

Trip Code
ACTSSEPH
Departure



Introduction

An Emperor Penguin rookery is situated south of Snow Hill Island. The captain of the vessel will do his utmost to position the vessel close enough to Snow Hill Island in order to enable us to offer ship-to-shore helicopter transfers to approx. 45 minutes walking distance from the Emperor Penguin Rookeries. If we succeed, this will be a fascinating and a once-in-a-lifetime experience. During this voyage we will reserve three days to visit the Emperor Rookeries by helicopters.

Itinerary

DAY 1: Embarkation

In the afternoon, we embark in Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, Argentina, the southernmost city in the world located at the Beagle Channel and sail through this scenic waterway for the rest of the evening.



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During these two days we will sail across
the Drake Passage. When we cross the

Antarctic Peninsula, we arrive in the

circum-Antarctic upwelling zone. In this

area we may meet Wandering Albatrosses,

Grey Headed Albatrosses, Black-browed

Albatrosses, Light-mantled Sooty

Albatrosses, Cape Pigeons, Southern

Fulmars, Wilson's Storm Petrels, Blue

Petrels and Antarctic Petrels.



DAY 4: Weddell Sea

A typical itinerary in the Weddell Sea could

be as follows. This is a sample only, the final

itinerary will be determined by the

Expedition Leader on board. We will sail

into the Weddell Sea and if the Antarctic

Sound is accessible and the ice does not

prevent us to sail further, we might see the

huge tabular icebergs that announce our

arrival to the eastern side of the Antarctic

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The use of helicopters has a great advantage and can support us in our goal to reach the Emperor penguin colony, but the

Antarctic Peninsula - Weddell Sea

itinerary is ruled by the forces of nature, ice

and weather conditions. If the conditions

are favourable, we intend to spend the first

two days in the Emperor penguin rookery.

The helicopter operation will take a full day

and the flight duration takes approximately

15 minutes. The helicopter can

accommodate 6 passengers per helicopter

flight. The landing point of the helicopters

will be carefully chosen and we will make

sure that the Emperors penguins are not

disturbed or stressed by helicopter noise.

Therefore, after arrival, the passengers

continue their expedition on foot. After a

walk of approx. 45 minutes, passengers will

experience an amazing rendezvous with the

magnificent Emperor penguins. Keep in

mind that we are in the world's most remote

area and there are no guarantees, including

a specific amount of helicopter time.

Conditions may change rapidly, having its

impact on the helicopter operation and

passengers should understand and accept

this. Safety is our greatest concern and no

compromises can be made.



DAY 7: Devil Island or Snow Hill Island

If conditions were favourable on both day 5

and 6 and we have successfully visited the

Emperor penguins, we may decide to visit

Devil Island, Vega Island, Brown Bluff or

Hope Bay. If we have not reached the

Emperor penguin colony on one or two of

the previous days, we will try again offering

ship-to-shore helicopter flights to Snow Hill

Island.



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Island where we can see Chinstrap- and

Gentoo penguins, various other bird-

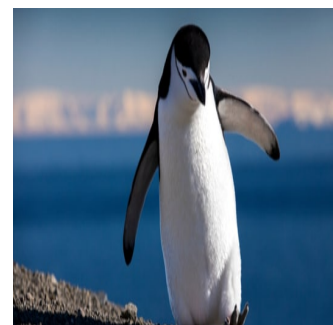
species, Southern Elephant seals and

Weddell seals. Early in the afternoon we will

sail to Deception Island where we have the

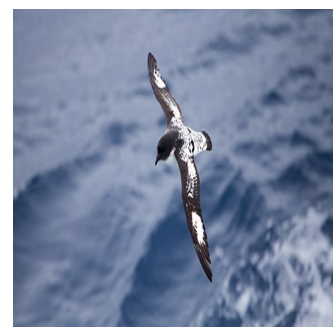
last landing of our voyage at Pendulum

Cove or Whalers Bay.



DAY 9: Drake Passage - Days 9 & 10

In the Drake Passage we have again a chance of seeing many seabirds and to take advantage of the knowledge of our lecture team.



DAY 11: Disembarkation

We arrive in the morning in Ushuaia and disembark. *** Important - Please be sure not to book flights out of Ushuaia before 12PM on the day of your cruise departure.



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation Cabin on board a ship

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INCLUSIONS

Cabin Accommodation on board MV Ortelius

All meals throughout the voyage aboard the ship including snacks, coffee and tea

All shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage by Zodiac

Program of lectures by noted naturalists and leadership by experienced expedition staff

Free use of rubber boots and snowshoes

Group departure transfers in Ushuaia (directly after disembarkation)

All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the programme

Comprehensive pre-departure material

Helicopter transfers if weather and conditions permit to Snow Hill

Access to 1.5 GB of free internet connectivity per person, which resets every 24 hours.

Supplementary vouchers available to purchase on onboard. Subject to satellite coverage

Inclusions

EXCLUSIONS

Airfares to/from disembarkation city

Visa & passport fees (if applicable)

Travel insurance

Beverages (other than tea & coffee)

Meals ashore

Personal expenses such as laundry & bar

Gratuities for the crew (guidelines will be provided)

Pre and post land arrangements

Government arrival or departure taxes (if applicable)

Additional optional activities

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

Single Surcharge

Available upon request. Please contact us for more details. No single supplement will apply if willing to share in selected cabins.

Prices are based on per person, and may be based on quad/triple/twin share.

Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.

Notes

Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.

Excursions by helicopter are subject to weather and regulations

Price Dependent upon

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

Sustainability