ANTARCTICA - FALKLAND ISLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA & ANTARCTICA | OCEAN ALBATROS



TRIP CODE

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DEPARTURE

10/02/2027

DURATION

20 Days

LOCATIONS

Falkland Islands, South Georgia & Antarctic Peninsula

INTRODUCTION

Discover the amazing South Georgia and the interesting Falkland Islands on an incredible 20-day journey. Then, go on to the South Shetlands Islands and the Antarctic peninsula. Heading east toward the Falkland Islands (Malvinas), we will leave Ushuaia, the southernmost city in Argentina. The Falklands, a British Overseas Territory, provide a distinctive fusion of southern wildness and British civilization (think red phone boxes and tea), with penguins playing with sheep on historic battlegrounds. After leaving the Falklands, we travel to South Georgia. It's no secret that South Georgia, a swathe of craggy mountains covered in glaciers that pierces the gloomy sky, leaves an impression on everyone who visits. There are thousands of King Penguins, Antarctic fur seals, and elephant seals along the coast. You have to see the enormous penguin colonies, seas teeming with seals, and skies full of albatrosses to believe it. We will travel farther south through the Antarctic Peninsula's inlets and bays before crossing the well-known Gerlache Strait, which is home to towering peaks and glistening ice cliffs that rise straight out of the freezing ocean. This exquisitely stunning extraterrestrial terrain is characterized by icebergs, glaciers, mountains, and untamed snowfields. We usually try to get to places that highlight the finest breathtaking views of Antarctica, and we keep an eye out for incredible wildlife.

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DAY 1: Arrive Ushuaia

After a friendly welcome at the airport and a transfer to your included hotel, take some time to unwind or explore the southernmost city in the world, Ushuaia. Our evening briefing is your opportunity to ask questions and meet some of your fellow explorers.



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DAY 2: Embarkation

Spend your morning relaxing at the hotel, visiting a museum, or exploring the shops in Ushuaia, before our mid-afternoon escort to the ship. Our Expedition Team and ship staff will welcome you on board and get you settled in, followed by a safety and orientation briefing and our Captain's welcome dinner. We're on our way to Antarctica!



DAY 3: Southern Ocean

As we sail south, important briefings on environmental regulations and expedition safety are held, and you won't want to miss our scientific and environmental experts as they begin their deeply knowledgeable, and always entertaining talks about the wildlife, history, and geology of the areas we will soon be exploring.



DAY 4: West Falklands

We'll be exploring some of the westernmost settled outposts in the Falklands/Malvinas, a remote South Atlantic archipelago renowned for its rugged terrain and cliff-lined coast. As we stretch our legs along the farmland and beaches, we'll have an opportunity to visit Albatross and penguin colonies. Look for Rockhopper, King and Magellanic penguin rookeries.



DAY 5: Port Stanley, East Falklands

The archipelago's largest island, Stanley, is a lively hub of activity nestled in a sheltered harbor. Here, the Falklands Islands Museum has fascinating exhibits devoted to maritime exploration, natural history, and the 1982 Falklands War. We'll likely visit Gypsy Cove, part of Cape Pembroke peninsula, a National Nature Preserve. Magellanic penguins, also known as Jackass penguins for the braying sound they make, breed here, nesting in underground burrows. Other native bird species include Black-Crowned Night herons, Long-Tailed meadowlarks, Two-Banded plovers, and Upland and Kelp geese. Nearby Ordinance Point is the final resting place for several World War II guns.



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DAY 6: At Sea - En Route to South Georgia - Day 6 & 7



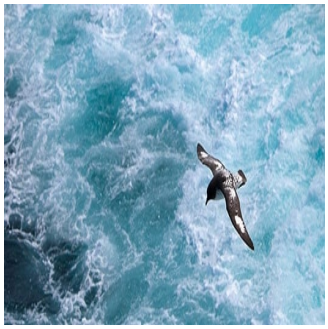
Things continue ramping up with plenty of birdlife sightings as we make our way east across the Antarctic Convergence and officially enter Antarctic waters. See if you can identify the world's largest bird, the Wandering albatross. From soaring giants like the Southern Giant petrel to the tiny Wilson's Storm petrel, a range of impressive bird species will be hitching a ride on the updrafts created by ocean swells and waves. And be on the lookout for whale blows and our very first iceberg sighting.

DAY 8: South Goergia Island - Day 8 to 11



South Georgia is often referred to as the 'Serengeti of the Southern Ocean' and it's easy to see why as you take in tens of thousands (not a typo!) of breeding penguins, seals, and seabirds. Breathtaking mountain scenery, majestically sculpted icebergs, glaciers in every direction, and a rich historical tapestry are all here to complement the incredible array of wildlife on view as we travel down South Georgia's leeward coast. We'll also visit the historic Grytviken whaling station, featuring the tiny graveyard where the great Antarctic explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton is buried.

DAY 12: Scotia Sea - Days12 & 13



Heading farther south, we'll continue our informative presentations and wildlife spotting as the icebergs become bigger and more plentiful.

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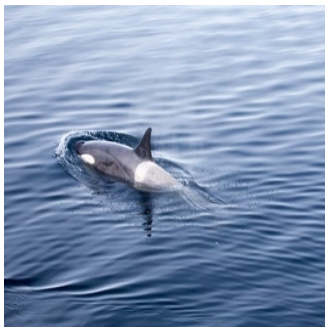
DAY 14: Antarctic Peninsula & South Shetland - Day 14 - 17

Here we'll explore any number of picturesque bays and famed landing sites, maneuvering through iceberg-rich channels as we travel alongside an array of wildlife. There are opportunities to stop at several active scientific bases and historic landing sites as we take in the wide range of penguin species, seals, and whales along the rugged coastlines and in the sea.



DAY 18: Crossing the Drake Passage - Days 18 & 19

We leave this magical place and make our way north, once again crossing the legendary Drake Passage. We have one last hurrah as we celebrate the conclusion of our expedition with a special slideshow, passenger photo contest, and a final celebratory meal together. Congratulations, explorers!



DAY 20: Disembarkation in Ushuaia

With huge smiles on weary, content faces, we disembark in the morning, letting you catch a flight to Buenos Aires or stay in Ushuaia for more sights and adventure.



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Accommodation	Cabin on board ship & Hotel

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Inclusions

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Group transfer from Ushuaia airport to hotel (on arrival in Ushuaia if arriving on Day 1 of itinerary, and providing we have your confirmed air itinerary at least 15 days prior to departure)
1 night pre night cruise accommodation in Ushuaia including breakfast
Transfer from Ushuaia hotel accommodation to the ship for embarkation
Accommodation onboard the Ocean Albatros in booked cabin category
All meals onboard the Ocean Albatros
"Welcome" and "Farewell" receptions with sparkling wine and soft drinks
Beer, wine and soft drinks with lunch and dinner onboard the ship; 24/7 tea, coffee & hot cocoa
500MB WiFi card for use on your personal devices
Insulated inner jacket, yours to keep
Complimentary use of rubber Muck boots and outer Expedition Parka, on loan for the duration of your expedition
All scheduled landings and excursions
Snowshoes for use during landings (subject to availability)
Citizen Science program
Photography Coach available throughout the voyage
Participation in the Polar Plunge
Access to onboard medical clinics
Access to onboard fitness centres
All port taxes and landing fees
Digital Voyage Log
Group transfer to Ushuaia airport or city centre on return to port

INCLUDED ON BALCONY SUITE (B) AND ABOVE

Wine and fruit on arrival
In-room mini-bar refilled once daily with non-alcoholic beverages
Complimentary laundry service
In-room espresso machine

EXCLUSIONS

International or internal flights other than 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 other than specified
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, or selected premium beverages
Miscellaneous extras
Laundry and communication charges on board, except as listed in inclusions
Gratuities for Expedition team and crew
For minors under 16 years of age at time of travel; life jackets, waterproof outer shell jacket, and boots
For guests who require larger sizing; Waterproof outer shell jacket and rubber boots

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Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Contact Us for details. Single occupancy cabins are available with a surcharge or for those willing to share you can be matched with someone of the same gender in selected cabins and pay the twin share price. Subject to availability.
Notes	Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated for single, triple 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. In rare and unforeseen situations, an operator may apply a fuel surcharge after your booking has been confirmed and paid. This is outside our control and uncommon, but transparency with our travelers is important to us.
Price Dependent upon	Departure Date, Fuel Surcharges, Cabin Category, Currency Fluctuations, Seasonality & Availability.

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