

# ANTARCTICA - SPIRIT OF SHACKLETON | MS EXPEDITION



<b>TRIP CODE</b>
ACTSSOS
<b>DEPARTURE</b>
11/01/2024, 11/01/2025
<b>DURATION</b>
21 Days
<b>LOCATIONS</b>
Falkland Islands, South Georgia, Antarctica

## INTRODUCTION

### SAVE UP TO 10% ON SELECTED DEPARTURES IN THE 23/24 SEASON\*

Experience vast penguin rookeries and seal colonies on this awe-inspiring voyage to Antarctica, South Georgia and the Falkland Islands aboard the M/S Expedition. This 21-day voyage highlights Ernest Shackleton's legend and his courageous exploration of Antarctica, visiting historical sites of past explorers and the wildlife rich island of South Georgia, Shackleton's final resting place. Antarctica is beyond comprehension and sure to amaze any traveller seeking a true adventure to the world's most remote wilderness.

*\*Discounts are on selected departures and cabins. Pricing is available until 31 Mar 2023 and subject to change due to availability and currency fluctuation*



## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: Arrival in Ushuaia

Arrive in Ushuaia at any time. Arrival transfer included. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the world's most southerly city.



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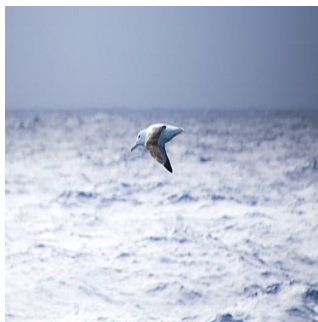
## DAY 2: Ushuaia Embarkation

Enjoy a free morning in Ushuaia. Do any last minute shopping, explore the town, or visit the surrounding countryside. Embarkation on the G Expedition begins in the afternoon at the port in Ushuaia. Enjoy the evening sailing through the Beagle Channel.



## DAY 3: Drake Passage - Day 3 to 4

The adventure begins with an 1000km (600mi) crossing of the passage named in honour of the 16th-century English sea captain and privateer, Sir Francis Drake. Take in daily lectures from the expedition team and keep an eye out for the first sightings of icebergs, whales and albatross following in the G Expedition's wake. The Expedition is at home in this part of the Southern Ocean, known for the unimpeded never ending fetch of the winds that encircle the Antarctic. As the Expedition crosses the passage there will be time to become acquainted with the ship and frequent the common areas that include the lounge, dining hall, library and lecture hall where we meet our guides, ship's crew and expedition staff. Begin lectures and information sessions to learn the extraordinary human and natural history of the Antarctic region.



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### DAY 5: South Shetland and Peninsula - Day 5 to 9

Experience some of the most unique wildlife and awe-inspiring scenery in the world while setting foot on the Antarctic continent. Weather and ice conditions permitting, our goal is to attempt memorable shore landings daily and encounter Gentoo, Chinstrap, and Adélie penguin rookeries; Weddell, crabeater, and leopard seals; and orca, humpback, and minke whales in the cold Antarctic waters. The peninsula also has a remarkable human history. Welcome to the Great White Continent! Over the next few days, the Expedition will navigate southwards making stops in the South Shetland Islands then through the Bransfield Strait and to the Antarctic Peninsula. Our goal is to attempt shore landings daily while we navigate through the area but our itinerary and daily schedule will be based on the local weather and ice conditions that we encounter. The Antarctic Peninsula and the South Shetland Islands abound with wildlife activity. Take plenty of time to enjoy the sheer beauty and the breathtaking scenery of ice-choked waterways, blue and white icebergs, impressive glaciers and rugged snow-capped mountains. The Peninsula also has a remarkable history and, during the voyage, opt to learn about some of the most important and dramatic expeditions to this remote corner of the world.



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### DAY 10: Scotia Sea - Day 10 to 11

Sail for two days, retracing Shackleton's route from Elephant Island and the Antarctic Peninsula towards South Georgia. These waters are rich with nutrients and the long summer days provide the ingredient that is missing most of the year. The result is a complex food chain topped by several species of whales, seals, and seabirds.



### DAY 12: South Georgia - Day 12 to 15

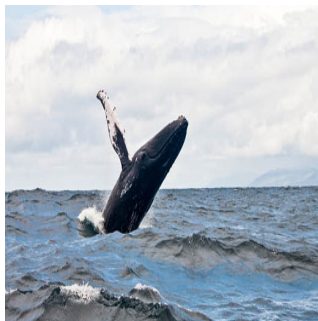
Home to many interesting sights (including the grave of polar explorer Ernest Shackleton), South Georgia has several former whaling stations and boasts plenty of wildlife. Visiting a huge colony of king penguins is a major highlight of this part of the journey. Weather permitting, spend four full days exploring the island. Weather permitting, four full days will be spent exploring this island. On nearby islands look out for the wandering albatross in their nesting grounds.



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### DAY 16: Southern Ocean - Day 16 to 17

Sailing west, set course for the Falkland Islands. Days at sea are filled with lectures to prepare for landings. Watch for the many whales that inhabit these waters.



### DAY 18: Falkland Islands - Day 18 to 19

The Falkland Islands provide a rare opportunity to witness the biological diversity and extraordinary scenery of the southern islands. Penguins are abundant here, and the Falklands have the largest black-browed albatross colony in the world. In Stanley, meet the hardy local inhabitants whose colourful houses provide contrast to the long, dark winters. Enjoy the last opportunity to see penguins, including the Magellanic, rockhopper, gentoo, and king penguins. With a little luck, spot elephant seals, sea lions, king cormorants, black-browed albatross, skuas, night herons, giant petrels, striated caracaras and of course sheep.



### DAY 20: At Sea

Reflect on a memorable adventure and take in some final lectures en route back to Ushuaia. Begin the journey to the home port of Ushuaia. Review the highlights of the Antarctic experience with the lecturers and staff.



### DAY 21: Ushuaia Disembarkation

Our adventure comes to a close. Have a final breakfast on the ship before saying goodbyes before disembarking in Ushuaia in the morning.



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### INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

**Accommodation** Hotel & Cabin Onboard a Ship

**Inclusions**

**INCLUSIONS:**  
 1 night hotel accommodation in Ushuaia pre cruise  
 Shipboard accommodation  
 All meals onboard  
 All scheduled landings/excursions  
 Guiding and lectures by expedition leader and team  
 English-speaking expedition team  
 All port fees  
 All landing fees  
 Expedition jacket  
 A pair of boots for use during the voyage  
 Group arrival and departure transfers

**EXCLUSIONS:**  
 Airfares to/from embarkation and disembarkation city  
 Visa fees (if applicable)  
 Travel Insurance  
 Beverages (other than coffee and tea)  
 Personal expenses such as laundry, onboard communication (telephone calls, faxes, email service)  
 Gratuities for the crew (recommended US\$15.00 per person per day)  
 Pre or post cruise travel expenses

**Difficulty Rating** 2 (light adventure)

**Single Surcharge** No single surcharge if willing to share (Category 1,2 and 3 cabin classes only).

**Notes**  
 Prices are based on per person, twin share\* (unless otherwise stated for triple/quad cabins)  
 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

**Price Dependent upon** Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

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