

## Antarctica - Penguin Safari: South Georgia & Antarctica | Ocean Explorer

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ACQEAPSE  
Departure



### Introduction

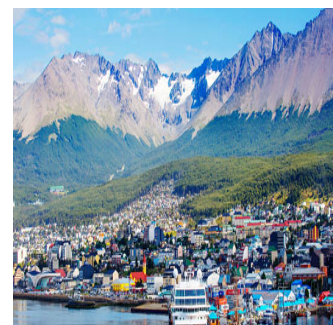
**Cruise aboard the deluxe, refined and spacious Ocean Explorer to discover the incredible wildlife of South Georgia, the "Galapagos of the Southern Ocean" and then Antarctica - untouched, pristine and unforgettable.**

South Georgia offers unrivalled wildlife encounters, with beaches carpeted with king and macaroni penguins and the largest king penguin rookeries in the world. Antarctica is the land of extremes, silent and desolate, where the silence is broken only by the sound of calving glaciers crashing into the clear blue waters and noisy penguin colonies alive with chinstrap, Adelie and Gentoo penguins. Zodiac excursions take you amongst the icebergs whilst shore landings bring you in close contact with the wildlife, with opportunities to explore historic sites and maybe even take a Polar plunge!

### Itinerary

#### DAY 1: Arrival in Ushuaia

You will begin your journey in Ushuaia, a small but bustling port at the tip of South America. It's the ideal gateway for you to explore the southern extent of Patagonia while preparing for your adventure ahead. Get active in the mountains or enjoy handcrafted chocolate at a café in town.



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DAY 2 - Embarkation in Ushuaia

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18 Days

Embarkation will occur in the late

afternoon, after which your vessel will sail

Antarctic Peninsula, South Georgia,

down the historic Beagle Channel, which

transsects the Tierra del Fuego archipelago

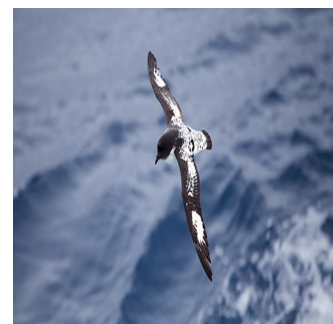
in the extreme south of South America.

Expect an air of anticipation as you depart!



### DAY 3: At Sea - Day 3 to 6

There are many activities to keep you engaged while you are at sea. Learn to identify seabirds that glide alongside the ship, or attend dynamic presentations by your Expedition Team. You will be prepped on safety procedures for Zodiac cruises and shore landings, and also be given instructions for getting the most out of your optional sea kayaking adventures (extra cost), a truly intimate way to experience Antarctica. If conditions are right, the first indication that you are approaching South Georgia is the sight of birds around a group of rocky spires called Shag Rocks. Have your binoculars and cameras ready to capture these rocky spires rising out of the icy ocean waters. Shags and prions often rest here, and due to nutrient rich upwellings around the rocks it can be a good place to keep a lookout for whales.



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Duration

18 Days enjoying South Georgia from a

location, we'll head toward its numerous

Antarctic Peninsula, South Georgia

beaches to find a bay for your first

excursion. Landing sites are varied, largely

determined by the weather conditions of

your voyage. The sites you visit will provide

you with wildlife encounters unrivaled

anywhere else on Earth. South Georgia is

one of the most fertile breeding grounds in

the world for sub-Antarctic wildlife, with

beaches blanketed with penguins and seals.

It won't take you long to realize that you are

in a birder's paradise, as burrowing

seabirds, albatross and petrels can be seen

in abundance. You'll find that South

Georgia, once a popular base for whalers

and sealers, is also scattered with

abandoned relics and evidence of human

activity from centuries gone by. Your

Expedition Team will help bring those days

to life while you visit old whaling stations

and enjoy presentations on the South

Georgia of then and now. One of the most

significant sites you will visit on the island is

Grytviken. This settlement is one of the first

whaling stations established in sub-

Antarctic waters. Grytviken possesses a

special appeal largely because it's the site

of the grave of Sir Ernest Shackleton, one of

the most famous Antarctic explorers.



DAY 10: At Sea - Day 10 to 11

Say goodbye to the king penguins as you

leave for your next destination: Antarctica!

Your days at sea are filled with

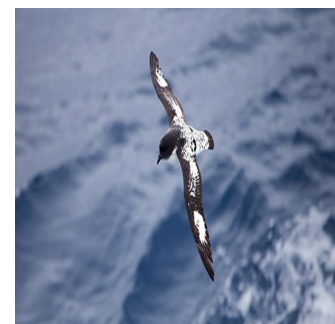
presentations and workshops led by your

Expedition Team, who will prepare you for

the wildlife and landscapes that will

surround you upon your arrival on the 7th

Continent.



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DAY 12: Antarctic Peninsula - Day 12 to 15

Duration

18 Days

The most common reaction upon reaching

Antarctica is a sense of reverence and awe.

The experience is hard to put into words,

since few places are as untouched and

enduring as Antarctica. You will discover a

land of extremes. One moment you'll be

overcome with a feeling of complete

isolation and silence, and the next moment

you'll be inspired by nature as a calving

glacier crashes into a brilliant blue sea or a

curious penguin waddles by to observe you.

Your Expedition Team will take care of you

at each excursion, whether you are Zodiac

cruising, visiting a historical site or

observing penguin colonies. Chinstrap,

Adélie and gentoo penguins are found here,

along with Weddell, fur, crabeater and

leopard seals. Keep a lookout for Antarctic

whales, such as minkes, while on a Zodiac

cruise. Eachday and each excursion will

present a new array of creatures to delight

you and keep your camera busy. As exciting

as the Zodiac excursions and landings are,

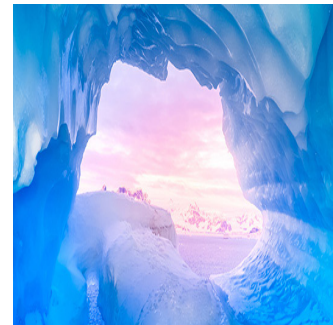
perhaps you'll treat yourself to an extra-

special Antarctic experience by booking an

optional paddling excursion (at an extra

cost) or cast reason aside and jump into

Antarctic waters for the Polar Plunge!



DAY 16: At Sea - Day 16 to 17

After more than a dozen days of unique

wildlife encounters and remarkable

landscapes, your journey home begins.

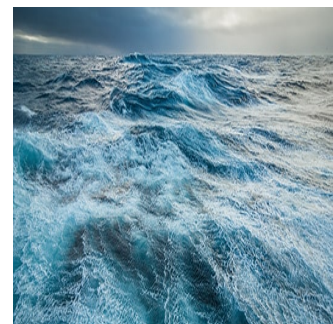
Crossing the Drake is your unofficial rite of

passage. Spend time on deck watching for

seabirds and whales, enjoy presentations by

your Expedition Team, or simply relax and

reminisce about your experiences.



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27/10/2027 Disembarkation in Ushuaia

Duration

18 Days You will arrive in Ushuaia in the morning,

Location shows you to continue your

Antarctic Peninsula, South Georgia

Adventure onward or catch your flight

home.



### Inclusions & Details

Accommodation

Hotel & Cabin on ship

## INCLUSIONS

Shipboard accommodation

All meals & snacks on board throughout your voyage

Beer, standard wines & spirits, & cocktails during pre-dinner bar service, dinner & evenings

Coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock

All scheduled landings/excursions

Guiding and lectures by experienced expedition leader

A photographic journey documenting the expedition

Waterproof expedition boots on loan for shore landings

Expedition parka to keep

Comprehensive predeparture materials, including a map and an informative Antarctica Reader

All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges

All luggage handling aboard the ship

All gratuities

Group transfer in Ushuaia from the airport to the pre-expedition hotel on Day 1

One night's pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Ushuaia, with breakfast

Group transfer from the hotel to the ship on embarkation day

Group transfer upon disembarkation in Ushuaia from the ship to the local airport

Free WiFi

Inclusions

## EXCLUSIONS

Airfares to/from embarkation and disembarkation city/cities

Passport and visa expenses

Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned above

Meals ashore unless otherwise specified

Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance

Excess baggage fees on international flights

Laundry and personal expenses incurred onboard

Phone and internet charges

Additional overnight accommodation

Optional adventure activities

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Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Duration	Available upon request, a supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please
Single Surcharge	<a href="#">Contact Us</a> for more information.
18 Days	
Locations	Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated for single, triple cabins)
Antarctic Peninsula, South Georgia	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.
Price Dependent upon	Departure Date, Fuel Surcharges, Cabin Category, Currency Fluctuations, Seasonality &
Sustainability	Availability.