

## Argentina - Falklands, South Georgia & Valdes Peninsula: In The Heart Of The Wilderness | Le Lyrial

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### Introduction

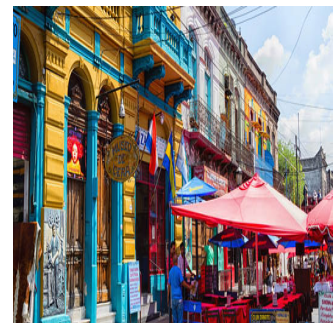
This expedition explores three distinct ecosystems of South Georgia, the Falkland Islands and the Valdes Peninsula, offering amazing opportunities for wildlife viewing and guided field activities. These incredibly diverse locations are known for encounters with large penguin colonies, elephant and fur seals and numerous species of seabirds, along with chances to spot whales in productive feeding areas. The route includes opportunities to step ashore with naturalist guides, explore coastal zones by Zodiac, and learn about the ecological significance of each region, including UNESCO-listed Valdes Peninsula. Don't miss the chance to photograph the changing landscapes ranging from black sand beaches and hanging glaciers to moorlands and Patagonian steppe.

Throughout the voyage, an experienced expert expedition crew and naturalist team lead shore landings, short walks and interpretation sessions focused on regional biodiversity as well as cultural and environmental history. The itinerary balances time at sea with active exploration, giving you a structured but flexible program designed to maximise wildlife sightings and access to remote sites.

### Itinerary

#### DAY 1: Arrive Buenos Aires

Arrive in Buenos Aires and spend the night exploring before starting your voyage the next day.



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DAY 2 - Embarkation in Ushuaia

Duration

20 Days

Capital of Argentina's Tierra del Fuego

location, Ushuaia is considered the

Argentina, South Georgia & Falkland Islands

gateway to the White Continent and the

South Pole. Nicknamed "El fin del mundo"

by the Argentinian people, this city at the

end of the world nestles in the shelter of

mountains surrounded by fertile plains that

the wildlife seem to have chosen as the

ultimate sanctuary. With its exceptional site,

where the Andes plunge straight into the

sea, Ushuaia is one of the most fascinating

places on earth, its very name evocative of

journeys to the unlikely and the

inaccessible...



DAY 3: At Sea - Day 3 to 5

During your journey at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board.

Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in

the spa or stay in shape in the fitness

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DAY 6 - South Georgia - Day 6 to 8

Duration

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Location

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Chimú, extends from the Andes to the

Antarctic Peninsula. All the wildlife of the

Far South can be found there: king and

Gentoo penguins, elephant seals, fur seals...

You might get the chance to discover the

majestic glaciers of Gold Harbour and the

vast plains of Fortuna Bay. If you are

fortunate enough to land at Salisbury Plain,

you can expect a wonderful spectacle: more

than 300,000 king penguins, which you will

recognise by the bright orange mark on

their head and neck, have taken up

residence there.



DAY 9: At Sea - Day 9 & 10

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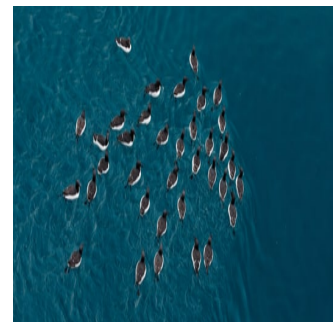
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Situated at the far eastern end of the Falklands' largest island, Port Stanley, is the capital. This remote archipelago in the South Atlantic, composed of nearly 700

islands and islets. In 1764, Louis Antoine de Bougainville settled the first pioneers here and the port grew rapidly. Placed under the Spanish crown in 1767, then under British sovereignty since 1833, the town has retained some South American features fused with the Victorian style that punctuate the city, and the houses with their colourful roofs brighten the moorland landscapes with their windy and harsh climate reminiscent of the Scottish islands of Orkneys or Shetland. In front of the Cathedral, built in 1933, an arch made of whale jaw bones reminds us that Port Stanley was once a whaling port. Volunteer Point is a peninsula located at the far north-east of the Falkland Islands, Volunteer Point, named after the ship The Volunteer which called there in 1815, promises moving encounters in the heart of totally unspoiled nature. Due to its exceptional birdlife, the spot is identified as an Important Bird and Biodiversity Area (IBA) and is, above all, renowned as the home of the island's largest king penguin colony. These elegant birds, which are expressive and not particularly timid, will offer you moments of pure awe and the opportunity to take magnificent photos. You'll certainly be touched by the fledglings, dressed in their thick brown plumage.



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DAY 12 Saunders Island & Carcass Island

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The Neck is a narrow stretch of land

connecting the two sides of Saunders

Island, located on the north-western edge of

the Falklands. You'll safely enter these

blustery surroundings with the assistance of

your naturalist guides. And once there, a

reward awaits you: a veritable paradise of

endless shoreline lapped by turquoise

waters. Several bird species, also attracted

to this stunning location, have settled here.

At the other end of The Neck, you'll

encounter Magellanic penguins, southern

rockhopper penguins, black-browed

albatross and king penguins, all basking in

the beauty of their surroundings. Situated in

the north-west of the Falklands, Carcass

Island was named after the ship HMS

Carcass, which visited the island in the late

18th century. Its landscapes, combining

steep rocks, sheer cliffs, wild expanses and

white-sand beaches, form a rich and varied

panorama that amateur or experienced bird

watchers will appreciate. On this island, one

of the few where no predators have been

introduced, numerous species of birds live,

breed and are born in total serenity. Due to

the fresh, windy and humid subarctic

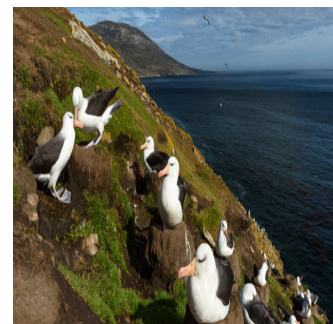
oceanic climate, a fauna and flora similar to

those of Patagonia, situated 460 km (286

miles) away, thrive here. You could get the

chance to observe royal or southern

rockhopper penguins.



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### DAY 15: Camarones

Camarones is a small town located in

Chubut Province, in Southern Argentina.

Chubut stretches from the Atlantic to the

Andes, the coast is marked by high cliffs

and sandy beaches. Before the Spaniards

arrived in the Americas, nomadic

indigenous people had inhabited the

Patagonia region. In the 17th and 18th

centuries, Spanish missionaries settled.

Camarones is the head town of the

Florentino Ameghino department which is

noted for its wealth of geological and

paleontological features. People are

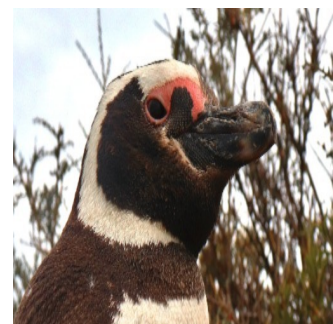
attracted to the region by its lengthy

unspoiled coastline and its fauna.

Camarones means 'shrimps' in Spanish,

once the town was well-known for the

abundance of shrimps in its bay.



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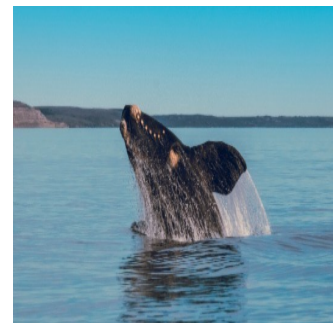
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03/03/2028 Puerto Madryn

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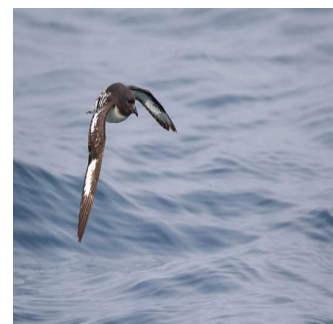
20 Days

On the shores of the Atlantic Ocean, in the Argentinean province of Chubut, stands the city of Puerto Madryn, nestled in the Golfo Nuevo and surrounded by wild and abundant nature. You will be able to follow the narrow strip of land formed by the isthmus for a few kilometres, to reach the Valdes Peninsula nature reserve, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Its microclimate, protected from the extreme conditions of the Southern Atlantic, makes this an ideal breeding ground for southern right whales in winter, but also for southern elephant seals, southern sea lions, and orcas. You may get the chance to spot numerous birds, Magellanic penguins, guanacos and Patagonian maras living in this desert steppe.



### DAY 18: At Sea - Day 18 & 19

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Locations de la Plata, between the Atlantic

Ocean and the vast Argentine Pampas,

Argentina, South Georgia & Falkland Islands

Buenos Aires is a unique city in Latin

America. Nicknamed "the Little Paris of

South America", the Argentine capital is a

clever blend of architecture with European

influences and a joyful Latin American

atmosphere. Designed on an orthogonal

grid plan, it has 48 districts, all of which are

as charming as they are different, with a

range of styles such as Belle Époque, gothic

and baroque. With its markets overflowing

with treasures, its legendary cultural and

architectural heritage, and tango providing

its background music, the Argentine capital

will delight you on every street corner.



### Inclusions & Details

Accommodation

Cabin On Board Ship

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### INCLUSIONS

1 night accommodation in Buenos Aires with dinner on day 1 and breakfast on day 2  
Transfer to the airport in Buenos Aires to meet flight to Ushuaia on day 2  
One way flight Buenos Aires to Ushuaia in economy class  
Group Airport Transfers in Ushuaia  
Cabin accommodation whilst on board Le Lyrial  
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  
Butler service is available for the following suites: All suites on Deck 6

Inclusions

### EXCLUSIONS

Other meals, beverages and services while not onboard the ship or not mentioned in the program  
Airmiles other than specified  
Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable)  
Travel Insurance  
Personal expenses such as laundry  
Gratuities for the crew  
Optional Activities not mentioned in itinerary  
Other expenses not mentioned  
A fuel surcharge may be applied to all bookings  
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.

Difficulty Rating

Single Surcharge

Notes

An arrival transfer will be provided on arrival in Buenos Aires if arriving as part of the pre-cruise package the day before embarkation ONLY. Transfers are available from Ministro Pistarini International Airport (EZE) or Aeroparque Jorge Newbery (AEP) and will take you to the pre-departure hotel.

In rare and unforeseen situations, an operator may apply a fuel surcharge after your booking has been confirmed and paid. This is outside our control and uncommon, but transparency with our travelers is important to us.

Price Dependent upon

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

Sustainability