

The background of the entire page is a photograph of two penguins, likely Adelie penguins, standing on a rocky, grey shoreline. They are facing each other, looking up at their heads. The penguins have dark brown/black backs and heads, with white chests and faces. A thin white line runs from the tip of each beak down to the eye. The water behind them is a deep blue, with some small white ice floes. In the far background, there are large, jagged mountains covered in snow and ice, under a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds.

THE OCEAN ENDEAVOUR

ANTARCTIC EXPEDITIONS 2020/21



DEAR *Explorers*

For us, Antarctica is the most powerful place on the planet. It is wild, remote, pristine and heartbreakingly beautiful. The wildlife and landscapes you find here present life in its rawest form and humans have only been visiting for the past one hundred or so years.

We have been passionate about polar destinations, and the need to revere and preserve them, for the past 15 years. Showing travellers these locations in the most sustainable way possible via small ship exploration is something we love doing.

Operating our own ship, the Ocean Endeavour, means we can channel this passion and knowledge into creating a mutually positive experience for both our guests and the precious Antarctic environment.

Travelling with less than 200 other passengers on this comfortable vessel means that you will have the full attention of our expert expedition crew. For every eight passengers, there will be one expedition staff – this is the highest in the industry.

When you aren't touching down on the mighty Peninsula or seeing its bounty from a Zodiac cruise, the included onboard activities are yoga, daily lectures from the team on the geology, biology and history of this destination and photography workshops.

You can also maximise your experience by enrolling on some of our additional activities such as kayaking, snowshoeing, private photography workshops or camping on the ice. These immersive experiences will truly connect you to the ethereal elements Antarctica is known for.

One of the best parts of Antarctica, for us, is seeing the reaction our passengers have when they first set foot on the white continent. We hope that you will join us on our new ship, the Ocean Endeavour, and return as polar ambassadors like us.

WHY TRAVEL WITH US:



It's all about exploration!

Whether it's taking your Antarctic adventure to new heights on a guided hike or feeling humbled by the passing of enormous glaciers, we make the most of your off-ship excursions.



Cabins to suit everyone

There is a range from cabins available. From rooms with multiple berths which are ideal for solo travellers or those on a budget, to luxury cabins with panoramic windows and spectacular views.



Expedition staff to passenger ratio 1:8

This is one of the highest in the industry and ensures our guests personally experience the professionalism and expertise of our expedition team, which will maximise their experience.



Wide range of activities

Full array of exciting adventure options including sea kayaking, camping, snowshoeing, zodiac cruising, shore landings, and hiking.



Double carbon offset

All expeditions are double carbon offset and we are committed to best practices, conservation and preservation of the environment.



IAATO Member

We are a member of the International Association of Antarctic Tour Operators which works to ensure safe and environmentally responsible travel.



A SUSTAINABLE Experience

We believe that with great travel, comes great responsibility. As a travel company, we know it is our duty to sustain and protect the environment we use and love. We have, therefore, taken a range of sustainability measures to ensure our expeditions have as little impact as possible while providing our traveller's with unique and authentic experiences.

'Sustainable cruising' might seem like a contradiction in terms, given the history of the big mega liners. But it's a side of the industry we want to change and why we are advocates of small ship cruising. In addition to reducing carbon levels in the atmosphere and reversing some effects of climate change by double carbon offsetting all our trips, we also try to reduce our footprint by implementing the following:

- No plastic straws onboard our vessel and working towards eliminating all single use plastics throughout our entire operation.
- Each guest receives a reusable water bottle to use at a water refill station onboard.
- Only sustainably sourced seafood is served.
- Soap/shampoo dispensers are available in all bathrooms.
- Eco-friendly cleaning products are used aboard.
- All waste is carried with us out of Antarctica.
- Sustainable suppliers are used wherever possible in our supply chain.
- We are a founding sponsor of the Antarctic Science Foundation which directly supports Australian science programmes throughout Antarctica.
- We work with SeaGreen on recycling initiatives and waste minimisation in the gateway city of Ushuaia.



We are a member of IAATO (International Association of Antarctic Tour Operators) and comply by the organisation's guidelines in promoting and practicing safe and environmentally responsible travel to the Antarctic. IAATO, in cooperation with ship operators, has established extensive procedures and guidelines that ensure appropriate, safe and environmentally sound travel to the Antarctic.

MAWSON'S HUTS FOUNDATION Conserving Australia's Antarctic Heritage

We are a proud supporter of the Mawson's Huts Foundation. The foundation was established in 1997 with the support of the Australian government expressly to conserve Mawson's Huts at Cape Denison (Commonwealth Bay, East Antarctica), which were built and occupied by the legendary geologist and explorer Sir Douglas Mawson. Since then it has funded and organised 13 major expeditions to the historic site.

OUR TRIPS ARE



What is carbon offsetting?

Carbon offsets are a way for individuals and businesses to balance out their greenhouse gas emissions by allocating funds to emission reduction programs. We quantify our carbon usage and then purchase carbon credits from various projects to offset our impact. We believe investing in the renewable energy industry will help our economies transition from a fossil fuel-dependant society to a cleaner, renewable energy future. The main sources of carbon emission from our trips (transport, accommodation and waste) are also assessed and offset into renewable energy projects.

What carbon offset trips mean for our passengers.

Each expedition trip offers our travellers an authentic, sustainable and carbon offset experience. Travellers don't have to worry about additional fees for carbon offsetting as the offset cost is already embedded in the cost of the trip. Even with the offset included, these trips are still competitive, ensuring travellers get the best price for a fantastic adventure with a reduced environmental impact.

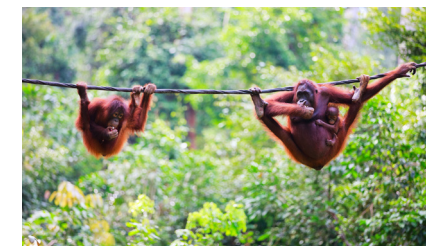
Which carbon offsetting projects do we support?

We work hard to reduce carbon emissions and seek less carbon-intensive alternatives where possible, and then balance the remaining emissions by purchasing certified carbon credits from internationally verified carbon reduction projects. We have identified the following six key international projects to purchase carbon credits from:



Solar Farm Project (Bambous, Mauritius)

This project supports technology transfer, energy transition and the first ever solar farm in Mauritius. The project has created 20 local jobs and saved 220,000 tonnes of CO2 entering the atmosphere.



Rainforest Rehab (Malaysian Borneo)

This project works to replant trees and avoid deforestation of the natural jungle and prevent palm oil plantations being planted. This all contributes to helping sustain the local wildlife.



Winds of Change (Tamil Nadu, India)

This project runs 84 wind turbines that have been installed on areas of land sold to the project by a collective of farmers.



Lungs of the Planet (Madre De Dios, Peru)

This project conserves the forest area and prevents illegal logging in Madre De Dios, Peru. It also supports the long-term wellbeing of rural communities dependent on subsistence.



Landscape Livelihoods (Malawi, East Africa)

This project empowers over 220,000 local villages to reduce deforestation and protect 170,000 hectares of forest in East Africa, by building more sustainable sources of income.



Winds of Change (Turkey)

This project consists of 20 wind power turbines installed in the country, which generate about 109.9 GWh of annual electricity for the local electricity market. It has the added benefit of creating more than 60 local jobs in the community too.

MEET OUR *Guides*

Behind each of our Antarctica expedition cruises is our highly skilled expedition team. Bringing expert knowledge, assurance and passion aboard, they are with you every step of your unforgettable Antarctic adventure. Behind the scenes and on the front lines, their dedication is evidenced every single day. These heroes will soon become your friends as they share their energy for all things Antarctic with you.



Andrew Lock | Naturalist Guide

Andrew is a high-altitude mountaineer, global adventurer and polar veteran. He is the only person in the British Commonwealth to have climbed all fourteen of the world's 8,000 metre 'death zone' mountains. He has previously worked as a trainer and leader for the Australian National Antarctic Research Expeditions on Macquarie Island, Heard Island and Davis Station on the Antarctic continent. He has raced the Sydney to Hobart twice, winning his division in 2018; sailed around Cape Horn in a 30-foot gaff rigged Colin Archer yacht; and has adventured on every continent.



Rebecca Wellard | Marine Biologist

Rebecca is a marine mammal scientist with a focus on multiple disciplines, including bioacoustics, population ecology, cognitive behaviour and applied conservation. Her PhD involved investigating the vocal repertoire, social structure and dietary preferences of Antarctic and Australian killer whales. Founder and director of Project ORCA, an organisation focused on killer whale conservation and research in Australia and surrounding waters, Rebecca is an avid science communicator. She loves to share her fascination and enthusiasm for marine wildlife through lectures, presentations and film.



Dr. Ian Malcolm Godfrey | Guest Presenter

An organic chemist, Ian worked as a teacher and lecturer between 1979 and 1987 before joining the Department of Materials Conservation in the Western Australian Museum. His research work focused on the analysis of materials excavated from historic shipwrecks and has seen him work on projects in Australia, Sri Lanka, the United States, Spain and the iconic Vasa shipwreck in Sweden. Ian became involved in the conservation of the historic Mawson's Huts buildings at Cape Denison and has now worked in Antarctica on 14 occasions.



Chris Long | Naturalist Guide

Chris grew up in New Zealand's most remote family based a two-day day hike or 30-minute flight along the South Island's rugged West Coast. His childhood was a sustainable existence of living off the land via fishing, deer hunting and a vegetable garden. Chris left home with big dreams: his travels have sailed him across the notorious North West Passage in a small yacht; over the South Ocean multiple times and backpacking through 60 countries. Recent endeavours have seen him teaching extreme Antarctic survival skills at New Zealand's Scott Base for two full summers.



Dr. Andrew Jackson | Guest Presenter

Andrew has been immersed in Antarctic affairs for 30 years, working mostly with the Australian Antarctic Programme leading Antarctic law and functions. He has been to Antarctica 19 times, visiting French, Russian, New Zealand, US and Australian stations as an expedition manager. He left the Antarctic Division in 2009 and has worked since then as a private consultant on Antarctic matters. Living in Hobart, Tasmania, he is a keen explorer and photographer of the mountains and forests of Tasmania.



Emily Gregory | Marine Biologist

Emily is a marine biologist, diver and adventurous nomad. Growing up exploring the incredibly biodiverse waters of the east coastline of Australia only strengthened her natural curiosities and she sought a career in the marine field of applied research. She completed her ecology studies and thesis research on the morphology of Australia's east coast humpbacks at the University of Sunshine Coast. Much of her travels and research since has followed the migrations of baleen whales, through South America, Tonga, Southeast Alaska and the coastlines of Australia.



Kate Wilson | Marine Biologist

Kate spent her childhood camping and caravanning around Australia, learning about different cultures, environments and animals as she travelled. These experiences sparked a desire to see the world and her overseas adventures actually began with a trip to Antarctica aged 23. Since then, Kate has travelled to all seven continents, exploring her love for animals. When she isn't travelling, she leads a team who care for over 5000 aquarium animals – educating the next generation of adventurers and deepening her love of the ocean.



Matthew Crouch | Naturalist Guide

The first time Matt travelled to Antarctica, he was immediately consumed with a passion for the region. Its purity, diversity and brutal nature can't do anything but capture the imagination when seeing it for the first time. He first worked as a chef aboard expedition ships in both polar regions but discovered a love for photography along the way. He hopes to share these moments with all the passengers who come with us to this amazing continent and to share some of his knowledge and experience along the way!

THE WHITE CONTINENT:

Antarctica



What is about Antarctica that sparks such intrigue and longing, to the point of a lifelong obsession? We believe it is the clarity of thought and purity of feeling that comes from experiencing the cleanest air and the purest natural environment on the planet.

This is a place where you are at the mercy of the elements: sparkling sunshine may kiss the Peninsula one day to be replaced by the fury of katabatic winds the next. It is the relinquishing of control that can make Antarctica such a profound and moving experience.

Seeing wonderful sights such as icebergs, glaciers and penguins are a given, but it is the flurry of emotions attached to this wilderness which can be surprising. No one leaves Antarctica unchanged!

– Will Abbott, [Antarctic Operations Manager](#)

CHOOSING WHEN TO VISIT

Due to Antarctica's extreme nature, the window of opportunity for visiting the white continent is fleeting. Antarctic summer lies between November and March, with each month offering something different to make your visit even more memorable.

NOVEMBER TO DECEMBER (EARLY SUMMER)

This is the very beginning of the season in Antarctica and the peninsula is blanketed in pristine white snow, ready to welcome its first visitors. Take advantage of this snow cover for snowshoeing opportunities. Penguin rookeries are abuzz as these creatures build their nests and perform their curious courtship routines, while seals tussle in South Georgia to establish their positions. Dramatic sea ice formations make for fantastic photo opportunities and you can expect some stunning sunsets.

DECEMBER TO FEBRUARY (SUMMER)

Days stretch to 22 hours and temperatures hit a balmy eight degrees. Antarctic summer has arrived, thawing sea ice and providing a warmer reception for the penguin chicks who are making their first appearance in this icy world. Humpback whales swim a happy return and leopard seals are on the prowl. December and January are the busiest months in terms of tourist numbers due to the Christmas holiday period so early booking is essential.

FEBRUARY TO MARCH (LATE SUMMER)

As ice packs continue to recede, it is possible to explore more extensively – reaching areas usually blocked by sea ice. Days become shorter resulting in intense bursts of colour and light. This is prime whale watching time with humpbacks, minke, southern right and sperm whales patrolling the surrounding waters. South Georgia in March is when the penguin rookeries are at their most bustling. The temperature starts to fall again this time of year, signalling the close of the season.

OUR Expeditions

Lesser visited but always remembered, Antarctica may be a place which you only ever see once in your life. Choosing the right expedition, therefore, is paramount so that you can maximise your chances of spotting the wildlife and landscapes you are anticipating. Regardless of which itinerary you select, however, you will be captivated by its beauty.

DISCOVER ANTARCTICA

This is a classic 10 to 11-day itinerary and the perfect introduction to Antarctica. Departing from Ushuaia at the southern tip of Argentina, this expedition sails you to the Antarctic Peninsula where you will see whales, penguin colonies, myriad seabirds, multiple seal species and, of course, incredible ice and mountains via Zodiac cruises and shore landings. Additional activities such as onshore camping and kayaking allow you to connect with the ethereal landscape and free time can be spent learning more through onboard lectures and workshops.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR IN ANTARCTICA

Up to 22 hours of daylight stretch before you when visiting Antarctica at this time of year. The summer solstice on 21st December is approaching and you are guaranteed the pure magic of a white Christmas. This expedition takes you to the classic locations of the Antarctic Peninsula in 11 days, exploring the stunning wildlife and scenery en route. Coinciding with the holiday season, it is a popular choice for families who will be treated to presents such as sparkling glaciers, turquoise-tipped icebergs, plus whales, penguins and seals.

QUEST FOR THE ANTARCTIC CIRCLE

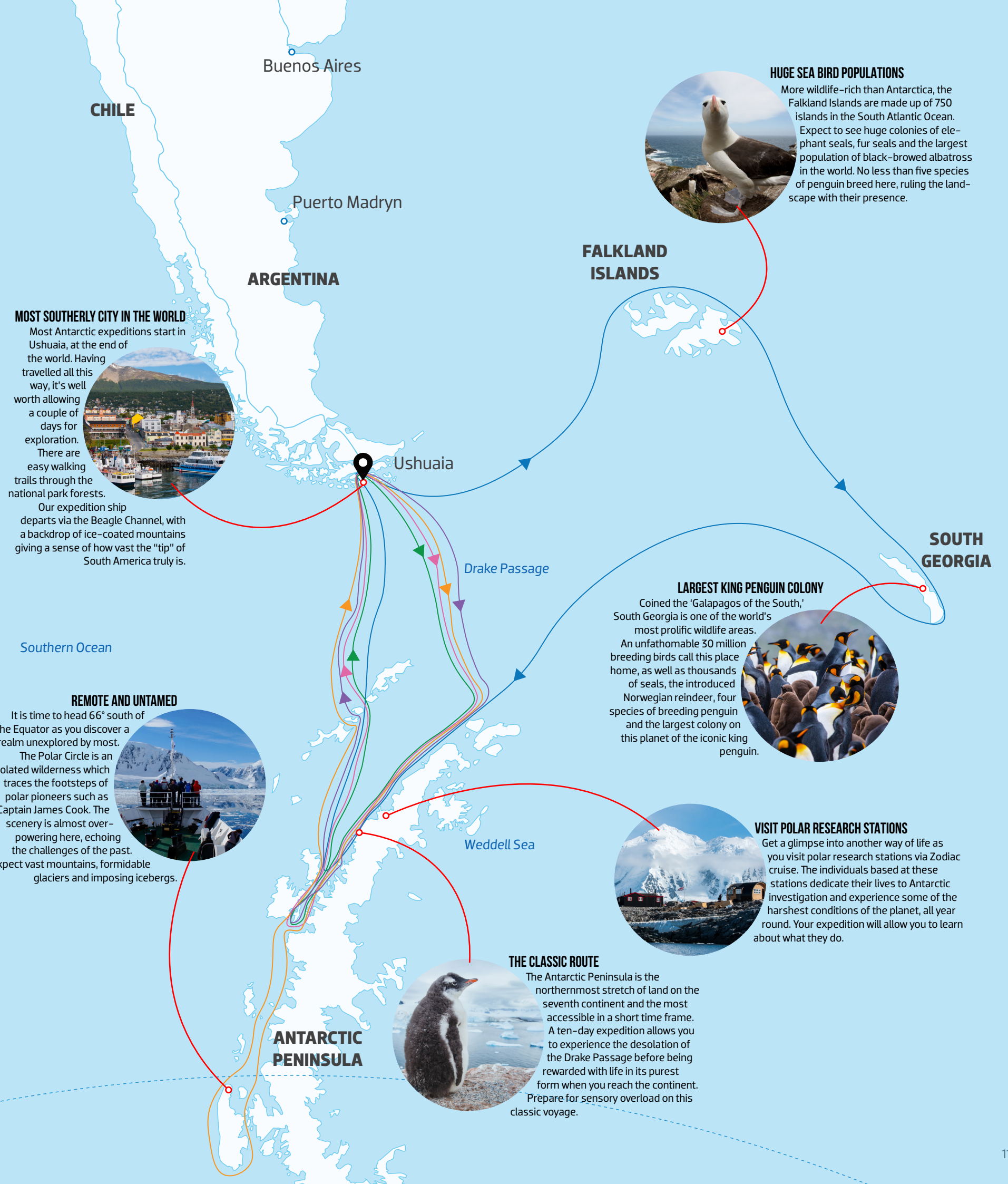
Lasting 14 days, this itinerary is packed full of wildlife, scenery, history and scientific interest via Zodiac cruises and shore landings. It will sail you across the South Shetland Islands, the Antarctic Peninsula and pushes deep into rarely visited regions south of the Antarctic Circle. We are following the historic footsteps of legendary polar explorers, bringing you to 66°33' S, the polar realm infrequently visited by travellers.

FALKLAND ISLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA & ANTARCTICA

This is the ultimate polar exploration. Travelling for 21 days, this in-depth journey takes you to three different regions. Witness the unique and abundant wildlife of the Falkland Islands and South Georgia – enormous penguin colonies including the revered king penguin, hundreds of feisty Antarctic fur seals and whale species such as minke, humpback and orca. Follow in the footsteps of Sir Ernest Shackleton's perilous voyages to South Georgia and pause for a moment at his gravesite. In contrast to the present wildlife, discover the history of the Falklands war and the whaling stations which can still be visited. Concluding in Antarctica, explore the northernmost tip of the world's 7th continent, by ship, Zodiac and foot.

ANTARCTIC WHALE JOURNEY

For travellers wanting to focus specifically on these majestic creatures, this whale watching journey takes you in search of the giants of the Southern Ocean. Lasting 10 days, this trip will sail you across the Drake Passage and down to the Antarctic Peninsula where you will spend time scanning the water for the shadows and silhouettes of these fantastic mammals. See them breach and glide to a backdrop of vast mountains, icebergs and glaciers. Explore via Zodiac cruise and onshore excursions, or additional activities such as kayaking.





DISCOVER ANTARCTICA: LAND OF PENGUINS & ICEBERGS

10 – 11 Days | Ushuaia to Ushuaia



01 Gentoo Penguin in Antarctica
02 Passengers watching sunset on deck
03 Crabeater Seal on ice flow

A true adventure to the most remote wilderness on the planet, Antarctica is a world of immense scale and visual splendour. Embark in Ushuaia at the southern tip of South America then sail the infamous Drake Passage towards the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula.

Our classic Antarctica expedition introduces you to the magic of these stunning destinations – it is one of our most popular and affordable Antarctic itineraries. The perfect taste of Antarctica without the huge price tag.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Unspoiled and uninhabited wildernesses where penguins, seals, whales and seabirds reign supreme.
- Encounter an incredible variety of wildlife.
- Icebergs, glaciers, mountains and landscapes beyond comparison provide fantastic opportunities for photography and adventure.
- Human endeavour of the past and present at historical sites and modern research bases.



PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS:



INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS:



DATES:

Nov 4 – Nov 14, 2020 / Nov 13 – Nov 23, 2020
Nov 22 – Dec 02, 2020 / Dec 01 – Dec 11, 2020
Dec 10 – Dec 19, 2020 / Feb 05 – Feb 15, 2021
Feb 14 – Feb 24, 2021

INCLUSIONS:

All voyage activities and excursions (except those listed as optional), education program and meals. Expedition parka and boots on loan for the duration of your trip. For details of any included transfers, refer to the Essential Trip Information on our website.



JOURNEY TO THE ANTARCTIC CIRCLE: SOUTHERN EXPEDITION

14 Days/ 13 Nights | Ushuaia to Ushuaia

Set sail and venture south to a destination few have frequented: the Antarctic Circle, latitude 66° 33'. Leaving civilisation behind, cross the infamous Drake Passage and set forth towards the mighty frozen desert of the south to begin your exploration of the Antarctic Peninsula. Take in the spectacular surroundings while navigating across the South Shetland Islands, the Antarctic Peninsula and the Antarctic Circle.

As your ship weaves its way through the icy waterways, soak up the ethereal scenery – majestic snow-capped peaks, immense tabular icebergs, dramatic ice carvings and shimmering glaciers.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- The untamed realm of the wildest nature south of the Antarctic Circle, 66° South.
- A pristine polar wilderness with nutrient-rich seas inhabited by robust populations of seabirds, whales and seals.
- Follow in the historic footsteps of legendary polar explorers and early scientific expeditions.
- Benefit from a variety of on-board activities including educational lectures from the expedition team on the history, geology and ecology of the area.



PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS:



INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS:

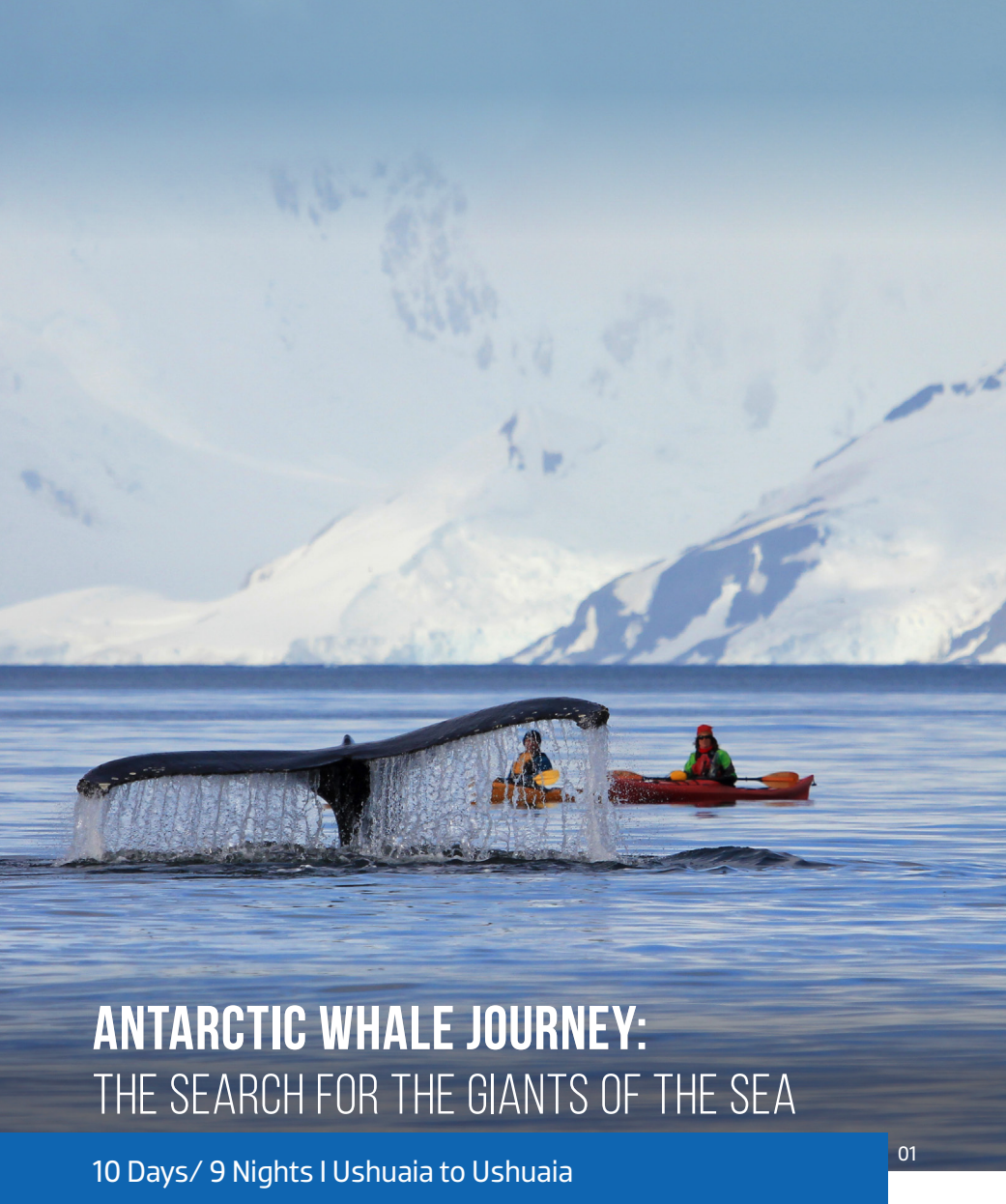


DATES:

Feb 23 – Mar 4, 2021
Mar 3 – Mar 12, 2021

INCLUSIONS:

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ANTARCTIC WHALE JOURNEY: THE SEARCH FOR THE GIANTS OF THE SEA

10 Days/ 9 Nights | Ushuaia to Ushuaia

It's peak whale season in the Antarctic Peninsula and this 10-day adventure takes you to the heart of the action. Set sail in search of the giants of the Southern Ocean on this voyage of discovery in the spectacular frozen continent of Antarctica. Leaving the lights of Ushuaia behind, cross the legendary Drake Passage and Antarctic convergence, scanning the waters as you sail for the silhouettes of these magnificent marine mammals as they glide alongside the vessel or surface in a spectacular breach.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Follow the whale trail south to witness an incredible wildlife spectacle in Antarctica, passing through waters travelled by humpback, minke and fin whales.
- Zodiac excursions amid ice-filled bays to get closer to the magnificent, migrating mammals, all under the expert guidance of our expedition crew.
- In addition to whale watching, experience the white continent and encounter an incredible variety of wildlife.
- Optional photography trips, snowshoeing and kayaking are available on this Antarctic adventure aboard the Ocean Endeavour.

PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS:



INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS:

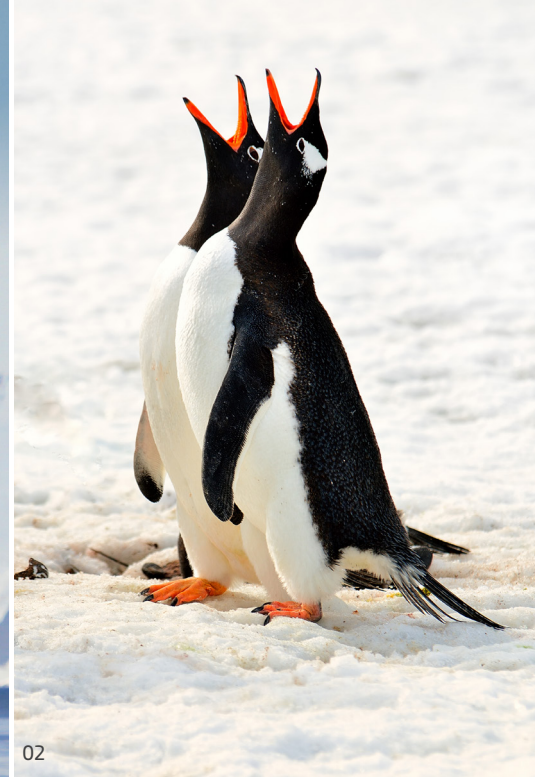


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01 Two passengers kayak through Antarctic waters
02 A pair of Gentoo Penguins greet each other
03 Passengers on Top Deck of the Ocean Endeavour
04 Humpback whale popping his head out of the water





CHRISTMAS IN ANTARCTICA: A FESTIVE SEASON ADVENTURE

11 Days/ 10 Nights | Ushuaia to Ushuaia

Join us for the ultimate 'White Christmas' on a memorable voyage to the Antarctic Peninsula. Towering glaciers, amazing wildlife encounters, snow-covered landscapes, colossal icebergs and the option to choose your favourite activities each day make this voyage the perfect way to spend the holiday season. With 24 hours of daylight, we pack in continental landings, visits to historic sites and scientific stations, and perhaps an after-dinner Zodiac cruise.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Journey to Antarctica for the ultimate white Christmas.
- The festive season is one of the most active times for wildlife and there are plenty of opportunities to see penguins, seals and whales under the midnight sun with our expert polar team leading the way.
- Visits to historic sites and science stations.
- After a day of exploration, relax in the ship's heated saltwater pool, sauna or book into the health spa on board.

PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS:



INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS:



DATES:

Dec 18 - Dec 28, 2020

INCLUSIONS:

All voyage activities and excursions (except those listed as optional), education program and meals. Expedition parka and boots on loan for the duration of your trip. For details of any included transfers, refer to the Essential Trip Information on our website.



01 Kayaking through Antarctica



NEW YEAR IN ANTARCTICA: SOUTHERN EXPEDITION

11 Days/ 10 Nights | Ushuaia to Ushuaia

Experience a New Year's celebration like no other on this 11-day adventure of the Antarctic Peninsula. With land excursions, adventurous optional activities and an ongoing lecture programme delivered by polar experts, this Antarctica expedition is the most memorable way to start the year. Join us as we sail aboard the Ocean Endeavour to explore this remote yet magical region, with its seemingly endless blue-white horizons and rugged frozen scenery.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Toast to the New Year in the most southerly region in the world and enjoy the included onboard celebrations.
- Start the New Year packed with adventure: cruise via Zodiac past giant icebergs, hike up Antarctica's snowy slopes or paddle the icy waters filled with penguins and seals.
- Rejuvenate, unwind and take in the beauty and solace of Antarctica.
- The Ocean Endeavour has excellent facilities for you to enjoy while at sea, including a spa, sauna, saltwater pool, gym and access to yoga classes.

PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS:



INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS:



DATES:

Dec 27 - Jan 6, 2020

INCLUSIONS:

All voyage activities and excursions (except those listed as optional), education program and meals. Expedition parka and boots on loan for the duration of your trip. For details of any included transfers, refer to the Essential Trip Information on our website.



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01 Toasting to the New Year
02 Passenger enjoying the scenery
03 Leopard seal





ANTARCTICA, SOUTH GEORGIA & FALKLANDS: WILDLIFE ADVENTURES & WONDERS

21 Days/ 20 Nights | Ushuaia to Ushuaia

Extend your Antarctic voyage to the wildlife-rich Falkland Islands and South Georgia. This region is teeming with wildlife – more so than even Antarctica. Breathtaking scenery and soaring cliffs greet you and hundreds of Antarctic fur seals and king penguins are on hand to welcome you in. Be amazed by the fascinating human history of the area – from the war stories of the Falklands to South Georgia's epic tales of Antarctic exploration. Learn about the whaling stations, the relics of which can still be visited.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Explore the Antarctic Peninsula, the northernmost tip of the world's seventh continent, by ship, Zodiac and foot.
- See South Georgia's incredible wildlife, including 30 breeding bird species and four penguin species.
- Follow in the footsteps of Sir Ernest Shackleton's perilous voyages to South Georgia and pause for a moment at his gravesite.
- Learn about Antarctica's unique geology, history and wildlife with the expert team of on-board lecturers.

PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS:



INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS:



DATES:

*Jan 17 – Feb 6, 2021
**Mar 11 – Mar 31, 2021

*From Ushuaia to Ushuaia
**From Ushuaia to Puerto Madryn

INCLUSIONS:

All voyage activities and excursions (except those listed as optional), education program and meals. Expedition parka and boots on loan for the duration of your trip. For details of any included transfers, refer to the Essential Trip Information on our website.



01 King penguins on beach in St. Andrews Bay, South Georgia
02 Elephant seal on beach
03 Passengers enjoying a hike on the Antarctic Peninsula



Activities

ON BOARD THE OCEAN ENDEAVOUR

A small ship expedition to Antarctica is unlike any other cruise, and an Antarctic expedition aboard the Ocean Endeavour will take you to places you never thought possible. Where else in the world can you take part in additional activities such as sea-kayaking, camping and snowshoeing, dedicated photography workshops as well as off-ship explorations to witness Antarctica from a different perspective. Zodiac cruising and onshore hiking is included with every departure and adventure activity groups are led by three guides with a designated Zodiac. Each off-ship excursion is accompanied by expedition guides meaning you have the expert knowledge and assurance of the crew.





ADVENTURE OPTIONS *Additional*

Approaching a looming glacier in a kayak, strapping on snowshoes to reach the best icy viewpoints, capturing the perfect photo of a seal hunting its prey or camping under an Antarctic night sky – these are just some of the ways you can enrich your exploration of the great White Continent with our additional activities. Activities are subject to availability and voyage type so please contact us to find out more.

We recommend booking early to avoid disappointment.



 **Kayaking**

Under full instruction from our sea kayaking guide, experience true tranquillity as you paddle through clinking ice floes and realise the enormity of the surrounding scenery. Look out for breaching whales, lounging seals and penguins zipping alongside your kayak. Some experience is recommended.



 **Camping**

Camp out on the ice for a night and witness the darkness and silence which blankets the continent by night. This is your chance to completely connect with this ethereal ice world – wrap up warm and embrace the Antarctic elements until dawn.

ADVENTURE OPTIONS *Included*



 **Hiking**

Feel the crunch of ice under your feet and the icy whip of the Antarctic air on your cheeks with a hike on the Antarctic Peninsula. This activity is only available in some locations and is heavily weather dependent so make sure if the opportunity does arise to take advantage.



 **Zodiac Cruising**

You may not have heard of a Zodiac before, but these small vessels open a huge world of opportunity as they tuck you safely into the pockets of some of Antarctica's most beautiful inlets and shorelines. Your expedition crew will help you hop in and out with ease.



 **Yoga**

It doesn't get more serene than complimentary yoga classes to the tune of glacial scenery. Join the most unique exercise setting in the world after a day of exploration. Classes are regular but are dependent on weather conditions and swell.



 **Snowshoeing**

Get a spring in your step when you slip on a pair of snowshoes in Antarctica. Enabling you to easily scale gentle slopes, this unique activity allows you to access hard to reach places and seek out the most impressive views.



 **Private Photography Workshop**

Learn to capture wildlife and landscape shots in a small group photography programme, including critiquing sessions and editing classes. Plus, forward facing Zodiac excursions with a dedicated photography expert on landings.



 **Forward facing Zodiac**

Achieve the best views and photographs from a forward facing Zodiac. They allow you to sit comfortably and securely while crackling through the ice-strewn waters. Look out for wildlife such as penguins, seals and whales as you cruise.



 **Daily Lectures**

Your inspiring expedition team are a talented bunch of historians, biologists, geologists and conservationists. Enjoy daily lectures on fascinating Antarctic subject matter which will leave you just as passionate about this wilderness as they are.



 **Briefings & Recaps**

The daily recap will soon become a familiar and enjoyable aspect of your Antarctic adventure. Get a drink from the bar and settle down with your fellow passengers as the expedition team summarise the day's events and provide weather and schedule expectations for the next.



 **Polar Plunge**

This is the ultimate adrenaline rush. Once per expedition, you will have the opportunity to plunge yourself safely into the icy waters of Antarctica. Make sure you have a non-plunging friend with a camera at the ready to capture this uniquely exhilarating event.



POLAR *Kayaking*



Most travellers head to Antarctica for the once-in-a-lifetime experience of getting up close to some of the natural world's most unique and striking wildlife. Kayaking is one of our most popular adventure travel options, and it's no wonder. The vantage point offered as you sit just above the surface of the Southern Ocean and its many Antarctic Peninsula bays is spectacular.

With our kayak master, Brandon, you'll have the chance to paddle around the edge of glaciers and past icebergs of white, green and blue. Brandon developed an intense interest in adventure and the natural environment from an early age. Growing up in Cape Town surrounded by the ocean fuelled Brandon's passion for all things water-based, including sea-kayaking. As an APA certified Sea Kayak Guide, he has spent the last few years fulfilling this enthusiasm in the slightly cooler waters of Antarctica, Northern Europe, and the Arctic. Having studied Environmental Management, Ecotourism and Disaster Risk Management, he hopes to combine his studies with travel and share his passion for the natural world as an Antarctic kayak guide.

What can you expect from kayaking?

Adding kayaking to your Antarctic adventure means that you will be part of a small team that breaks off from the main group and paddles together as often as possible. You will have a different experience from your fellow passengers: while they will split their excursions between Zodiac cruises and shore landings, as kayakers, you will go out for a long paddle and a shorter shore landing.

Do I need to be an experienced kayaker? How physically fit should I be?

The most challenging part of sea-kayaking is usually getting into the kayak itself. After you have mastered that, you will learn how to keep a rhythm going through the icy water. Antarctic sea-kayaking does require some previous kayaking experience as you need to be comfortable doing a wet exit. Conditions can also be unpredictable so be prepared weather and sea changes.

The ability to do a kayak roll isn't required but you should be able to demonstrate that you're comfortable in a sea kayak. A moderate level of fitness is required as kayaking can be demanding on your arms/core and you should also have a good sense of balance.

How big are the groups?

Each group excursion involves up to 16 kayakers.

How many times will I go kayaking?

Each kayaking expedition generally runs for between two and four hours, depending on the weather. Up to four excursions throughout the cruise will be scheduled, but please be aware that kayaking is strictly subject to weather and water conditions. Safety is number one priority and the expeditions will not run if we do not deem the conditions fit enough.

What will I see?

Kayaking is a beautiful way to be close to Antarctic nature. When you kayak, you can reach down and touch the water. You can seize the ice floating past and you can watch penguins, seals, and whales glide through the water just inches from you. Incredible scenery is guaranteed – rugged shorelines with snow-capped mountains in the background, pristine untouched shorelines, icebergs that can turn the water beneath you a brilliant blue. The quiet nature of kayaking also makes it an excellent opportunity to encounter wildlife.

Should photographers' kayak in Antarctica?

If you're a photographer and you want to kayak, you will need to be prepared for some compromise as it won't be possible to do both to the best of your ability. Our expedition guides will be happy to talk to you about your photography priorities so that you don't miss out on the best days for photography.

Is kayaking safe?

It is important to be vigilant when you are kayaking. You are exposed to polar weather and sea conditions so dress according to the elements to avoid the risk of hypothermia. Kayaking numbers are limited to 16 so that our accompanying guides can keep track of everyone and ensure your experience is maximised.

One guide stays with the group in a support kayak, while another trails nearby in a Zodiac in case of emergencies which require a faster retreat to the main ship. All guides are experts in kayaking and have vast experience working sea-kayaking groups. They will work to scale an excursion to the skill-level of your group.

How much does kayaking in Antarctica cost?

This unique activity in Antarctica starts from 790USD and places are limited so we encourage you to consider this option carefully before signing up. The experience you will have far outweighs the price tag.

Do I have to bring any of my own kayaking equipment?

Kayaking equipment is provided. We have 14 to 18 different kayaks onboard, with a mix of doubles and singles. There are different sizes of dry suits and we carry around 35 dry suits. PFDs (personal flotation devices) are mandatory for safety, and we have a variety of sizes available to make sure passengers find one that fits. Spray kits for the cockpit of each kayak are available in different sizes.

We also provide pogies, which go over your hands to keep them warm and dry, as well as booties for your feet.

Please make sure you're dressed properly for your excursion in the open polar elements. We recommend you bring the following:

- Thermal underwear bottom and top for underneath your wetsuit
- A fleece jacket or vest to wear over your thermal underwear
- Gloves (preferably ski/snowboard/mountaineering gloves with some grip and a Gore-tex outside/ Thinsulate inside)
- A wind-and-waterproof breathable jacket or paddle anorak/jacket and trousers (e.g. Gore-tex)
- A waterproof bag (if you're bringing a camera)
- Fleece hat
- A turtle neck or neck gaiter
- Thick socks
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen /sun block

Avoid wearing cloth clothing like t-shirts or jeans when kayaking as once wet they are hard to dry.





POLAR

Camping & Snowshoeing

When you're visiting the great white south, there are certain experiences that can take your adventure to the next level. Stepping off a Zodiac to go camping on the Antarctic Peninsula or strapping on your snowshoes to discover the overwhelming scenery is undoubtedly two of them.

CAMPING

Fall asleep amid the snow-capped mountains as you watch the colours of the night sky bounce off the ocean and surrounding glaciers. The only locals you will be sharing your home with for the night are the gentoo, Adelle and chinstrap penguins who keep a low profile, nesting nearby. This is an experience like no other which allows you to completely connect with the landscape, feeling its power into the early hours.

What to expect.

After dinner has concluded, travellers who have booked a camping experience will board Zodiacs and be guided by the expedition team to the Peninsula. They will stay with you overnight in case you need assistance with anything. After setting up camp, you'll spend the night onshore (about 10 hours in total) before waking up to return to the ship for breakfast.

Booking in advance.

Camping is offered on a selection of our Antarctic voyages, so we recommend booking ahead to secure your place. Camping is only available at the start of the season during November to January departures when the snow is soft. Please note that camping numbers are limited to 40 – 60 people per voyage.

Eligibility.

Children between 12 and 18 years of age can participate only when accompanied by a parent or guardian, so it's important to check the age requirement for your trip when you book.

What you'll need.

Participants need to be prepared for Antarctic conditions and wear appropriate clothing when camping. This includes a hat, gloves, extra thick socks, a windproof, waterproof parka and pants.

We will provide comfortable tents, insulating mats, warm sleeping bags and portable toilet facilities or you can choose to sleep in a bivy bag.

SNOWSHOEING

While you can enjoy spectacular vistas of Antarctica from your ship, disembarking and setting foot on the Peninsula connects you with the breathtaking scenery of imposing mountain ranges, beautiful glaciers and soaring cliffs. Snowshoes are a lightweight, traditional mode of transport that were originally used by indigenous North Americans in polar terrain. Wide and light, they are an excellent method of crossing deep snow. Strap on your snowshoes and prepare for the ultimate Antarctic activity.

What to expect.

If you book snowshoeing for your Antarctic expedition, there may be multiple opportunities to enjoy this activity – it all depends on the weather. Each snowshoeing excursion lasts up to three hours, is designed for all abilities and is led by an expert guide.

Fitness requirements.

No previous snowshoeing experience is required to participate but it's generally recommended that you have an average level of fitness, as you'll be walking for three hours through the snow. If you enjoy hiking trails and walking you will usually be fit enough to enjoy this activity.

Equipment provision.

Snowshoes and ski poles are provided, and we recommend you bring and wear clothing that is suitable for the polar regions, such as thermal underwear, a breathable jacket, thick socks, sunglasses and a backpack.

Safety and qualifications.

Our highly qualified polar guides have years of snowshoeing experience in polar regions and all hold relevant mountain instruction and safety certifications.





OUR PHOTOGRAPHY Programme



Regardless of skill level, our small-group photography programme will help you take images that do justice to the incredible sights of the Antarctic. This destination is notoriously hard to photograph – the light and colours are like nowhere else in the world – so allow our experienced wildlife photographer to help you master the art of working in these icy conditions, making the most of the natural light, nailing the perfect landscape shot, capturing wildlife at play, and protecting your equipment from the elements.

Sam Edmonds is our onboard expert in this field. His experience and passion for Antarctica will take your photography to the next level. Read on to learn more about why he loves the white continent, and photographing it, so much.

Tell us a little bit about your background in photography. When did you start, what initially sparked your interest in polar photography?

After completing my studies in photojournalism, my career in photography and videography began by working on an Animal Planet production in Antarctica and the Southern Ocean for the 2013/14 Austral summer. Since then, I've spent over a year in total in the Antarctic, from the Cooperation Sea to the Peninsula, working as a camera operator, guide, photographer and operations co-ordinator. As someone who has always been interested in the environment, the Antarctic was a natural subject for my photography and has remained firmly within sight of my lens ever since my first voyage there six years ago.

Do you have a favourite moment you wish you could have captured, but missed out on?

So many moments come to mind! Especially on the Peninsula where wildlife is so abundant, it's almost impossible to capture every moment. Perhaps my favourite though would be in the Falkland Islands. I was lucky enough to find myself in the middle of a Black-Brow Albatross colony and while wandering among the tussock grass, I looked up to find an albatross hovering only three feet above my head, almost completely still, facing into the wind. My camera was hanging over my shoulder, but I don't think I even considered taking a photo at the time. I just purely enjoyed the moment.

Is there one wildlife photo you've taken that stands out for you? What's the story behind it?

In 2018, I was very humbled to win the Australian Antarctic Festival's photograph of the year award. The image was of a gentoo penguin in the snow and I think to this day, still stands out as my most iconic Antarctic photograph. Funnily enough, I took the photo on Christmas day in 2017 at Mikkelsen Harbour at the southern end of Trinity Island on the Antarctic Peninsula. We received a great amount of snow on Christmas Eve, so on the day we awoke to rafts of penguins coming ashore and waddling into a few feet of fresh powder. The entirely white scene made for a beautifully minimal background to the penguin and certainly, a nice Christmas gift for any photographer!

What would you say is your favourite thing about being an adventure travel photographer?

Over the years, one of the reasons I realised I've grown to love working in a maritime context so thoroughly is that each day you wake up to something completely different. While you might go to bed one evening on a stormy Drake Passage with circling albatross and Cape petrels, you can easily awake the next morning to a sunny day on the peninsula with crabeater seals sunbathing on icebergs. As a photographer, it's such a feeling of elation to wake up every morning, look out your porthole and see what the day ahead holds.

How does the Antarctic photography programme work exactly?

Our unique photography programme onboard the Ocean Endeavour is an extra-curricular series of workshops and excursions designed specifically for our guests who are most interested in maximising their photographic output during their voyage. Akin to a kayaking or camping adventure program, this is an optional add-on to any of our 14 voyages, no matter the itinerary.

What makes the program so unique compared to the photography programs other Antarctic operators offer?

Our programme is unique in that it is built from the ground up to help keen photographers develop their skills and find those once in a lifetime photographs that the Antarctic continent offers. Even before you join our expedition you will have access to our exclusive pre-departure communication and info packages. Once on board, you will meet our own expert photography guides, divide up into intimate groups of ten and learn from some of the world's best Antarctic photographers. Our program is unique in its ability to harness skill levels of all kinds and maximise photography opportunities across the duration of any voyage, utilizing our innovative forward facing small boats and a 1:10 guide to guest ratio.

Are there any photography skills I need to know before starting the trip?

While it is best to come to the programme with a basic understanding of photography, our education programming has been designed to cater for all levels of ability. Whether you're an iPhone photographer or a seasoned professional, our high guide to guest ratio and designated photography lecture and workshop space will see that every photographer's expectations are met by our team of experts. This is further enhanced by our pre-departure information packages and communication with our head photography guide who is available to answer questions and provide advice about equipment, what to expect and how to make the most of your time in the Antarctic.

Who are the coaches/photography guides?

Our photography guides have spent their careers honing their ability in the harsh climes of the Antarctic continent. As experienced guides and mariners, along with their expertise in photography and videography, they are true specialists in this realm and their time and efforts capturing the Antarctic has been met with a spectrum of awards and accolades.

From a diverse array of nations, your guides have been hand selected for their ability to not only see and communicate the best photographic opportunities that the Antarctic has to offer, but to share their skill, knowledge and stories through formal presentations and workshops.

How big are the photography classes?

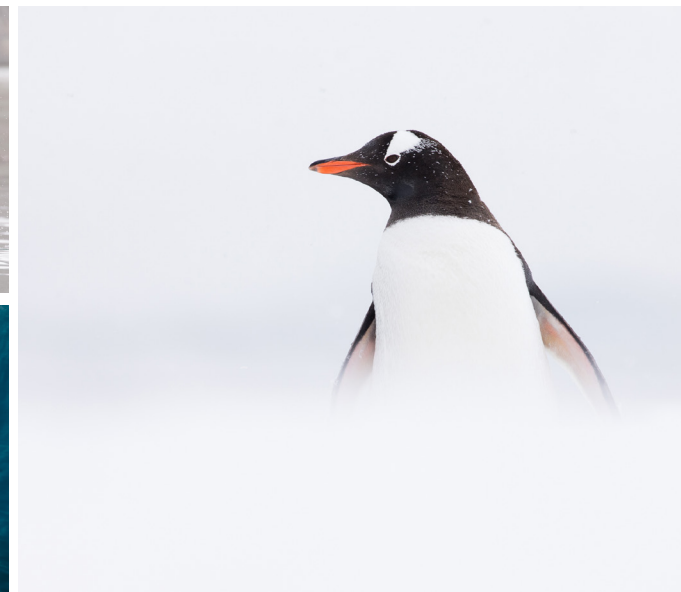
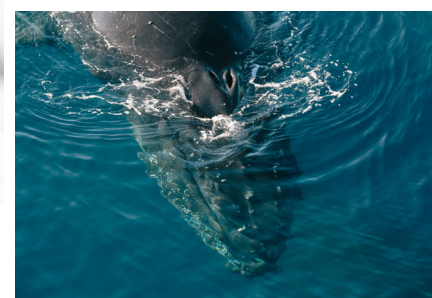
With an incredibly impressive guide to guest ratio of 1:10, our photography programme utilises two forward facing zodiacs. This facilitates unobstructed views of all the wildlife and scenery the Antarctic has to offer and means the programme is capped at just twenty attendees. Coupled with the generous lecturing spaces aboard the Ocean Endeavour, we offer a personalized experience where guests will have the ability to learn from their photography guides at a manner tailored to their needs.

What kind of camera should I bring?

We encourage guests of the photography programme to bring whichever camera they are most comfortable with. Whether it's an iPhone or a DSLR, the curriculum is designed to meet the needs and skill levels of all photographers and deliver content that is applicable across all camera types and manufacturers. In addition to cameras and lenses, we highly recommend that attendees bring along their preferred devices and software for processing and editing photos. This will allow them to gain the absolute most from the on-board component of the programme including lectures and workshops.

What will I learn before, during and after the workshops?

While Antarctica is undoubtedly one of the most photogenic continents on Earth, it can also be one of the most challenging. Prior to your departure, our head photography guide will provide a wealth of information detailing how best to prepare for your time photographing in the Antarctic and what to expect during the voyage. Throughout the itinerary, your photography guides will provide in-the-field tips and technical info to execute once-in-a-lifetime images from Zodiacs and on land while shipboard programming from lectures to workshops will instruct attendees in photo processing, editing, storage and further technical and conceptual topics. Relying on the experience of our photography guides and guest speakers, attendees of the photography programme will have the unique opportunity to gain an insight into the knowledge and lives of true Antarctic and wildlife imaging professionals.



OCEAN ENDEAVOUR: COMFORT & ADVENTURE

The Ocean Endeavour allows you to explore Antarctica while enjoying the class and comfort of a four-star hotel. Featuring one expedition team member for every eight travellers, you can take full advantage of one of the best staff passenger ratios in Antarctica, with a greater level of personal service and more time with our onboard experts. Complete with contemporary interiors, lounges for learning and reflection, Zodiacs for remote exploration, breath taking 360° views from the deck, an emphasis on sustainability and exciting activities, the Ocean Endeavour is ideally suited for polar expedition cruising.



BENEFITS

- Travellers will enjoy one of the best expedition staff to passenger ratio (1:8) in Antarctica.
- Book a single occupancy cabin for the price of an interior twin share berth or a twin porthole berth.
- Our strict sustainable travel policy means these cruises are double carbon offset, all seafood is sustainably sourced and we aim to avoid single-use plastic on board.
- A large fleet of Zodiacs enables all passengers to be off the ship at one time. There are also two gangways on each side of the vessel to minimise queuing.
- Forward facing photography Zodiacs are available. These Zodiacs are designed for comfort and uninterrupted views.
- Passengers can enjoy educational lectures from our expert expedition team on the history, ecology and geology of the area.
- A variety of health and wellness activities are available on board, including a sauna, saltwater swimming pool, spa and gym.
- A wide range of optional outdoor activities are on offer, including snowshoeing, camping and kayaking.
- Chef-prepared meals.
- One night in a hotel in Ushuaia included at the start of the trip.
- Extensive amenities including a restaurant, polar boutique, expedition lounges, bar, sun deck and library.

WHY WE LOVE THIS SHIP?

"We think the Ocean Endeavour is the ultimate expedition cruising ship. Strong, stable and with plenty of creature comforts, you will feel at home. A huge range of activities both on and off the ship make her versatile and appealing to clients of all ages and budgets. Not to mention the large Zodiac fleet, boarding on both sides of the vessel, and access to the unique forward-facing seating." Chad Carey and Greg Carter.



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Name of Vessel: The Ocean Endeavor
Type of Vessel: Ice strengthened expedition vessel

MAIN DIMENSIONS

Built: Poland 1981
Ice Class: 1B
Length: 137m (332ft)
Breadth: 11m (36ft)
Max Draft: 5.6m (18ft)
Cruising Speed: 15 knots
Propulsion: 4 Skoda Sulzer engines (4,355 horsepower per engine)
Electricity: 220 volts/60Hz
Passenger Capacity: 200 (maximum)
Crew: 124

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Lifeboats: 6
Life rafts: 8

SAFETY FEATURES

The Ocean Endeavour carries six fully enclosed lifeboats and eight life rafts. The capacity for which exceeds SOLAS requirements, with at least 25% more space than the number of passengers and crew on board. It also has an ice-strengthened hull.

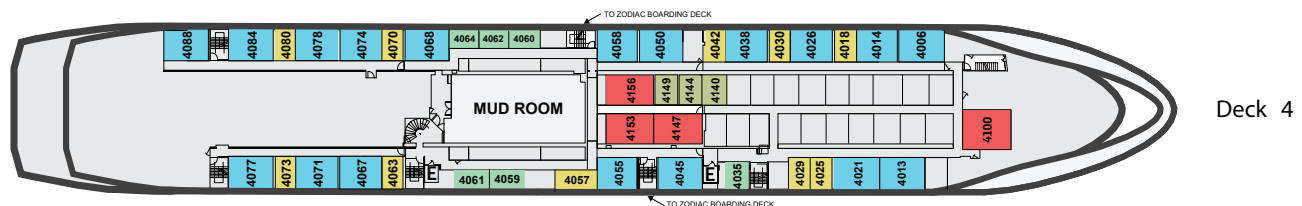
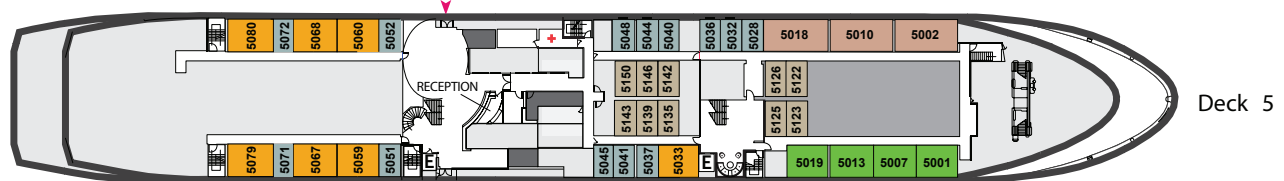
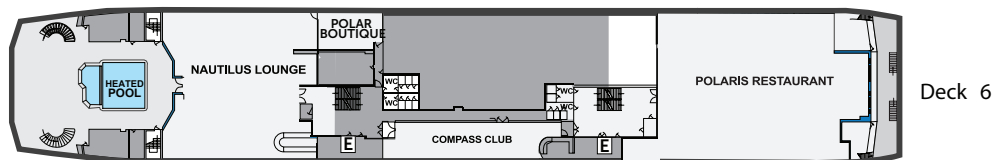
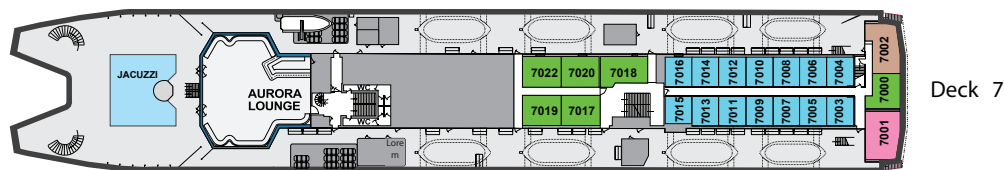
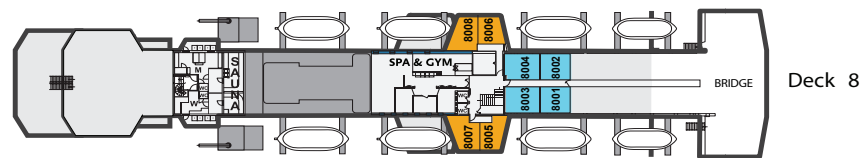
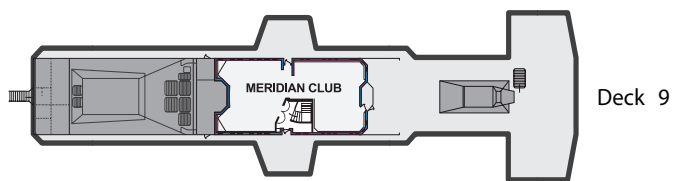
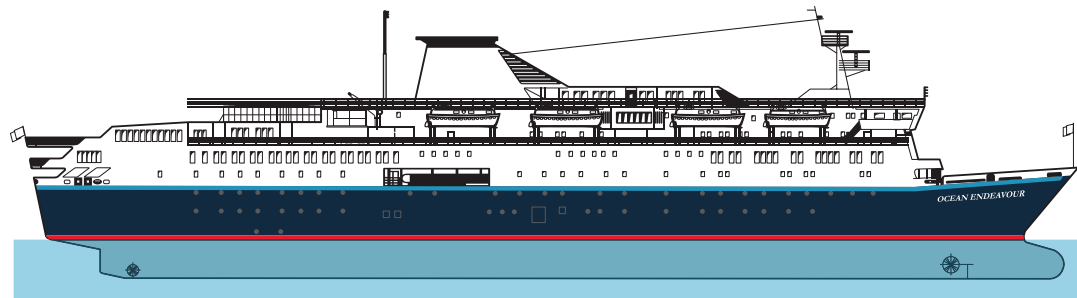
AMENITIES

- Restaurant
- Nautical lounge
- Polar library
- Gym
- Swimming pool
- Saunas
- Spa facilities
- Lecture theatre
- Polar boutique
- Sun deck and plenty of deck space for observation
- Elevator access (Decks 4, 5 and 6)
- Clinic with licensed Doctor
- Wi-Fi in certain public areas (charges apply)
- 24-hour tea and coffee available
- Onboard laundry service (charges apply)

CHOOSE YOUR CABIN

M/V OCEAN ENDEAVOUR

- CATEGORY 1 | Single Interior
- CATEGORY 2 | Triple Interior
- CATEGORY 3 | Twin Interior
- CATEGORY 4 | Twin Porthole
- CATEGORY 4A | Single Porthole
- CATEGORY 5 | Twin Window
- CATEGORY 6 | Comfort Twin
- CATEGORY 7 | Select Twin
- CATEGORY 8 | Superior Twin
- CATEGORY 9 | Junior Suite
- CATEGORY 10 | Owner's Suite



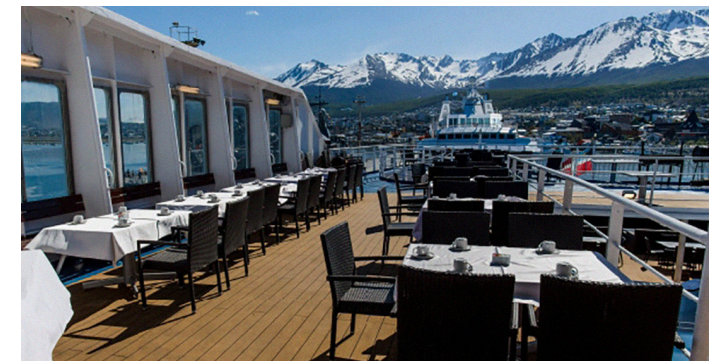
COMMON AREAS



COMPASS CLUB



AURORA LOUNGE

**MERIDIAN CLUB**

OUTER DECK



POLARIS RESTAURANT



GYM



MUD ROOM



HOT TUB

INSIDE THE OCEAN ENDEAVOUR

Often recommended for its unrivalled sense of space, the Ocean Endeavour has plenty of open and airy communal areas that allow travellers to bask in the unrivalled beauty of passing polar scenery.

Housing 10 different categories of cabin, the Ocean Endeavour appeals to clients of all ages and budgets. From smaller single occupancy cabins (with no single supplement) to larger double suites, there's plenty of choice. All cabins also come with a hairdryer, bathrobe(s), climate control, a TV, radio and safe.



CATEGORY 1 | SINGLE INTERIOR

- Located on Deck 5
- Two lower berths
- A private bathroom
- No porthole or window



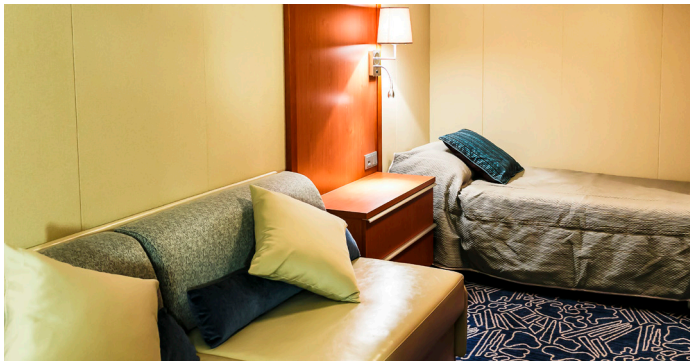
CATEGORY 5 | TWIN WINDOW

- Located on Deck 5
- Two lower berths
- A private bathroom
- Picture window, unobstructed view



CATEGORY 6 | COMFORT WINDOW

- Located on Deck 4,7 and 8
- Two lower berths/twin or double beds
- One or two private bathrooms
- Some with a fridge. Some with seperate seating area
- Portholes or windows (some with partial obstruction)



CATEGORY 2 | TRIPLE INTERIOR

- Located on the Deck 4
- Three lower berths
- One or two private bathrooms
- No porthole or window



CATEGORY 3 | TWIN INTERIOR

- Located on Deck 5
- Two lower berths
- A private bathroom
- No porthole or window



CATEGORY 7 | SELECT TWIN

- Located on Decks 5 and 8
- Two lower berths/twin or double beds
- A private bathroom
- Some with a refrigerator
- Large picture window (some with partial obstruction)



CATEGORY 8 | SUPERIOR TWIN

- Located on Decks 5 and 7
- Two lower berths/double bed
- A private bathroom
- Some with a refrigerator
- Large picture window (some with partial obstruction)



CATEGORY 4 | TWIN PORTHOLE

- Located on the Deck 4
- Two lower berth
- A private bathroom
- One porthole, unobstructed view



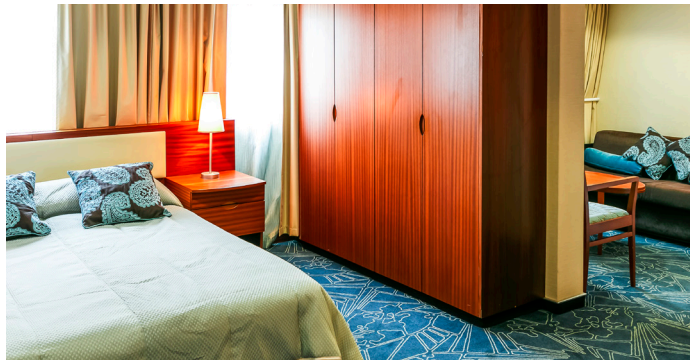
CATEGORY 4A | SINGLE PORTHOLE

- Located on the Deck 4
- One lower berth
- One porthole
- A private bathroom



CATEGORY 9 | JUNIOR SUITE

- Located on Decks 5 and 7
- One double bed
- A private bathroom, some have bath tubs
- Sitting area
- Large picture windows, unobstructed view



CATEGORY 10 | OWNER'S SUITE

- Located on Deck 7
- One double bed
- A private bathroom with a bath tub
- Sitting area with a refrigerator
- Forward facing picture windows, unobstructed view



OUR TRIPS ARE

