

Grand Traverse County Senior Center Network presents...

Antarctica: The White Continent

March 17 – 28, 2026



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Small Group Travel rewards travelers with new perspectives. With just 12-24 passengers, these are the personal adventures that today's cultural explorers dream of.

12 Days • 28 Meals: 10 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches, 9 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Buenos Aires, Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, The Drake Passage, Zodiac Safaris, Penguin Colony Close-Ups, Polar Plunge, Expedition Landings, On-Board Educational Sessions

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1 Overnight Flight
Day 2 Hilton Buenos Aires , Buenos Aires
Days 3 – 11 Atlas Ocean Voyages - World Voyager, Ushuaia or Atlas Ocean Voyages, Ushuaia or Atlas Ocean Voyages - World Voyager, Ushuaia

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Tuesday, March 17, 2026 Overnight Flight An overnight flight takes you to Buenos Aires, the launching point for your adventure into Antarctica.

Day 2: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 Buenos Aires, Argentina

Arrive in cosmopolitan Buenos Aires, birthplace of the tango and the "Paris of South America." Stretching along the banks of the Rio de la Plata, the city is a mosaic of European-style architecture and South American spirit. Spend the day however you wish before setting out to begin your voyage tomorrow. There are no included activities today.

Day 3: Thursday, March 19, 2026 Fly to Ushuaia - Embark Ship - At Sea

This morning we fly over Patagonia before landing in Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, surrounded by spectacular mountain scenery. Set out on a panoramic tour of Tierra del Fuego National Park and soak in this dramatic landscape on the southern tip of South America featuring glaciers, lakes, mountains, and waterfalls. From Ushuaia, embark the expedition ship that will be your home for the next nine days during a cruise to Antarctica. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Friday, March 20, 2026 The Drake Passage - At Sea

Cruise south through the fabled Drake Passage, named after the explorer Sir Frances Drake. Set between Cape Horn and the Antarctic Peninsula, crossing the legendary Drake Passage is unforgettable – a milestone for any adventurer! Warmer waters of the north meet colder, denser waters of the south here in the Antarctic Convergence, making the area rich in marine life like humpback whales and hourglass dolphins. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Saturday, March 21, 2026 The Drake Passage - Antarctica

During the 48-hour journey through the Drake Passage, the soundtrack includes the crash of waves against the ship and cry of petrels, skuas, and gulls overhead. While the waterway is famous for its challenging navigation, on some occasions, the channel is calm and tranquil – this unpredictable nature is part of the adventure. As you emerge from the Drake Passage, reaching the northern point of The White Continent, the mammoth, icy peaks of the South Shetland Islands greet you. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Sunday, March 22, 2026 Antarctica Part of the greater Antarctica region, the South Shetland Islands hold a bounty of wildlife, scenic landscapes, hiking opportunities, and magnificent views that inspire a sense of discovery. According to sea and weather conditions, there are several possible shore landing opportunities. A possible landing on Elephant Island, named for the shape of its cliffside and the elephant seals that call it home, sets you on the same path as the famous Shackleton Expedition. Another possible landing is Deception Island, a volcanic caldera with heated springs and black sands. Other possible stops include Half Moon Island, Yankee Harbor, Point Wild, and Barrientos Island with its gentoo penguin rookeries. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Monday, March 23, 2026 Antarctica Your days are filled with discovering Antarctica, the last great wilderness stretching across ice-covered desert and mountains for over five million square miles. The ethereal beauty and immense scale of the continent are like nowhere else on the planet. The voyage keeps a flexible schedule as your captain expertly navigates ice floes, icebergs, and changing sea and weather conditions to ensure you experience the most from your expedition. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Tuesday, March 24, 2026 Antarctica Nicknamed "The White Continent" for its vast expanse of icebergs, snow and glaciers, Antarctica is often a final frontier for experienced explorers to conquer. As you navigate Antarctic waters, you may set foot on sites like Beak Island, Brown Bluff, Cierva Cove, Hidden Bay, and many more. Each landing throughout the continent offers its own unique landscape, from expansive tundra to rugged mountain peaks, all beckoning you to follow the paths that few explorers have trekked before. (B, L, D)



Veranda Stateroom (B2) Cabin Rates: Double \$11,498; Single \$14,598;
Horizon Stateroom (A1) Cabin Rates: Double \$11,498; Single \$14,598;
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Veranda Stateroom (B1) Cabin Rates: Double \$11,498; Single \$14,598;
Horizon Deluxe Stateroom (E1) Cabin Rates: Double \$13,398; Single \$17,398;
Veranda Deluxe Stateroom (E2) Cabin Rates: Double \$13,398; Single \$17,398;
Discovery Suite (DS) Cabin Rates: Double \$14,498; Single \$23,598;
Journey Suite (JS) Cabin Rates: Double \$14,498; Single \$23,598;
Navigator Suite (NS) Cabin Rates: Double \$15,498; Single \$25,598;

Included in Price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$1499 per person, Port Charges, Round Trip Air from Cherry Capital Airport, Inter-flights from Buenos Aires EZE, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

**Air rates are subject to availability at time of booking and not guaranteed

Limited Availability. All space and cabins are on a first come first serve basis.

* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. (See registration form for consent.)

Day 9: Wednesday, March 25, 2026 Antarctica Each day is a new adventure filled with a spontaneous sense of exploration. Your captain works with the expedition team to determine possible shore landings and Zodiac safaris. You may take a Zodiac foray among towering icebergs or hike along the shoreline near penguin colonies. On one day of the cruise, you can even take the chance to experience a polar plunge by jumping in with a harness from the side of the ship! (B, L, D)

Day 10: Thursday, March 26, 2026 The Drake Passage - At Sea Antarctica falls into your wake as you begin sailing back towards Ushuaia today, crossing the southern waters of the Drake Passage. As you make your return through this famed channel, stay on the lookout for the incredible wildlife around you in the sea and sky. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Friday, March 27, 2026 The Drake Passage - At Sea On your final day of sailing the channel, enjoy the time to relax on the ship and reflect on all you have seen and learned along the journey. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Saturday, March 28, 2026 Ushuaia - Disembark Ship - Fly to Buenos Aires - Tour Ends After breakfast, disembark in Ushuaia and proceed to the airport for your flight* to Buenos Aires before flying home. (B)

Important Tour Information:

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 4. This means you're ready to seize the day, whatever it may bring. You lead an active life at home (walking, biking, and half or full day hikes are things you may enjoy) and 10,000 steps a day is normal for you. You can handle longer walking tours (more than 3 hours covering 3+ miles at a steady clip) and activities that involve traversing uneven terrain, steep slopes, standing for periods of time, and varying altitudes and temperatures. You don't mind being on the go with some early starts, late nights, and full days. You can handle altitudes of 9,000 feet or higher with little to no issue. This level is not appropriate for travelers who use wheelchairs, walkers, and other mobility assistance devices.

Transfers to/from the ship are by small Zodiac boats. Landings are either "dry" or "wet" and you might have to wade ashore in shallow water. In some cases, the terrain can be a little strenuous.

All conditions do not apply to all days so please read the itinerary carefully and speak to one of our Client Care Agents to determine if this tour is right for you.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Every departure to Antarctica is one-of-a-kind! Our ship's program landings and excursions are subject to change due to weather conditions, wind speeds, sea conditions, etc. Your expedition lead and ship captain may deviate from the published itinerary for any reason they deem advisable.

Order of sightseeing on board the ship may vary based on departure and weather conditions and is at the sole discretion of the cruise line.

Wildlife sightings cannot be guaranteed.

Special clothing is required for shore landings; please refer to your pre-departure documents for important details. Guests will receive a complimentary parka for use during landings. Rubber boots and other cold weather gear can be purchased or rented through our gear partner, Ship-to-Shore, at your own expense. This tour is operated by Atlas Ocean Voyages and will have Atlas representatives accompanying you throughout the program. This program is not Collette exclusive and a Collette Tour Manager will not be accompanying you.

Please see pricing for upgrade fees for higher decks. Other cabin upgrades may be available on a request basis.

Cabins available are as follows: Veranda Stateroom (Queen Stateroom with private balcony); Horizon Stateroom (Queen Stateroom with Juliette balcony); Veranda Deluxe Stateroom (Queen Stateroom with private balcony and more square footage); Horizon Deluxe Stateroom (Queen Stateroom with Juliette balcony and more square footage); Journey Suite (1 Bedroom Suite with oversized balcony and 382 square feet); Discovery Suite (1 Bedroom Suite with oversized balcony and 445 square feet); Navigator Suite (1 Bedroom Suite with oversized balcony and 465 square feet).

Your expedition ship has a capacity of 198 guests. Therefore, you will be onboard with other travelers outside of Collette.

Expedition ships have a limited quantity of cabins available in each cabin category. We will make every effort to accommodate your cabin category preference at the time of booking. If the cabin category preferred is not available, the next closest category available will be offered and a surcharge may apply.

Due to early arrival times in some cities, rooms may not always be ready for immediate check-in.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability. Triple rooms are not available.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your

own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Return flights should not be booked prior to 8:00 p.m.

Internal flights are required in order to participate on this tour and are included in the final price, quoted at time of booking.

Prior to full payment for the program, the cruise line reserves the right to impose a supplemental fuel charge. Should this occur, you will be notified of the additional charges.

Taxes and fees starting from \$450 USD per person (subject to change without advance notice), quoted at time of printing, are included in the tour cost.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

Travel Requirements:

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

A deposit of \$2397 per person (which includes non refundable cancellation waiver and insurance) is due upon reservation. A second deposit of \$1,000 per person is due by September 18, 2025Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Final payment due by November 17, 2025.

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YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

Nickname: _____ Gender: () Male () Female Date of Birth: month _____ day _____ year _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____ Email Address: _____

Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you): _____ Phone: () _____

ROOMING WITH: Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

AIR GATEWAY: Departure airport for this tour: _____

Air Seat Request: () Aisle () Window () Next To Traveling Companion

Collette cannot guarantee your seat preference. If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times.

Please be advised, when travelling as part of a group, many airlines do not provide seat assignments. Preferred seating may be available for an additional charge.

"Federal law forbids carriage of hazardous materials such as aerosols, fireworks, lithium batteries & flammable liquids aboard the aircraft in your checked or carry-on baggage. A violation can result in 5 years' imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 or more. Details on prohibited items may be found on TSA's "prohibited items" web page: <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items>."

TRAVEL PROTECTION:

If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,500 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

CABIN PREFERENCE:

Please Number Your Choices from 1 to 9. (1 being your top choice)

() Discovery Suite (DS) () Horizon Deluxe Stateroom (E1) () Veranda Stateroom (B2) () - Horizon Stateroom (A1) () Horizon Stateroom (A2)
() Journey Suite (JS) () Navigator Suite (NS) () Veranda Deluxe Stateroom (E2) () Veranda Stateroom (B1)

We will make every effort to accommodate your cabin category preference at the time of booking. It is suggested that you indicate your first, second and third choice of cabin categories. If requested cabin category is not available, the next available category will be offered and the supplemental amount will be added or deducted.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Collette

WAIVER: Travel Protection (Already included in price shown on flyer) () Yes, I wish to keep the Travel Protection () No, decline



Special Needs Form

Please complete this form, sign and return it to us within 14 days of receipt.

Email: TravelOperations@collette.com

Fax: 401.727.4745

Mail: Collette: Travel Operations
180 Middle Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860

TRAVELERS NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time the reservation is made.

*Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither Collette nor its personnel, nor its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveler thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call Collette to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities. Internationally, a great deal of walking may be necessary to fully enjoy the destination. Travelers should be in good health and must be able to walk reasonable distances. In some areas, travelers may be required to walk on uneven ground, cobblestone streets or raised thresholds.

****To request a wheelchair accessible room on a cruise, the traveler or person sharing the room must have a recognized disability that alters a major life function and requires the use of a mobility device and the use of the accessible features provided in the wheelchair accessible stateroom. The cruise company may take appropriate action against someone who has reserved or purchased such a stateroom fraudulently. Action may include but is not limited to removal from the stateroom to a non-accessible accommodation up to denial of boarding.***

Reservation # _____

Name: _____ Male or Female (circle one)

Are you traveling with a wheelchair? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- Does your wheelchair collapse? Yes No
- Can you stand and climb steps to board the coach without it? Yes No

- Are you capable of lifting your own wheelchair? Yes No

If you are not capable of lifting your own wheelchair who will provide assistance?

This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your wheelchair:

Height _____ Length _____ Width _____

Are you traveling with a walker? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- Does your walker collapse? Yes No

This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your walker:

Height _____ Length _____ Width _____

*Tour Managers and drivers do not provide assistance lifting, pushing or carrying wheelchairs or walkers.
Motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.*

Are you requesting any hotel room accommodations? Yes No

If "YES" Please indicate if one or more of the following is required in the washroom.

- Walk-in shower Yes No
- Grab bars Yes No
- Raised toilet seat Yes No

Please provide any details in reference to the nature of your request.

Most hotel rooms that can accommodate the request will be equipped with only 1 bed.

Do you understand and accept? Yes No

Collette cannot guarantee the availability of such rooms as many hotels have a limited number of rooms that are equipped with the above accommodations.

Are you traveling with an oxygen tank? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- You must contact the airline directly to arrange transportation of the oxygen on the plane. Oxygen requests vary by airline and location and can take up to 2 weeks to request.
- You are responsible for supplying your own electrical cords, and converters as needed.

This form must be remitted within 14 days of receipt for any special needs accommodation request.

Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities and motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.

The Americans with Disabilities Act only applies in the United States. Many international destinations cannot accommodate passengers' requests. Collette will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants, but we cannot guarantee that all requests will be honored on international destinations.

Collette also regrets that it cannot provide individual assistance to a tour member with special needs for walking, dining, or other special personal needs. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable and totally responsible for the assistance.

I have read and understand the above:

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

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Reason: _____

Tour: _____ **Reservation #** _____

TS/Group: _____

Tour Date: _____