

EXPLORERS, KING PENGUINS & WILDLIFE



TRIP CODE

ACHUEXKPW-STD

DEPARTURE

01/03/2020

DURATION

21 Days

LOCATIONS

Antarctica



INTRODUCTION

This epic voyage enables you to experience and explore the magnificent continent, Antarctica on board the Ms Fram. Set sights on South Georgia and the Falkland Islands and immerse yourself in the unique and abundance of wildlife and majestic scenery. Experience the pristine wilderness of Antarctica on a truly remarkable 20 day journey.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Buenos Aires, Argentina

Your expedition starts with an overnight stay in Buenos Aires, the bustling capital of Argentina. We offer an optional city tour in the afternoon. Spend the evening at your leisure and discover the 'Paris of South America' for yourself.



NO IMAGE
AVAILABLE

DAY 2: Embarkation in Ushuaia

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DAY 3: Crossing the Fabled Drake Passage

DAY 4: Explore Antarctica Days 4-7

Antarctica is different from anything else you will ever experience! As we approach, you will start feeling the air getting crisper and colder. You will begin to see Antarctic penguins in the water, and don't forget to be on the lookout for the first iceberg. A highlight you might visit during your days in Antarctica is Deception Island, one of the South Shetlands. This is a distinctive ring-shaped volcanic caldera, and one of the few places in Antarctica where we can take our backpacks and hike. Being on an active volcano in Antarctica is a once in a lifetime experience! Other places we might visit are Half Moon Island, considered a jewel of diversity in the polar landscape, Hannah Point with its rich wildlife, and the large adélie colony at Paulet Island. It can be difficult to navigate through the 48-kilometre Antarctic Sound due to ice, but it offers the most impressive manifestations of icebergs that we will see on this expedition. When opportunities arise, you will launch your kayaks, pitch tents ashore and take you on unforgettable hikes to explore the most beautiful, untouched places on the planet.



DAY 8: The South Atlantic Ocean Days 8-9

You spend two days cruising towards beautiful South Georgia. En route you can participate in a number of presentations about the area's wildlife, as well as whaling and polar history. Our Expedition team is well versed in every facet of South Georgia, from its geology and glaciology to the mating rituals of the sooty albatross and the legends of the Norwegian whalers. One of the fascinating stories that will be told is that of Sir Ernest Shackleton and the men of the ill-fated Endurance and their amazing feats of bravery.



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DAY 10: Southern Ocean Days 10-11

Explore the unique beauty and wildlife of South Georgia. The rich history of exploration and whaling lends a great backdrop to its rugged scenery with glaciers and bustling wildlife. This area is known as the Serengeti of the Southern Ocean, and is a favoured place for wildlife photographers. South Georgia's unique position inside the Antarctic ecosystem - yet outside the limit of the yearly sea ice - makes it home to tens of millions of breeding penguins, seals and seabirds. We plan to visit Fortuna Bay and some of South Georgia's abandoned whaling stations. During our stay here, you will see elephant seals lounge on the sand, fur seal pups race in and out of the water, albatross soar overhead, and king penguins in the thousands. Enjoy the sight of hanging glaciers and cliffs, the lagoons and a large king penguin colony. You will also see a whaling museum, the Norwegian seaman's church, and the tiny graveyard where we can pay our respects to the great Antarctic explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton. South Georgia also offers some good hiking options, and one of our favourites is walking the last part of the route that Shackleton took on his brave journey across the island's rugged mountains to find help for the 22 men left on isolated Elephant Island.



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DAY 14: The Falkland Islands Days 14-16

The Falklands Islands are teeming with wonders of wildlife and nature, and offer fantastically clear blue skies, seamless horizons, vast open spaces and stunning white beaches. Here the sheep graze alongside immense colonies of albatross, and rockhopper and king penguins, while predatory striated caracaras patrol overhead and upland geese forage at the water's edge. In the Falklands, penguins waddle close to take a look at us, then continue on their way, giving you some great photo opportunities! Stanley, the islands' capital, makes a wonderful starting point for the various excursions we offer in the area. The town is easy enough to discover on foot, as most shops and services are clustered around the port.



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DAY 17: Days at Sea Days 17-19


Enjoy onboard activities, days at sea are full of activity. By now, your Expedition team will probably have convinced everybody on board that science is fascinating and fun! We can promise first class edutainment.



DAY 20: Disembark in Montevideo, Uruguay

Sadly, every expedition must eventually come to an end. Montevideo boasts colourful cultural diversity, with a picturesque blend of colonial Spanish, Italian and Art Deco architectural styles. Long considered one of South America's most interesting cities, you can visit the Ciudad Vieja (Old Town) with its 18th century buildings, the vibrant Mercado del Puerto, the bustling Avenida 18 de Julio with its numerous theatres, museums and art galleries, and the stretch of white, sandy beaches surrounding the city after disembarking your vessel.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Standard
Inclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabin on full board basis • One hotel night in Buenos Aires before the voyage including breakfast • Transfer hotel to airport in Buenos Aires • Economy flight Buenos Aires to Ushuaia • Transfer in Ushuaia including an orientation tour • Wind- and water-resistant jacket • Landings with small boats and activities on board and ashore • Professional English-speaking Expedition team that gives lectures as well as accompanies landings and activities • Free tea and coffee <p>Exclusions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International flights • Travel insurance • Luggage handling • Optional Excursions and Gratuities

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Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Record Not Available
Notes	Contact us for more details
Price Dependent upon	Availability

SUSTAINABILITY

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