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Ban on Big Ships Sailing in Antarctica Makes Next Summer the Last Chance to Cruise Antarctica on a Luxury Superliner

Next summer is likely to be the last season large cruise ships will be allowed to sail around Antarctica because of a new ban on ships using heavy fuel there from August 2011.

The planned ban by the International Maritime Organisation is expected to affect liners carrying more than 500 passengers on itineraries which include days of scenic cruising along the Antarctic coastline during voyages around South America. The move will also push up the cost of sailing to Antarctica from the summer of 2011/12 as travellers will need to sail on smaller expedition ships using lighter fuel and offering landings on the icy continent.

Before the proposed ban takes effect, Australian cruising specialists, Cruise Express, will offer a new hosted cruise tour to Antarctica and South America next January aboard the deluxe, 2600-passenger superliner, Star Princess, which has offered several successful and popular seasons sailing along Antarctica's spectacular coastline.

Offering the most affordable and comfortable way to see Antarctica by ship, the 24-day escorted tour package from Cruise Express includes return flights to South America from Australia, three nights in Buenos Aires, a 17-night cruise aboard Star Princess from Buenos Aires to Santiago via the Falkland Islands, the Antarctic Peninsula for four days of scenic cruising in almost round-the-clock daylight, Cape Horn, Ushuaia and the Chilean fjords and one night's accommodation in Santiago before the flight home. The tour departs Australia on January 6, 2011 and all-inclusive fares are available from \$9990 per person, twin-share.

A longer 28-day hosted trip departing January 2, 2011, includes the above plus three nights in Rio de Janeiro, one night at Iguazu Falls and flights within South America, with fares for this extended tour priced from \$13,990 per person, twin-share.

Bookings or a brochure are available through Cruise Express on 1300 766 537 or email cruiseexpress@travelations.com.au or visit www.cruiseexpress.com.au.

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