

# ANTARCTICA - EXPLORERS & KINGS: FALKLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA & ANTARCTICA | OCEAN EXPLORER



## TRIP CODE

ACQEAEK

## DEPARTURE

04/11/2024, 19/12/2024,  
13/11/2025

## DURATION

20 Days

## LOCATIONS

Antarctic Peninsula, Falkland Islands, South Georgia

## INTRODUCTION

**This extended expedition encompasses the wildlife paradise of South Georgia, the remote Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas), as well as the extraordinary beauty of the Antarctic Peninsula.** You'll experience a great diversity of environments and landscapes at each stop along this voyage, which will provide excellent wildlife viewing opportunities. This 20 day itinerary highlights the best for polar travelers in one itinerary.



## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: Arrive in Ushuaia, Argentina

Your gateway for this expedition is Ushuaia, Argentina. Nestled 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 national park and Martial Glacier offer plenty of outdoor activities, such as hiking.



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### DAY 2: Embarkation Day

As you embark, the anticipation grows. Trade your land legs for sea legs, meet and greet your fellow travelers and get acquainted with your ship. Since every Antarctic adventure presents new opportunities and experiences, embarkation day is just as exciting for your Expedition Team as it is for you. On board to ensure your comfort and safety, your team will also help make your wildlife dreams come true.



### DAY 3: At Sea

Your days at sea are filled with presentations and lectures led by your Expedition Team, who will prepare you for the wildlife that will greet you upon your arrival. In between presentations, spend time chatting with your shipmates over a drink at the bar, or enjoy the fresh air and views on the outer decks.



### DAY 4: Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas) - day 4 & 5

Upon your arrival in the Falklands (Malvinas), your camera will get its first real 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 Zodiac excursions and landings. 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 numerous churches and museums. 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 team of lecturers and specialists will be sure to educate you on the local flora and fauna, making the most out of your time in the Falklands.



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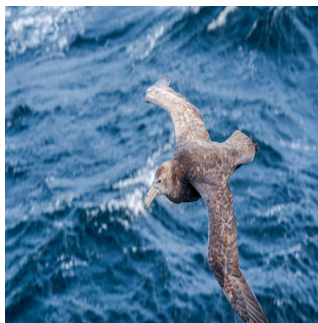
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### DAY 6: At Sea - Day 6 & 7

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 create the abundance of krill that attracts whales and seals 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 the area.



### DAY 8: South Georgia - Day 8 to 11

This remote, mountainous island was a popular stop for many historic Antarctic expeditions and was once a haven for hunting whales and seals. 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 Poles, will open your eyes to the wondrous lives of new, enthralling creatures. One day you may see rookeries with hundreds of thousands of pairs of king penguins waddling on a beach, and the next, you may visit another beach blanketed with thousands 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 explain to you during your time here.



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### DAY 12: At Sea - Day 12 & 13

Say goodbye to the king penguins, as your next destination is Antarctica! Your days at sea are filled with presentations, lectures and workshops led by your Expedition Team, who will prepare you for the wildlife that will greet you upon your arrival. If conditions allow, we may attempt landfall on the South Orkney Islands, our first official stop in Antarctica.



### DAY 14: South Shetlands & Antarctica - Day 14 to 17

The most common reaction upon reaching the White 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 brilliant blue sea or a penguin waddles by to inspect your footwear. 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 minke, which may give you 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. The busy, populated world awaits your return, so savor the silence of the sea as long as you can.



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## DAY 20: Disembarkation in Ushuaia

After breakfast aboard the ship, it is time to part ways and say goodbye to your Expedition Team. Airport transfers will be provided for those departing on the first homeward flights. Other guests will be transferred to town.



## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

<b>Accommodation</b>	Cabin/Hotel & Cabin on board ship
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## INCLUSIONS

Shipboard accommodation  
 All meals & snacks on board throughout your voyage  
 Beer, standard wines & spirits, & cocktails during pre-dinner bar service, dinner & evenings  
 Coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock  
 All shore landings per the daily program, weather permitting  
 Presentations by expedition team & special guests.  
 Downloadable photographic journal documenting the expedition  
 Expedition boots on loan for shore landings  
 An expedition parka to keep  
 Hairdryer and bathrobe available in every cabin  
 All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program  
 Luggage handling aboard the ship  
 Emergency Evacuation Insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of US\$500,000 per person  
 Group transfer in Ushuaia from the airport to the pre-expedition hotel on Day 1 of the itinerary  
 One night pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Ushuaia with breakfast  
 Group transfer from hotel to ship on embarkation day  
 Group transfer from ship to airport or luggage storage facility post-expedition  
 Free WiFi

### Inclusions

## EXCLUSIONS

Any airfare unless otherwise specified in the itinerary  
 Passport and visa expenses  
 Government arrival and departure taxes  
 Any meals ashore unless otherwise specified  
 Travel insurance  
 Excess baggage charges  
 Laundry, bar, beverage and other personal charges unless specified  
 Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned  
 Telecommunications charges  
 Voluntary staff and crew gratuities  
 Optional Adventure Activities

**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.

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<b>Notes</b>	<p>Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated for single, triple cabins)          Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.</p> <p>*Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.</p>
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	<p>Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.</p>

## SUSTAINABILITY

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