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## **2018-19 Patagonia cruise season for Australis released - First full season with new expedition ship Ventus Australis**

**For second year in a row, fares for 2018/19 season frozen at 2016/17 levels**

Patagonian cruise line, Australis, has released its 2018/19 season of ‘bottom of the world’ voyages to Cape Horn and the glaciers and fjords of Tierra del Fuego, with the program featuring the first, full season of its new ship, Ventus Australis.

To mark the launch of its biggest-ever season for 2018/19 season, Australis has indefinitely frozen fares at the same level as those for the current 2016/17 summer season and 2017/18 season. Australis is also offering a 10 per cent discount to passengers who combine two four-night cruises to create an eight-night exploration of the spectacular mountain and glacier-lined fjords of Tierra del Fuego, the Magellan Strait and Beagle Channel.

The newly released 2018/19 season will include 90 four-night cruises between Ushuaia in Argentina and Punta Arenas in Chile from September 26, 2018, to April 2, 2019. – the two southern-most towns in the world. Existing 210-passenger Stella Australis will offer 42 sailings and newcomer Ventus Australis - also carrying 210 guests - will operate 48 sailings. Ventus Australis is currently under construction and will make her maiden cruise on January 2, 2018, replacing the smaller 136-passenger Via Australis, which the cruise line sold in 2016.

Ventus Australis will be a twin sister to the popular Stella Australis, offering panoramic, floor to ceiling cabin windows, a free open bar, complimentary, guided excursions, nature lectures and gourmet cuisine including local dishes and Chilean and Argentine wines.

All the four-night cruises – an ideal add-on to a South American holiday – include zodiac excursions ashore to destinations such as Cape Horn, Wulaia Bay and Pia Glacier but the route from Punta Arenas to Ushuaia will vary slightly to the opposite itinerary, taking in different glaciers, islands and bays, allowing those who combine both to enjoy an in-depth, eight-night expedition of the breathtaking fjords of Tierra del Fuego. An average of seven massive tidewater glaciers can be seen on each four-night sailing with Australis while wildlife along the way includes elephant seals and Magellanic penguins.

Australis is the only operator to offer regular cruises through the region, with the family-owned Chilean cruise line also offering more opportunities for travellers to step ashore on fabled Cape Horn than any other line.

Fares for four-night sailings in the 2018/19 season are available from US\$1440 person, twin-share – pegged at 2016/17 levels. A combo eight-night cruise return to either Punta Arenas or Ushuaia is available from US\$2592 per person, twin-share, including a 10 per cent discount. Prices include guided excursions ashore and beverages through an open-bar.

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