

ANTARCTICA - FALKLAND ISLANDS DISCOVERY



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INTRODUCTION

Set sail from Argentina's cosmopolitan capital of Buenos Aires, destination the remote, isolated and ruggedly beautiful Falkland Islands, a haven for wildlife. Prepare to be astounded by the incredible wildlife that inhabits this wild archipelago, from feisty rockhopper penguins to huge populations of black-browed albatrosses, large colonies of elephant and fur seals, dolphins, orcas and a host of birdlife. Vast open spaces with endless horizons, coastal wetlands, beautiful white sand beaches and dramatic rock faces set against stunning skies - these are the landscapes that await as you explore by Zodiac, on foot and maybe even by kayak. Incredible scenery, an abundance of fascinating wildlife and a controversial history - this voyage aboard the Ocean Endeavour has it all!

ITINERARY

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DAY 1: Arrive Buenos Aires, Argentina

Buenos Aires is Argentina's elegant, historic and cosmopolitan capital. It is known as the 'Paris of the South' due to its European atmosphere, with glamorous avenues lined with fashionable shops and Parisian-style restaurants and cafes. On arrival at Buenos Aires Airport, please make your way through to the Arrivals Hall where our representative will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it. Should you not be able to contact them, please refer to the front of your itinerary for emergency contact details of our representative office. Your cruise itinerary begins with an overnight stay in Buenos Aires. If you arrive into Buenos Aires early enough, the day is yours to explore. Located on the western shore of the estuary of the Río de la Plata, Buenos Aires has many fascinating neighbourhoods to wander through including the colourful and lively La Boca, home to art galleries and tango shows. Then there is San Telmo with its restored mansions and antique stores and Recoleta, the city's most exclusive area, home to the famous Recoleta Cemetery.



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DAY 2: Embarkation in Buenos Aires

This morning is free for you to explore Buenos Aires, giving you time to wander the streets of this vibrant city. Transfer to the port of Buenos Aires for embarkation in the late afternoon. You will be welcomed on board the Ocean Endeavour by the Expedition Team and the Ship's Officers. This evening we set sail from Buenos Aires, allowing you to enjoy your first taste of life at sea and a welcome dinner.



DAY 3: At Sea - Day 3 to 5

As we cruise from Buenos Aires to the Falkland Islands, there is plenty of time to enjoy the facilities of the Ocean Endeavour, which include a spa, saunas, saltwater pool and gym and relaxing yoga classes. The Expedition Team will make presentations on the wildlife and history of the Falkland Islands, preparing you for what lies ahead. Head out to the spacious decks to try to spot several species of bird that are likely to follow the vessel as it heads southeast, such as albatrosses, storm petrels, shearwaters and diving petrels.



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DAY 6: Falkland Islands - Day 6 & 7

The Falkland Islands, a British Overseas Territory, is an archipelago that lies 490 kilometres east of Patagonia in the South Atlantic Ocean. Surrounded by decades of controversy, the Falkland Islands (or Islas Malvinas as they are known in Argentina) have been settled and claimed by France, Spain, Britain and Argentina. The Falkland Islands are largely unknown gems that offer an abundance of wildlife - they are a paradise for wildlife enthusiasts and photographers alike. Although often primarily remembered for the Falklands War between the UK and Argentina in 1982, the archipelago is a haven for wildlife. There are 5 species of penguin found here as well as vast populations of black-browed albatrosses, large colonies of elephant and fur seals, Peale's and Commerson's dolphins, orcas and a myriad of bird species. Our itinerary will be dictated by the weather but we will make daily excursions and shore landings, exploring by Zodiac, hiking and maybe even kayaking. We may visit Carcass Island that abounds with birdlife or Saunders Island, home to the black-browed albatross, breeding imperial shags, and 4 species of penguin (rockhopper, king, Magellanic and gentoo). West Point Island also hosts a large black-browed albatross population and rockhopper penguins. On Pebble Island there are opportunities to see colonies of 4 species of penguin, king and rock shags, giant petrels, striated caracaras, black-necked swans and ground nesting birds plus an aircraft wreckage from the 1982 conflict. At Grave Cove there are excellent hiking opportunities and a nesting gentoo penguin colony. Volunteer Point is home to the largest king penguin rookery on the Falklands and Sea Lion Island is home to the largest breeding colony of southern elephant seals in the archipelago, with up to 2,000 individuals on the northern beaches. Orcas and Commerson's dolphins can often be seen from the shoreline. We will visit Port Stanley, the capital of the Falkland Islands, a quaint town with colourful houses, waterfront promenade and English-style pubs. The town was established in the early 1840's and attractions include the Falkland Islands Museum, the governor's house, a cathedral with impressive whalebone arch, a war memorial, quality gift shops and views of shipwrecks in the harbour. Southern giant petrels often fly close to the shore, the endemic Falkland steamer ducks abound on the shorelines while kelp gulls and dolphin gulls can often be seen flying overhead. Other frequent visitors to the Stanley area include black-crowned night herons, red-backed hawks and peregrine falcons. Turkey vultures are regularly seen on top of any prominent building.



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DAY 8: At Sea - Day 8 & 9


This morning we depart from the Falklands, we set our course for Ushuaia. Our final day at sea gives us one last chance to view the marine life of these southern waters. Our final leg of the voyage is along the mountain-fringed Beagle Channel to Tierra del Fuego. We will toast the end of our voyage at a farewell dinner tonight on board the ship.



DAY 10: Disembarkation in Ushuaia

We are scheduled to arrive into Ushuaia early this morning, disembarking after a final breakfast aboard the Ocean Endeavour. Transfer to the airport for your onward flight, or maybe spend a few days in Ushuaia, giving you time to explore the town and the surrounding areas. Please Note: You are advised not to book a flight out of Ushuaia before midday on disembarkation day, in case of delays caused by unfavourable weather conditions. Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS	
Accommodation	Hotel and ship cabin accommodation

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Inclusions	INCLUSIONS: 1 night hotel accommodation in Ushuaia, pre cruise Cabin accommodation on board the ship All meals whilst on ship All scheduled landings/excursions Guiding and lectures by English-speaking expedition leader and team All port fees All landing fees Expedition jacket provided A pair of expedition boots for use during your voyage Group arrival and departure transfers in Ushuaia*
	EXCLUSIONS: Airfares to/from embarkation and disembarkation city Visa fees (if applicable) Travel insurance (compulsory) 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 per person per day) Pre or post cruise travel expenses Optional activities, refer optional activities section for details
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available on request. No single supplement if willing to share. Contact us for more details.
Notes	Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, seasonality and availability.

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SUSTAINABILITY

We appreciate that voyages to the Antarctic to have an impact on this pristine environment. In light of this, all our voyages are double carbon offset. In addition, we strive to eliminate as many single use plastics as possible from our supply chain. In choosing this voyage you are also supporting the fantastic work done by the Antarctic Science Foundation (ASF) and their work in understanding and protecting this unique destination. In addition all voyages support the Mawsons Huts Foundation (MHF). The MHF support the legacy of Sir Douglas Mawson, the legendary Antarctic explorer and scientist. As a member of IAATO we follow strict guidelines appointed by the Antarctic Treaty System to go

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above and beyond in support of minimizing negative impacts on this pristine landscape. We also encourage clients to look to book pre-and post- accommodation with us, where local businesses will be supported. Our clients also receive restaurant recommendations which support locally owned restaurants.

We carefully select all ships we work with and choose smaller sized vessels to create less impact. We use a highly regulated, licensed vessel which is well equipped to operate in the Antarctic's delicate ecosystem. We view the voyage to the Antarctic as an expedition, not a sightseeing trip. Smaller ships such as ours can navigate narrow waterways and are far less polluting than the larger ships in Antarctic waters. By carrying less passengers, we have far less waste. The waste is carried back to the home port to allow for environmentally conscious waste management and disposal.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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