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CHILE & EASTER ISLAND
A Fully Escorted Tour 10 – 25 Feb 2012

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4 NIGHT “MV STELLA AUSTRALIS” CRUISE PUNTA ARENAS TO USHUAIA



A new expedition cruise ship was launched for the 2010/2011 cruising season to celebrate the 20th anniversary of *Cruceros Australis*, a company that sails in one of the planet's most virgin territories, Chilean-Argentine Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego. This new vessel is the “Stella Australis”, with a capacity of 210 passengers, accommodated in 100 spacious outside cabins with picture windows. She navigates between the Chilean city of Punta Arenas and Ushuaia (the southernmost city in the world) in Argentina, including the Strait of Magellan and the Beagle Channel in the extreme south of the South American continent. Impressive glaciers, native forests, penguin and elephant seal colonies can be seen on the journey towards mythical Cape Horn, declared a World Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO. The trip includes daily excursions in Zodiac boats, directed by the multilingual expedition team, complemented by cultural lectures about the natural surroundings.

The cruise is “all inclusive”; breakfast, lunch, dinner and Open Bar for wine, beer, liquor and other beverages. The menu combines international cuisine and local recipes, which allows the discovery of the delicious and varied regional gastronomy, accompanied by Chilean and Argentine wines.

<http://www.australis.com/site/en-us/darwin/new-cruise-ship-stella-australis/>

Day 1 Sat 25 Feb PUNTA ARENAS

Check in at Magallanes 990, Punta Arenas. Cruise ship boarding at 6:00 p.m. The Captain and crew host a welcome cocktail reception on board. Immediately afterward, the ship departs for “the uttermost End of the Earth”. We will explore the Ushuaia route to enjoy the stunning, natural beauty of Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego, in an amazingly comfortable ship accompanied by expert crew and guides. Their mission, in addition to safety, is to make sure your journey is remarkable and unforgettable. We have just embarked on a Great Adventure!

Day 2 Sun 26 Feb AINSWORTH BAY – TUCKER ISLET

At dawn, we continue navigating through Almirantazgo Sound until finally arriving near Marinelli Glacier in Ainsworth Bay, where we enjoy a walk to discover a beaver dam in the midst of a marvelous Magellanic forest. On the beach we are able to observe a colony of elephant seals. Later we visit Tucker Islet, with its colonies of Magellanic Penguins and cormorants. These are viewed from the Zodiac boats.

Day 3 Mon 27 Feb PIA GLACIER – GLACIER ALLERY

We navigate through the main part of Beagle Channel to reach Pia Bay, where we disembark near Pia Glacier. We take a short hike to a lookout point with a spectacular view of the entire glacier tongue, stretching from high in the mountains all the way to the sea. After this unforgettable experience, we sail again along the northwest arm of Beagle Channel through majestic “Glacier Alley”: Spain, Romanche, Germany, Italy, France and Holland glaciers.

Day 4 Tue 28 Feb CAPE HORN – WULAIA BAY

We sail through Beagle and Murray channels to reach and disembark in Cape Horn National Park (weather permitting). Cape Horn, on Hornos Island, is a sheer, 425 Metre (1,394-feet) high rocky promontory. This mythical place is known as the “End of the Earth”; a visit is a singular privilege. The park was declared a World Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in June 2005. In the afternoon, we go ashore in historic Wulaia Bay, once the site of one of the region’s largest aboriginal settlements. This area is also renowned for the mesmerizing beauty of its vegetation and geography. We walk through a Magellanic forest of Lengas, Coigües, Canelos, ferns and other native vegetation to reach a look out point.

Day 5 Wed 29 Feb USHUAIA

We arrive in Ushuaia, Argentina’s most important city on Tierra de Fuego, and the southernmost city in the world. We disembark at 8:00 a.m.

There may be time for some exploration before departure on your international flight home.

It will also be possible to return to Santiago to do an optional tour to the Atacama Desert, if this was not done pre-tour.

The End of the World is waiting for you. We invite you to discover it aboard the *STELLA AUSTRALIS*.

Please note: this is a proposal only and subject to availability, as no cabins have been booked.

Please contact us if you would like us to make any other arrangements for you - airport transfer, local sightseeing and/or overnight in Ushuaia.

RATES PER PERSON IN USD

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| B Cabin | 1,894 |
| A Cabin | 2,608 |
| AA Cabin | 2,731 |
| AAA Cabin | 2,863 |
| AA Superior Cabin | 3,195 |
| AAA Superior Cabin | 3,350 |
| Single Cabin | 3,266 |

(B or A Category. Single in AA, AAA, AA Sup or AAA Sup will be 1.5 of category rate)



Included in Price

4 Night cruise aboard the *MV STELLA AUSTRALIS*
Transfer from Patagonia Camp to boarding Pier
Accommodation in cabin type selected
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
Free Bar
Whisky and hot chocolate during excursions
Daily land excursions as per itinerary
All on board activities

Not Included

Flights
Transfers at end of cruise
Tips and gratuities
Insurance
Port Tax and National Parks Fee of USD30 per person
Subject to change
All items of a personal nature - telephone calls, laundry

Deposit, Payments & Cancellation

On confirmation a non refundable deposit of USD350.00 per person payable to guarantee reservation.

Final payment must be received by 01 December 2011.

100% cancellation fee after 01 December 2011.

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