

## ANTARCTIC CIRCLE - CELEBRATING SHACKLETON: JOURNEY FROM ANTARCTICA TO SOUTH GEORGIA



### INTRODUCTION

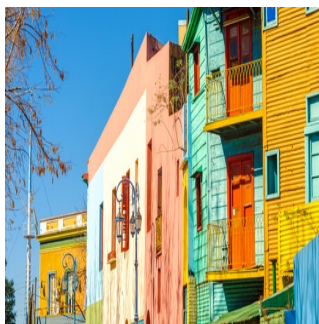
Embark on an entirely new Antarctic itinerary celebrating the life of Sir Ernest Shackleton. Experience the full splendor of South Georgia and Antarctica on this incredible 20 day journey. Undertake a true expedition experience as you make zodiac landings on incredible sites like Elephant Island, and the wildlife rich South Georgia, where, you may have the opportunity to pay respect at the grave of Shackleton at the Grytviken site.

**Prices Subject to change and availability at the time of booking.**

### ITINERARY

#### DAY 1: Arrival in Buenos Aires

You may arrive in Buenos Aires at any time during Day 1 of your itinerary. Upon arriving in this splendid city, known for its architecture and rich European heritage, you will independently transfer to your group hotel (pre-expedition hotel night included in mandatory transfer package).



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### DAY 2: Fly to Ushuaia and Embarkation

After an early breakfast at the hotel, the group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Ushuaia, Argentina. Upon arrival, you will be transferred from the airport to a central downtown location to have some time on your own to explore this quaint port town before making your way to the pier. Embarkation will occur in the late afternoon, after which your vessel will sail down the historic Beagle Channel, which transects the Tierra del Fuego archipelago in the extreme south of South America. Expect an air of anticipation as you depart!



### DAY 3: Crossing The Drake - Day 3 to 4

Not only will guests experience the much-anticipated crossing of the Drake Passage, considered by many to be a polar rite of passage, they will also enjoy one-of-a-kind presentations from the expedition team members—and from our two distinguished special guests who have delved deeply into the life of Sir Ernest Shackleton. In 2013, environmental scientist, author and explorer Tim Jarvis—with a crew equipped in era-authentic gear—re-enacted Shackleton’s 800-mile (1,300 km) journey from Elephant Island to South Georgia in a replica of the 23-foot whaler James Caird. In fact, the foreword to Jarvis’ book, “Chasing Shackleton: Re-creating the World’s Greatest Journey of Survival,” was written by Alexandra Shackleton, granddaughter of Sir Ernest.



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### DAY 5: Antarctic Peninsula - Day 5 to 6

The most common reaction upon reaching the White Continent is a sense of reverence and awe. The experience is hard to put into 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 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. Keep a lookout for Antarctic whales, such as minke, while on a Zodiac cruise. Each day and each excursion will present a new collection of creatures to delight you and keep your camera busy.



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### DAY 7: Weddell Sea

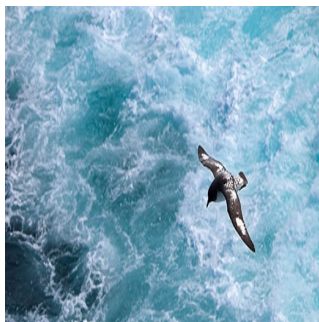
The Weddell Sea has profound meaning for admirers of Shackleton. This is where the explorer's ill-fated ship, Endurance, crushed by pack ice, disappeared into the harsh waters in 1915. Despite the extreme harsh environment, the Weddell Sea region is known for its rich wildlife: seals, penguins and baleen whales. Aboard Ultramarine—with its two twin-engine helicopters and 20 quick-launching Zodiacs—you'll be able to explore by sea and air, an experience never before possible until the launch of this game-changing expedition ship.



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### DAY 8: At Sea

Throughout the voyage, guests will enjoy one-of-a-kind presentations from the expedition team members—and from our two distinguished special guests, polar experts Tim Jarvis and Ross MacPhee. Your days at sea are also perfect for experiencing the superb luxury amenities of Ultramarine, which include a spa and a sauna with floor-to-ceiling windows that allow guests to stay connected to the polar environments while enjoying relaxing moments onboard the ship. Ultramarine also has more wildlife viewing stations than any ship of its size, so you'll have plenty of opportunity to stay on the lookout for birds and other wildlife while at sea.



### DAY 9: Elephant Island

On April 9, 1916, after spending 165 days drifting through the hostile ice of the Weddell Sea, Shackleton and his crew reached remote Elephant Island, one of the outermost islands of the South Shetland Island chain. Arriving here today, 100 years later, you will see the island exactly as Shackleton and his men first encountered the brutish landscape. Yet to the stranded crew, Elephant Island was a haven, offering vital shelter while they waited anxiously to be rescued. We hope to visit Point Wild, located on the northern shores of the island, where Shackleton and his men were able to come ashore. This was the location where Shackleton launched his epic 650-mile (1,046 km) boat journey aboard the James Caird, and where his men waited for his return. If conditions are ideal, we will launch our Zodiacs to get as close as possible to land, where guests can appreciate the immensity of the Shackleton feat.



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### DAY 10: New Year at Sea - Days 10 to 11

Say goodbye to the Antarctic Peninsula, as your next destination is South Georgia! We invite you to join us as we mark the first-ever New Year celebration on Ultramarine, the first ship purposely built for polar exploration. The inaugural season of Ultramarine, much like Shackleton's feats in Antarctica, makes for a memorable moment in polar history. In addition to the New Year's celebrations aboard Ultramarine, your days at sea are filled with presentations led by our two special guests and your Expedition Team, who will prepare you for the wildlife and landscapes that await you in South Georgia.



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

South Georgia is one of the most fertile breeding grounds in the world for sub-Antarctic wildlife, with beaches blanketed with penguins and seals. It won't take you long to realize that you are in a bird paradise, as burrowing seabirds, albatross and petrels can be seen in abundance. You'll find that on South Georgia, once a popular base for whalers and sealers, visitors can see abandoned relics and evidence of human activity from centuries gone by. Your Expedition Team will help bring those days to life while you visit old whaling stations and enjoy presentations on the South Georgia of then and now. South Georgia is particularly significant and, for many guests, a poignant stop on this voyage that celebrates the life of Sir Ernest Shackleton, whose enduring legacy of polar exploration lives on through the Quark Expeditions team today. After Shackleton's death on January 5, 1922, the explorer's widow insisted her husband be buried in South Georgia, which figured so prominently in his life and dreams. If conditions allow, we hope to visit Grytviken, one of the first whaling stations established in the sub-Antarctic waters. It's also the site of the modest cemetery where Sir Ernest Shackleton is buried. Guests traditionally gather at Shackleton's grave to pay homage and raise a toast to one of history's greatest polar explorers.



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### DAY 16: At Sea - Day 16 to 19

After more than two weeks of unique wildlife encounters and remarkable landscapes, your journey home begins. Spend time on deck watching for seabirds and whales, enjoy presentations by your Expedition Team, rejuvenate in the sauna with floor-to-ceiling windows, indulge in the luxury amenities of Ultramarine—including its spa-inspired suites and beautifully designed lounges and restaurants—or simply relax and reminisce about your experiences.



### DAY 20: Disembarkation in Ushuaia

You will arrive in Ushuaia in the morning and disembark after breakfast. The mandatory transfer package includes a little taste of Patagonia with a Tierra del Fuego National Park tour before transferring to the airport for the return group charter flight to Buenos Aires.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

#### Accommodation

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#### Inclusions

Cabin accommodation on board ship  
All meals on board  
All scheduled landings and excursions  
Guiding and lectures by experienced expedition team  
Expedition parka (yours to keep)  
Loan of expedition boots for duration of voyage  
One 10 to 15 minute helicopter flight-seeing excursion (weather permitting)  
**EXCLUSIONS**  
International airfare  
Any activities not mentioned as included  
Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable)  
Baggage, cancellation and medical travel insurance

#### Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

#### Single Surcharge

Available upon request, contact us for more details.

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### Notes

Please note this itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions

### Price Dependent upon

Departure date, seasonality and availability.

## SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

A trip to the Antarctic is a completely different experience and quite unlike any other trip you have probably been on. We use a highly regulated, licensed vessel which is well equipped to operate in this vulnerable ecosystem. We are fully compliant with all rules set down by the IAATO and all activities are governed by the Antarctic Treaty System. We carefully select all ships we work with and choose them for their small size as this creates far less impact on shore landings with wildlife. We view the voyage to the Antarctic as an expedition, not a sightseeing trip. Smaller boats 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, and all waste is carried back to the home port to allow for environmentally conscious waste management and disposal, unlike some of the larger ships which do not facilitate this. This trip begins in Ushuaia where you will have time to sample local food and shop at local boutiques which we encourage individuals to take part in for experience and in support of the local community. We discourage the buying of souvenirs made from endangered species or wrongfully taken from the environment i.e. shells. Our pre-departure pack provides you with all the information required for your tour, from what to take with you to practical advice about how to minimise your impact on the Antarctic environment. This pack highlights initiatives such as waste reduction, and how to appropriately engage with wildlife and the environment around you.

For more information visit our [sustainability page](#).

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