

# ANTARCTICA - SHACKLETON'S FALKLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA & ANTARCTICA EXPEDITION | OCEAN ENDEAVOUR



## TRIP CODE

ACOEFSGE

## DEPARTURE

30/10/2024

## DURATION

21 Days

## LOCATIONS

Antarctica, South Georgia, Falkland Islands



## INTRODUCTION

On this three-week voyage of a lifetime, you will follow the path of the famed survivalist, Sir Ernest Shackleton. Explore the white continent of Antarctica, the Falkland Islands and South Georgia, following a similar route to the expedition that Shackleton and his men took, many years ago onboard the Endurance.

Antarctica is a land of rugged landscapes and home to a wide range of amazing wildlife. Hone your photography skills and enjoy excursions by Zodiac through ice floes, as well as landings on the continent to explore further on foot. One of the highlights of the trip will be walking among thousands of King Penguins on the island of South Georgia. Onboard the ship you will be regaled with stories of Shackleton and his men, as well as educational lectures by the expert expedition team.

Keep a look out for seals, seabirds and the mighty mammals, humpback whales, scanning the horizon from both land and sea. Witness bright-blue glaciers and massive ice bergs from the ship and by Zodiac and take part in some of the optional activities, such as kayaking, photography workshops and ice camping under the stars.

This adventure will appeal to anyone who loves history, wildlife and nature and you will take home many memories to cherish forever.

**PLEASE NOTE: Pricing is subject to change and availability at the time of booking. [Contact us](#) for more information.**

## ITINERARY

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## DAY 1: Puerto Madryn, Argentina

Welcome to Puerto Madryn, Argentina! Your journey begins in northern Patagonia, on a sandy coast known for its abundant marine wildlife. You can arrive at any time today. Transfer to your hotel, settle in and enjoy some free time at 'the gateway to the Peninsula Valdes'. Explore the town, try one of the local Argentinian delicacies or take a seat on the coast and stare out to sea. You are free as an albatross until the optional icebreaker meeting this evening. After your briefing, maybe get together with a few of your fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant, where you can theorise on what's to come on your upcoming Antarctic adventure. Please note: An arrival transfer from the airport on Day 1 is included in your voyage fare.



## DAY 2: Embarkation in Puerto Madryn

Today, you'll hop aboard the Ocean Endeavour - your home for the next 20 days. Set sail towards the Falkland Islands, where your journey in Shackleton's footsteps begins. Sir Ernest Shackleton is known as one of the greatest polar explorers, with one of the best survival stories that has ever touched the Antarctic (or the world). Shackleton led the British Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition between 1914 and 1916, planning to cross Antarctica from a base on the Weddell Sea towards McMurdo Sound, via the South Pole. Unfortunately, their ship Endurance became trapped in ice off the Caird Coast, and this began the epic story of survival for Shackleton and his men - all of whom survived due to the skill, optimism and extraordinary leadership of their team and Captain.



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## DAY 3: At Sea - Days 3 & 4

With nothing but you and the big blue for the next couple of days, take advantage of all the amenities and activities on board your fully equipped expedition vessel. Brush up on your history in the library, relax in the spa and sauna or watch the ice floes pass you by on the sundeck. Look up and you might just spot one of the huge albatrosses along their migration route. Keep your eyes peeled for breaching whales and other marine mammals in the southern oceans and cosy up with a drink while you get to know your shipmates at the bar. There will also be a series of lectures and presentations throughout the day, available to educate you about the local geography, environment and wildlife you can expect along the way. These are a great way to prepare for your expedition, so take it all in while you hear from an expert team that highlight the dramatic history and wildlife encounters that may await you.



## DAY 5: Falkland Islands - Days 5 & 6

Have your camera ready as you approach the ruggedly beautiful Falklands archipelago to capture not only the abundant wildlife, but also the incredible scenery. The two main islands (East Falkland and West Falkland) have much to offer and provide a rare opportunity to witness the biological diversity, extraordinary landscape and history of the southern islands. The Falklands are a wildlife photographer's dream and have the largest black-browed albatross colony in the world, as well as five species of penguins that breed on the islands. Learn about the intriguing and controversial history of the Falkland Islands as you explore the quaint capital of Stanley. Near the town, you may see southern giant petrels, Falkland steamer ducks, kelp gulls or dolphin gulls (calling all birdwatchers!). There are also black-crowned night herons, red-backed hawks, peregrine falcons and turkey vultures. Witness dramatic landscapes, including wetlands, lakes and some rolling peaks, as you explore the other stunning islands in the archipelago. Weather permitting, this will include Saunders Island, the second largest island in the Falklands. The Neck, which is a narrow peninsula with sandy beaches and subtle cliffs, is home to gentoo, Magellanic, king and rockhopper penguins.



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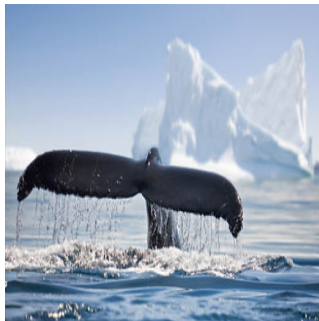
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## DAY 7: At Sea - Days 7 & 8

Farewell the Falkland Islands and prepare for what lies ahead in South Georgia - fascinating history, geology and of course - wildlife. From the outer decks, you can scan the horizon for seabirds and underwater silhouettes. You'll have another chance to attend presentations from the expert team, which highlight the dramatic history of the area, extraordinary marine wildlife encounters and so much more. These days at sea are a great opportunity to swap stories with your fellow expeditioners, whether that be in the jacuzzi or over lunch at Polaris restaurant.



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## DAY 9: South Georgia -Days 9-12

Arrive in South Georgia, where across the island, dark volcanic beaches are backgrounded by hanging glaciers and local king penguins nest among tussock grass. Over the next few days, explore the island, once the homestead of whalers and isolated explorers - now, a protected area with dedicated Antarctic research teams. Learn more about Sir Ernest Shackleton's story on your various excursions to land. It's on these very shores in South Georgia that Shackleton landed his crew of the James Caird in search of help for his party who were stranded back on Elephant Island. You'll spend several days retracing Shackleton's steps, as well as visiting his grave at the ex-whaling station of Grytviken, located on the east side of the island. Wander among hundreds of thousands of king penguins in the dramatic South Georgian light, as you consider the extraordinary feat that was Shackleton's (and his crew's) fight for survival. Your Expedition Team will help bring these days to life, with educational presentations, daily excursions and the option of paid activities, like day paddling and photography lessons. Please note: Special Information Potential excursions and landing sites are determined by weather and ice conditions and cannot be guaranteed in advance. Kayaking, snowshoeing and other optional extra excursions must be booked in advance. Additional costs apply and space is limited. Please speak to your Destination Specialist for more information. Beginners interested in kayaking should take an introductory course prior to the voyage, including how to complete a wet exit. Regardless of your experience, we recommend you take part in some kayaking practice prior to the voyage to ensure that you are comfortable on the water in icy conditions. Kayaking adventures are only conducted during calm weather.

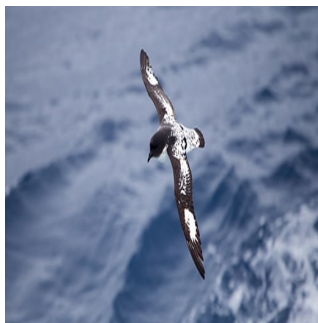


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### DAY 13: At Sea - Days 13 & 14

Take in panoramic views from the observation lounge and spacious decks or make the most of the onboard facilities during your days at sea. Whether you're looking for a quiet place to reflect, or somebody to help you edit your photos of the penguin colonies, the Ocean Endeavour has something for you. Rejuvenate mind and body with one of the relaxing wellness facilities onboard. Get the blood pumping at the gym, join a 'floe' yoga and meditation class or indulge in a massage or facial at the spa. The ship is yours to explore!



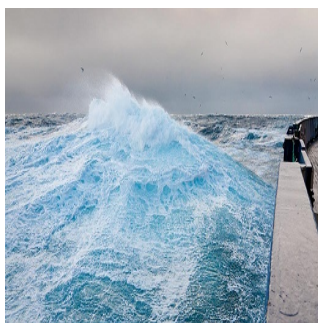
### DAY 15: South Shetland Islands & Antarctic Peninsula Day 1

Voyage south towards continental Antarctica. Your days will begin with a wake-up call from your Expedition Leader around 7 am, which gives you time to prepare for the day before joining your fellow expeditioners for breakfast. You'll usually have two excursions per day - one in the morning and one in the afternoon, with lunch served in between. For the next four days, enjoy copious wildlife, small group outings on the Zodiacs and unforgettable vistas at every turn. With multiple landing sites available, your Ocean Endeavour crew will work out the best places to stop, considering the elements, accessibility and potential for wildlife sightings. There may also be the chance for snowshoeing, sea kayaking or a camping adventure - the paid excursions (which are all weather and time-of-year dependent) can make for some of the greatest memories. Well-known sites like Neko Harbour, Orne Harbour and Paradise Bay will also be on the Captain's radar.



### DAY 19: At Sea - Drake Passage - Days 19 & 20

Settle back into life at sea as you prepare for the return journey across the Drake Passage. The Ocean Endeavour will track north towards Cape Horn and your destination in Ushuaia, Argentina. During this time, you can attend more onboard lectures and travel talks, and enjoy our voyage slideshow including images taken by our Expedition Photographer - yours to enjoy and share after your expedition. Now is also the chance to catch up with your shipmates and share stories about your voyage over a meal or a drink at the bar.



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## DAY 21: Disembarkation in Ushuaia

Your Antarctic adventure draws to a close as you disembark the Ocean Endeavour following breakfast. Farewell your fellow guests and your Expedition Team and join a transfer to Ushuaia airport for your onward journey (included for selected flight departures today) or to the city centre of Ushuaia, where you can make your way to your hotel if you are extending your stay and want to spend some more time exploring this incredible part of the world. With much to see and do in this quaint 'End of the World' town, including the Museo Maritimo, Avenida San Martin or even an adventurous hike to the Martial Glacier, your adventure doesn't have to end here. If you would like to stay additional nights in Ushuaia, please speak to your booking agent. Please note: A transfer to the city centre after disembarkation OR a transfer to the airport for onward flights (for selected departures today only) is included. If you are extending your stay or do not meet the requirements for the included transfers then we can arrange transportation at an additional cost, please discuss this with your booking agent. 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

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<b>Inclusions</b>	<p><b>INCLUSIONS</b></p> <p>All meals onboard the Ocean Endeavour including snacks Accommodation onboard the Ocean Endeavour in booked cabin category Onboard lecture program from Expeditions Team and Naturalists All applicable shore excursions and Zodiac cruising (except paid adventure options with cost) Use of rubber boots on land and use of waterproof outer shell jacket Insulated inner jacket, yours to keep at the end of the voyage Transfer from Ushuaia airport to hotel (Day 1) and pre-night hotel with breakfast Transfer from Ushuaia hotel accommodation to the Ocean Endeavour for embarkation Transports to Ushuaia airport on return to port All port taxes All landing fees Use of onboard gym, sauna, pool and jacuzzi and onboard yoga</p>
	<p><b>EXCLUSIONS</b></p> <p>International or internal flights unless specified Airport transfers, taxes and excess baggage charges unless specified Meals other than those specified in the pre-departure information Pre or post cruise travel expenses Visa (if applicable) and passport fees Travel insurance (compulsory) Fuel surcharge may be applied to all bookings Paid adventure options and all personal expenses Tobacco, alcoholic or beverages (other than coffee and tea) Miscellaneous extras Laundry and communication charges on board Gratuities for Expedition team and crew (recommended US\$15 per person per day) For minors under 16 years of age at time of travel; life jackets, waterproof outer shell jacket, insulated inner jacket and boots For guests who require larger sizing; Waterproof outer shell jacket, insulated inner jacket and rubber boots</p>
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	2 (light adventure)
<b>Single Surcharge</b>	Available on request. No single supplement if willing to share. Contact us for more details.

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<b>Notes</b>	<p>Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated for triple/quad cabins)</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>
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	<p>Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.</p>

## SUSTAINABILITY

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