

## Sub Antarctic Islands - Ross Sea Expedition 2027 | Le Soleal

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ACPOSR27  
Departure



### Introduction

**Follow in the footsteps of famed explorers, Scott and Shackleton and explore the wonders of the unexplored frontier of the Ross Sea and East Antarctica.**

Sail from Dunedin, New Zealand and visit Subantarctic Islands including Campbell Island, home to many species of endemic flora and fauna and six species of Albatross, Australia's Macquarie Island which has an impressive colony of King Penguins and the Snare Islands.

You may have the chance to visit Sir Ernest Shackleton's hut at Cape Royds and reflect on the journeys of some of the world's most heroic and intrepid polar explorers (depending on weather conditions). While cruising in East Antarctica you will be able to marvel at the Ross Ice Shelf and stop at Cape Adare, home to the world largest Adelie penguin colony.

*\*Itinerary is subject to change depending on government regulations, weather and ice conditions.*

### Itinerary

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25/01/2027 Embarkation in Dunedin

Duration

22 Days is New Zealand's oldest city and is

located referred to as the Edinburgh of New

Zealand. This city of the south islands, Ross Sea, East Antarctica, Antarctica

Scottish heritage with pride. The city

contains some of the best preserved

Victorian and Edwardian architecture in the

Southern Hemisphere. The Silverpeaks

hinterland to the North West provides a

picturesque backdrop and The Otago

Peninsula, which lies within the city

boundaries, has internationally renowned

wildlife reserves, including the only

mainland breeding colony of Northern Royal

Albatross.



### DAY 2: At Sea

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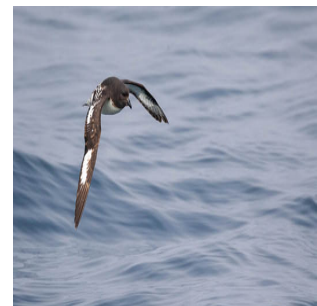
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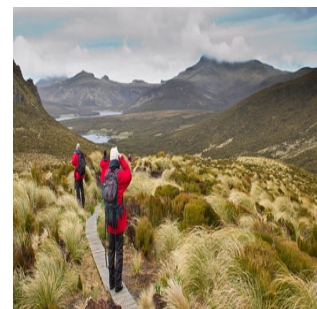
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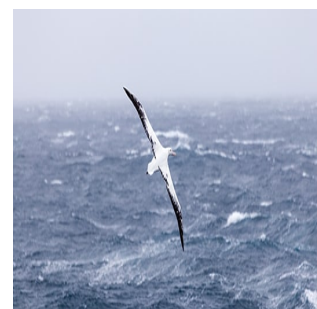
**Day 1:** Auckland Island is situated off the North East coast of Auckland Island and is the largest of the Sub Antarctic Islands, New Zealand, Ross Sea, East Antarctica, Antarctica

or indication of introduced species in 1994 has seen a significant increase in the abundance of the native flora and fauna compared to the main Auckland Island. It has become a stronghold for the rare yellow-eyed penguin and the primary breeding location of the New Zealand Sea Lion. You will head ashore and have the opportunity to undertake a guided walk on the Northern Cliffs track as well as spend time viewing the New Zealand Sea Lion colony. There is also the opportunity to undertake a zodiac tour around the coastline of Enderby Island in search of the Auckland Island Teal and other endemic species.



### DAY 4: At Sea - Days 4 to 6

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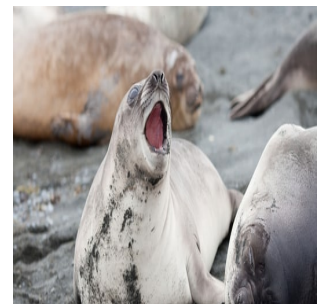
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21 Days

Locations

New Zealand, Sub Antarctic Islands, Ross Sea, East Antarctica, Antarctica

The Ross Sea, the southernmost sea in the world, owes its name to Sir James Clark Ross, a New Zealand naval officer, who first explored the area in 1841 with HMS Erebus and HMS Terror. It is bounded on the east by Roosevelt Island and the Edward VII Peninsula in Mary Byrd Land, on the west by Ross Island and the coastal mountains of Victoria Land, and on the south by the Ross Ice Shelf, the largest ice shelf in Antarctica located some 320 km from the geographic South Pole. The history and treasures of the world's ultimate marine sanctuary will be revealed during this extraordinary expedition. You will be able, weather and ice conditions permitting, to discover several emblematic sites in the region. Among the possible stopovers, Cape Adare, at the northern end of the Borchgrevink coast, home to the world's largest colony of Adélie penguins. We will attempt to reach Terra Nova Bay where the Italian and South Korean scientific stations are located to the north and the Drygalski Ice Tongue to the south. Dating back at least 4000 years, it extends 70 km offshore from the David Glacier and is 24 km at its widest point. On the Inexpressible Island, discover the exceptional survival conditions of a group of six men of the Terra Nova expedition, led by Robert Falcon Scott (1910-1913), forced to winter in a cave dug in the ice, today classified as an Antarctica historical monument. On Ross Island, follow in the footsteps of the polar explorers Sir James Clark Ross and discover Sir Ernest Shackleton's hut, classified as an Antarctica historical monument. Built at Cape Royds during the British expedition Nimrod (1907-1909), it proudly stands at the bottom of Mount Erebus. Sixty years earlier, while Captain James Ross was trying to reach the South Magnetic Pole, he discovered Franklin Island, located 130 km east of Cape Hickey in Victoria Land. He named it after Sir John Franklin, Arctic explorer and governor of the territory of present-day Tasmania. You will be offered there, a privileged position to observe Adélie penguins in their daily ballet as well as Weddell seals, resting on the shore.



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22 Days At Sea - Day 15 to 17

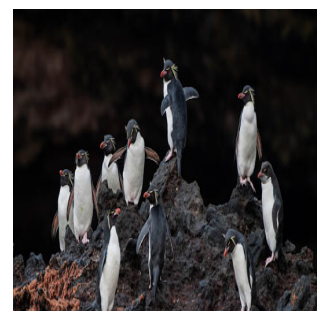
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### DAY 18: Macquarie Island

Long celebrated as one of the wonder spots of the world, Macquarie Island is an island of great beauty and outstanding natural diversity, a breeding place for more than 3.5 million seabirds, most of which are penguins. There are four species breeding on Macquarie Island: Royals, Kings, Gentoos and Rock Hoppers. There are also three types of fur seals and one seventh of the world's population of elephant seals breeding on the Island. In 1948 The Australian National Antarctic Research Expeditions (ANARE) established its expedition headquarters on Macquarie Island. If time and weather permit, guests will have the opportunity to land ashore and view the prolific wildlife that resides here.



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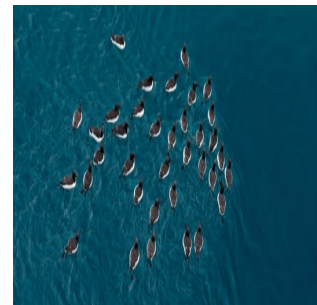
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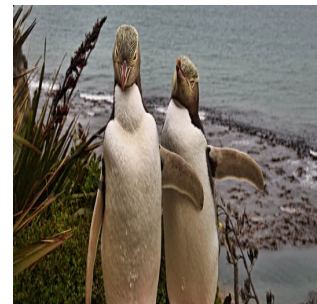
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### DAY 20: The Snares

Amongst the Subantarctic Islands of New Zealand, the Snares have the distinction of being the only forested group without introduced mammals, not even mice. Consequently, it is a remarkable haven for wildlife. The island boasts more nesting seabirds than the entire realm of the British Isles. Over 2 million Sooty Shearwaters breed here in the summer months. Four species of Albatross are listed as breeding on the Snares along with 35,000 endemic Snares crested penguins. There are also approximately 1,000 New Zealand fur seals and 500 New Zealand sea lions. Landing on the Snares is prohibited. If time and weather permit, you will have the opportunity to explore the coastal environments and view the prolific wildlife from our fleet of Zodiac.

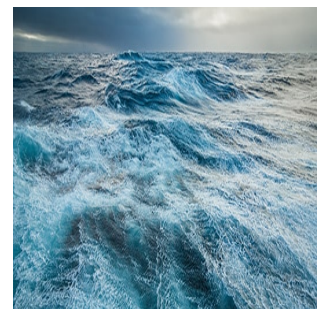


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DAY 22: Disembark in Dunedin

Bid farewell to the expedition team and your fellow travelers before proceeding to transfer to the airport for your onward travels.



### Inclusions & Details

Accommodation      Hotel & Cabin Onboard a Ship

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### INCLUSIONS

Cabin accommodation whilst on board Le Soleal

All meals whilst on board

Open bar (no premium brands)

Mini bar in your stateroom (Champagne additional fee)

Scheduled landings and excursions, conditions permitting

Guiding and lectures by expedition team

Complimentary Polar expedition jacket

Free use of rubber boots for shore excursions

All port taxes

Comprehensive pre and post voyage informational material

Free WIFI

Inclusions

### EXCLUSIONS

Airfares other than specified

Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable)

Travel Insurance

Personal expenses such as laundry

Gratuities for the crew (recommend US\$15 per person per day)

Optional Activities not mentioned in itinerary

2 (light adventure)

Available upon request. A supplement surcharge may apply and is subject to availability. Please

[contact us](#) for more information.

Prices are based on per person, 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.

Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

Difficulty Rating

Single Surcharge

Notes

Price Dependent upon

Sustainability