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# Antarctica Marathon Packages

## 15 to 28 March 2024 - 14 Days / 13 Nights

CABIN TYPE CABIN DESCRIPTION

Double Cabin with private facilities & balcony

Twin Cabin with private facilities & balcony

RUNNER SUPPORTER

\$16,708 AUD \$16,305 AUD

\$17,676 AUD \$17,273 AUD

NOTE: IF A SINGLE ROOM IS PREFERRED AT THE HOTEL IN BUENOS AIRES, PLEASE ADD AN ADDITIONAL \$807 TO THE PACKAGE.

SINGLE OCCUPANCY ON THE SHIP IS NOT POSSIBLE.

While exploring this most pristine corner of the planet, you will come face-to-face with Antarctic gems such as icebergs, penguins, seals and whales. Historians and scientists will provide lectures on board ship and wildlife excursions during landings in remote areas among seal colonies and penguin rookeries and at research bases.

The course on King George Island located off the tip of the Antarctic Peninsula has marked gravel roads that connect the scientific research bases of Uruguay, Chile, China and Russia. Great care is taken to leave behind zero impact on the environment in this sensitive ecosystem. You will experience a most challenging running experience as well as an experience of a lifetime.

## ANTARCTICA MARATHON AND HALF MARATHON ITINERARY:

### Friday 15 March

Flights arrive in Buenos Aires, Argentina and passengers transfer to the Alvear Icon Hotel, Buenos Aires. Most flights will arrive at the Ezeiza International Airport (EZE) and transfers are arranged for only those arriving at this airport between the hours of 8:00 am and 1:00 pm. There will be an optional light training run in the late afternoon. You have this evening to explore some of this city's famous restaurants just a short walk to Puerto Madero.

## Saturday 16 March

Following breakfast, enjoy a half-day city tour, which will introduce you to the vibrant capital of Argentina. There is an optional 4:00pm light training run in the National Park. In the evening there will be a cocktail reception, followed by a welcome dinner and the important mandatory race check-in/briefing at the hotel.

Breakfast and Dinner included.

## **Sunday 17 March**

Enjoy today to explore more of Buenos Aires and/or participate in a group light training run at 4:00pm in the National Park. You have this evening to explore some of this city's famous restaurants just a short walk to Puerto Madero. Breakfast included.

## **Monday 18 March**

Today, transfer to the airport for an early morning flight to Ushuaia in province of Tierra del Fuego, the world's southernmost city. Depending on flight arrival time, it's possible you will have time to explore this interesting town with plenty of shops and restaurants. Be ready to board the Ocean Victory in the afternoon for your departure to Antarctica. Welcome reception and briefing on shipboard safety.

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#### Tuesday 19 & Wednesday 20 March

These two days are spent at sea crossing the Beagle Channel and Drake Passage. Videos and lectures will introduce visitors to the wildlife, climate and history of Antarctica. On arrival at King George Island on the second afternoon, the race operations crew will go ashore to set up the course for the following day.

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included.

### **Thursday 21 March**

Race Day! The course has been prepared with flags and mileage markers. Hopefully, Mother Nature will be kind with the weather. The race will start about 9:00am - marathon runners have a 6h30m time limit (weather permitting) and half marathon runners have a 4h30m time limit. After this major accomplishment, enjoy a post-race party and celebration this evening! The ship heads south overnight toward the Antarctica Peninsula.

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included.

## Friday 22 March

Awake to the panoramic views of glaciers mountains and pristine bays and channels. Weaving among the icebergs, our destination is Paradise Bay, one of the most beautiful places on Earth. A sunny afternoon will permit us to have a barbecue and race awards ceremony on the stern deck. The zodiacs will bring us to shore for a visit to the vacated Argentine base nestled at the base of a hill where visitors are welcome to climb to the peak for a bird's eye view of the area. Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included.

## Saturday 23 March to Monday 25 March

These next three days you will hopefully find yourself in the fjords near the Lemaire Channel where humpbacks cruise for krill (small crustaceans). The third afternoon the boat leaves the "White Continent" to re-cross the Drake Passage. Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included.

## Tuesday 26 March and Wednesday 27 March

Two days are spent at sea on the return voyage hoping for calm seas to glorify in the memory of accomplishing a life-changing experience. You will first sight land at Cape Horn, Chile where you will approach the return port at Ushuaia. *Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included.* 

## **Thursday 28 March**

This morning after breakfast, you find yourself in Ushuaia at about 8:00am where you will disembark and check-in for your return flight to Buenos Aires and then onward to your international flights back home. Flights departing from Buenos Aires to your home city should not depart before 8:30 PM. You should consider booking a one night (or more) stay on the return to relax before your long flights home.

Breakfast included.

## NOTE:

The Antarctica Marathon organisers reserve the right to change the itinerary due to flight schedule changes, weather or any other reason that it deems necessary for the safe and enjoyable execution of this trip. It may be necessary for some guests to overnight in Ushuaia on the return due to delays, flight availability or other reasons. In this case, the guest is responsible for the additional hotel cost.

