

Welcome on board!

We are pleased to send you some information to get you started on preparations on your Antarctica voyage on board the Bark EUROPA:

Voyage preparation

- When booking your **airline tickets** please allow some extra time in the unlikely event that (part of) your luggage is lost. We strongly recommend you to arrive one day before the embarkation date of your voyage.
- It is compulsory to have a **travelinsurance** for your voyage. A **cancellation insurance** is recommended, as even small injuries could prevent you to be able to join our sailing voyage.
- Check the **validity of your passport**. Many destinations require a passport valid for a minimum of 6 months after your planned departure from this country
- Check if you require a **visa or vaccinations** for any of the countries you visit during you stay on board Europa. Having the right travel documents is your personal responsibility and we cannot be held responsible for any delays as a result of missing travel documents.
- Visa Chile. Many nationalities do not need a tourist visa for entering Chile for a period less then 90 days. In case of any doubt please contact your local consulate. Suggested website:
<http://chileabroad.gov.cl/en/consulados/tramites/para-extranjeros/obtencion-visas/>
- Reciprocity fee Chile: All passengers with passports from Australia, Canada and Mexico must pay a reciprocity tax on Santiago airport
- Visa Argentina: Many nationalities do not require a tourist visa to enter Argentina for a stay of less then 90 days. In case of any doubt please contact your local consulate. Suggested website:<http://www.migraciones.gov.ar/accesibleingles/?visas>.
- **Reciprocity fee Argentina:** Effective January 7, 2013, **U.S., Australian and Canadian Citizens** arriving at any point of entry into Argentina will be required to pay the entry fee which **MUST be paid online in advance.**

What to bring

- Suitcases take up a lot of space in your cabin and cannot be stowed, so we ask you only to use sturdy but soft luggage bags.
- A small waterproof handbag is handy for walks ashore. Store your equipment in a waterproof bag to avoid damage.
- Enough clothes for the entire voyage. Bring clothes that are easy to wash by hand and preferable dry quickly. We have washing machines on board but they are limited in use due to our limited fresh water supply.
- Waterproof jacket and pants (waterproof, not water resistant). Staying warm and dry is the best way to stay comfortable indoors and outside.
- Layering for warmth is the best approach. This way you can easily adapt to all weather circumstances. If you plan to be outside in windy or rainy conditions, we recommend thermal, long sleeve shirt, sweater/fleece and waterproof (not water-resistant) windbreaker and rain pants.
- Rubber boots are necessary on virtually all landings in Antarctica: for getting ashore out of the zodiac trough ankle deep icy water, walking through snow and sometimes on deck during the crossings. You will be wearing these daily so they

should be comfortable for longer wear and walking. If they are too tight they will give you cold feet, space for 2 socks is great. We recommend simple rubber boots with a shaft of at least 28 cm high with soft (for better grip on deck) non-slippery heavily ridged/waffled soles. Yachting/sailing boots don't offer enough grip ashore on snow, ice and mud, better opt for Wellingtons/farmers boots. You can find these at farm/fishing co-op stores, work clothing stores and garden shops between 20 to 60 Euros.

- Thermal underwear. Preferably synthetic (polypropylene) or wool /wool blend (outdoor store). Cotton is not the best fabric as it keeps the moisture next to your skin.
- Fleece or wool sweaters.
- Waterproof gloves/mittens 2 pairs
- Scarf, 2 hats, warm socks (wool or synthetic blend).
- Swimwear for a polar plunge or possibly a thermal bath at Deception Island.
- Warm pyjamas (the cabins are less warm than the rest of the ship).
- Hiking boots that are not slippery on a wet wooden deck
- Extra pair of prescription glasses or contact lenses.
- If you use any medication, please bring enough for the entire voyage.
- Sunglasses (uv filter) and sunscreen.

- **What not to bring**
- Your bunk has a duvet with cover, one pillow with pillowcase and a sheet, so you do not need to bring a sleeping bag
- Towels will be provided too

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