



BLUE
PARALLEL

ROSS SEA LUXURY CRUISES, ANTARCTICA

Sailing South of the Antarctic Circle to the Ross Sea



JOURNEY OVERVIEW

Take a Ross Sea luxury cruise to cross the Antarctic Polar Circle as you journey to the far southern reaches of the planet. There, you will discover some of the starkest, remote, and majestic landscapes on the planet. Begin in Ushuaia, the charming Argentine town that sits on the Southern tip of the American landmass. Explore Tierra del Fuego National Park on foot and canoe, spotting a variety of seabirds and penguins along the way. Then, begin your luxury cruise to the Ross Sea aboard the Commandant Charcot when your captain sets off across the Drake Passage. As you sail south over the days to come, you will embark on various excursions around Antarctica. Discover the polar region's breathtaking landscapes, enormous icebergs, and unique wildlife with expert naturalist guides. You will visit the shadowy Charcot Island, meet a colony of penguins at Siple Island, and set foot on one of the few true "no man's land" at Burke Island, just to name a few. During your days at sea, attend lectures and presentations, participate in discussion groups, or relax and enjoy the amenities of the Commandant Charcot. When you finally arrive at the awe-inspiring Ross Sea, discover the wildlife that inhabits the world's largest marine protected area and witness the expansive Ross Ice Shelf towering above you. You will then return north, stopping for additional expeditions along the return journey.

A Taste of Blue Parallel's Insider Access

- Private, custom-made adventures in Tierra del Fuego
- Overall personal logistical assistance before and after cruise
- Custom-made pre- and post- cruise extensions designed by experts in the region

The Discovery

- Ushuaia
- Drake Passage & Antarctic Polar Circle
- Antarctica
- Ross Sea & Ross Ice Shelf

The Adventure

- Hiking
- Wildlife
- Polar explorations
- Zodiac excursions

Duration

27 Days

When to go?

JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC

DESTINATIONS

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TRAVEL TIME

28 nights / 29 days



PHOTOGRAPHY



LUXURY CRUISE TO ROSS SEA ABOARD THE COMMANDANT CHARCOT

*Please note: This private tour to Antarctica is an example,
as all of our luxury journeys are custom-made.*

Please contact us to start planning your custom-made private adventure of a lifetime.

Ushuaia (2 nights)

Upon your arrival in Ushuaia, head straight to Tierra del Fuego National Park, where you will begin your discovery of the far southern latitudes with your expert guide. In the national park, canoe down the Lapataia River from Lake Roca. Along the way, admire the region's unique flora, such as evergreen beech, winter's bark, and fire bush, before arriving at Laguna Verde, one of the most breathtaking spots in the national park.

The following day, head to the penguin rookery on Martillo Island, where you will marvel at the bustling colony of Magellanic Penguins at their breeding site. Continue to a delicious picnic lunch on Gable Island, the largest island in the Beagle Channel, before taking a light hike to spot seabirds such as petrels, skuas, cormorants, seagulls and albatross.

Luxury Cruise to the Ross Sea, Antarctica (24 nights)

During your final morning in Ushuaia, explore the highlights of the town's colorful center before boarding Le Commandant Charcot in the afternoon. With a maximum capacity of 200 guests during an Antarctica cruise, this luxury vessel features elegantly designed common areas and staterooms that will provide a comfortable journey toward the South Pole. In addition, the ship boasts an indoor pool, spa, and fitness area, along with indoor and outdoor lounges and multiple dining options.

The adventure begins as your captain steers you across the Drake Passage and toward the Antarctic Polar Circle, which marks the latitude where the sun doesn't set for 24 hours in the summer months. As you cruise further and further south, your expert naturalist guides will organize lectures to provide you with interesting facts and background about the enigmatic Antarctic region that you're about to experience.

After crossing the Antarctic Polar Circle, embark on your first expedition to Charcot Island. Jagged outcrops of rock that dramatically contrast against the icy white cliffs and cloudy sky characterize this mysterious island. Upon exploring the island with your naturalist guide, you will become one of the few people ever to step foot in such remote and inhospitable terrain.

As you continue your journey toward the Ross Sea, you will witness the spectacularly stark landscapes at the edge of the world up close, disembarking Le Commandant Charcot for additional expeditions. During your days at sea, experts in the regions will offer lectures and lead discussion groups. Or, you may simply enjoy the amenities of Le Commandant Charcot as you admire the grandeur of the enormous icebergs that dot the landscape.

On your twelfth day aboard, you will arrive at the Ross Sea, the world's largest marine protected area that famed explorer James Clark Ross first discovered in the 1840s. The sea ice surrounding the nutrient-rich water protects the many bird and mammal species who call the area home. The Ross Ice Shelf, the largest expanse of ice in the world, sits at the southern boundary of the sea. The sheer cliffs and vertical face of the ice shelf dominate the landscape, rising to 100 meters above sea level and reaching even further depths under the water.

Following your exploration of the Ross Ice Shelf, you will reverse course and begin heading north, stopping for additional expeditions during the return journey. For instance, you may visit some of the only land in the world that remains unclaimed by any country - Antarctica's Ruppert Coast and Burke Island. Finally, your Antarctic journey comes to a close once you cross the Drake Passage once more and disembark in Ushuaia.

ABOUT BLUE PARALLEL

Blue Parallel is a bespoke luxury travel boutique.



Our mission is to take discerning, time-constrained travelers to the most spectacular natural and cultural wonders of Latin America, the Mediterranean, and the Polar Regions.



We create private, tailor-made journeys that focus on UNESCO World Heritage Sites, insider access experiences, and extraordinary outdoor adventures.



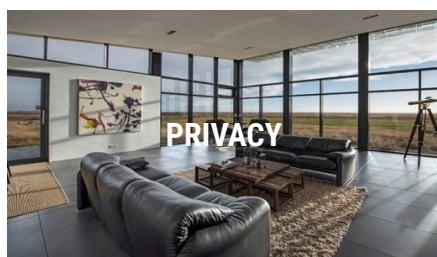
Since launching in 2003, we have become the go-to service for luxury travelers searching for top-of-the-line experiential journeys. We have been selected as an A-list Top Travel Advisor by Travel + Leisure every year since 2009, and are proudly part of the leading luxury travel network Virtuoso and their Ultraluxe Community (a by-invitation-only membership for the industry's most exclusive services and providers). We have hosted numerous eminent travelers since our inception and are frequently featured in prestigious international publications.



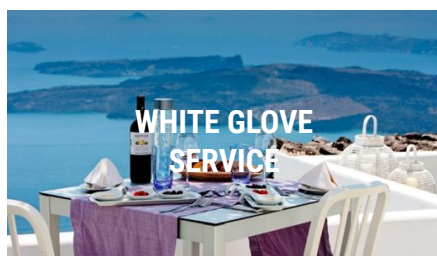
Blue Parallel journeys feature breathtaking outdoor adventures led by expert guides or accomplished athletes. Scuba diving in the Belize Reef, biking through Berber villages in the Atlas Mountains, ice-trekking on the Perito Moreno Glacier, dog sledding in Lapland, rafting on the Pacuare River in Costa Rica, and hiking the fjords of Norway are only a few examples of the extraordinary outdoor adventures we incorporate in our tailor-made itineraries. We take great satisfaction in designing custom-made adventures of a lifetime.



At Blue Parallel, we open doors to unique opportunities that match our travelers' interests. Our team travels year-round, seeking out the most intriguing insider experiences. Over the years, we have developed invaluable relationships with esteemed scholars, acclaimed artists, Olympic athletes, renowned chefs, directors of historical and natural landmarks, as well as with local leaders in politics and business, to name just a few examples.



Privacy has always been a top priority in all aspects of a Blue Parallel journey. Exclusive accommodations range from remote, fully-serviced villas in Iceland, a lighthouse on a private island in Norway, or a luxury private camp in the Sahara Desert. Examples of private custom experiences include an after-hours tour of the Alhambra in Andalusia, chartering a luxury yacht in the Galapagos Islands, or taking a private train ride to Machu Picchu. We can provide all these ultimate exclusive experiences and more so that our travelers can have the option to enjoy some of the world's most spectacular sights without the crowds.



Blue Parallel travelers are assigned a dedicated team comprised of:

- A personal travel expert
- A personal host in each destination
- Expert on-site guides and scholars
- Behind-the-scenes logistical experts to monitor every step of the journey

We are on call for our travelers 24-hours a day during their trip, ensuring a smooth and stress-free experience. Whatever happens, our team is one step ahead, and we provide the flexibility to change the program during the journey, if need be.

CERTAINTY IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

Blue Parallel's expertise and our obsession with details offer certainty in an uncertain world. We have almost 2 decades of experience handling unforeseen circumstances, and the recent pandemic has only increased the significant value of having our dedicated teams offer limitless support to our travelers before, during, and after their journeys.

OUR DESTINATIONS

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ARGENTINA



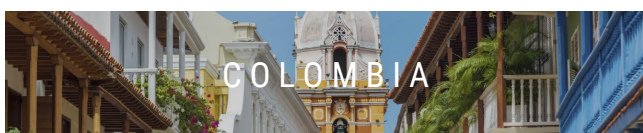
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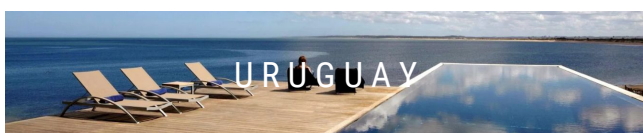
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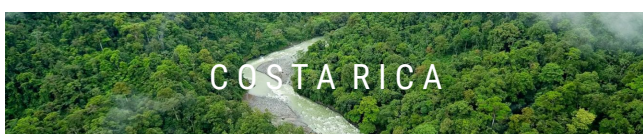
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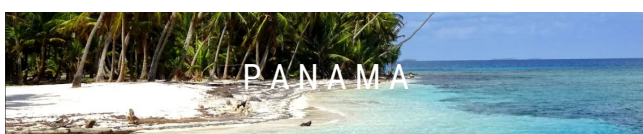
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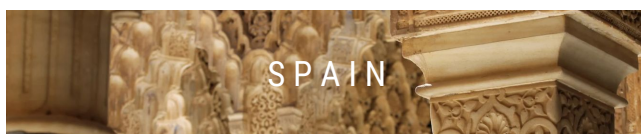
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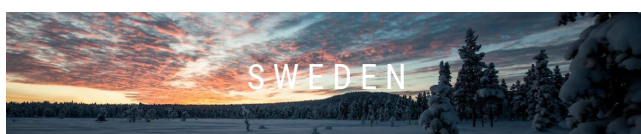
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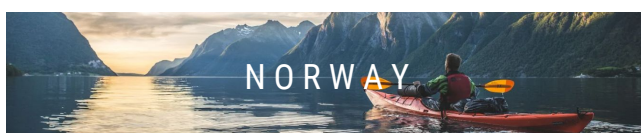
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START PLANNING

We are experts in creating inspiring tailor-made itineraries. We will take your vision, try to enhance it, and then make your dream trip a reality. You can call us at 1-301-263-6670 Monday-Friday | 9 AM - 5PM ET, or send us an email to info@blueparallel.com.

How it all works

1

Contact us

Give us a call or send us an email in order to connect with one of our expert travel advisors.

2

Initial Consultation

We will ask you questions about your dream trip, make recommendations, and answer any questions you may have.

3

Summary Itinerary Outline

We will check availability for your preferred travel dates with our favorite accommodations and then provide you with a recommended summary trip outline.

4

Detailed Itinerary Proposal

Upon your approval of the summary outline, we will make tentative reservations and create a detailed custom-made itinerary with pricing documentation for your review.

5

Booking Procedures

If you would like Blue Parallel to secure your itinerary, we will email you our booking procedures and kindly request a deposit payment.

6

Pre-Trip Support

Closer to your travel dates, we will mail you a personalized travel package to ensure you are fully prepared for your journey.

7

During the Trip

While you are traveling, our team will be available to assist you with anything you may need at any time.

8

Post-Trip Debrief

After your journey, we would kindly ask to schedule a "debriefing call" to hear your feedback. Alternatively, you could fill in an online survey.

We will do our very best to surpass your expectations every step of the way. Most of our travelers are repeat travelers - we take great pride in forging long-term relationships with our savvy guests.