

Antarctica - Spirit of Shackleton | MS Expedition

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Introduction

Experience vast penguin rookeries and seal colonies on this awe-inspiring voyage to Antarctica, South Georgia and the Falkland Islands aboard the M/S Expedition. This 21-day voyage highlights Ernest Shackleton's legend and his courageous exploration of Antarctica, visiting historical sites of past explorers and the wildlife rich island of South Georgia, Shackleton's final resting place. Antarctica is beyond comprehension and sure to amaze any traveller seeking a true adventure to the world's most remote wilderness.

Itinerary

DAY 1: Arrival in Ushuaia

Arrive in Ushuaia at any time. Arrival transfer is included. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the world's most southerly city. There will be a welcome desk in the lobby of the start hotel that will provide more specific information on your upcoming adventure. Please note that the first night in Ushuaia 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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11/01/2027 Embarkation in Ushuaia

Duration

21 Days free morning in Ushuaia. Do any

locations shopping, explore the town, or

Falkland Islands, South Georgia, Antarctica

Visit the surrounding countryside.

Embarkation on the MS Expedition begins

in the afternoon at the port in Ushuaia.

Once onboard enjoy the evening sailing

through the Beagle Channel. Your

Expedition Leader will give an expedition

overview outlining what the specific plans

are for the trip. ** Expedition travel can be

full of surprises! While it is our intention of

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: Drake passage & South Shetland -

Day 3 & 4

The adventure begins with an 1000km

(600mi) crossing of the passage named in

honour of the 16th-century English sea

captain and privateer, Sir Francis Drake.

Take in daily lectures from the expedition

team and keep an eye out for the first

sightings of icebergs, whales and albatross

following in the MS Expedition's wake. The

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. As the Expedition

crosses the passage there will be time to

become acquainted with the ship and

frequent the common areas that include the

lounge, dining hall, library and lecture hall

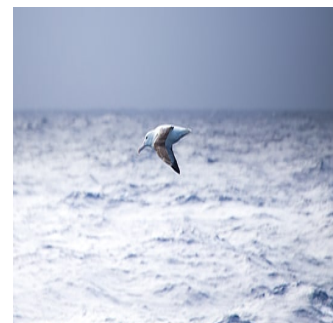
where we meet our guides, ship's crew and

expedition staff. Begin lectures and

information sessions to learn the

extraordinary human and natural history of

the Antarctic region.



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DAY 5: Antarctica & South Shetland - Day 5

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21 Days

Expect to see some of the most unique wildlife

Falkland Islands, South Georgia, Antarctica

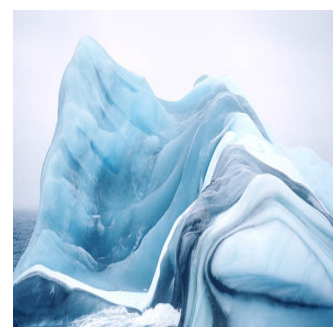
and awe-inspiring scenery in the world

while setting foot on the Antarctic continent. 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 peninsula also has a remarkable human history. Welcome to the Great White Continent! Over the next few days, the Expedition will navigate southwards making stops in the South Shetland Islands then through the Bransfield Strait and to the Antarctic Peninsula. Our goal is to attempt shore landings daily while we navigate through the area but our itinerary and daily schedule will be based on the local weather and ice conditions that we encounter. The Antarctic Peninsula and the South Shetland Islands abound with wildlife activity. Take plenty of time to enjoy the sheer beauty and the breathtaking scenery of ice-choked waterways, blue and white icebergs, impressive glaciers and rugged snow-capped mountains. The Peninsula also has a remarkable history and, during the voyage, opt to learn about some of the most important and dramatic expeditions to this remote corner of the world.



DAY 10: Antarctic Peninsula & Scotia Sea -
Day 10 & 11

Sail for two days, retracing Shackleton's route from Elephant Island and the Antarctic Peninsula towards South Georgia. These 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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Duration

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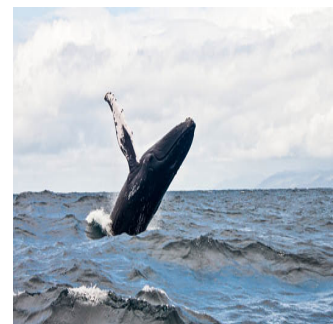
Locations many interesting sights (including Falkland Islands, South Georgia, Antarctica)

The grave of polar explorer Ernest Shackleton), South Georgia has several former whaling stations and boasts plenty of wildlife. Visiting a huge colony of king penguins is a major highlight of this part of the journey. Weather permitting, spend four full days exploring the island. Weather permitting, four full days will be spent exploring this island. On nearby islands look out for the wandering albatross in their nesting grounds.



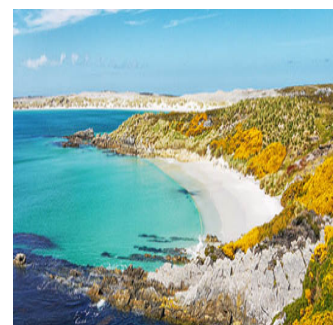
DAY 16: At Sea in the Southern Ocean - Day 16 to 17

Sailing west, set course for the Falkland Islands. Days at sea are filled with lectures to prepare for landings. Watch for the many whales that inhabit these waters.



DAY 18: Falkland Islands - Day 18 & 19

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. Enjoy the last opportunity to see penguins, including the Magellanic, rockhopper, gentoo, and king penguins. With a little luck, spot elephant seals, sea lions, king cormorants, black-browed albatross, skuas, night herons, giant petrels, striated caracaras and of course sheep.



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Reflex on a memorable adventure and take

Locations final lectures en route back to

Falkland Islands, South Georgia, Antarctica

Ushuaia. Begin the journey to the home port

of Ushuaia. Review the highlights of the

Antarctic experience with the lecturers and

staff.



DAY 21: Disembarkation in Ushuaia

Our adventure comes to a close. Have a final breakfast on the ship before saying goodbyes before disembarking in Ushuaia in the morning.



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation Hotel & Cabin on board a ship

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INCLUSIONS

Accommodation on board during your voyage
Pre night accommodation in Ushuaia 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