

Antarctica - South Georgia, Falklands & Antarctic Odyssey | Douglas Mawson

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Introduction

Set sail from Ushuaia, across the infamous Drake Passage to explore and step foot on the stunningly beautiful ice wilderness of Antarctica, where penguins, seals, whales, historic sites, scientific stations and breathtaking scenery await. Take a Zodiac cruise amongst incredible sculpted icebergs and if possible explore the ice-choked Weddell Sea region. Visit Elephant Island before retracing Shackleton's epic journey across the Scotia Sea to South Georgia. Remote, untamed, ruggedly beautiful and wildlife-rich, South Georgia is home to millions of fur seals and elephant seals, nesting albatross, the world's largest king penguin rookeries, abandoned whaling stations and the grave of Sir Ernest Shackleton himself.

Itinerary

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21 Days Ushuaia, where you will be met by

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This morning, enjoy breakfast and check-

out. Please ensure your cabin luggage is

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your name and cabin number. By 11.00 am,

take your cabin luggage to hotel reception,

prior to, or 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 12.15 pm ready to

transfer to the port at 12.30 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

3.00 pm, or 3.30 pm from the meeting point

at the parking lot near the pier (details will

be given by our ground staff at the hotel), 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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Crossing

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As we commence the Drake Passage crossing, we make the most of our time at sea. Our expedition team prepare you for 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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Location of Antarctica, Antarctic Peninsula, South Georgia & Falkland Islands

Most impossible to describe the location of Antarctica. Spotting some of the most fresh, crisp air on earth is an experience that will stay with you 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. 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 that whenever conditions allow, and of course keen polar plungers will have the chance to fully immerse themselves in polar waters - conditions permitting! 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 marvel at sculptural icebergs and photograph spectacular scenery. 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. Keep an ear out for the creak and deep rumble of glaciers as they carve into the sea. Take a quiet moment to experience the wonder of this incredible white continent.



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Scotia Sea and South Orkney Islands

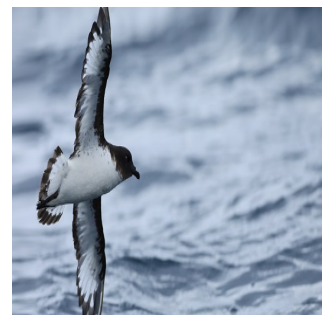
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As we make our way to South Georgia we will cross the Scotia Sea, following the route that Shackleton and five of his men took in order to find help for the rest of their crew. On 24 April, 1916, they piled into the James Caird, the most seaworthy of their open boats, to attempt this perilous journey to South Georgia, some 1,290 kilometres (802 miles) distant. Shackleton hoped to reach South Georgia in two weeks. There he would enlist the help of the whalers to return to Elephant Island and rescue the men who had been left behind. As excitement builds on our approach to South Georgia, catch up with fellow expeditioners in the bar, keep watch for wildlife alongside our naturalist from the various observation areas, or learn more of the Shackleton story from our historian. "Nearly always there were gales. So small was our boat and so great were the seas that often our sail flapped idly in the calm between the crests of two waves. Then we would climb the next slope and catch the full fury of the gale where the wool-like whiteness of the breaking water surged around us." - Ernest Shackleton



DAY 11: At Sea towards South Georgia

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



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09/03/2027 South Georgia - Day 12 to 15

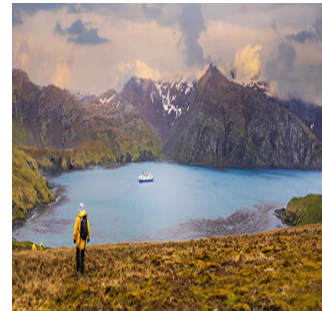
Duration

21 Days near the rugged island of South

Georgia. Spare a thought for Captain James

Cook, who, in 1775, sailed from the Antarctic Peninsula to South Georgia & Falkland Islands

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. You will sail along the coast, taking in the spectacular glaciated scenery and enjoying a little shelter from the prevailing westerly winds. This enchanting coastline is yours to explore! Zodiac cruise around craggy coves and along the rocky coastline in search of penguins, seal haul-outs and bird cliffs. Remember to keep an eye out for South Georgia's kelp forests—these remarkable underwater ecosystems are quite mesmerising as their fronds sway back and forth on the water's surface. Zodiacs will also shuttle you from ship to shore, 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 visit the final resting place of 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 participate whenever conditions allow. In addition to Zodiac cruises 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 to enjoy uninterrupted views of South Georgia's majestic coast.



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Departure

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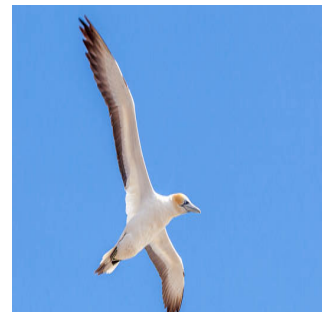
Duration

21 Days sail towards the Falklands~Malvinas,

Location plenty to keep you occupied on

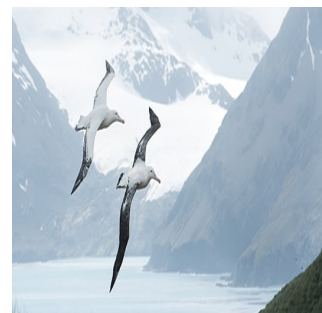
Antarctic Peninsula, South Georgia & Falkland Islands

Share their wealth of knowledge about the wildlife, history and natural world as part of the onboard lecture series. You will have ample time to enjoy observing seabirds from the stern of the ship, keeping a close watch for whales and other marine wildlife, or simply enjoying the many facilities available to you on the ship.



DAY 18: Falkland Islands (Malvinas)

Sea and weather conditions will determine our arrival time into the Falklands (Malvinas) today. 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.



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Duration

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Locations Falkland Islands, each offering a

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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. Even though we're 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. On landings we may visit albatross colonies, penguin rookeries and perhaps even have a traditional English 'tea and scones' at a local cottage.

Conditions permitting, we aim to land in historic Stanley, the capital of the Falklands. 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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to spend your precious time editing photos,

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final lectures. Celebrate the end of an

unforgettable voyage with newfound friends

at a special Captain's farewell dinner. With

lectures and film presentations to complete

our 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

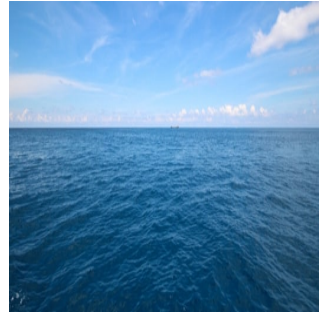
about your journey to this magical place,

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.



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21 Days the early morning, we cruise up the

Beagle Channel, before quietly slipping into

Antarctica, Antarctica, Península, South Georgia & Falkland Islands

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.
- Lake Escondido tour in 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.
- 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.
- Wi-Fi (Please note we travel to remote regions and therefore the connection can be unreliable)

Inclusions

EXCLUSIONS

- International or domestic flights, unless specified
- Transfers not mentioned in the itinerary
- Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable)
- Airport arrival or departure taxes
- 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

2 (light adventure)

Single Surcharge

Available upon request. Single occupancy cabins may be available with a surcharge. Subject to availability, contact us for more details.

Notes

Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated for triple/quad cabins)
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