

Antarctic Peninsula - Antarctica Complete Reverse | Sylvia Earle

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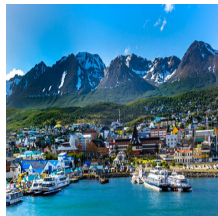
Introduction

Take an incredible adventure over the Antarctic Peninsula, South Georgia, and the Falklands/Malvinas and experience the magic of a white Christmas. Set out on the ultimate Antarctic expedition, brimming with thrill and unmatched discovery. This journey is designed specifically for you if you have a strong desire for in-depth exploration. Discover fascinating subantarctic islands rich in human history and teeming with unique fauna. After that, go through the renowned Antarctic Circle and descend into the heart of the Antarctic Peninsula. Take a zodiac trip across vast expanses of ice-covered scenery, visit thriving penguin colonies, look out for gorgeous whales, and learn about the fascinating history of this magical area.

Itinerary

DAY 1: Arrive Ushuaia

Arrive in Ushuaia, where you will be met by a representative and transferred with your fellow expeditioners to your assigned pre-voyage hotel. If you are already in Ushuaia, we ask you to make your way to your hotel. Check-in is from 3.00 pm. This afternoon, visit the hospitality desk in the hotel lobby, between 3.00 pm and 7.00 pm, to collect your luggage tags, and confirm if you wish to join our Lake Escondido pre-embarkation tour tomorrow. Our team will confirm details regarding your embarkation day, answer any questions and provide you with information on where to dine or purchase last minute items. Expeditioners arriving after 7.00 pm will find a welcome pack waiting for them at check-in. We ask you to visit our hospitality desk tomorrow between 8.00 am - 10.00 am. The remainder of your time is at leisure. All meals today are at your own expense.



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This morning, enjoy breakfast and check-out. Please ensure your cabin luggage is fitted with cabin tags clearly labelled with your name and cabin number. Take your luggage to the check-out desk at the hotel at check-out. Your luggage will be stored and transferred directly to the port for clearance, to be placed in your cabin ahead of your arrival on board. Please keep any valuables or personal items with you throughout the day. Your morning is at leisure to explore Ushuaia. Those wishing to join our afternoon catamaran cruise, meet back at the hotel lobby at 12.45 pm ready to transfer to the port at 1.00 pm. Here we board our catamaran and sail the Beagle Channel, towards the city's iconic Les Eclaireurs Lighthouse. Crossing the Bridges Archipelago we'll slow down to watch colonies of sea lions and imperial cormorants sun themselves on the rocky outcrops, while gulls, rock cormorants, skuas, petrels, albatrosses and cauquenes are often sighted. Our cruise offers panoramic views of the city and the surrounding mountain range, in addition to hearing tales of the people and communities of the region. Alternatively, enjoy your day at leisure and meet at your hotel lobby at 3.45 pm to be transferred to the pier for embarkation. Once onboard, you'll have time to settle into your cabin before our important mandatory briefings. As the ship pulls away from port, we'll gather on the deck to commence our adventure with spectacular views over Ushuaia and Tierra del Fuego. This evening get to know your fellow expeditioners and friendly expedition team and crew at a welcome dinner to celebrate the start of a thrilling adventure to Antarctica.



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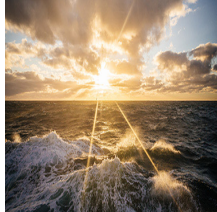
Duration

23 Days Experience the Drake Passage

crossing, we make the most of our time getting comfortable with the motions of the

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our first landing with important wildlife guidelines and biosecurity procedures and start our lecture program to help you learn more about Antarctica's history, wildlife and environment. Our wildlife experiences begin as we enjoy watching and photographing the many seabirds, including majestic albatrosses and giant petrels following our vessel. On sea days, you can enjoy the facilities on board the vessel including the gym, sauna and jacuzzis or relax in one of the observation lounges. Nearing the South Shetland Islands and the tip of the Antarctic Peninsula on the afternoon of day four, the excitement is palpable with everyone converging on one of the observation decks watching for our first iceberg. The ocean takes on a whole new perspective once we are below the Antarctic Convergence and are surrounded by the surreal presence of floating ice sculptures. The memory of your first big iceberg sighting is likely to remain with you for a lifetime. Time and weather permitting, we may attempt our first landing in Antarctica by late afternoon.



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04/02/2028 Peninsula - Day 5 to 10

Duration

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Locations

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It's almost impossible to describe the
thrill of arriving in Antarctica. Spotting
your first iceberg and taking a deep breath
of some of the most fresh, crisp air on earth
forever. Once we arrive, the western side of
the Antarctic Peninsula and the South
Shetland Islands are ours to explore, and we
have a host of choices available to us.

Because we are so far south, we will
experience approximately 18-24 hours of
daylight and the days can be as busy as you
wish. Your experienced expedition team,
who have made countless journeys to this
area, will use their expertise to design your
voyage from day to day, choosing the best
options based on the prevailing weather, ice
conditions and wildlife opportunities. We
generally make landings or Zodiac
excursions twice a day. You will want to rug
up before joining Zodiac cruises along
spectacular ice cliffs or among grounded
icebergs, keeping watch for whales, seals
and porpoising penguins. Zodiacs will also
transport you from the ship to land, where
you can visit penguin rookeries, discover
historic huts and explore some of our
favourite spots along the peninsula. While
ashore we aim to stretch our legs,
wandering along pebbly beaches or perhaps
up snow-covered ridgelines to vantage
points with mountains towering overhead
and ice-speckled oceans below. If you have
chosen an optional activity, you will have
the option to do participate in the activity
whenever conditions allow, and of course
keen polar plungers will have the chance to
fully immerse themselves in polar waters -
conditions permitting! The polar plunge can
take place at any time during the voyage, so
listen out for the announcement from the
expedition team and get ready for the most
exhilarating dip of your life! In addition to
Zodiac cruises and shore excursions, we
may ship cruise some of the narrow,
dramatic straits separating offshore islands
from the mainland, or linger in scenic bays
to watch whales travelling or feeding. This
is a great time to enjoy the observation
lounge or make your way to the bridge
(open at the captain's discretion) for
uninterrupted views of Antarctica in all its
splendour. Listen out for the creak and deep
rumble of glaciers as they carve. Take a
quiet moment to experience the wonder of
the pristine paradise of the splendid white
continent. On this voyage, under favourable
conditions, we plan to cross the Antarctic
Circle, an imaginary line located at latitude
66°33' south. This is certainly a special
highlight for many expeditioners, and the
moment will be celebrated with a toast on
deck (conditions permitting). You have
earned some boasting privileges, joining a
small group of lucky adventurers who have
ventured to this part of the world. As we
approach The Circle, you will notice subtle
changes in the landscape and in the
distribution of wildlife. The waters at this
time of year are rich with krill and we hope
to see plenty of whales - particularly
humpbacks and minke. We also hope to
enjoy the spectacle of penguins feeding
their ravenous chicks.



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DAY 11: At Sea - Day 11 / 12

23 Days

Attend informative lectures to learn about

South Georgia as we sail across the Scotia

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stay active in the gym; the choice is yours

on how you want to enjoy days at sea.



DAY 13: At Sea towards South Georgia

Sea and weather conditions will determine our arrival time into South Georgia today.

As you near the rugged island of South Georgia, spare a thought for Captain James Cook, who arrived here in 1775 and believed it to be the northern tip of a great southern continent! In fact, it is a small island only 176 km (110 mi) long, but with a 3,000 m (9,842 ft) snow-capped mountain range, some of the world's largest congregations of wildlife and a truly fascinating human history, South Georgia is an island of incredible riches. On approach, jagged mountain peaks rise steeply, while seabirds are often spotted soaring around the ship. We will sail down the coast, taking in the spectacular glaciated scenery. This enchanting coastline is yours to explore! If time and weather conditions permit, en route we could pass close to Shag Rocks, a fascinating group of jagged rocky islets protruding from the sea, in the proximity of South Georgia.



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04/02/2026 - South Georgia - Day 14 to 17

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23 Days

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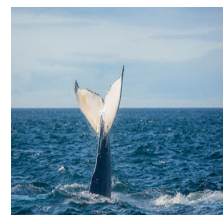
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Your experienced expedition team will use their knowledge to plan your voyage from day to day, choosing the best options based on the prevailing weather, sea state and the prevailing weather, sea state that may zip into craggy coves and along the rocky coastline in search of nesting penguins, seal haul-outs and bird cliffs. Remember to keep an eye out for South Georgia's kelp forests as well - these remarkable underwater ecosystems are quite mesmerising as their fronds sway back and forth on the water's surface. Our Zodiacs will also transport ashore, where you can visit some of the largest king penguin colonies on Earth, take a guided walk among fur seals and elephant seals (making sure you listen to your guides and keep your distance!) and wander along pebbled streams and grassy glacial outwash plains. We also hope to visit the remnants of South Georgia's thriving whaling stations and pay our respects to Sir Ernest Shackleton, whose incredible voyage of survival is synonymous with this island. If you have chosen an optional activity, you will have the option to do that whenever conditions allow. In addition to Zodiac excursions and shore excursions, we may ship cruise through fjords with towering cliffs of ancient stone, or into deeply indented bays towards dramatic glacier fronts. This is a great time to find a comfy spot in the observation lounge or make your way to the bridge (open at the captain's discretion) to enjoy uninterrupted views of South Georgia's majestic coast.



DAY 18: At Sea - Day 18-19

Between the Falklands and South Georgia, you will be entranced by the ceaseless flight of the many seabirds that follow our wake, skilfully using the air currents created by the ship to gain momentum. On this leg, we are usually travelling into the prevailing weather so it is difficult to estimate our precise arrival time in South Georgia. Our lecture program will continue highlighting all of the incredible sights we have witnessed over the past few days. You will have ample time to enjoy observing the sea birds, whale-watching from the observation areas, or simply relaxing with a book. If time and weather conditions permit, we could pass close to Shag Rocks, a fascinating group of jagged rocky islets protruding from the sea, in the proximity of South Georgia.



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Duration

Sea and weather conditions will determine

23 Days

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700 islands scattered off the coast. All but

seven of these are uninhabited, with

windswept coastlines, white sand beaches

and crystal-clear water. These beautifully

barren islands are true wildlife havens,

sheltering an impressive diversity of

birdlife, including the largest black-browed

albatross colony on earth. The cold,

nutrient-rich waters surrounding the islands

make this a prime location for spotting

marine life.



DAY 21: Falklands - Malvinas

The Falkland islands comprises two large

islands (East and West Falkland), with over

700 islands scattered off the coast. All but

seven of these are uninhabited, with

windswept coastlines, white sand beaches

and crystal-clear water. These beautifully

barren islands are true wildlife havens,

sheltering an impressive diversity of

birdlife, including the largest black-browed

albatross colony on earth. The cold,

nutrient-rich waters surrounding the islands

make this a prime location for spotting

marine life. There are many beautiful areas

to explore across the Falklands - Malvinas,

each offering a unique perspective on this

magnificent archipelago. Your experienced

expedition team, who have made countless

journeys to this area, will use their expertise

to design your voyage from day to day,

choosing the best options based on the

prevailing winds, weather and wildlife

opportunities. We generally make landings

or Zodiac excursions twice a day. Even

though we are north of the Antarctic

Convergence it can be quite chilly here, so

you will want to layer up before joining

Zodiac cruises into rocky coves or along sea

cliffs, keeping watch for seals, sea lions,

dolphins and penguins. Zodiacs will also

shuttle you from the ship to land, where you

may visit albatross colonies, penguin

rookeries and perhaps even have a

traditional English 'tea and scones' at a

local cottage. Conditions permitting, we

plan to land in historic Stanley, the capital

of the Falklands - Malvinas. This charming

town has a distinctly British character, with

terraced town houses, pioneer cottages and

even an iconic red telephone box! Colourful

buildings house cosy cafes, English pubs,

souvenir shops, a post office and the

fascinating Historic Dockyard Museum, with

displays on the maritime history of the

Falkland Islands, natural history and links

to Antarctica.



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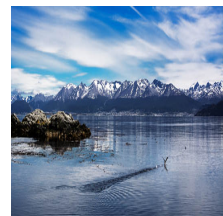
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As we sail towards Ushuaia, you may choose to spend your precious time editing photos, enjoying the onboard facilities, or attend final lectures. Celebrate the end of an Antarctic voyage with a special Captain's farewell dinner. With lectures and film presentations to complete your Antarctic experience, there is still plenty of time to enjoy the magic of the Southern Ocean and the life that calls it home. There is time for reflection and discussion about what we have seen and experienced. We hope you become ambassadors for the Antarctic region, telling your family, friends and colleagues about your journey to this magical place, advocating for its conservation and preservation so that they might one day visit the region to experience what you have been lucky to see and do here.



DAY 23: Disembark Ushuaia

During the early morning, we cruise up the Beagle Channel, before quietly slipping into dock in Ushuaia, where we will be free to disembark around 8.00 am. Farewell your expedition team and fellow passengers as we all continue our onward journeys, hopefully with a newfound sense of the immense power of nature. Upon disembarkation, for those continuing their travels in the region, transportation to the hotel will be arranged exclusively for guests who have booked their accommodations through Aurora or for those staying in downtown areas near the port. Expeditioners departing on flights prior to 12:30 pm will be directly transferred to Ushuaia Airport, those with flights after 12:30 pm will have the opportunity to explore Ushuaia before an afternoon airport transfer, and the transfer procedures and details will be communicated onboard before disembarkation. Note: At the conclusion of the voyage, we do not recommend booking flights departing Ushuaia prior to 12.00 pm on the day of disembarkation in case there are delays. *Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation Hotel & Cabin onboard a ship

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INCLUSIONS

All airport transfers mentioned in the itinerary.
One night's hotel accommodation including breakfast, in Ushuaia on Day 1.
Half-day tour of Ushuaia on Day 2, prior to embarkation.
Onboard accommodation during voyage, including daily cabin service.
All meals, snacks, tea and coffee during voyage.
Beer, house wine and soft drinks with dinner.
Captain's Farewell reception including four-course dinner, house cocktails, house beer and wine, non-alcoholic beverages.
All shore excursions and Zodiac cruises.
Educational lectures and guiding services provided by Expedition Team.
Complimentary access to onboard expedition doctor and medical clinic (initial consultation).
One 3-in-1 waterproof, polar expedition jacket.
Complimentary use of Muck Boots during the voyage.
Comprehensive pre-departure information.
Port surcharges, permits and landing fees.

Inclusions

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International or domestic flights, unless specified
Transfers not mentioned in the itinerary
Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable)
Airport arrival or departure taxes
Vaccination charges
Travel insurance
Hotels and meals not included in itinerary
Optional excursions not included in the itinerary
Optional activity surcharges
All items of a personal nature, including but not limited to alcoholic beverages and soft drinks (outside of dinner service), laundry services, personal clothing, medical expenses, wi-fi, email or phone charges.
Gratuities for ship's crew - *(A \$15 USD per person per day gratuity for the crew is automatically added to your onboard account. It is at your discretion if you would like to remove the tip (or adjust the amount) when you settle your bill. It is not necessary to tip the expedition team members. This gratuity amount is included for suites as part of their 'Suite Benefits'.)*

Difficulty Rating
Single Surcharge

2 (light adventure)
Subject to availability upon request. Contact us for more details.

Notes

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

Sustainability