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Final Documents

Expedition to Antarctica
December 27, 2025-January 9, 2026



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Expedition to Antarctica

Please read this document carefully.

Things you need to do before heading to the airport:

PASSPORTS

You must bring your passport, valid for six months after the end of the journey.

VISAS

No visas are needed.

EMERGENCY EVACUTION INSURANCE

This is a requirement for this journey.

CLEARED HEALTH DECLARATION FORM

Swan Hellenic requires that all passengers complete the health screening. Please watch this [video](#) for more information.

BAGGAGE

Please verify baggage weight limits with your air carrier prior to departure. Some airlines have significantly restricted weight allowances. The requirements for the charter flight can be found later in this document.

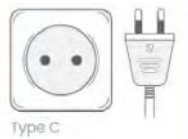
LUGGAGE TAGS

All luggage, including carry-on bags, must have identification tags. Especially be sure to indicate your last name. This will facilitate the handling of your luggage.

JOURNEY GUIDE

Review the updated Journey Guide that arrived with these Final Documents.

ELECTRICAL OUTLETS: The outlets at the hotel in Buenos Aires are Type C. You will need an international adapter for your North American devices.



Arrival Information

Guests who arrive on December 28 (or have made previous arrangements with Thalassa Journeys) will be met at the Ezeiza International Airport (EZE) and will be transferred to the Alvear Icon Hotel, Aimé Painé 1130, C1107, Cdad. Autónoma de Buenos Aires Argentina.

Look for our representative after you have exited the Customs and Baggage Claim area who will display Thalassa Journeys or Swan Hellenic signage. In the event you are going to be delayed, please notify our local agent:

Oyikil, +54 11 5365 8440 Ext. 2006
After Hours: +54 9 11 2471 6935

If you have issues contacting the local number please call Colin Church in the US, at +1-978-771-2926.

The direct number for the Diana is +1-564-225-3781.

For guests planning to meet the group at the hotel, the official check-in time is 3 pm. However, you can store your baggage securely at the hotel until your room is ready.

On January 9, 2026, passengers will disembark the Diana at the Cruise Terminal - Av. Maipu Nro. 510, Ushuaia (9410), Tierra del Fuego, Argentina . Guests will then be transferred to the airport for the charter flight back to Buenos Aires.



What to Do if your Luggage is Lost



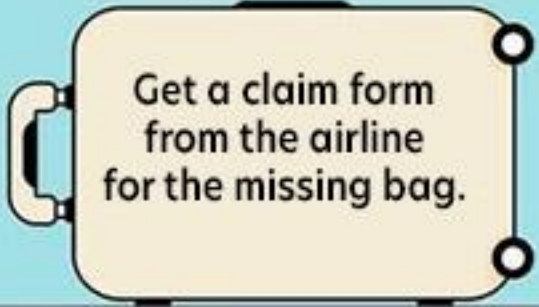
Confirm that all luggage has been offloaded the plane



Call or message the contact agent so they know you have arrived and are still at baggage claim.



PRIOR TO EXITING CUSTOMS
Make a claim at the airline desk in the baggage claim area



Get a claim form from the airline for the missing bag.



If available: Request an overnight kit and an allowance for reasonable expenses.



Continue through customs



Meet our contact at the arranged point.



Show the claim form to the Trip Director so our land agent can follow-up with the airline.



Take a photo of your claim form and keep it on your phone for easy access.

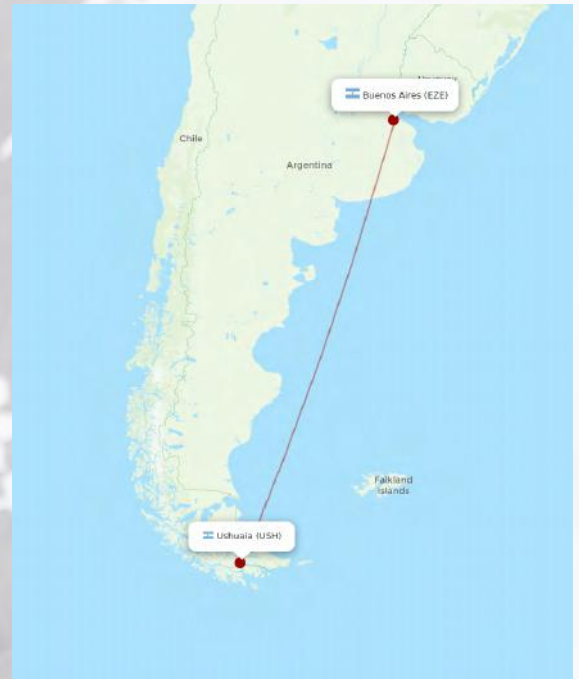


Contact your travel insurance company and follow their procedure for reimbursement

Charter Flight Allowances

Travelers will board charter flights between Buenos Aires and Ushuaia. The strict baggage allowance may be different than your commercial airline arriving at EZE airport.

- Carry-On item: 17.5 lbs (8kg) max height: 22 inches (55cm) x width: 14 inches (35cm) x depth: 10 inches (25cm)
- Personal item (i.e., handbag, small backpack) max height: 16 inches (40cm) x width: 12 inches (30cm) x depth: 16 inches (15cm)
- Checked Luggage: One item weighing no more than 50 lbs. (23kg). Max dimensions: 62 inches (158cm)
- Medical devices (such as CPAP) should be packed in checked luggage. Medical devices can only be carried on to the plane if listed on the medical form required by the charter airline. Please contact our office to receive a copy of this documentation.



Itinerary

EXPEDITION TO ANTARCTICA DECEMBER 27, 2025 - JANUARY 9, 2026

DECEMBER 27 SATURDAY	DEPART THE UNITED STATES	
DECEMBER 28 SUNDAY	BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA Arrive in Buenos Aires, where you will be met and transferred to the <i>Alvear Icon Hotel</i>. Please stop by our Hospitality Desk in the lobby of the hotel to meet your Tour Director, Laura Gallardo. Hours will be posted. This evening, gather with Wellesley Professor Rachel Stanley and fellow travelers for a welcome reception and dinner at <i>Cucina d'Onore</i>.	D
DECEMBER 29 MONDAY	BUENOS AIRES USHUAIA EMBARK Early wake up and transfer to the airport for your 8:50a.m. charter flight to Ushuaia, embark Diana in the afternoon and set sail through the magnificent scenery of the Beagle Channel.	B,D
DECEMBER 30 TUESDAY	AT SEA Attend lectures and briefings on what lies ahead and enjoy the ship's facilities as Diana navigates the Drake Passage to Antarctica. Keep a lookout for the Albatross, Cape Petrels, and whales that may accompany the ship as you make your way to the White Continent.	B,L,D
DECEMBER 31 - JANUARY 6 TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY	ANTARCTIC PENINSULA & SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS During these six days, explore the pristine wilderness of the Antarctic Peninsula and its surrounding islands. The Peninsula, a narrow finger of land that separates the Bellingshausen and Weddell Seas, is a land of scenic waterways, breathtaking panoramas of blue glaciers, and jagged, snow-capped mountains. The exact nature of daily activities will depend on ice and wind conditions, but we expect to begin our exploration in the Weddell Sea, with landings at Paulet Island, known for its thriving colonies of fur seals and Adelie Penguins, and Seymour Island, site of the Argentinian Marambio Research Station. Sailing to the north side of the Peninsula, we hope to land at Mikkelsen Harbor, where Gentoo Penguins breed, before heading further south through the Gerlache Strait to the British station at Port Lockroy. On the return north, we expect to call at Deception Island, known for its volcanically-heated hot springs, for the ruins of abandoned whaling huts, and for extraordinary wildlife, including the largest colony of Chinstrap penguins on the Antarctic Peninsula. Navigating through the magnificent Lemaire, Neumayer and other protected channels is also planned. Throughout the expedition you will attend lectures and discussions with Rachel Stanley and attend briefings with the ship's expedition staff.	B,L,D

JANUARY 7 - 8
WEDNESDAY-
THURSDAY

AT SEA

B,L,D

As Diana makes her way back across the Drake Passage toward Ushuaia, treat yourself to the amenities aboard and attend final lectures.

JANUARY 9
FRIDAY

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B

After breakfast aboard ship, transfer to the airport in Ushuaia for our charter flight to Buenos Aires, where you connect to flights homeward

Included meals noted as: B (breakfast), L (lunch), and D (dinner)



Participant List

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Iris Aimlin '15
Benjamin Aimlin
Brooklyn, NY

Robin Sparkman '91
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New York, NY

Joanne Berger-Sweeney '79
Urs Berger
Washington Depot, CT

Rachel Stanley Brown
Lecturer
Dwight Brown
Idahlia Brown
Penny Brown
Waban, MA

Loveleen Bindra '05
Flushing, NY

Alice Swett '89
Sheila O'Rourke
Oakland, CA

Bailey Childers '05
Washington, DC

Melissa A. Davis '05
Catia De Moraes
Atlanta, GA

Faith Tsao '90
Harry Markopolos
Louie Markopolos
Whitman, MA

Eileen Conroy '75
Fort Myers, FL

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John Veranth
Salt Lake City, UT

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New York, NY

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Boston, MA

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Laura Dulude '13
Sharon, MA

Kate Pittman '75
Hilary Ziven
Medfield, MA
Ella Pittman
North Hampton, NH

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