

## **Antarctica** - Falklands, South Georgia & Antarctica | MS Expedition

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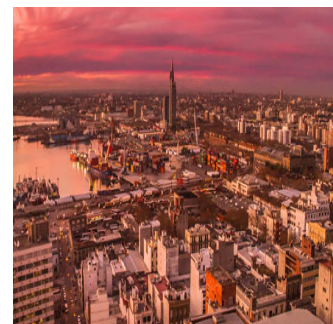
### Introduction

Challenge. Desolation. Unlimited wonder. It's not difficult to grasp what attracted the great explorers to Antarctica. Get a personal appreciation for the struggle to tame the bottom of the world on this 22-day adventure to the land that entranced Ernest and countless others since. Down here, you'll explore the Falkland Islands, discover abandoned whaling stations on South Georgia Island, and pay your respects at his grave. Encounter penguins (king, chinstrap, and gentoo varieties) learning all about them through daily lectures, get close to whales and cavorting seals from a Zodiac boat, and keep an eye peeled for towering icebergs and massive glaciers. Prepare to be astonished.

### Itinerary

#### DAY 1: Arrival in Montevideo

Arrive into Montevideo at any time. An arrival transfer is included from the airport to your hotel. Enjoy the sights and sounds of Uruguay's capital city. There will be a welcome desk in the lobby of the start hotel that will provide more specific information on the MS Expedition and your upcoming adventure. Please note that the first night in Montevideo is on twin share basis. If you're travelling solo or have an odd number of travellers in your group and have not purchased a private cabin, you will be paired with another solo traveller of the same gender.



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22/10/2026 - Montevideo - Embark on Ship

Duration

22 Days

Embarkation on the M/S Expedition begins

in the afternoon at the port of Montevideo,

Antarctic Peninsula, Falkland Islands, South Georgia

with a group transfer from the hotel. The

morning is free to explore Montevideo, take

the chance to explore one of Montevideo's

colourful neighbourhoods. The evening is

spent on board the ship watching the sunset

and Montevideo fading into the distance

while sailing southwards towards the

Falkland Islands. Your Expedition Leader

will give you an expedition overview. Please

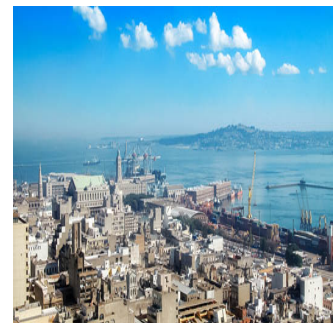
note while it is our intention to adhere to

the itinerary described below, there is a

certain amount of flexibility built into the

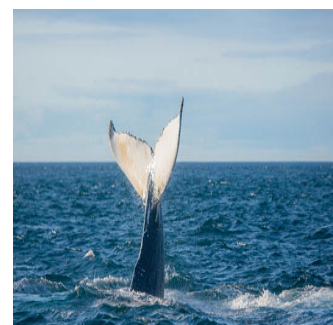
itinerary and on occasion it may be

necessary, or desirable to make alterations.



### DAY 3: South Atlantic Ocean/Falkland Island

With course set southeast, become acquainted with the ship. Enjoy the lecture and educational sessions about the extraordinary human and natural history of the Antarctic region. Spend time on deck to spot wildlife including albatross and possibly whales and dolphins. Relax in the library, grab a drink in the Polar Bear Pub, or make some new friends in the Discovery Lounge.



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DAY 6 - Falkland Islands /Southern Ocean

Duration

72 Days

Locations: Antarctic Peninsula, Falkland Islands, South Georgia

The Falkland Islands provide a rare opportunity to witness the biological diversity and extraordinary scenery of the southern islands. Penguins are abundant here, and the Falklands have the largest black-browed albatross colony in the world.

In Stanley, meet the hardy local inhabitants whose colourful houses provide contrast to the long, dark winters. The Falkland Islands, a British Overseas Territory, is an archipelago that lies 490kms east of Patagonia in the South Atlantic Ocean.

Surrounded by decades of controversy, the Falkland Islands (or Islas Malvinas as they are known in Argentina) have been settled and claimed by France, Spain, Britain and Argentina. The islands have much to offer with a wide variety of spectacular wildlife, beautiful rugged scenery as well as an interesting history. Five species of penguin breed on the islands (gentoo, king, macaroni, magellanic and rockhopper).



DAY 8: Southern Ocean/South Georgia

With a course set for South Georgia, days at sea are filled with lectures to prepare for landings. Look out for the many whales that inhabit these waters. Our lecture series resumes to prepare us for South Georgia, spend plenty of time on deck to identify the abundant sea birds of the South Ocean.



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22/10/2026 South Georgia/Scotia Sea

Duration

22 Days to many interesting sites (including

Locations of polar explorer Ernest

Antarctic Peninsula, Falkland Islands, South Georgia

Shackleton, South Georgia has several

former whaling stations and boasts plenty of

wildlife. Visit a huge colony of king

penguins, a major highlight of this part of

the journey. South Georgia is also the home

over half of the world's enormous southern

elephant seals, the largest of all seals. Keep

an eye out for newly birthed southern

elephant pups. Weather permitting, enjoy

3-4 days free to explore this island. South

Georgia Island is home to many marvels

including Shackleton's grave, former

whaling stations, incredible scenery and

prolific wildlife. Weather permitting spend

3-4 full days and opt to explore this island. A

huge colony of king penguins is the

highlight of this part of the journey. On

nearby islands look out for the wandering

albatross in their nesting grounds. South

Georgia is also the home over half of the

world's enormous southern elephant seals,

the largest of all seals. Keep an eye out for

newly birthed southern elephant pups

alongside their mothers.



DAY 14: South Shetland Islands/Antarctica

Plotting a south-westerly course across the

Scotia Sea, sail for two days, retracing

Shackleton's route backwards. Plotting a

south-westerly course across the Scotia Sea,

sail for two days the legendary Elephant

Island in the South Shetland Islands. The

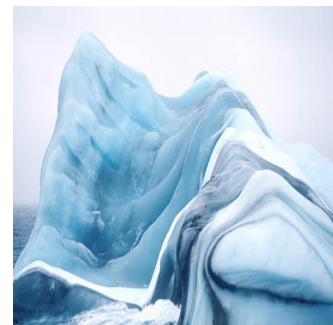
waters are rich with nutrients and the long

summer days provide the ingredient that is

missing most of the year. The result is a

complex food chain topped by several

species of whales, seals, and seabirds.



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22/10/2026 South Shetland Islands/Drake

Duration

22 Days

Locations

Antarctic Peninsula, Falkland Islands, South Georgia

and awe-inspiring scenery in the South

Shetland Islands, just north of the Antarctic

Peninsula. Weather and ice conditions

permitting, our goal is to attempt

memorable shore landings daily and

encounter gentoo, chinstrap, and Adélie

penguin rookeries; Weddell, crabeater, and

leopard seals; and orca, humpback, and

minke whales in the cold Antarctic waters.

The ship will attempt to reach the Antarctic

Peninsula for a landing, weather and ice-

permitting. The peninsula also has a

remarkable human history; during the

voyage we will learn about some of the most

important and dramatic expeditions to this

remote corner of the world.



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22/10/2026 Drake Passage Crossing

Duration

22 Days on a memorable adventure and take

part in final lectures en route to Ushuaia.

Locations Antarctic Peninsula, Falkland Islands, South Georgia

Keep a careful look out for a last chance to

spot whales. Turning north, embark upon

the 400 mile crossing of the passage that

bears the name of the 16th century English

explorer Sir Francis Drake. The MS

Expedition is at home in this part of the

Southern Ocean, known for the unimpeded

never ending fetch of the winds that

encircle the Antarctic. At some point on the

first day, cross the Antarctic Convergence, a

meeting of cold polar water flowing north

and warmer sub-Antarctic water moving in

the opposite direction. It is the largest

biological barrier on earth and is marked by

a change in temperature, salinity and

nutrient levels. The north flowing Antarctic

waters predominantly sink beneath

southward moving sub-Antarctic waters.

While further south associated areas of

mixing and upwelling create an ocean very

high in marine productivity. Wandering,

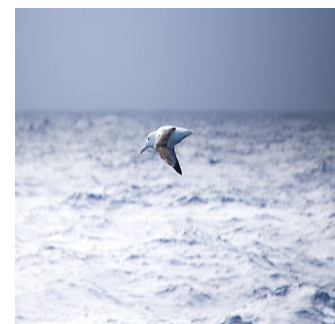
Black-browed and Light-mantled Sooty

Albatross, Prion's and Cap Petrels are

among some of the species of seabirds that

may join the Expedition on the journey

towards the South American continent.



### DAY 22: Disembark in Ushuaia

And so our adventure comes to a close.

We'll say our goodbyes as we disembark in

Ushuaia in the morning. Upon completion of

the 8:00 am disembarkation in Ushuaia, you

will be transferred to either the airport or a

central location where luggage can be

stored. \*\*\* Important - Please be sure not to

book flights out of Ushuaia before 12PM

(Noon) on the day of disembarkation from

your cruise ship.



### Inclusions & Details

Accommodation Hotel & Cabin on board a ship

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**INCLUSIONS**

- Accommodation on board during your voyage
- Pre night accommodation in Montevideo hotel on twin share basis
- Group arrival and departure transfers in Ushuaia
- All Zodiac excursions, as per itinerary, guided by our Expedition Team
- English-speaking expedition team
- Expedition parka to keep
- Rubber boots on loan (USA sizes 4 - 16)
- Briefings and lectures by our Expedition Leader and Team
- English-speaking Expedition Team
- All meals whilst on board
- Free tea and coffee available 24 hours
- Taxes and landing fees

Inclusions

**EXCLUSIONS**

- International or internal flights
- Extra excursions and optional activities not mentioned in the itinerary
- Single room supplements
- Meals not on board the ship
- Beverages (other than coffee and tea)
- Tips for the crew (we recommend USD 15 per person per day)
- Personal expenses such as laundry, bar and onboard communication
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac landings and excursions
- Travel and medical insurance (compulsory)
- Pre or post cruise travel expenses
- Visa (if applicable) and passport fees
- Fuel surcharge may be applied to all bookings
- Anything not mentioned under 'Inclusions'

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

Single Surcharge

Willing to share available for no additional cost (Category 1, 2 and 3 cabins only). Surcharge applies for solo use cabin, contact us for pricing. Subject to availability. Prices are based on per person, and may be based off quad/triple/ or twin share cabins\* (please contact us for more details)

Notes

Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.

Price Dependent upon

Departure Date, Fuel Surcharges, Cabin Category, Currency Fluctuations, Seasonality & Availability.

Sustainability