

ANTARCTICA - PENGUINS OF THE FAR SOUTH: FALKLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA AND ANTARCTICA | OCEAN EXPLORER



TRIP CODE

ACQEPFSA

DEPARTURE

25/10/2026, 10/02/2027

DURATION

20 Days

LOCATIONS

Antarctica, Falkland Islands, South Georgia, Antarctic Peninsula

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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DAY 2: Embarkation in Ushuaia

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 your team will be there both to ensure your comfort and safety as well as help make your wildlife dreams come true.



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.



DAY 4: Falkland Islands - 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 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.



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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 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.



DAY 8: South Georgia - Day 8 to 11

This remote, mountainous island was a popular stop for many historic Antarctic expeditions and was once known for whale- 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, enthralling 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.



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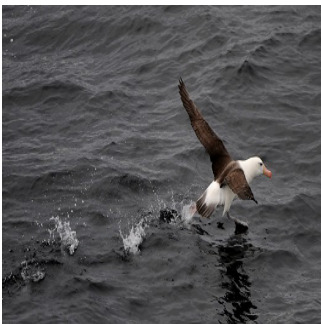
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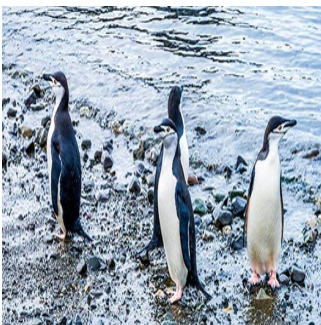
DAY 12: At Sea - Day 12 & 13

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.



DAY 14: South Shetland & Antarctica - Day 12 & 13


The most common reaction upon reaching 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.

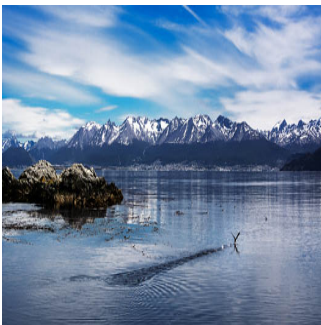


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DAY 20: Disembarkation in Ushuaia

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. *Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS	
Accommodation	Hotel & Cabin On Board Ship



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INCLUSIONS

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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)

Emergency Evacuation Insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of US\$500,000 per person

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

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

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Inclusions

Difficulty Rating

2 (Light Adventure)

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Single Surcharge	Available upon request, a supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.
Notes	<p>Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated)</p> <p>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> <p>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</p>
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

SUSTAINABILITY

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