

Antarctica - Penguins of the Far South: Falklands, South Georgia and Antarctica | Ocean Explorer

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ACQEPFSA
Departure



Introduction

The Antarctic region offers incredible experiences. This 20-day itinerary takes you to the often-overlooked Falkland Islands and South Georgia, before reaching Antarctica. In the Falklands, you can explore the charming village of Stanley, walk along sandy dunes, and enjoy birdwatching. South Georgia offers beaches where king penguins breed, surrounded by abundant wildlife. Afterward, you'll journey to the Antarctic Peninsula, a stunning region of ice, snow, and natural beauty. Throughout the trip, you'll have opportunities to engage in various activities and take part in educational programs. Antarctica has inspired explorers for centuries, and this expedition offers a chance to experience its wonders.

Itinerary

DAY 1: Arrive Ushuaia, Argentina

Your gateway for this expedition is Ushuaia, Argentina. Located within the Tierra del Fuego archipelago, Ushuaia has a small-town feel yet boasts many shops, museums, cafés and restaurants that you can enjoy before your voyage. If you're feeling adventurous, the nearby Tierra del Fuego National Park and Martial Glacier offer plenty of outdoor activities, such as hiking.



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As you embark, the anticipation grows.

Locations: Antarctica, Falkland Islands, South Georgia, Antarctic Peninsula

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DAY 3: At Sea

Your days at sea are filled with

presentations led by your Expedition Team

on photography, wildlife, glaciology, and

history. In between presentations, spend

time on deck looking for wildlife or chatting

with your shipmates over a drink at the bar.



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Locations

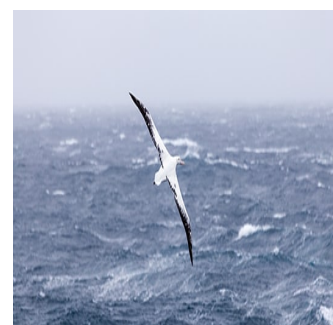
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Workout capturing the abundant wildlife and rugged feel of this sub- Antarctic region. The archipelago contains two main islands, East Falkland and West Falkland, which you will explore during daily excursions. Stanley, also known as Port Stanley, is often a favored landing site, as the town offers a unique British outpost feel, complete with eclectic charm. You'll be free to explore, grab a pint at the local pub or visit the cathedral and museum. In terms of wildlife, the archipelago is home to Magellanic, gentoo and southern rockhopper penguins. If you're lucky, you may even spot king penguins here as well! You can expect to see black- browed albatross, plus two endemic bird species—the flightless Falkland steamer duck and, possibly, the elusive Cobb's wren. Your expert education team will enrich your understanding of the local flora and fauna, making the most out of your time in the Falklands.



DAY 6: At Sea - Day 6 & 7

Sailing southeast to South Georgia, you'll officially enter Antarctic waters once you cross the Antarctic Convergence, an invisible biological boundary encircling the continent. This meeting of oceans, where the cold Antarctic waters mix and mingle with the warmer waters of the Indian, Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, helps nourish the abundance of krill that attracts whales, seals, and birdlife to this part of the world. Your Expedition Team will notify you when you cross this invisible yet important line, and also look out for the seabirds and marine life that frequent this nutrient-rich area.



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70 Days

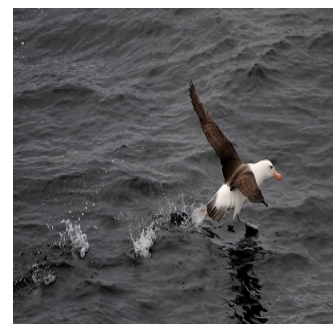
This remote, mountainous island was a
popular stop for many historic Antarctic
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Expeditions and was once known for whaling

and seal-hunting. Today, island wildlife
populations are rebounding, but you'll still
see remnants of old whaling stations and
other abandoned outposts. One significant
and historic site is the grave of the great
explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton. You can
visit his grave at the settlement of
Grytviken, which is also home to an old
whaling station, plus a museum, gift shop,
church and small research station. Although
South Georgia's history is an important
attraction to the island, its incredible
densities of wildlife make it truly
memorable. Each landing you make on
South Georgia, often referred to as the
Galapagos of the Southern Sea, will open
your eyes to the wondrous lives of new,
enthraling creatures. One day you may see
colonies with hundreds of thousands of
pairs of king penguins waddling on shore,
and the next, you may visit another beach
inhabited by hundreds of fur or elephant
seals. The grasses, mountains and beaches
of South Georgia all play an important role
in the breeding and survival of different
species on the island. This fragile and
interwoven relationship is something your
Expedition Team will instill in you during
your time here.



DAY 12: At Sea - Day 12 & 13

Say goodbye to the king penguins as you
leave for your next destination: Antarctica!
Your days at sea are filled with
presentations, workshops, and social
activities led by your Expedition Team. If
conditions allow, we may attempt landfall
on the South Orkney Islands, our first
official stop in Antarctica.



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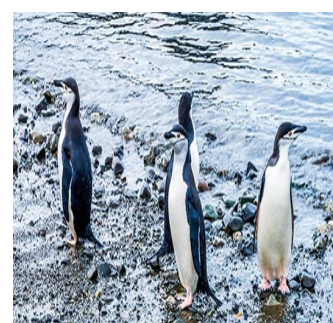
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The Antarctic continent is a sense of reverence and awe. The experience is beyond words, since few places are as untouched and enduring as Antarctica. You will discover that Antarctica is a land of extremes. At one moment you'll be overcome with a feeling of complete isolation and silence, and at 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 the human. Your Expedition Team will take care of you at each excursion, whether you are Zodiac cruising, visiting a historical site or consorting with penguin colonies. Chinstrap, Adélie and gentoo penguins are found here, along with Weddell, fur, crabeater and leopard seals. During Zodiac cruises, keep an eye out for Antarctic whales such as minkes, as you may get a chance for an intimate experience with these majestic animals. Each day and each excursion will present a new collection of creatures to entertain 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 partaking in an optional paddling excursion (at an extra cost) or cast reason aside and jump into Antarctic waters for the Polar Plunge!



DAY 18: Crossing the Drake Passage - Day 18 & 19

After more than two weeks of endless wildlife encounters, your journey home begins. Crossing the Drake is your unofficial rite of passage, completing your Antarctic adventure. Enjoy your final moments celebrating with your fellow shipmates and savor the silence of the sea as long as you can.



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After breakfast aboard the ship, it is time to

depart and say goodbye to your

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Expedition Team. Airport transfers will be

provided for those departing on the first

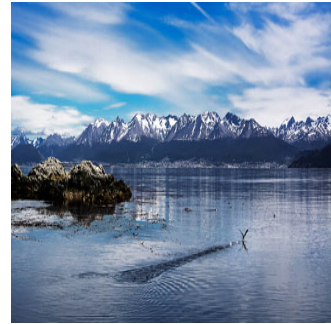
homeward flights. Other guests will be

transferred to town. *Please note: Cruise

itinerary is subject to change depending on

weather conditions, ice conditions and other

factors.



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation

Hotel & Cabin On Board Ship

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INCLUSIONS

- An expedition parka to keep
- All shore landings per the daily program, weather permitting
- Shipboard accommodation
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage
- Select beer, wines, spirits, and cocktails during bar service hours and dinner
- Coffee, tea and cocoa around the clock
- Presentations by expedition team & special guests
- Downloadable photographic journal documenting the expedition
- Expedition boots on loan for shore landings
- Hairdryer and bathrobe available in every cabin
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- Luggage handling aboard the ship
- Wi-Fi service on one device permitting basic internet browsing, email, posting on social media and voice applications (Premium packages are available for purchase for more data-intensive applications)
- Group arrival transfer in Ushuaia from airport to pre-expedition hotel on Day 1
- One night's pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Ushuaia with breakfast
- Group transfer from hotel to ship on embarkation day
- Group departure transfer upon disembarkation in Ushuaia from ship to local airport

Inclusions

EXCLUSIONS

- Any airfare unless otherwise specified in the itinerary
- Passport and visa expenses
- Government arrival and departure taxes
- Any meals unless otherwise specified
- Travel insurance
- Alcohol and bar service does not include spirits
- Excess baggage charges
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, spa services, bar, beverage and other personal charges unless specified
- Telecommunications charges
- Data card does not include premium packages which enable more data-intensive applications
- Voluntary staff and crew gratuities
- Additional overnight accommodation
- Arrival and departure transfers, except where stated
- Paid Adventure Options

Difficulty Rating

2 (Light Adventure)

Single Surcharge

Available upon request, a supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please [contact us](#) for more information.

Notes

Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated)
 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*
NOTE: The number of guests per room is the same as cabin occupancy on the ship. Due to limited availability, travellers who reserve a suite on board are accommodated in standard rooms at the hotel. Triple rooms may not be available
 Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

Price Dependent upon

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