See extraordinary landscapes, encounter penguins and get close to whales. Discover one of the most spectacular places on earth together with an Antarctic expert on this 11-day Chimu Adventure exclusive.

**Experience your journey with our very special guest Peter FitzSimons**

We are delighted to welcome Peter FitzSimons as special guests on our fundraising voyage. On board, Peter FitzSimons will spice up the normal events of a typical journey to Antarctica with special lectures and be host to our well known trivia nights whilst we travel together to this bucket list destination. This voyage will be much richer with the passion and knowledge Peter FitzSimons will share on the expedition. Starting from Ushuaia, the world's most southerly city, set sail across the infamous Drake Passage to the wild and untamed Frozen Frontier of Antarctica.

**MAD: The MAD Project**

Proceeds from sales of this trip will directly benefit the MAD project. The foundation supports projects where the beneficiaries are given the tools or support to help them build a better future, for themselves, their communities, the planet and our history. **Join our M.A.D. world!**

**FROZEN FRONTIER**

With Special Guest Peter FitzSimons

Departs 24 February 2018

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FROM ONLY

$8,495*US

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**DAY 1:** Enjoy Ushuaia, Argentina. **DAY 2:** Embarkation. **DAY 3 – DAY 4:** Crossing the Drake Passage. **DAY 5 – DAY 8:** Discovering Antarctic Peninsula. **DAY 9:** Depart Antarctic Peninsula. **DAY 10:** Drake Passage. **DAY 11:** Disemkarnation in Ushuaia.

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DAY 1: Arrival into Ushuaia
On arrival into Ushuaia, transfer to the Hotel Arakur. The city of Ushuaia lies at the southern tip of Tierra del Fuego on the shores of the Beagle Channel, with the Martial Mountains rising up behind and creating a spectacular backdrop. Ushuaia is the capital of Tierra del Fuego (Land of Fire) and the main starting point for voyages to the White Continent of Antarctica.

Hotel Arakur
The Hotel Arakur is set on a spectacular natural balcony inside the Reserva Natural Cerro Alarken, 800 feet above sea level and surrounded by stunning panoramic views, native forests and natural terraces. The hotel features a lobby with large windows, fireplaces and a decor that focuses on wood, stone and natural fabrics. Facilities include a heated pool, gym, Wi-Fi and a shuttle service to Ushuaia city centre.

DAY 2: Embarkation in Ushuaia
Enjoy a free morning in Ushuaia to explore the city or pick up some last minute supplies. You may like to visit the award-winning Museo Marítimo y del Presidio de Ushuaia, (Maritime & Prison of Ushuaia Museum), located in Ushuaia's former prison buildings, or nearby Tierra del Fuego National Park that can be reached by the "End of the World Train". The main street of Ushuaia, Avenida San Martin, is lined with cafes, shops and restaurants. Embarkation begins in the afternoon at the port in Ushuaia. Enjoy a welcome drink and an introduction to the crew and expedition staff and settle into your cabins. In the early evening the ship sets sail along the famous Beagle Channel and the scenic Mackinlay Pass towards the Drake Passage.

DAY 3: At sea – Drake Passage – Day 3 & 4
Spanning nearly 1000kms, the infamous Drake Passage lies between South America and Antarctica and connects the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Named after the English explorer Sir Francis Drake, the Passage also marks the Antarctic Convergence. This biological barrier, where cold polar water sinks beneath the warmer northern waters, produces krill-rich waters and is a feeding ground for sea mammals, albatrosses and petrels.

As we sail across the Drake Passage, watch out for marine life and enjoy the expansive views of the open ocean, either from inside the ship or out on deck. Albatrosses, prions and petrels frequently follow the ship and whales and dolphins can often be spotted. There will also be a series of lectures on the geology, history and wildlife of Antarctica and the Southern Ocean, preparing you for what lies ahead.

If conditions are favourable, we may reach the South Shetlands on the evening of Day 4. The first sightings of icebergs and snow-capped mountains will herald your arrival. The islands are home to vast penguin rookeries, Antarctic fur and Southern elephant seals.
DAY 5: Exploring the Antarctica Peninsula – Day 5 to 8
Over the next few days we explore the spectacular landscapes of the Antarctic Peninsula and discover the unique wildlife, cruising waterways in the Zodias and making shore landings. The itinerary will depend on weather and ice conditions.

We hope to sail through Neptune’s Bellows into the flooded caldera of Deception Island, one of the most incredible islands on the planet and one of the only places in the world where ships can sail directly into the centre of an active volcano. Much of the island is covered by glaciers, there are remains of the old structures at Whalers Bay including rusting tanks and boilers, an aircraft hangar and Biscoe House (the British scientific station house), and the island is home to several chinstrap penguin colonies. We also hope to navigate along some of the most beautiful waterways of the region including the Gerlache Strait, Neumayer Channel and Lemaire Channel. The Neumayer and Lemaire Channels are narrow passages between immense towering rock faces and spectacular glaciers. It will be easy to see why Lemaire Channel is known as “Kodak Alley”.

For the more adventurous, there may be the opportunity to take a “Polar Plunge” perhaps at Neko Harbour. Other possible landing sites include Paulet Island, Melchior Island, Cuverville Island and Pleneau Island.

We plan to make at least two landings a day, giving you as many opportunities as possible to explore the pristine Antarctic wilderness of snow, ice, mountains, glaciers and icebergs with their cracks and crevices reflecting an amazing spectrum of blue colours, and to marvel at its wildlife.

This Frozen Frontier is home to an incredible variety of wildlife. Penguin species include Adélie, chinstrap, macaroni and gentoo. You should encounter Weddell, crabeater and leopard seals as well as minke, orca (killer) and humpback whales, Antarctic fur seals and Southern elephant seals. Then of course there is the huge variety of seabirds including kelp gulls, blue-eyed cormorants, Antarctic terns, Southern giant petrels, shearwaters and the wandering albatross with a wing span reaching up to 3 metres.

DAY 9: Depart the Antarctic Peninsula
As we leave Antarctica behind, we head north back across the Drake Passage towards Ushuaia. Continue your search for seabirds and whales and take in a few final lectures.

DAY 10: Drake Passage
We return across the fabled Drake Passage, with Ushuaia in our sights.

DAY 11: Disembarkation in Ushuaia
We arrive into Ushuaia in the early morning and disembark the ship after breakfast.

*** Important – Please be sure not to book flights out of Ushuaia before 12PM (Noon) on the day of disembarkation from your cruise ship.

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