ANTARCTICA - ULTIMATE NEW YEAR'S FALKLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA & ANTARCTIC CIRCLE | OCEAN ALBATROS



TRIP CODE

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DEPARTURE

22/12/2026

DURATION

23 Days

LOCATIONS

Falklands, South Georgia, Antarctic Circle, Antarctic Peninsula

INTRODUCTION

Celebrate the New Year's Eve with a toast on an unforgettable expedition through the Falklands, South Georgia, and hopefully all the way to the Antarctic Circle. Explore the Falklands and South Georgia, where wildlife and history converge. This voyage offers deep immersion into a very remote ecosystem with close encounters with seals, penguins, and whales, plus a chance to cross the Antarctic Circle. The dramatic ice-covered landscapes of drifting icebergs and huge glaciers will provide incredible photos and memories of this New Year's like no other to share for a lifetime.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrive in Ushuaia



After a friendly welcome at the airport and a transfer to the luxurious Arakur Resort & Spa (or another of Ushuaia’s top luxury hotels), 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: The Falklands - Day 4 & 5

Welcome to a wildlife lover’s dream. As you approach this ruggedly beautiful archipelago, keep the camera ready to capture the abundant wildlife and breathtaking scenery of this fascinating part of the world. Here, you’ll f ind the largest black-browed albatross colony in the world and five species of breeding penguin. Bird lovers, stay on the lookout for kelp gulls, dolphin gulls, blackcrowned night herons, red-backed hawks, peregrine falcons and turkey vultures. East and West Falklands provide a rare opportunity to witness the biological diversity, extraordinarily diverse landscapes and rich history of the southern islands. Weather permitting, we’ll explore Saunders Island, the second-largest island in the Falklands, and The Neck, a narrow peninsula with sandy beaches and subtle cliff faces, where the mighty black-browed albatross build their nesting colonies.



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DAY 6: At Sea - Day 6 & 7



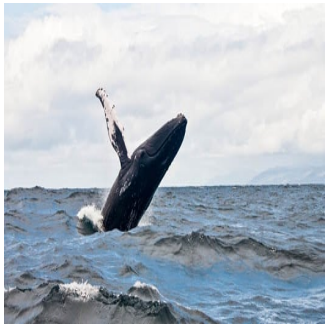
Things continue ramping up with plenty of birdlife sightings as we make our way east across the Antarctic Convergence and officially enter Antarctic waters. See if you can identify the world's largest bird, the Wandering albatross. From soaring giants like the Southern Giant petrel to the tiny Wilson's 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 Georgia - Day 8 to 10



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 11: Scotia Sea - Day 11 & 12



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 13: South Shetland and Antarctica - Day 13 to 17

With twice-daily outing as our goal, 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. Four days give us plenty of time to explore, discover, and be forever changed by the power of the last wild place on earth.



DAY 18: Antarctic Circle - Day 18 & 19

Venturing to the ends of the earth is a moment to cherish, as not all expeditions venture this far south. We'll take our time gliding through the famed Lemaire channel, accompanied by icebergs of every dazzling shape and size, with the anticipation of reaching latitude 66°33'S. Along the way, you'll marvel at one of our planets most spectacular 360 landscapes, ushering you towards to the legendary Antarctic Circle. Together we'll quietly marvel the sheer rawness of the surroundings and revel in the moment. A toast and celebration awaits should the Circle welcome us. While not a typical landing, the crossing of the Antarctic Circle will leave you breathless, and with one of life's greatest memories.



DAY 20: South Shetlands & Antarctica

Test your newfound penguin expertise and sharpen your wildlife-spotting skills as you identify fur, leopard, and Weddell seals. Zodiac cruises and shore landings will continue, offering ample opportunities to encounter the peninsula's diverse wildlife and capture stunning photographs of your adventure.



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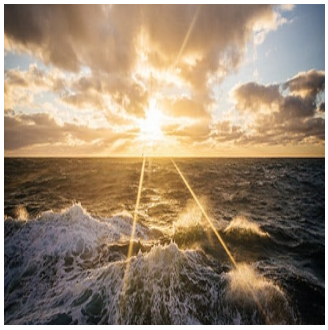
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DAY 21: Drake Passage - Day 21 & 22

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 23: 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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