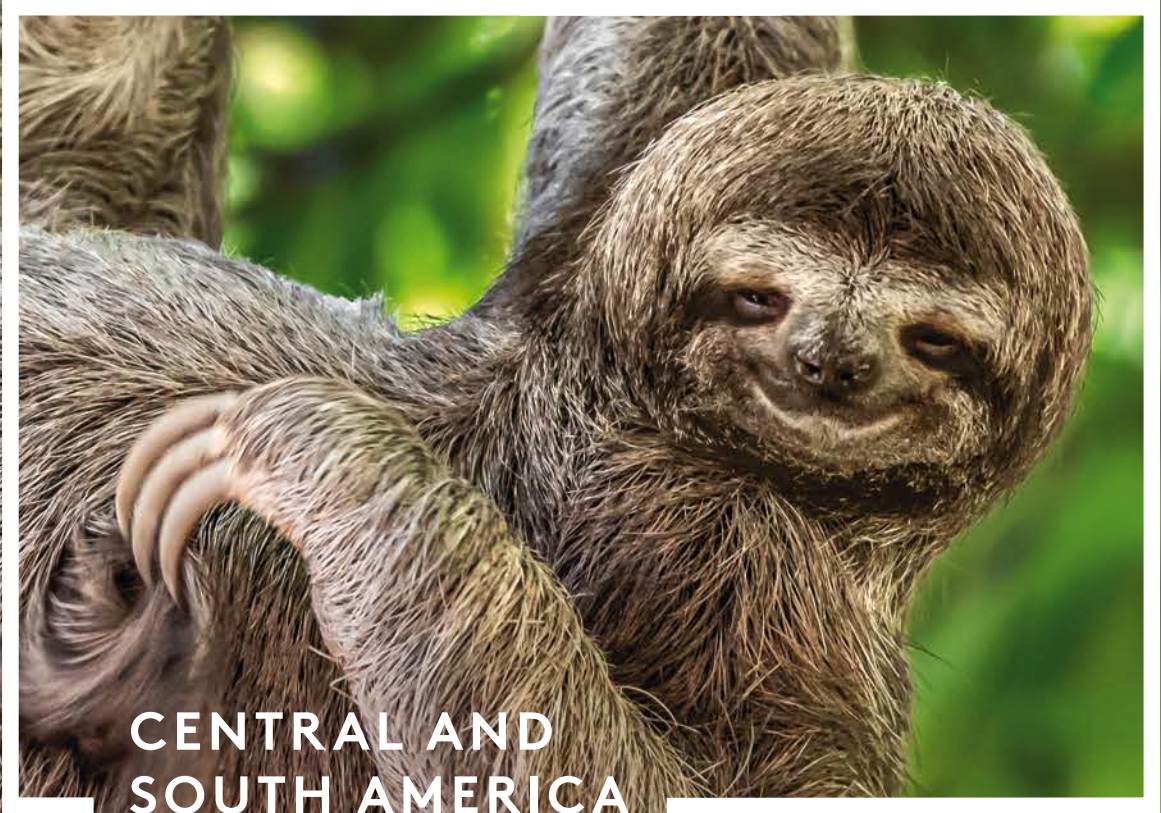
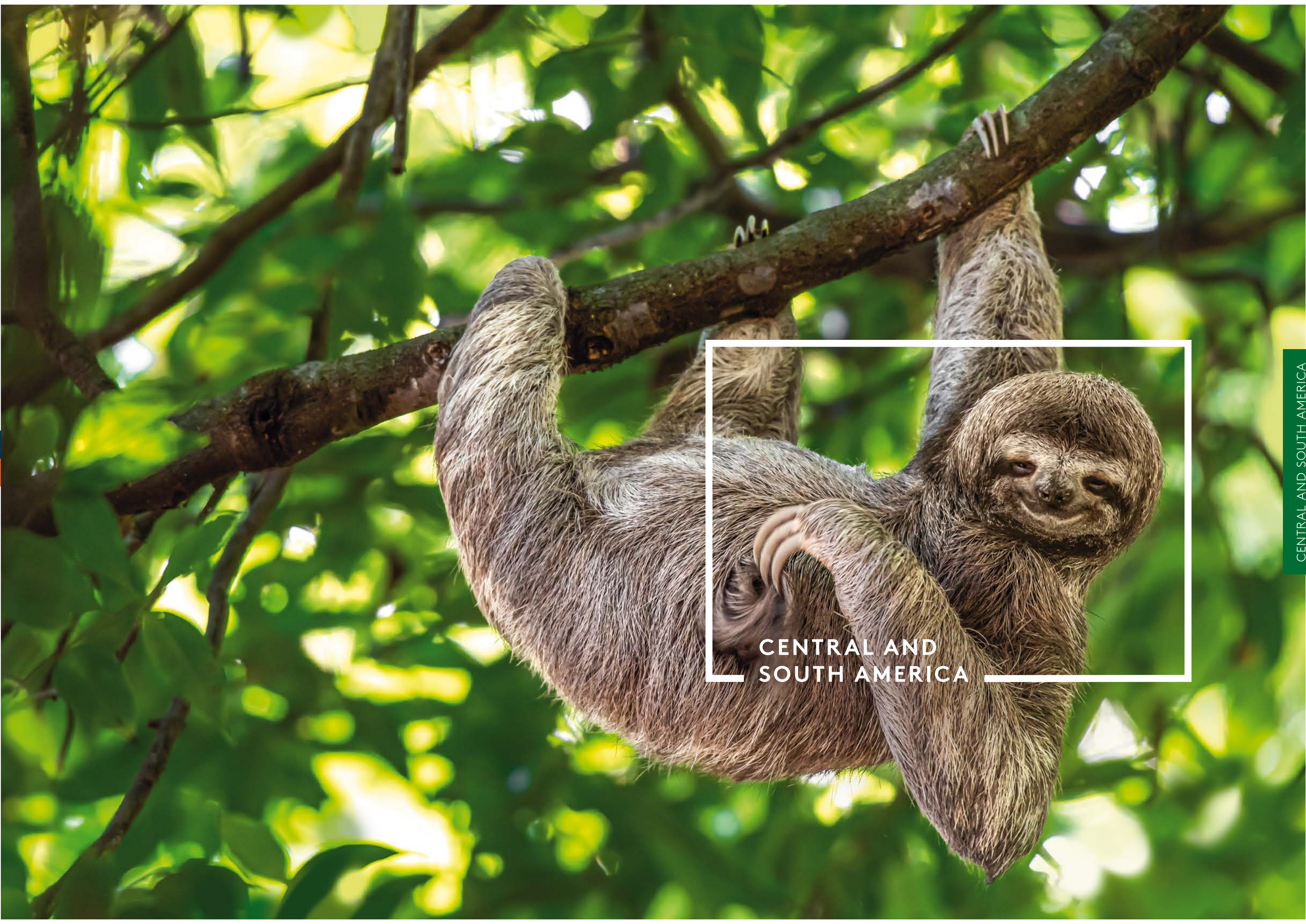
- Canadian-American explorer's dream – with the forests shining in a sea of colours in Indian summer
- The HANSEATIC inspiration negotiates seven locks on the St Lawrence River – a stroke of nautical genius
- Insights into life on the river: from the heritage of the first European settlers to today's culture
- *Savoir vivre* in Canada – enjoying the French way of life in Montreal and Quebec
- Exploring new shores actively: on adventurous hikes and city tours

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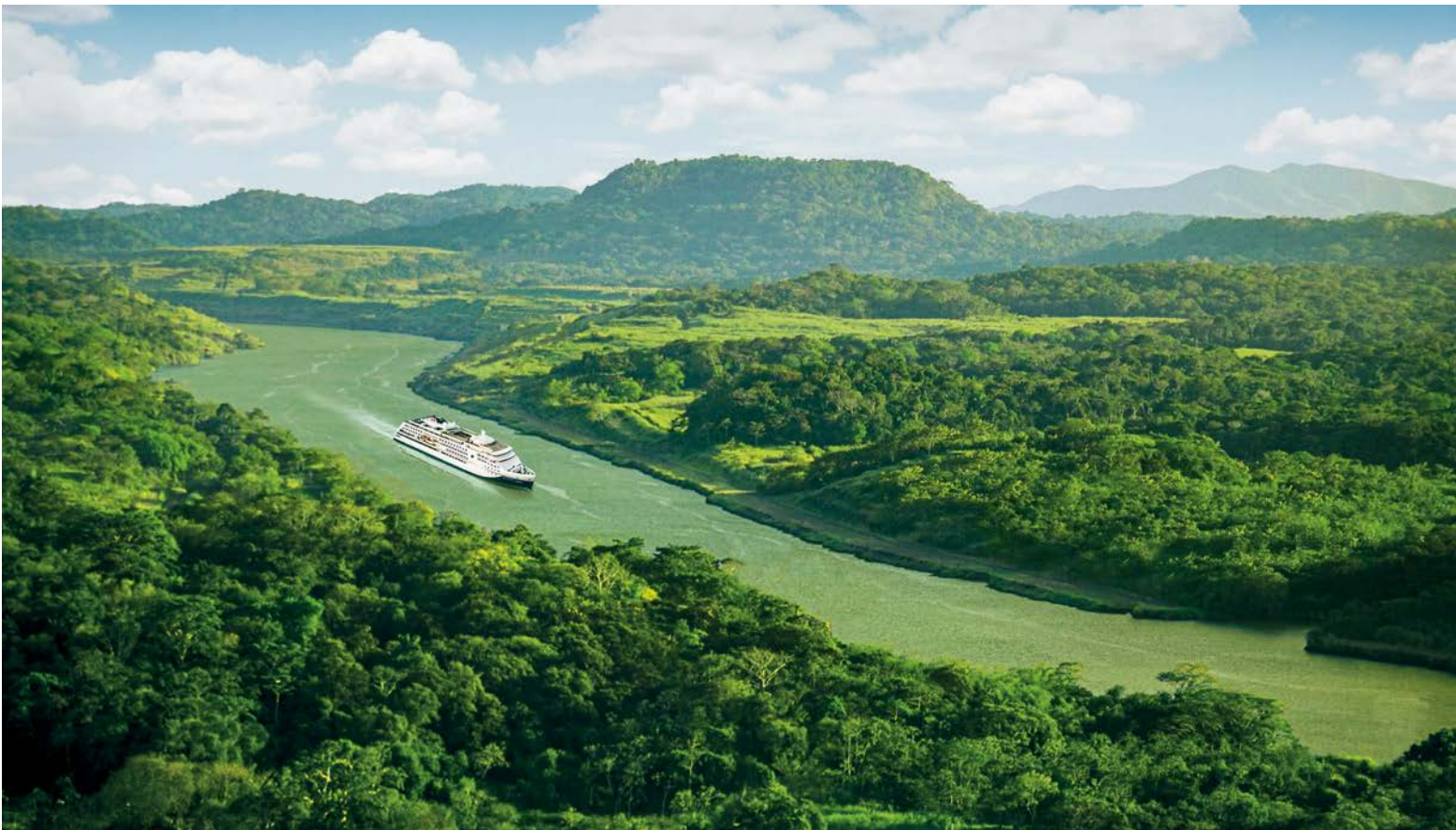
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CENTRAL AND  
SOUTH AMERICA





Expedition South America with Panama Canal · 4 Nov – 20 Nov 2024 · 16 days

TREASURES OF MYSTERIOUS ECOSYSTEMS

Marine reserves, desert landscapes and rainforests – the transnational beauty of South America’s Pacific coast is what makes this expedition so unique. On board the HANSEATIC inspiration, you will set course for small islands, foreign cultures and exotic flora and fauna: the daytime passage through the Panama Canal provides an extraordinary kick-off. Gigantic locks, which are some of the world’s largest concrete structures, will reveal the past and present of one of the most important waterways in the world. Providing a wealth of exciting facts, your team of on-board experts will enrich your experience as you cruise past savannahs, jungles and mangrove forests. Arriving at the Pacific, you will enter the green heart of Panama in the Gulf of San Miguel: traditional boats will take you into the Darien jungle, Central America’s largest continuous rainforest. Meet the Embera people here and get to know their traditional everyday life. Utria National Park in Colombia most likely features the world’s highest biodiversity – its 5 km (3.1 mi.) long bay, Ensenada de Utria, serves as a unique refuge for marine animals. A wooden walkway leads around 800 m (2,624 ft) through the mangrove swamp, providing insights that change with the tides. The highlights of a challenging jungle hike with rangers include anteaters, howler monkeys, sloths and hummingbirds – just some of the species that live here.

In the 16th century, Sir Francis Drake went on a privateering expedition in the Pacific waters. He is said to have hidden a silver treasure on the Isla de la Plata in Ecuador – well guarded to this day by turkey vultures and lava lizards.

The Spanish port city of Paita was the target of pirate attacks in the same century. The enormous sea lions of Isla Lobos de Tierra have been hunting underwater for generations. If the authorities grant permission, the Zodiacs will take you ashore, where you may be able to watch pelicans and blue-footed boobies. Near Salaverry, the Chimú civilisation comes to life. Explore the Huaca Dragon Temple and the ruins of Chan Chan\*, built around 1300 and arguably the largest archaeological site on the continent. Even older relics can be found in the Moche Valley\*, with the Pyramid of the Sun and the Pyramid of the Moon, constructed using millions of adobe bricks and decorated with detailed friezes. The explorer in you will be awed by fascinating natural history when cruising off the Islas Guanape and cruising off the Islas Grupo de Huaura. Your Zodiac rides here are guided by respect for the sensitive nature. The Humboldt penguins on the rocky islands are joined by seabirds such as Guanay cormorants and Peruvian boobies. Perhaps you will be rewarded with glimpses of whales surfacing? From South America’s most important trading port, Callao, you will delve into fascinating chapters in the country’s history. Explore Lima, the capital of Peru\*, which was founded in 1535 by the Spanish conquistador Francisco Pizarro. The fascinating “City of Kings” has a lively atmosphere, surprising contrasts and monasteries from colonial times. As you visit the temple ruins\*, modern urban architecture contrasts with a remnant of Peru’s oldest culture: the sacred burial temple of Huaca Huallamarca from the sixth century. The Paracas Peninsula, South America’s largest marine reserve, offers a wealth of natural treasures.



From Colon to Valparaiso			INS2423
Mon	4 Nov	Individual travel arrangements to Colon	
Tue	5 Nov	Colon/Panama, departure 22.00 hrs	
		Daytime passage through the Panama Canal	
Wed	6 Nov	Gulf of San Miguel ⚓	
Thu	7 Nov	Utria National Park/Colombia ⚓	
Fri	8 Nov	Relaxation at sea	
Sat	9 Nov	Isla de la Plata/Ecuador ⚓	
Sun	10 – 12 Nov	Peru (Paita, Isla Lobos de Tierra ⚓, Salaverry, cruising off Islas Guanape)	
Wed	13 Nov	Cruising off Islas Grupo de Huaura	
Thu	14 Nov	Callao (Lima), from 6.00 to 18.00 hrs	
Fri	15 Nov	Paracas, from 7.00 to 17.00 hrs ⚓	
Sat	16 – 17 Nov	Relaxation at sea	
Mon	18 Nov	Isla Pan de Azucar/Chile ⚓	
Tue	19 Nov	Relaxation at sea	
Wed	20 Nov	Valparaiso/Chile, arrival 6.00 hrs	
		Individual travel arrangements from Valparaiso	

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HIGHLIGHTS

- A route of discovery to the south: five-country adventure along the Pacific Coast
- Daytime passage through the Panama Canal – exciting lock experiences by means of gravity
- Traces of history – from millennia-old cultures to the conquistadors
- Encounters with the indigenous people and insights into a life in harmony with the rainforest
- Wildlife paradises with Peruvian boobies, penguins, sea lions and pelicans







Expedition Chilean fjords  
20 Nov – 5 Dec 2024 · 15 days

# PRIMEVAL MAZE AT THE END OF THE WORLD

Where several tectonic plates meet, Chile’s northern and southern fjords were created over millions of years. Only with a small expedition ship like the HANSEATIC inspiration can this labyrinth of water be experienced particularly intensively. Captain and crew choose fascinating passages through the vast network of fjords. Framed by gigantic glaciers and mighty granite mountains, awe-inspiring natural wonders and spectacular wildlife lie before you at the end of the world – hidden treasures just waiting for you to discover them. Each expedition day promises new, unique impressions. The charming town of Puerto Montt, surrounded by snow-covered volcanoes, marks the beginning. The Petrohue waterfalls and the Osorno volcano\*, with its snow-covered cone, show you the sublime natural phenomena surrounding the people who live here. A kayak tour in the La Poza lagoon\* takes you to the home of mock elms and kingfishers. German roots characterise Puerto Varas and Frutillar\*: apart from the renowned Teatro del Lago, even Black Forest gâteau is a sign of German-Chilean partnership. Chaiten shows how life is determined by the forces of nature. In 2008, the town fell victim to the volcano of the same name – a climb to the volcano\* will take you right to the edge of the caldera. Alternatively, on a hike in Parque Pumalin\*, you can explore the rainforest with giant cypresses. While cruising intensively through the northern fjords, you will enjoy the best views on the inspiration Walk and the ship’s many open deck areas. The picturesque route to Caleta



Tortel – connected by kilometre-long walkways made of cypress wood – is truly something special. With less than 90 inhabitants, Puerto Eden reveals how idyllic it is to live in a village on the shore. From this point onwards, the following days will revolve around glaciers. The excitement mounts as the nautically demanding manoeuvres lead to spectacular scenes, including the passing of the Pio XI Glacier. Marvel at one of South America’s biggest ice masses with its bizarre craggy surface sparkling in blue and white.

The Calvo and Amalia Glaciers rise up in the heart of Chile’s southern fjords before the HANSEATIC inspiration once again proves its expedition capability as it undertakes the passage through the Kirke Narrows. The small, manoeuvrable ship masters the 100 m (328 ft) narrow passage to Puerto Natales with flying colours. The port city can often only be reached by plane, but on board the ship you are surrounded by nature and may even spot dolphins, whales and seals. Once there, a hike up Cerro Dorotea\* into the mountains or a horseback ride through the Patagonian pampas\* will treat you to views off the beaten track. One of Chile’s highlights is the Torres del Paine National Park\*, with mountains reaching 3,000 m (9,843 ft) at their peak. Over 100 different animal species, including rheas, flamingos and Andean condors, live between rushing waterfalls, extensive forests and shimmering aquamarine mountain lakes. A trek to the Base Las Torres\* offers the opportunity to observe the natural surroundings in a sporty way. Travelling in the wake of the first person to circumnavigate the globe, you will reach the seldom-visited Tucker Islands as you cruise through the Strait of Magellan. They are the ideal expedition territory for an exciting Zodiac ride, where you can keep a lookout for Magellanic penguins and cormorants. The pioneering spirit of the golden age of seafaring can be felt at the end of the world in Punta Arenas. From there, a hike through Magallanes National Reserve\* will take you into a world of diverse flora. The fauna, on the other hand, is the focus of the boat trip

to the penguin colony on Isla Magdalena\*. Thousands of penguins congregate here at this time of year. Alternatively, keep an eye out for Chile’s national bird during condor watching\*. Cruising off the Garibaldi Glacier with its blue, shimmering tongue of ice and cruising through the Beagle Channel with a passage through “Glacier Alley” both reveal the beauty of nature in all its glory – a spectacular highlight and, at the same time, the crowning glory that rounds off this cruise.

From Valparaiso to Ushuaia		INS2424
		Individual travel arrangements to Valparaiso
Wed	20 Nov	Valparaiso/Chile, departure 20.00 hrs
Thu	21 – 22 Nov	Relaxation at sea
Sat	23 – 27 Nov	Chile’s northern fjords ⚓ (Puerto Montt, Chaiten, cruising in the northern fjords, Caleta Tortel, Puerto Eden, passing the Pio XI Glacier)
Thu	28 Nov – 1 Dec	Chile’s southern fjords ⚓ (passing the Calvo Glacier and Amalia Glacier, passage through the Kirke Narrows, Puerto Natales, sailing through the Strait of Magellan)
Mon	2 Dec	Tucker Islands ⚓
Tue	3 Dec	Punta Arenas, from 6.00 to 21.30 hrs
Wed	4 Dec	Cruising off the Garibaldi Glacier, sailing through the Beagle Channel
Thu	5 Dec	Ushuaia/Argentina, arrival 6.00 hrs Charter flight to Buenos Aires/ Argentina Individual travel arrangements from Buenos Aires

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- HIGHLIGHTS
- Plenty of time for intensive experiences: generously planned route through Chile’s northern and southern fjords
  - Humankind dwarfed by the scale of nature: Torres del Paine National Park\* with mountains, waterfalls and wildlife
  - Astonishment and awe: experience moraines and glacier snouts up-close from the ship and the Zodiacs
  - Exciting stories of great exploratory achievements at the end of the world: from Magellan to the footsteps of German settlers
  - Off the beaten track: numerous hikes with your experts reveal the authentic side of Chile

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An aerial photograph of a tropical atoll, likely in New Zealand. The image shows several small, elongated islands covered in dense green vegetation, surrounded by shallow turquoise water with visible coral reefs. The water transitions to a deeper blue as it extends into the distance. The islands are connected by narrow channels and small sandy patches.

NEW ZEALAND,

WESTERN PACIFIC  
AND ASIA



New Zealand and New Caledonia • 2 Mar – 19 Mar 2025 • 17 days

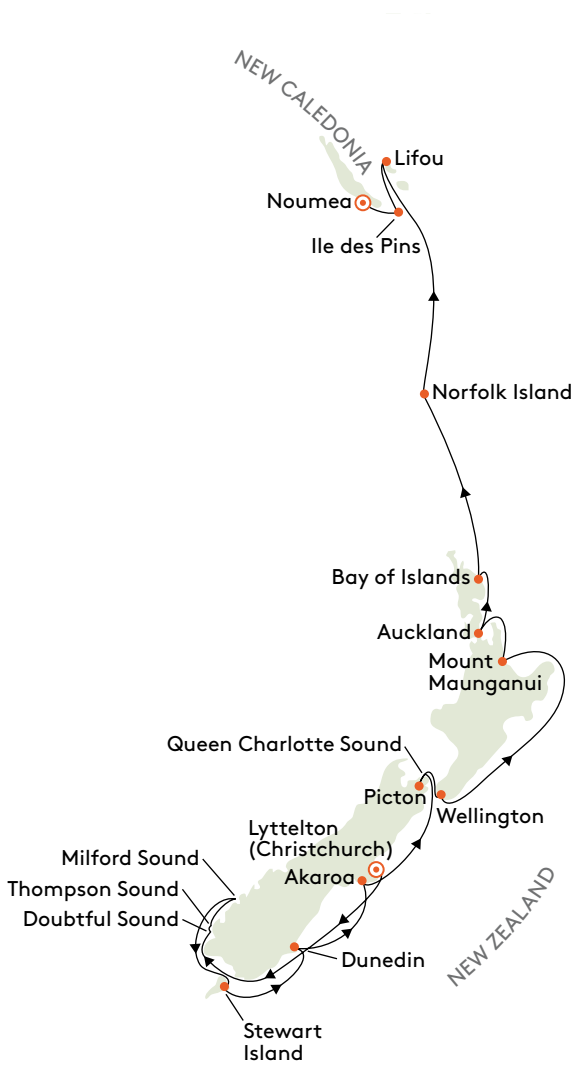
# NATURAL WONDERS IN A NEW DIMENSION

Oceania between majestic drama and idyllic grace – and you on a small expedition ship right in the middle of it. There are regions that you will tell stories about and be inspired by for a lifetime. New Zealand is one of them. On a spectacular route, the HANSEATIC inspiration combines classic highlights with lesser-known insider tips, enriched by island gems of New Caledonia. **Fiordland National Park** on the South Island is the prelude to your adventure. As you cruise, enjoy breathtaking panoramic views from the many open deck areas, such as in **Doubtful** and **Thompson Sound** with thundering waterfalls. You will then continue with a visit to **Milford Sound**, where steep slopes covered with rainforest tower more than 1,100 m (3,609 ft) above the water and mist floats almost magically between the mountain peaks. The mountainous national park on **Stewart Island** is just as outstanding. A **hike to Ackers Point**\* takes you through dense, towering forests with impressive views. If you're lucky, you might spot sooty shearwaters, little penguins and seals on a **boat trip through Paterson Inlet**\*, a bay spanning around 100 km<sup>2</sup> (39 mi.<sup>2</sup>). From the poetry of nature to the poetry of **Dunedin**. Open up the pages of the UNESCO City of Literature individually or come along to the **Otago Peninsula**\*, which is home to royal albatrosses and yellow-eyed penguins. Alternatively, look at the amazing diversity of the landscape passing you by on a **train ride with the Taieri Gorge Railway**\* as you cross magnificent stone and cast-iron viaducts and bridges. The historic town of **Akaroa** in the heart of a flooded volcano is full of French flair. Soak up the *savoir vivre* as you visit one of the small cafes and take a stroll

with a view of sailing boats and green hills. When **cruising in Queen Charlotte Sound**, the inspiration Walk and the glass balconies become your front-row seats for the natural spectacle of broad mountain ranges and dense coastal vegetation. Heading out from **Picton**, you can get active – whether on a **hike along a stretch of the Queen Charlotte Track**\* or on a **kayak tour**\*. You will discover the home of one of the most famous Sauvignon Blancs in the world on a **visit to the Cloudy Bay vineyard**\*.

On the North Island, New Zealand's capital **Wellington** welcomes you, surrounded by green hills. Make the most of your time individually or on a **culinary tour**\* – with delicious specialities such as pavlova. Gain insights into the native bird life of the kakas and takahe in the **Kapiti Island Nature Reserve**\*. From the small coastal suburb of **Mount Maunganui**, **Rotorua**, **New Zealand's thermal region**\* demonstrates the power of the earth's core. Bubbling pools, steaming fissures and colourful lakes – a truly cinematic backdrop. Talking of cinema, an alternative **scenic tour to The Shire**\* takes you to the home of the Hobbits. **Auckland**, the "City of Sails", presents New Zealand's urban lifestyle. Whether you opt for "**pure nature**" around **Auckland**\* or **climb the Harbour Bridge**\*, remarkable outdoor activities are guaranteed here as well.

The **Bay of Islands** will help you understand the close connection that the New Zealanders have with the sea. Small subtropical islands with white beaches in the turquoise water create an amazing labyrinth. There are



From Christchurch to Noumea			INS2503
		Individual travel arrangements to Lyttelton	
Sun	2 Mar	Lyttelton (Christchurch)/New Zealand, departure 19.00 hrs	
Mon	3 Mar	Relaxation at sea	
Tue	4 Mar	Fiordland National Park/New Zealand (cruising in Doubtful, Thompson and Milford Sound)	
Wed	5 Mar	Stewart Island, from 13.00 to 18.30 hrs ⚓	
Thu	6 Mar	Dunedin, from 8.00 to 18.00 hrs	
Fri	7 Mar	Akaroa, from 8.00 to 18.00 hrs ⚓	
Sat	8 Mar	Cruising in Queen Charlotte Sound Picton, from 12.30 to 21.00 hrs	
Sun	9 Mar	Wellington, from 8.00 to 18.00 hrs	
Mon	10 Mar	Relaxation at sea	
Tue	11 Mar	Mount Maunganui, from 8.00 to 18.00 hrs (lay time subject to tides)	
Wed	12 Mar	Auckland, from 8.00 to 18.00 hrs	
Thu	13 Mar	Bay of Islands, from 8.00 to 17.00 hrs ⚓	
Fri	14 Mar	Relaxation at sea	
Sat	15 Mar	Norfolk Island/Australia ⚓	
Sun	16 Mar	Relaxation at sea	
Mon	17 – 18 Mar	New Caledonia ⚓ (Lifou, Ile des Pins)	
		Noumea/New Caledonia, arrival 18 Mar, 24.00 hrs	
		Overnight stay on board	
Wed	19 Mar	Noumea	
		Individual travel arrangements from Noumea	

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- ### HIGHLIGHTS
- An all-embracing experience: the South and North Island of New Zealand combined with New Caledonia
  - Great contrasts at the end of the world: urban lifestyle alternates with impressively diverse nature
  - Superlative landscapes: mountains, waterfalls, fjords, idyllic beaches and rainforests
  - The wilderness is calling: watch seals, sea lions, dolphins, seabirds and – with a little luck – whales
  - Active in nature: hiking, kayaking and snorkelling

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Expedition Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Palau · 19 Mar – 7 Apr 2025 · 19 days

# THE MAGIC OF HIDDEN PACIFIC GEMS

Are you well travelled and looking for a destination that will make a real impression? With fascinating talks and travel reports, your team of experts on board will get you in the mood for this exotic wonderland. With remote beaches and often mysterious cultures, the legendary Solomon Islands open the door to the Garden of Eden. You will be greeted by the village elder and swept away by traditional dances on **Nendo**. After a Zodiac landing on the beach of **Santa Ana Island**, look forward to an impressive welcome ritual by the village “warriors”, brandishing their spears. Gain a taste of village life on **Tulagi** – perhaps while sampling the delicious local mangos and papayas. At over 2,300 m (7,546 ft), Mount Popomanaseu dominates the island of Guadalcanal. **Honiara** – the capital of the island kingdom – displays delicate inlay work on its eaves, gables and canoes.

The unspoilt island state of Papua New Guinea seems to have been almost forgotten by civilisation. This picture-book world is filled with colour, from the azure sky to the turquoise sea and lush green jungle. Equally vibrant are the cultures of the numerous tribes, with enigmatic rituals and hundreds of languages. Words will escape you when you visit the **Louisiade Archipelago**. Enjoy true South Seas feeling when the Zodiacs take you to the beach to swim and snorkel. Feel like an explorer when the HANSEATIC inspiration calls at volcanic **Fergusson Island**. A walk with your experts will take you through dense

eucalyptus forests to hot springs and geysers. Swimwear and snorkelling equipment will be as much a part of your visit to the Trobriand Islands as the masks, grass skirts and feathers worn by the locals. After a welcome ceremony with beautifully adorned dancers on **Kiriwina**, the largest island in the archipelago, you will gain an insight into the yam houses. With its landscape and village traditions, **Kitawa** is a fascinating place for a hike. The custom of exchanging rings continues to this day in the island group, with bracelets and necklaces made from mussels.

Active Mount Victory near **Tufi** displays untamed volcanic power. Rugged stretches of land and green fjord landscapes – this is a spectacular region where the Zodiacs will be in their element. The expedition rubber boats will also land on the remote coral atoll of **Tuam Island**, an entirely untouched world. The modern city of **Madang** will prove a real contrast and your starting point for a **flight to the Goroka Highlands\***, home of the “mud-men”. Delve into the culture of these former warriors. Your thrilling experiences continue on a Zodiac ride on the **Sepik River**: travel through lush green forests on lateral canals and be greeted by the colourfully adorned residents of **Kopar**. Pioneering spirit fills the air again when your ship heads for the small settlement of **Vanimo** – once a station for merchant ships belonging to Indonesian princes and still inaccessible by land.



Bring your expedition to a fantastic conclusion in the island state of **Palau**, which has over 300 islands. Swim, snorkel and let your spirits soar: enjoy daydreaming on Koror and soak in this paradise – for example, on a **scenic flight over the island world\*** or a boat trip through the “floating gardens” of the **Rock Islands\***. Your memories will be as varied as the colours displayed by the many regions visited.

## From Noumea to Palau

INS2504

		Individual travel arrangements to Noumea
Wed	19 Mar	Noumea/New Caledonia, departure 22.00 hrs
Thu	20 – 21 Mar	Relaxation at sea
Sat	22 – 24 Mar	Solomon Islands (Nendo ⚓, Santa Ana Island ⚓, Tulagi ⚓, Honiara)
Tue	25 Mar	Relaxation at sea
Wed	26 – 27 Mar	Papua New Guinea: Louisiade Archipelago ⚓, Fergusson Island ⚓
Fri	28 – 29 Mar	Trobriand Islands ⚓ (Kiriwina, Kitawa)
Sun	30 – 31 Mar	Tufi ⚓, Tuam Island ⚓
Tue	1 Apr	Madang
Wed	2 – 3 Apr	Kopar/Sepik River ⚓, Vanimo ⚓
Fri	4 – 5 Apr	Relaxation at sea
Sun	6 Apr	Koror/Palau, arrival 9.00 hrs ⚓
Mon	7 Apr	Overnight stay on board Koror Individual travel arrangements from Koror

⚓ = at anchor For prices, see the price insert from page 13.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- The Pacific for pioneers: twice in the spring of 2025 (cruises INS2504 and INS2505, see page 82)
- Rituals, rhythms and rainforests: every day a new kaleidoscope of creation
- Zodiac rides to vibrant snorkelling hotspots and along narrow tributaries deep into the green jungle
- Enjoy the South Seas feeling – surrounded by exotic vegetation and an ocean in every shade of blue
- Welcome ceremonies, dances and customs: sometimes “warlike”, sometimes friendly – always surprising







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## DREAM DESTINATION IN A SEA OF COLOURS

There are places on earth that can only be reached on a small expedition ship like the HANSEATIC inspiration. Destinations seemingly not of this world lie to the north-east of Australia. First, you will head to the island state of Palau comprising more than 300 islands. On Koror, let yourself be enchanted by a boat tour through the “floating gardens” of the Rock Islands\*, whose green limestone islands rise up out of the sea like mushrooms, or by a scenic flight over the island world\*.

Colourful natural treasures, mystical rituals and hundreds of different languages: with insider knowledge and numerous lectures, your team of experts on board will prepare you for the island state of Papua New Guinea, which seems to have been forgotten by civilisation. A picture-book world with azure skies, turquoise sea and lush green jungle lies before you. Exotic encounters await you in the small settlement of Vanimo – once a station for merchant ships belonging to Indonesian princes and still inaccessible by land. With the Zodiacs, you will penetrate deep into lush green forests on the Sepik River and its side arms. Accompanied by the sounds of the jungle, you will land at the small village of Kopar and take part in local life for a while. Madang is your starting point for a flight to the Goroka Highlands\*, where you can witness the archaic rites of the “mudmen” and immerse yourself in the culture of the former warriors. The remote coral atoll Tuam Island is full of originality and mystery as well. The Zodiacs will

take you into a world where communal life is celebrated in colourful ceremonies. With the robust motorised rubber boats, you will also explore the region of Tufi – with its green fjord landscapes, rugged stretches of land and active volcano Mount Victory.

The Trobriand Islands are also called the “islands of love”. Will your heart beat here for the masks, grass skirts and feathers worn by the inhabitants? Or how about a rendezvous with the fabulous underwater world? A declaration of love for village traditions opens up Kitawa to you: the custom of exchanging rings continues to this day here, with bracelets and necklaces made from mussels. After a welcome ceremony with beautifully adorned dancers on Kiriwina, the largest island in the archipelago, you will gain an insight into the yam houses. Discover the green heart of Fergusson Island as you walk with your experts through dense eucalyptus forests to hot springs and geysers. This is what paradise on earth must look like: after landing, the small volcanic and coral islands of the Louisiade Archipelago will awaken a pure South Seas feeling in you as you go swimming and snorkelling.

The HANSEATIC inspiration will also take you to the legendary Solomon Islands – the archipelago is both hospitable and enigmatic with its remote beaches and often mysterious cultures. At over 2,300 m (7,546 ft), Mount Popomanaseu dominates the island of Guadalcanal, where you will take in the deeply rooted traditions of its inhabitants. In Honiara, the capital of the island kingdom, delicate inlay work on eaves, gables and canoes, among other things, bear witness to this. Immerse yourself in typical village life on Tulagi – including the fresh local mangoes and papayas. After your Zodiac landing on the beach of Santa Ana Island, you will be greeted by “warriors” with spears and welcomed to the village square with traditional dances. Enjoy the honour of being welcomed by the village elder on Nendo and be swept away by the most colourful dance performances of the region. Exoticism and adventure – on this expedition, both combine to create a fantastic experience.



### From Palau to Noumea

INS2505

Mon 7 Apr	Individual travel arrangements to Koror Koror/Palau Overnight stay on board
Tue 8 Apr	Koror, departure 16.00 hrs
Wed 9–10 Apr	Relaxation at sea Papua New Guinea:
Fri 11–12 Apr	Vanimo ⚓, Kopar/Sepik River ⚓
Sun 13 Apr	Madang
Mon 14–15 Apr	Tuam Island ⚓, Tufi ⚓
Wed 16–17 Apr	Trobriand Islands ⚓ (Kitawa, Kiriwina)
Fri 18–19 Apr	Fergusson Island ⚓, Louisiade Archipelago ⚓
Sun 20 Apr	Relaxation at sea
Mon 21–23 Apr	Solomon Islands (Honiara, Tulagi ⚓, Santa Ana Island ⚓, Nendo ⚓)
Thu 24–25 Apr	Relaxation at sea
Sat 26 Apr	Noumea/New Caledonia, arrival 6.00 hrs Individual travel arrangements from Noumea

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### HIGHLIGHTS

- The Pacific for pioneers: twice in the spring of 2025 (INS2504, see page 80, and INS2505)
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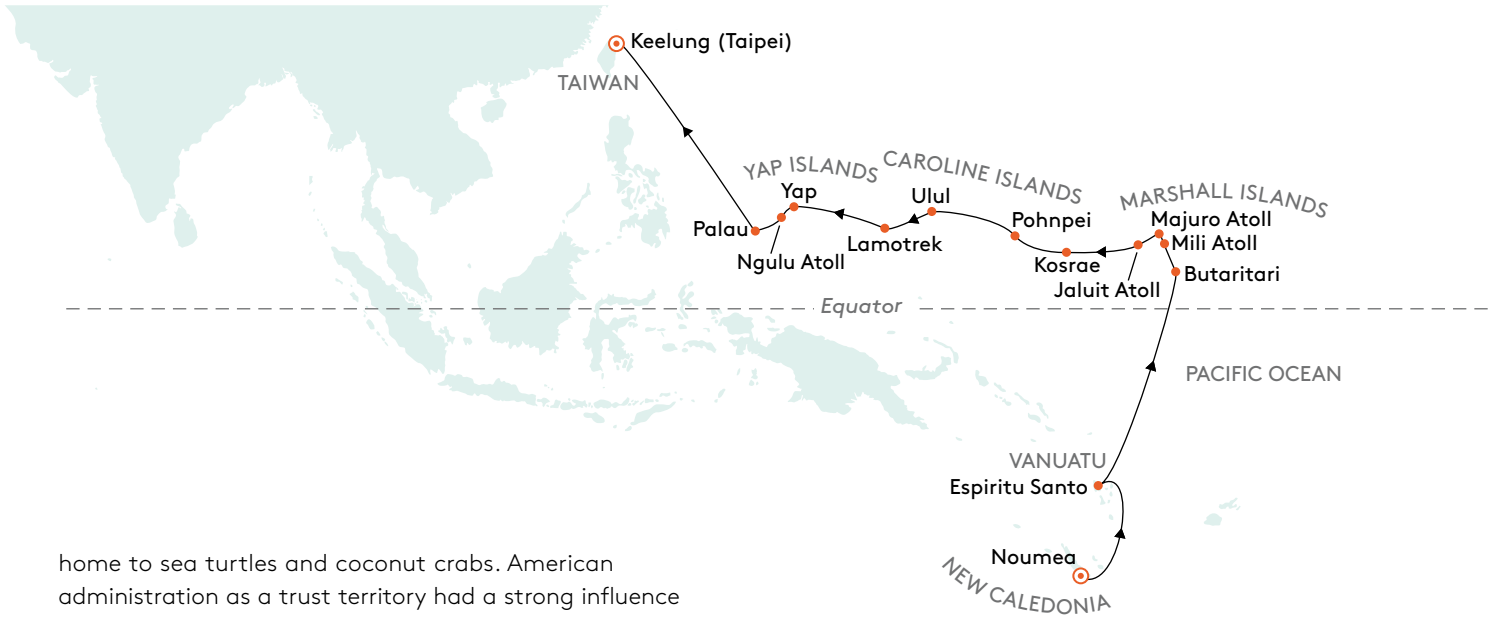


Expedition Micronesia with Marshall Islands and Palau • 26 Apr – 22 May 2025 • 26 days

PACIFIC PARADISES –  
FORGOTTEN BY THE WORLD

The HANSEATIC inspiration dares what hardly any other ship undertakes: Micronesia up close. An expedition for specialists, explorers and pioneers alike. For all those who long for the ultimate Pacific experience, are always looking for more and want to “travel beyond themselves”. Each destination has its very own magic – a mix of eventful history and present times – like the island nation of Vanuatu. Here, you will experience a picture-perfect start on [Espiritu Santo](#) with its white Champagne Beach, inviting you to relax and go snorkelling.

Discovering the new and unfamiliar in the vastness of the Pacific also means spending time at sea, because the unknown places are far from familiar shores. On such days at sea, knowledge and enjoyment can be deepened in wonderful ways. The team of experts provides fascinating background information, and you can also relax and enjoy the comfort and service on board. When the ship drops anchor in the crystal-clear Pacific off [Butaritari](#), you will enjoy a magical welcome as locals greet you with traditional ceremonies and dances. It is hardly possible to emphasise a single highlight among the many dream destinations on this expedition. No matter which turquoise lagoons and small bays the Zodiacs take you to – when you set foot on the Marshall Islands, you will feel like Robinson Crusoe. The widely scattered atolls and over 1,000 islands are still undiscovered by tourists today. Rare species, mysterious rituals, lush jungle: tropical worlds far from our times – like [Mili Atoll](#),



home to sea turtles and coconut crabs. American administration as a trust territory had a strong influence on life on [Majuro Atoll](#). [Jaluit Atoll](#) gives a sense of total isolation – while it has only around 11 km<sup>2</sup> (4.2 mi.<sup>2</sup>) of land, its lagoon spans almost 700 km<sup>2</sup> (270 mi.<sup>2</sup>). Many of the remote Caroline Islands cannot even be located on a map. This part of the Pacific is almost forgotten by the world today, but your experts know a lot about the former colonial influence, the turmoil of two world wars and the indigenous flora and fauna. [Kosrae](#) is a gem comprising jungle and mangroves – dominated by a volcano in the centre that is more than 600 m (1,968 ft) high. The second-largest of the Caroline Islands, [Pohnpei](#), will definitely exceed your expectations of nature as well. The landscape is characterised by jagged mountains covered in rainforest and over 40 rivers running down from the highlands. A [visit to the ancient ruined city of Nan Madol\\*](#), shrouded in mysticism and built on more than 90 man-made islands, will lead you into the heart of lush vegetation. [Ulul](#) is one of the many coral islands on this expedition that receive few foreign visitors and invite you to while away some time. The friendly inhabitants of the untouched island of [Lamotrek](#) will transport you to another world with their traditional dances.

[Yap](#) is also extremely remote, an island on which people lead highly traditional and simple lives. On a [scenic tour\\*](#), marvel at the round stone money banks in front of the houses or take a [kayak tour through the mangroves\\*](#) to explore an undisturbed ecosystem. What’s it like to live in isolation on an islet? The Zodiacs give you rare glimpses. Meet the only human living on [Ngulu Atoll](#) or enjoy this idyllic setting as you swim and go snorkelling. The “Floating Garden” of [Palau](#) is a dream world. Many tiny islands emerge from the blue-green ocean like mushrooms covered in plant life. To allow you to immerse yourself in this wonder in peace, the HANSEATIC inspiration will stay two days. Plenty of time, for example, to take a [boat trip through the Rock Islands\\*](#) or a guided [snorkelling tour\\*](#). Bizarre limestone cliffs are overgrown with thick vegetation and a colourful diversity of species lives in shimmering coral. On a [scenic flight over the island world\\*](#), you will see this paradise from a completely different perspective. The future of many Pacific islands is uncertain; just a few metres above sea level, they are in danger as sea levels rise. This makes the unforgettable experiences with the HANSEATIC inspiration all the more valuable.

From Noumea to Keelung (Taipei)

		Individual travel arrangements to Noumea
Sat	26 Apr	Noumea/New Caledonia, departure 20.00 hrs
Sun	27 Apr	Relaxation at sea
Mon	28 Apr	Espiritu Santo/Vanuatu ⚓
Tue	29 Apr – 1 May	Relaxation at sea
Fri	2 May	Butaritari/Gilbert Islands/Kiribati ⚓
Sat	3 – 5 May	Marshall Islands ⚓ (Mili Atoll, Majuro Atoll, Jaluit Atoll)
Tue	6 May	Relaxation at sea
Wed	7 – 13 May	Caroline Islands (Kosrae ⚓, relaxation at sea, Pohnpei, relaxation at sea, Ulul ⚓, Lamotrek ⚓, relaxation at sea)
Wed	14 – 15 May	Yap Islands (Yap, Ngulu Atoll ⚓)
Fri	16 – 18 May	2 days Palau: arrival 16 May, 9.00 hrs departure 18 May, 6.00 hrs
Mon	19 – 21 May	Relaxation at sea
Thu	22 May	Keelung (Taipei)/Taiwan, arrival 8.00 hrs Individual travel arrangements from Keelung

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Tropical worlds far from our times: set sail for territories still untouched by tourism
- Deep insights into isolated islands in the Western Pacific – between turbulent history and uncertain future
- With the Zodiacs to small paradises rivalling Defoe’s *Robinson Crusoe*
- More islets and atolls than people: the wonder of the Marshall Islands
- Two days in Palau, one of Micronesia’s most spectacular dream destinations

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Unknown Japan and South Korea · 22 May – 9 Jun 2025 · 18 days

# A MEETING OF OPPOSITES IN THE FAR EAST

Where tradition and modernity go hand in hand and tranquillity meets vibrancy, the HANSEATIC inspiration combines Japan’s South Sea Islands, the rarely visited west coast and Hokkaido in the far north for the first time. A new land of smiles is the Nansei Islands right at the start of your cruise. Lush green islands with white sandy beaches and the scent of flowers bring to mind Hawaii or Bora Bora – and this is how Miyakojima welcomes you. Turquoise sea and insights into the salt-harvesting industry characterise your island impressions\*. This idyll gives way to the vibrant lifestyle of Naha. You can discover the capital of the Okinawa Islands from a culinary perspective on a “Taste of Okinawa” cookery course\*. The Nakagusuku Castle ruins\* are one of the many monuments on the island and a legacy of the Ryukyu Kingdom, which ruled the region between the 15th and 19th centuries. Solitude and untouched nature characterise Yoron-Shima. Depending on the conditions, the Zodiacs might also be used here. Lush cedar forest, which has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, awaits you on Yakushima. When trekking in the cloud forest\*, rhododendrons, mosses and lichens appear particularly mystical, accompanied by the sounds of numerous species of bird as well as macaques.

Ancient dynasties and eventful world history lie close together on Japan’s south coast. Visited for the first time and surrounded by mountain ranges, Uwajima will take you back to the Edo period with its historic castle. Explore cultural Uwajima\* in the footsteps of the Date clan who once ruled the area. The spa city of Beppu lets

you immerse yourself in traditional bathing rituals on a visit to an onsen\* with hot thermal water. A special expression of Japan’s religion are the more than 60 stone buddhas in Usuki\*, made around 1,000 years ago. Hiroshima symbolises a very eventful period in modern history. The witness to global history\* excursion will touch on the tragic events of 1945 and take you to the Peace Memorial Park, designed by star architect Kenzo Tange. The picturesque coastal landscapes of the sacred island of Miyajima have inspired both art and literature. After landing, you will discover the red Itsukushima Shrine at your own pace on an individual stroll. On a detour to South Korea from Busan, the UNESCO World Heritage Site Gyeongju\* brings the ancient Silla dynasty to life, while a coastal walk through Igidae Park\* with its small suspension bridges reveals Korea’s close relationship with nature.

Back in Japan, you will uncover secrets of culture and nature along the rarely visited west coast that remain hidden from most travellers. First, Karatsu tells of the Japanese world as you explore the coastal resort. Both geology and the remote location have created a very special ecosystem on the Oki Islands, characterised by red rock formations and green vegetation. Get active here on a hike along the Kuniga Coast\*. Just like a “crane spreading its wings” – which is what the name of this harbour means – your understanding of Far East belief systems will unfold in Maizuru. From here, you will travel to the spiritual centre of the country: Kyoto – the old imperial city\* with its myriad temples and extravagantly decorated shrines. Or devote

yourself to a natural experience on the “bridge to heaven”\*, one of Japan’s most beautiful landscapes. Architectural charm is an inherent part of Kanazawa, with its old geisha and samurai houses and the Kenroku-en Garden and tea district\*, which perfectly combines a spacious setting with craftsmanship and tradition. Sado Island has a long history of unusual fishing boats: small and oval, like rice bowls. In the coastal town of Ogi, the rhythm is determined not through the beat of oars, but with a traditional taiko drumming class\*. The mines of the gold island of Sado\* are a special source of precious metals. The wealth of Japan’s north coast, by contrast, lies in the heritage of the ancient warrior caste in Akita. The origins of the Kanto festival and the samurai district in Kakanodate\* reveal colourful traditions. Alternatively, the sprawling coast and mystical Namahage culture form a fascinating symbiosis on an excursion to the Oga Peninsula\*. The northern island of Hokkaido is also a natural beauty. From Hakodate, your attention turns to the birds and vegetation of Onuma Quasi-National Park\*. By the time your Far East adventure comes to an end, you will agree with Buddha’s maxim: it is better to travel well than to arrive.



From Keelung (Taipei) to Otaru

INS2507

Thu	22 May	Individual travel arrangements to Keelung Keelung (Taipei)/Taiwan, departure 22.00 hrs
Fri	23 May	Relaxation at sea
Sat	24 May	Nansei Islands/Japan: Miyakojima, from 7.00 to 15.00 hrs
Sun	25 May	Naha/Okinawa, from 8.00 to 18.00 hrs
Mon	26 May	Yoron-Shima ⚓
Tue	27 May	Yakushima, from 8.00 to 18.00 hrs
Wed	28 May	Japan’s south coast: Uwajima, from 13.00 to 19.00 hrs
Thu	29 May	Beppu, from 8.30 to 19.00 hrs
Fri	30 May	Hiroshima, from 7.00 to 13.00 hrs
Sat	31 May	Miyajima, from 14.00 to 19.00 hrs ⚓
Sun	1 Jun	Relaxation at sea
Mon	2 Jun	Busan/South Korea, from 8.00 to 19.00 hrs
Tue	3 Jun	Japan’s west coast: Karatsu, from 7.00 to 13.30 hrs
Wed	4 Jun	Oki Islands, from 8.30 to 18.00 hrs ⚓
Thu	5 Jun	Maizuru, from 8.00 to 19.00 hrs
Fri	6 Jun	Kanazawa, from 7.00 to 19.00 hrs
Sat	7 Jun	Sado Island, from 8.00 to 18.00 hrs
Sun	8 Jun	Japan’s north coast: Akita, from 8.00 to 17.00 hrs
Mon	9 Jun	Hakodate, from 7.00 to 13.00 hrs
		Otaru (Sapporo)/Japan, arrival 8.00 hrs
		Individual travel arrangements from Otaru

⚓ = at anchor For prices, see the price insert from page 14.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- A premiere – from Japan’s South Sea Islands along the rarely visited west coast to Hokkaido in the north
- A small ship makes it possible: the land of smiles off the beaten track
- Picture-perfect landscapes: flourishing gardens, holy islands, huge mountains and vast national parks
- Ancient values, new perspectives: fascinating veneration of nature, bathing rituals, shrines and samurai
- Open-air museums to Asian architecture: admire pagodas, temples and tea houses



RUSSIAN FAR EAST

AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS





Expedition Kamchatka, Kuril Islands and Aleutian Islands

# PRIMEVAL WORLD OF THE RING OF FIRE

The nature of the Pacific Ring of Fire is filled with a rarely seen power and grace. On its spectacular route from Asia to Alaska, the HANSEATIC inspiration reveals surprising and unfamiliar worlds every day, kicking off with the discovery of the Japanese volcanic island of Rishiri. The island of Sakhalin in the Sea of Okhotsk marks the border between Japan and Russia. Korsakov is steeped in history: there used to be a penal colony here, which gained literary notoriety thanks to Anton Chekhov. Tyuleny sheds exciting light on the lives of countless fur seals and Steller sea lions. The Kuril Islands extend over 1,200 km (746 mi.) in the Pacific Ocean. Overgrown mountain peaks shimmer through the mist. Spray thunders against steep cliffs. The landscape will take your breath away – for example, when you reach the interior of the steep caldera on Yankicho by Zodiac, weather permitting. The highest volcano of the Kuril Islands rises up on Atlasova. The kelp forests of the Ptichiy Islands, where you might be able to spot seals and sea otters, provide a fascinating contrast.

Mighty volcanoes, geysers and great forests: Kamchatka offers a landscape of monumental dimensions. Your route is adjusted daily according to the weather and the expected sightings – so that you can land at Tikhirka Bay, for example, and discover the stunning natural scenery. The Zodiacs even turn the Chazma salmon river into expedition territory. Will the shy Kamchatka brown bear put in an appearance here? Keep a constant lookout for bears and Steller’s sea eagles – for instance, at the mouth of the

Zhupanova River. Two days are set aside for intensive discoveries of the spectacular volcanic landscape in Petropavlovsk. To marvel at the archaic environment from a bird’s-eye view, take off on a helicopter flight to the Valley of the Geysers\*, which formed 20,000 years ago. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is shaped by columns of water that shoot up every minute and steaming sulphur springs. The flight to Nalychevo Nature Park\* also promises breathtaking panoramas and the opportunity to bathe in the wilderness upon arrival. A hike up the Avacha volcano\* will reward you with fantastic views of the dramatic landscape.

At the point where the North American Plate and the Pacific Plate meet, you will explore one of the most fascinating expedition territories of all time: the Aleutian Islands. Experience the exceptional beauty of the island chain in the Bering Sea fully from the many open deck spaces or on exciting shore visits. Marvel at the seabird colonies cruising off Kiska Island from the inspiration Walk at the bow, for example. Go ashore with your experts to trace the history of Adak Island – a former military base that is now practically a ghost town. Things get somewhat livelier as you cruise off Chagulak Island in the company of thousands of petrels. With a little luck, you’ll spot orcas and humpback whales on your flexible route. Learn about the history of Russian America, as Alaska was called until the mid 19th century, in Dutch Harbor on Unalaska Island. A hike with your experts on Popof Island



takes you into the home of bison. On the Alaska Peninsula, meet the locals and gain insights into the life of the residents in the small fishing town of Chignik. Your expedition slowly draws to an end as you cruise off Kak Island. You’ll have another chance to see Steller sea lions and horned puffins on the cliffs that are home to many birds. A wilderness that will remain vivid in your memory for a long time to come.



Day 0	Individual travel arrangements to Otaru Otaru (Sapporo)/Japan, departure 18.00 hrs
Day 1	Rishiri/Japan ↓
Day 2 – 3	Sakhalin/Russia (Korsakov, Tyuleny ↓)
Day 4 – 6	Kuril Islands ↓ (Yankicho, Atlasova, Ptichiy Islands)
Day 7 – 11	Kamchatka (Tikhirka Bay ↓, Chazma ↓, Zhupanova ↓, 2 days Petropavlovsk)
Day 12 – 13	Relaxation at sea Crossing the International Date Line (this day counts twice)
Day 14 – 18	Aleutian Islands/Alaska/USA (cruising off Kiska Island, Adak Island, cruising off Chagulak Island, Unalaska Island, Popof Island** ↓)
Day 19	Alaska Peninsula ↓ (Chignik**, cruising off Kak Island)
Day 20	Relaxation at sea
Day 21	Seward/Alaska/USA, arrival 6.00 hrs Individual travel arrangements from Seward

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\*\*The ship’s tender boats will be used (instead of Zodiacs) due to official regulations.

The itinerary depends on official approval and weather conditions. The natural experiences and wildlife sightings described are possibilities on this expedition and are not guaranteed.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Three foreign worlds combined – unknown Kamchatka, the mysterious Kuril Islands and the remote Aleutian Islands
- Landscapes far from the familiar – discover unspoilt nature that very few have seen
- The wilderness is calling – watch fur seals, seals, sea eagles and whales from the deck and the Zodiacs
- Cultural encounters – fascinating insights into local life and traditions
- Primal natural extremes – mighty volcanoes and mountain ranges, vast moors and steaming springs

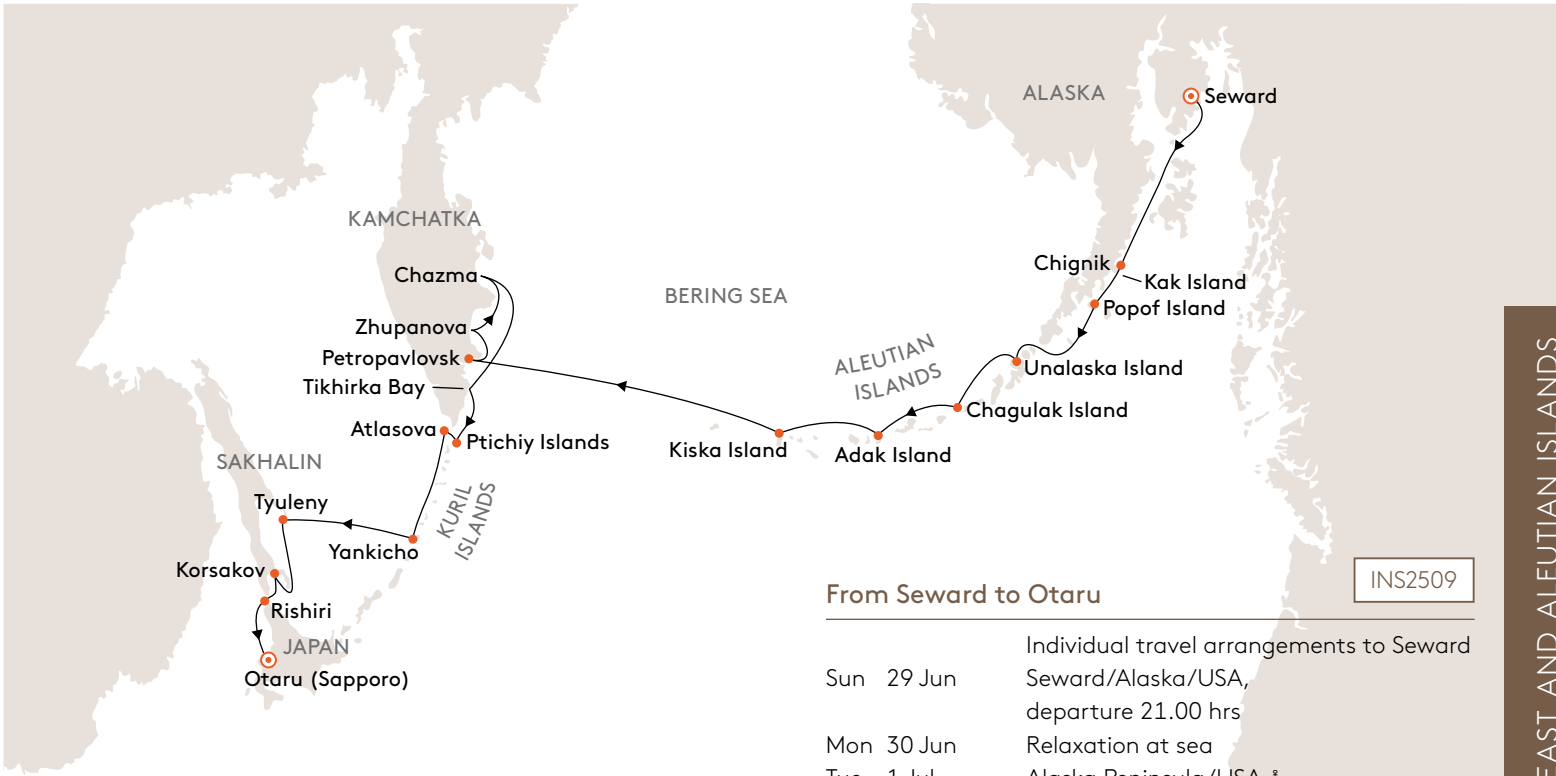


# A WILDERNESS FROM A MILLION YEARS AGO

Fire and water: two opposing elements form an overwhelming symbiosis on this spectacular route from Alaska to Asia. Dramatic, untamed, wild, but also graceful. Where contrasts meet, the HANSEATIC inspiration will take you along to great spectacles of nature. The Alaska Peninsula provides the perfect introduction. While cruising off Kak Island, you might have the chance to see horned puffins and Steller sea lions, getting you in the mood for experiences to come. What is life like here in the wilderness? Meet the locals and gain authentic insights into the life of residents in the small fishing town of Chignik.

The landscape of the Aleutian Islands will also give you lasting memories. A sparsely populated world that rises up out of the Bering Sea stretching in an arc from Alaska's coast to Kamchatka. There is a good chance of spotting orcas and humpback whales – both on a flexible course as well as on your entire route. Equally impressive are the bison of Popof Island on a hike with your experts. With the oldest Russian Orthodox church in North America, Dutch Harbor on Unalaska Island tells the story of Russian America, as Alaska was called until the mid 19th century. Thousands of seabirds create an unforgettably lively natural scene when cruising off Chagulak Island. A silent witness to Adak Island's history is an abandoned military base that resembles a ghost town. You can also take in the remote islands visited only by very few ships from the many open deck areas – for example, when cruising off Kiska Island, a habitat of seals and sea eagles.

Active and extinct volcanoes, sputtering geysers and deep fjords, verdant forests and crystal-clear rivers: the many facets of Kamchatka could fill several books. Write your own story of exploration as we spend two days in Petropavlovsk, the scientific and cultural centre of Kamchatka. To marvel at the spectacle of fuming sulphur springs and columns of water from the perspective of the sea eagle, take a helicopter flight to the Valley of the Geysers\*. The flight to Nalychevo Nature Park\* also promises breathtaking panoramas and the opportunity to bathe in the wilderness. Alternatively, a hike up the Avacha volcano\* will reward you with fantastic views. Your route is adjusted according to daily weather conditions and expected sightings. This world can hardly be explored in any other way than with the Zodiacs – for example, the mouth of the Zhupanova and the Chazma salmon river. They are home to the shy Kamchatka brown bear. Will you spot one on this cruise? Experience the true feeling of expedition on a hike with your experts in Tikhirka Bay, with the possibility of spotting sea otters. Possibly no other region in the world offers such a mesmerising reflection of the natural forces of the Pacific Ring of Fire as the Kuril Islands. On a Zodiac ride off the Ptichiy Islands, see the unique environment for yourself. Your experts will explain the power of volcanic forces to you at Atlasova's black lava beach with the Alaid in the background, the tallest volcano in the Kuril Islands at more than 2,000 m (6,562 ft). On Yankicho, you can explore inside the steep caldera if the weather is good. You'll continue to the island of Sakhalin. The beaches of



Tyuleny are home to huge colonies of fur seals and its jagged cliffs are populated by common murre. Korsakov is steeped in history. Anton Chekhov brought literary notoriety to the erstwhile penal colony in his travelogue. Northern Japan will be the epilogue to your adventure. The island of Rishiri off Hokkaido is dominated by a mountain of the same name, with a cone-shaped peak. Your wealth of experience after this incomparable expedition will be as rich as the nature explored with your experts.

## HIGHLIGHTS

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- Landscapes far from the familiar – discover unspoilt nature that very few have seen
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- Cultural encounters – fascinating insights into local life and traditions
- Primal natural extremes – mighty volcanoes and mountain ranges, vast moors and steaming springs



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THE ARCTIC



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## PREMIERE: NORTHWEST PASSAGE WITH TWO SHIPS

For the first time, our new expedition class will set course for the legendary Northwest Passage with two ships at the same time. In each case in opposite directions – meaning the HANSEATIC inspiration will start in Alaska (cruise INS2511) and the HANSEATIC spirit in Greenland (this cruise can be found in the German catalogue or online [www.hl-cruises.com/SPI2517](http://www.hl-cruises.com/SPI2517)). A one-off meeting of both ships in the middle of the passage is planned, depending on the ice as well as the local conditions. Be a part of this premiere.



Expedition Northwest Passage • 10 Aug – 8 Sep 2025 • 29 days

## ARCTIC EPIC WITH THE HANSEATIC INSPIRATION

There are still pages to be filled in the chronicle of the far north – it's up to you to continue the story. Add your own chapter to the annals of a waterway that has been both a legend and a daring feat for centuries: the Northwest Passage. Legendary pioneers wrote history here, and Hapag-Lloyd Cruises is adding a new pioneering feat to it. For the first time ever, two ships of our new expedition class are sailing the route at the same time – in opposite directions. Take part in this adventure with the HANSEATIC inspiration on the [west-east route from Alaska to Greenland](#). Around 5,800 km (3,604 mi.) long, with places that have often never been captured on film and remain shrouded in myths and vagueness. Despite all this, the passage is a focus for the world. Global warming could open the icy gates to the natural resources of the Arctic. Countries around the world are eyeing the huge gas and oil reserves or elements such as lithium. An ice-free passage would also make shipping transport between the continents significantly shorter. Virtually no other routes bring together the past, present and future of exploration better than this one. Paint your own picture on this epoch-making cruise, where the journey matters more than the destination.

In 1906, Roald Amundsen navigated the entire Northwest Passage for the first time. Now you can tackle this pioneering feat yourself on board the HANSEATIC inspiration. The first chapter of your adventurous weeks start on the coast of the Alaska Peninsula. As you [cruise off Kak Island](#), the cliffs teeming with birds will stir up your anticipation of what lies ahead. [Chignik](#) means "strong wind" in the Alutiiq language. Gain an insight into life in this small fishing town, which has around 80 residents. The volcanic island chain of the Aleutian Islands stretches into the Pacific like a great arc. Here you'll visit [Popof Island](#), where bison roam the land and bald eagles rule the skies. Your gaze will instinctively be drawn upwards when you hear their call above [Unalaska Island](#). The settlers in Dutch Harbor looked

to the heavens for different reasons, as can be seen from the oldest Russian Orthodox church in North America with its white towers topped with onion domes. A colony of northern fur seals might welcome you as you hike with your experts on [Saint Paul Island](#) – a taste of the intensive encounters that await you with the diverse fauna of this remote region. As you [cruise through the Bering Sea](#), keep a lookout for whales from the excellent vantage point offered by the many open deck spaces. Just like rich experiences have drawn you to this region, it was gold that was the magnet in Alaska in the early 1900s. The town of [Nome](#) is still shaped by the gold rush of bygone times, with disused steam trains, tracks and gold dredges. The excitement on board grows as you [cruise through Chukchi Sea and Beaufort Sea](#) and draw nearer to the lifelong dream and magnet for countless adventurers and explorers ...

The adventure of the Northwest Passage: to this day, fascinating legends surround this famous waterway. The manoeuvrable HANSEATIC inspiration is perfect for navigating safely through these regions, which are extremely challenging to sail. Enjoy an exceptionally up-close experience of the fascinating Arctic with the highest ice class for passenger ships and the experienced expedition crew. Although the route is carefully planned, the weather and ice often determine the actual course, with the captain and crew adjusting the details each day. To start your adventures, the rarely visited [Herschel Island](#) sets the scene. If the local conditions permit, you can explore the former whaling station. With a little luck, rough-legged buzzards will herald your arrival and the timid Arctic fox might even make an appearance. Franklin Bay is enveloped by the history of Franklin the explorer and the phenomenon of the [Smoking Hills](#). The smoky effect is caused by layers of rocks within the hills that contain pyrite and have ignited themselves. A Zodiac ride offers unique perspectives of this mystical spectacle. ►







On [Victoria Island](#), named after the British queen, you might have the chance to see mighty musk oxen weighing up to 400 kg (882 lb). Will you perhaps even see polar bears here? Look forward to amazing insights into the way of life and history of the Inuit. For centuries, the area around Cambridge Bay was the summer meeting point for the “Copper Eskimo” families – named after their copper tools. The wreck of Roald Amundsen’s research ship Maud bore silent witness to his bravery from its resting place in the ice here for around 90 years before being taken back to Norway in 2018. Depending on the ice as well as the local conditions, you will witness a historic moment: the [meeting of the HANSEATIC inspiration and the HANSEATIC spirit expedition ships](#). The extraordinary rendezvous will be



celebrated on deck and, according to old nautical custom, be accompanied by the sounding of the ship horns. A great voice echoes on [Jenny Lind Island](#), which owes its name to a Swedish opera singer from the 19th century lovingly known as the “nightingale”. You may find yourself surprised by four-legged residents such as Arctic hares, Arctic foxes and caribou.

As the ship [cruises in Victoria Strait](#), the dramatic scenery will reflect the moving history of this area. For a long time, the lost ships of the Franklin expedition, which tried and failed to find the Northwest Passage in 1845, were thought to be at the entrance to the strait. One of them, the *Terror*, was discovered in 2016 in Terror Bay, around 100 km (62 mi.) further south than expected. Find out about the fate and the unflinching courage of those who braved the forces of nature back then from your experts on board. The conditions will decide whether your adventure continues by [cruising in Peel Sound](#) – the ice sets the pace as the HANSEATIC inspiration manoeuvres safely through the island labyrinth to its next destinations. Very few ships are capable of this feat, which requires first-class equipment and an experienced crew. Zodiac rides and landings are possible throughout the habitat of whales, seals and polar bears. For example, [Prince of Wales Island](#) invites you to hike through the untouched nature. Follow in the footsteps of past explorers on [Beechey Island](#). A walk to the graves of members of the Franklin expedition will bring its historic significance to the fore. The world’s largest uninhabited island, [Devon Island](#), welcomes you with its vast wilderness. An abandoned station of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police reinforces the impression of remote silence. As the ship then sets sail from [Lancaster Sound](#) for Greenland, you’ll have completed the feat and be among the few people who can say they have conquered the Northwest Passage.

The final chapter in your adventure takes you along the west coast of Greenland. Small but perfectly formed, [Uummannaq](#) nestles at the foot of a spectacular heart-shaped mountain. The splendid Jakobshavn Glacier near

[Ilulissat](#) is the “birthplace” of around 10 % of Greenland’s icebergs. Marvel at the glistening ice masses that gather here with a hike to the ice fjord. This is followed by an amazing natural spectacle: in the glittering splendour of [Disko Bay](#), mighty icebergs drift majestically through the water – an event that you can watch unfold around you from the deck and in a Zodiac. [Sisimiut](#) provides an atmospheric end to your expedition, with its houses dotted across several hills. Almost an entire month filled with milestones of seafaring history lies behind you now – the experiences of a lifetime and wonderful memories will stay with you for years to come.



### HIGHLIGHTS

- Living history of exploration – on a passage that just over 100 ships have completed since 1906
- Weather and ice determine the course: short-notice changes become great adventures
- Actively explore the vast, unspoilt landscape – on hikes and with the Zodiacs
- Animal sightings in the realm of polar bears, musk oxen, Arctic foxes and whales
- Premiere: meeting up with the HANSEATIC spirit (depending on the ice as well as the local conditions)

From Seward to Kangerlussuaq		INS2511
		Individual travel arrangements to Seward
Sun	10 Aug	Seward/Alaska/USA, departure 21.00 hrs
Mon	11 Aug	Relaxation at sea
Tue	12 Aug	Alaska Peninsula/USA (cruising off Kak Island, Chignik** ⚓)
Wed	13 – 14 Aug	Aleutian Islands (Popof Island** ⚓, Unalaska Island)
Fri	15 Aug	Saint Paul Island/Pribilof Islands** ⚓
Sat	16 Aug	Relaxation at sea/ Sailing through the Bering Sea
Sun	17 Aug	Nome
Mon	18 – 20 Aug	Relaxation at sea/ Sailing through the Chukchi Sea and the Beaufort Sea
Thu	21 Aug – 3 Sep	Adventure Northwest Passage – from the Beaufort Sea to Lancaster Sound ⚓ (including Herschel Island/ Canada, Smoking Hills, Victoria Island, Jenny Lind Island, cruising in Victoria Strait, cruising in Peel Sound, Prince of Wales Island, Beechey Island, Devon Island)
Thu	4 Sep	Relaxation at sea
Fri	5 – 7 Sep	West coast of Greenland ⚓ (Uummannaq, Ilulissat, Disko Bay, Sisimiut)
Mon	8 Sep	Kangerlussuaq/Greenland, arrival 6.00 hrs ⚓ Charter flight Kangerlussuaq – Germany* Individual travel arrangements from Germany

⚓ = at anchor For prices, see the price insert from page 14.  
---- Ice conditions determine the course here (see map on page 97).

\*Approximately six months before departure, you will be informed at which German airport the charter flight will land.

\*\*The ship’s tender boats will be used (instead of Zodiacs) due to official regulations.

**Important note on this expedition:** This expedition is a very demanding cruise to organise and sail. All of our experience and careful preparation notwithstanding, the actual itinerary depends on official approvals and rules, as well as the weather and ice conditions, which may make it necessary to change the itinerary. The natural experiences and animal sightings described are possibilities and are not guaranteed. We will do everything in our power to ensure that this cruise takes place as advertised, but wish to inform you of the flexibility this requires. The captain will decide on the best possible alternative depending on local conditions.





Expedition Greenland, Newfoundland and St Lawrence River · 8 Sep – 26 Sep 2025 · 18 days

## LUSTROUS ICE AND LUSH GREEN FORESTS

What is life like in the Greenland Arctic and along Canada's most famous river? Encounter the wonders of nature in the vast expanse – topped off with an adventure through the locks. The world's largest island provides the prologue to your expedition. The HANSEATIC inspiration begins its expedition route in Sisimiut on the west coast of Greenland. Follow in the footsteps of the Saqqaq culture and visit the old town, which resembles a museum village. Hike from Ilulissat to the ice fjord, just a taste of what awaits in Disko Bay, where glittering sculptures drift slowly through the water – with you at the centre as you cruise and take a Zodiac ride. With its octagonal church and the museum, the settlement of Qeqertarsuaq, which was founded in 1773, tells stories of modern life and the former whaling centre on Disko Island. Your ship will chart a flexible course through the fjords of Greenland. The Zodiacs are put to good use here again. With a little luck, you might spot whales, surrounded by the colossal scenery. Qassiarsuk has an interesting history – this is where Erik the Red founded Greenland's first Viking settlement in around 985. In Unartoq, round off your experiences by bathing in the hot springs as you watch the icebergs drift by.

Away from the usual routes, Canada's sparsely populated east coast is a real insider's tip. Newfoundland is an open book of eventful history, ranging from the indigenous people and the Vikings to European explorers. Trace the Icelandic and Greenlandic settlers as you explore the excavations at L'Anse aux Meadows independently. Afterwards head out from Port au Choix with your experts to explore the remnants of ancient cultures and hike through superb nature. The small town of Norris Point describes itself as a photographers' paradise. Hiking in Gros Morne National Park\* reveals an array of varied sights with table mountains, fjords and lakes. Then a gigantic lifeline stretches before you: the St Lawrence River, North America's mighty river system between the Atlantic and the Great Lakes at a length of almost 3,000 km (1,864 mi.).



As you travel along the river, the experts on board will tell you all about the great history – from the early Woodland period and the First Nations to the current economic significance. With a little luck, you'll spot beluga, blue, humpback or fin whales whilst whale watching\* off Tadoussac. A visit to Saguenay (La Baie) is full of dramatic nature, with rugged mountains towering almost 400 m (1,312 ft) around this hiking paradise. The HANSEATIC inspiration will also take its time when cruising on the Saguenay Fjord to allow for potential whale sightings. Untouched wilderness meets savoir vivre in Quebec, where you can enjoy the contrasts of the French roots and Canadian sense of freedom on a city walk with tea at Chateau Frontenac\*. The 80 m (262 ft) high Montmorency Falls and Ile d'Orleans\* are also something to look forward to. If you're looking to take things up a notch, a lock adventure on the St Lawrence River is just the ticket. The HANSEATIC inspiration will scale seven locks with a height difference of up to 15 m (49 ft). You can watch the thrilling manoeuvres from the spacious decks during the day. After passing through the maze of the Thousand Islands and cruising on Lake Ontario, your adventure of rich contrasts comes to an end in Toronto – but your experiences will stay with you for a long time.

The itinerary depends on official approval and weather conditions. The natural experiences and wildlife sightings described are possibilities on this expedition and are not guaranteed.

### From Kangerlussuaq to Toronto

INS2512

Mon 8 Sep	Individual travel arrangements to Germany Charter flight Germany** – Kangerlussuaq Kangerlussuaq/Greenland, departure 20.00 hrs ⚓
Tue 9 – 13 Sep	West coast of Greenland ⚓ (Sisimiut, Ilulissat, Disko Bay, Qeqertarsuaq, Greenland's fjords)
Sun 14 – 15 Sep	South coast of Greenland ⚓ (Qassiarsuk, Unartoq)
Tue 16 Sep	Relaxation at sea
Wed 17 – 19 Sep	Newfoundland/Canada ⚓ (L'Anse aux Meadows, Port au Choix, Norris Point)
Sat 20 Sep	Relaxation at sea (Gulf of Saint Lawrence) Arrival at St Lawrence River
Sun 21 Sep	Tadoussac, from 9.00 to 24.00 hrs ⚓
Mon 22 Sep	Saguenay (La Baie) ⚓ Cruising in Saguenay Fjord
Tue 23 Sep	Quebec, from 8.00 to 18.00 hrs
Wed 24 Sep	Adventures along the locks: daytime passage through the seven locks of the St Lawrence River
Thu 25 Sep	Passage through the Thousand Islands Cruise on Lake Ontario
Fri 26 Sep	Toronto/Lake Ontario/Canada, arrival 7.00 hrs Individual travel arrangements from Toronto

⚓ = at anchor For prices, see the price insert from page 14.

\*\*Approximately six months before departure, you will be informed at which German airport the charter flight will land.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- The small HANSEATIC inspiration is perfect for days of adventures on both sides of the Arctic Circle
- The natural wonder of Disko Bay: admire glittering icebergs from the deck and the Zodiacs
- Canada's best-kept secret: Newfoundland's boundless wilderness with fjords and lakes
- From Greenland's icy world to North America's wilderness: the stories of the Vikings, Inuits and First Nations
- Exciting manoeuvres through seven locks on the St Lawrence River

\*The shore activities are not included in the cruise price and are in the planning stage. Subject to change without notice.



GREAT LAKES AND

EAST COAST OF  
NORTH AMERICA





Great Lakes  
26 Sep – 8 Oct 2025 · 12 days

## WILDERNESS AND HISTORY ON VAST LAKE BACKDROPS

An “ocean” in the middle of the North American landscape: the Great Lakes, natural wonder and lifeline at the same time. With a total area of around 244,000 km<sup>2</sup> (94,209 mi.<sup>2</sup>), they are a superb dream destination for explorers. Each lock opens up a new chapter in a book of beautiful pictures that have come to life with the hues of Indian summer. Passable only for a few ships, the HANSEATIC inspiration masters these nautically demanding passages with flying colours thanks to its retractable bridge wings. This is also the case during the **lock adventure on the Welland Canal**. On the ship’s many open deck areas, you are right up close when eight locks and almost 100 m (328 ft) of height are overcome, corresponding to a lock lift the height of Niagara Falls. Afterwards, you will enjoy the very best views on your **cruise on Lake Erie**. Leaving **Windsor**, you can enjoy an unobstructed view of the skyline of the former “Motor City” before heading out to explore the many facets of **Detroit**\*. Your experts on board share knowledge that is just as varied as the shores that you visit. Enriched with exciting background information, you will continue your cruise on **Lake Huron** to the fishing village of **Tobermory**. Idyllic bays, deep-green forests and limestone coastlines will leave you with lasting memories as you explore the Bruce Trail at your own pace. The small HANSEATIC inspiration is in its element as it charts a course through a scenic labyrinth of water to reach **Parry Sound**. Explore the town and the nearby lake shore on the marine walking trails or take a **boat trip of the Thirty Thousand**



**Islands\***. The varied archipelago scenery is filled with islands emerging from the water, narrow channels and imposing cliffs. Alternatively, you can turn your focus to unforgettable panoramic pictures in **Killbear Provincial Park\***, where pink granite banks and autumnal forest blend to create majestic scenery. The islands around **Killarney** are a crown jewel in wild nature – unspoilt nature that harks back to the time of the first trappers. This El Dorado for nature lovers is best explored individually. Your adventure continues with an exciting **lock passage through the Sault Ste. Marie Canal**. As the largest lock system in the world, the Soo Locks are a masterpiece of engineering. Built around 150 years ago, huge container ships can master the change in height of around 6 m (20 ft) between Lake Huron and Lake Superior – as can the small HANSEATIC inspiration, with you as an observer of the manoeuvres on deck.

On **Lake Superior**, Canada’s **Thunder Bay** welcomes you with spectacular coastal landscapes. Marvel at the “Niagara Falls of the north”, where the water plunges down around 40 m (131 ft), when you visit **historic Fort William and the Kakabeka Falls\***. A **hiking adventure in Sleeping Giant Provincial Park\*** will have you climbing a flat-topped mountain ridge with dramatic granite cliffs. **Cruising along the northern shore of Lake Superior**, you can relax and enjoy the panoramic view or learn interesting details about the First Nations from the team of experts on board before your small ship passes the locks again at **Sault Ste. Marie**. Next, in-depth insights into the city’s history await you. Sault Ste. Marie is not only divided by a river, but also by the state border between Canada and the US. **Mackinac Island** is considered one of the most beautiful islands in the US. Discover Victorian mansions and the 19th-century Grand Hotel on foot, by bike and on a horse-drawn carriage ride. In the 19th century, **Fayette** drove industrialisation with one of the most productive iron smelters at the time. If the authorities grant permission, you can learn more about what it was like working at the blast furnaces and about life in the historic wooden buildings. By the time you reach **Lake Michigan**, your personal American dream will have come true in **Milwaukee**.

### From Toronto to Milwaukee

INS2513

Fri	26 Sep	Individual travel arrangements to Toronto Toronto/Lake Ontario/Canada, departure 22.00 hrs
Sat	27 Sep	Lock adventure on the Welland Canal: Day trip through the eight locks Cruise on Lake Erie
Sun	28 Sep	Windsor, from 7.30 to 19.00 hrs
Mon	29 Sep	Tobermory/Lake Huron, from 13.00 to 19.00 hrs ⚓
Tue	30 Sep	Parry Sound, from 8.30 to 17.30 hrs
Wed	1 Oct	Killarney, from 7.00 to 17.00 hrs ⚓
Thu	2 Oct	Lock passage through the Sault Ste. Marie Canal
Fri	3 Oct	Thunder Bay/Lake Superior, from 7.00 to 18.00 hrs
Sat	4 Oct	Cruising along the northern shore of Lake Superior
Sun	5 Oct	Sault Ste. Marie/USA, from 7.00 to 23.00 hrs
Mon	6 Oct	Mackinac Island/Lake Huron, from 8.00 to 18.00 hrs
Tue	7 Oct	Fayette/Lake Michigan, from 8.00 to 17.00 hrs ⚓
Wed	8 Oct	Milwaukee/Lake Michigan/USA, arrival 7.00 hrs Individual travel arrangements from Milwaukee

⚓ = at anchor For prices, see the price insert from page 15.

The itinerary depends on official approval. Please note that the use of Zodiacs is currently not permitted on the Great Lakes. When the ship is at anchor, the ship’s tender boats will be used.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- American dream: all five lakes as one great experience
- Lock adventures: nautical masterpieces in the Welland Canal and Sault Ste. Marie Canal
- Glowing leaves, kindled souls: with luck, Indian summer will abound in all its glorious colours
- Journey through time: fascinating insights about indigenous people, the First Nations and the legacy of settlers
- New dream landscapes every day: with skerries, islands, waterfalls, cliffs and lighthouses

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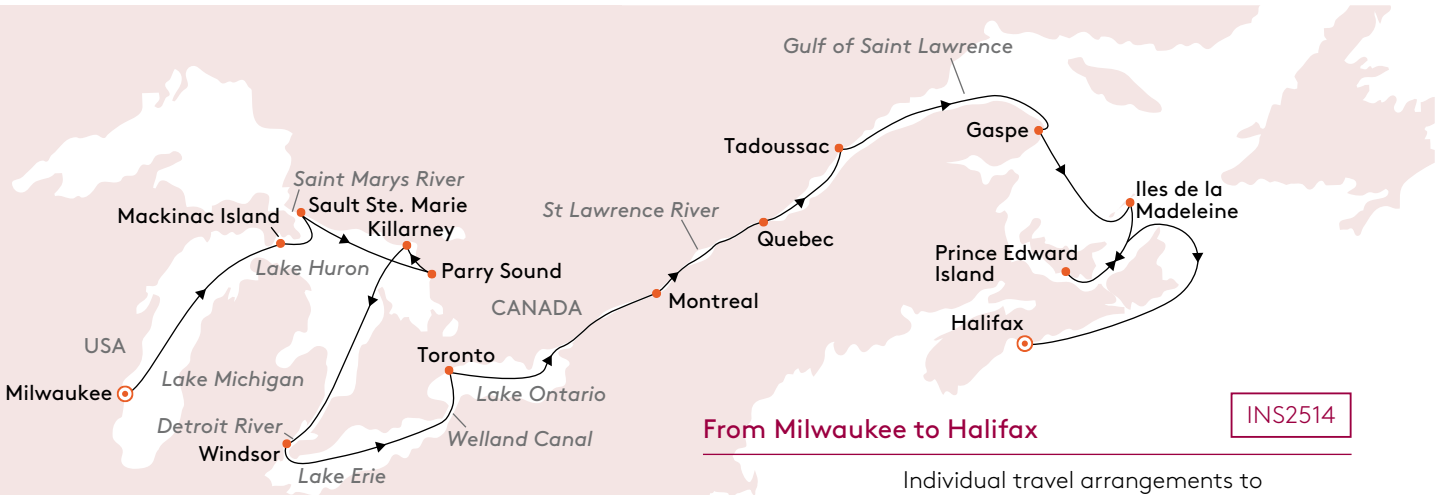


Great Lakes and St Lawrence River  
8 Oct – 25 Oct 2025 · 17 days

## UNLOCKING THE AMERICAN DREAM

Adventure, an explorer’s dream, natural wonders in shades of yellow and red: the Great Lakes and the mighty river system of North America, the St Lawrence River, united in the colours of Indian summer on one cruise. Your eventful days with the HANSEATIC inspiration begin in **Milwaukee** on **Lake Michigan**. The influences of former German immigrants can be seen during a **city tour with a visit to the Milwaukee Art Museum\*** and a **walk through the German quarter\***. Alternatively, you can visit the **Harley-Davidson Museum\***. **Mackinac Island** on **Lake Huron** is more tranquil, where Victorian mansions and the fort from the War of Independence tell of the beginnings of the United States of America. On a walk through **Sault Ste. Marie**, you can immerse yourself in fascinating stories of immigrants at the museum or marvel at the enormous lock system that separates Canada and the US here. Whether by kayak, canoe or ship, **Parry Sound** is an El Dorado for water sports enthusiasts, as a **boat trip of the Thirty Thousand Islands\*** will reveal. The composition of blue lakes, autumnal forests and pink granite rocks puts you in the midst of a masterpiece of nature in **Killbear Provincial Park\***. **Killarney** is reminiscent of Ireland. Stop and pause as you walk on the “emerald isle” of George Island to fully appreciate the nature and tranquillity. Contrast this with your view of the skyline of the former “Motor City” in **Windsor** – witnessing the transformation of **Detroit\*** is exciting. This is followed by a **cruise on Lake Erie** and truly great experiences ...

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For details, see page 46 (cruise INS2515)



### From Milwaukee to Halifax

		Individual travel arrangements to Milwaukee
Wed	8 Oct	Milwaukee/Lake Michigan/USA
Thu	9 Oct	Overnight stay on board
Fri	10 Oct	Milwaukee, departure 12.30 hrs
		Mackinac Island/Lake Huron, from 8.30 to 18.00 hrs ⚓
Sat	11 Oct	Sault Ste. Marie/Canada, from 6.00 to 15.30 hrs
Sun	12 Oct	Parry Sound, from 9.00 to 17.00 hrs
Mon	13 Oct	Killarney, from 7.00 to 13.00 hrs ⚓
Tue	14 Oct	Windsor, from 8.00 to 19.00 hrs
		Cruise on Lake Erie
Wed	15 Oct	Lock adventure on the Welland Canal: Day trip through the eight locks
Thu	16 Oct	Toronto/Lake Ontario, from 6.00 to 18.00 hrs
Fri	17 Oct	Lock adventure on the St Lawrence River: Day trip through the seven locks
Sat	18 Oct	Montreal, from 7.00 to 18.00 hrs
Sun	19 Oct	Quebec, from 8.00 to 18.00 hrs
Mon	20 Oct	Tadoussac, from 7.00 to 13.00 hrs
Tue	21 Oct	Gaspe, from 13.00 to 19.00 hrs
Wed	22 – 23 Oct	Iles de la Madeleine ⚓, Prince Edward Island
Fri	24 Oct	Relaxation at sea
Sat	25 Oct	Halifax/Canada, arrival 7.00 hrs
		Individual travel arrangements from Halifax

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The itinerary depends on official approval. Please note that the use of Zodiacs is currently not permitted on the Great Lakes. When the ship is at anchor, the ship’s tender boats will be used.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Pioneering spirit times two: the Great Lakes and St Lawrence River combined in one cruise
- Lock adventures: nautical masterpieces on the Welland Canal and St Lawrence River
- Experience the magic of Indian summer along the coasts and in the forests on active hikes
- “Vive la France” in Canada: explore traditional French-Canadian flair in Montreal, Quebec and Tadoussac
- Architecture that tells stories: contrasts ranging from Victorian villas to skyscrapers

The next stage of your cruise is all about nautical masterpieces: follow the challenging passage during a **lock adventure on the Welland Canal** on the deck tour at the bow or the ship’s many open deck areas. Through eight locks, your small ship overcomes almost 100 m (328 ft) of height, corresponding to a lock lift the height of Niagara Falls. This is only possible thanks to the ship’s retractable bridge wings. In **Toronto**, a **city tour by tram\*** shows how skyscrapers, parks and trendy districts complement each other well. Your curiosity will know no bounds on the next experience: a **lock adventure on the St Lawrence River** – with knowledgeable commentary provided from the bridge. Enjoy the exciting manoeuvres in the seven locks from the deck. European charm welcomes you in **Montreal** on a **city tour\***. The sommelier in you, by contrast, will be awakened by the **wineries in the Eastern Townships\***. French *savoir vivre* and Canadian zest for life invite you to explore the historic quarter in **Quebec**. A **walking tour with tea at Chateau Frontenac\*** will bring around 400 years of history to life. On a trip to **Montmorency Falls and Ile d’Orleans\***, you will pass some of Canada’s oldest French settlements. Dive deeper into the settlers’ history in Canada’s oldest village, **Tadoussac**. With a little luck, you might also spot whales here. A population of belugas lives in the waters all year round. From **Gaspe**, picturesque bays and rocky coastline shape your impressions on a **scenic tour across the peninsula and to Forillon National Park\***. You can also explore this paradise for amateur ornithologists on an active **hike\*** amidst autumnal colours. On the **Iles de la Madeleine**, red cliffs and long sandy beaches provide breathtaking **island impressions\***. Alternatively, a **culinary tour\*** combines cheese, fish and the art of brewing. Finally, Charlottetown on **Prince Edward Island** welcomes you to an urban idyll where the sound of horse-drawn carriages echoes through the streets. As your cruise slowly draws to a close, your American-Canadian dream comes to an end in beautiful natural surroundings.

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