

# ARGENTINA - FALKLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA & VALDES PENINSULA: IN THE HEART OF THE WILDERNESS | LE LYRIAL



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## DEPARTURE

03/03/2028

## DURATION

20 Days

## LOCATIONS

Argentina, South Georgia & Falkland Islands



## INTRODUCTION

This expedition explores three distinct ecosystems of South Georgia, the Falkland Islands and the Valdes Peninsula, offering amazing opportunities for wildlife viewing and guided field activities. These incredibly diverse locations are known for encounters with large penguin colonies, elephant and fur seals and numerous species of seabirds, along with chances to spot whales in productive feeding areas. The route includes opportunities to step ashore with naturalist guides, explore coastal zones by Zodiac, and learn about the ecological significance of each region, including UNESCO-listed Valdes Peninsula. Don't miss the chance to photograph the changing landscapes ranging from black sand beaches and hanging glaciers to moorlands and Patagonian steppe.

Throughout the voyage, an experienced expert expedition crew and naturalist team lead shore landings, short walks and interpretation sessions focused on regional biodiversity as well as cultural and environmental history. The itinerary balances time at sea with active exploration, giving you a structured but flexible program designed to maximise wildlife sightings and access to remote sites.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: Arrive Buenos Aires

Arrive in Buenos Aires and spend the night exploring before starting your voyage the next day.



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### DAY 2: Embarkation in Ushuaia

Capital of Argentina's Tierra del Fuego province, Ushuaia is considered the gateway to the White Continent and the South Pole. Nicknamed “El fin del mundo” by the Argentinian people, this city at the end of the world nestles in the shelter of mountains surrounded by fertile plains that the wildlife seem to have chosen as the ultimate sanctuary. With its exceptional site, where the Andes plunge straight into the sea, Ushuaia is one of the most fascinating places on earth, its very name evocative of journeys to the unlikely and the inaccessible...



### DAY 3: At Sea - Day 3 to 5

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### DAY 6: South Georgia - Day 6 to 8

Aboard your ship, discover South Georgia, a region formed by an underwater mountain chain that extends from the Andes to the Antarctic Peninsula. All the wildlife of the Far South can be found there: king and Gentoo penguins, elephant seals, fur seals... You might get the chance to discover the majestic glaciers of Gold Harbour and the vast plains of Fortuna Bay. If you are fortunate enough to land at Salisbury Plain, you can expect a wonderful spectacle: more than 300,000 king penguins, which you will recognise by the bright orange mark on their head and neck, have taken up residence there.



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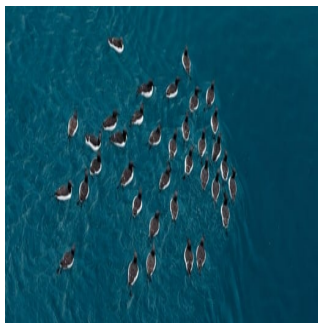
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### DAY 9: At Sea - Day 9 & 10

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### DAY 11: Port Stanley

Situated at the far eastern end of the Falklands' largest island, Port Stanley, is the capital of this remote archipelago in the South Atlantic, composed of nearly 700 islands and islets. In 1764, Louis Antoine de Bougainville settled the first pioneers here and the port grew rapidly. Placed under the Spanish crown in 1767, then under British sovereignty since 1833, the town has retained some South American features fused with the Victorian style that punctuate the city, and the houses with their colourful roofs brighten the moorland landscapes with their windy and harsh climate reminiscent of the Scottish islands of Orkneys or Shetland. In front of the Cathedral, built in 1933, an arch made of whale jaw bones reminds us that Port Stanley was once a whaling port. Volunteer point is a peninsula located at the far north-east of the Falkland Islands, Volunteer Point, named after the ship The Volunteer which called there in 1815, promises moving encounters in the heart of totally unspoiled nature. Due to its exceptional birdlife, the spot is identified as an Important Bird and Biodiversity Area (IBA) and is, above all, renowned as the home of the island's largest king penguin colony. These elegant birds, which are expressive and not particularly timid, will offer you moments of pure awe and the opportunity to take magnificent photos. You'll certainly be touched by the fledglings, dressed in their thick brown plumage.



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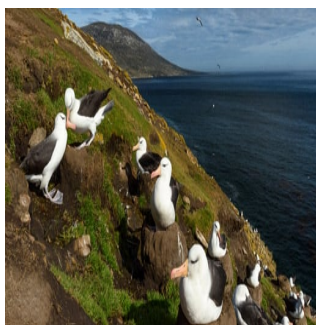
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### DAY 12: Saunders Island & Carcass Island

The Neck is a narrow stretch of land connecting the two sides of Saunders Island, located on the north-western edge of the Falklands. You'll safely enter these blustery surroundings with the assistance of your naturalist guides. And once there, a reward awaits you: a veritable paradise of endless shoreline lapped by turquoise waters. Several bird species, also attracted to this stunning location, have settled here. At the other end of The Neck, you'll encounter Magellanic penguins, southern rockhopper penguins, black-browed albatross and king penguins, all basking in the beauty of their surroundings. Situated in the north-west of the Falklands, Carcass Island was named after the ship HMS Carcass, which visited the island in the late 18th century. Its landscapes, combining steep rocks, sheer cliffs, wild expanses and white-sand beaches, form a rich and varied panorama that amateur or experienced bird watchers will appreciate. On this island, one of the few where no predators have been introduced, numerous species of birds live, breed and are born in total serenity. Due to the fresh, windy and humid subarctic oceanic climate, a fauna and flora similar to those of Patagonia, situated 460 km (286 miles) away, thrive here. You could get the chance to observe royal or southern rockhopper penguins.



### DAY 14: At Sea

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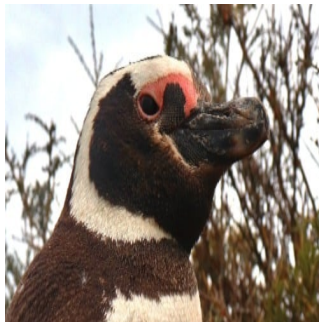
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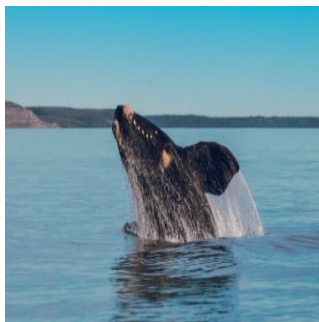
### DAY 15: Camarones

Camarones is a small town located in Chubut Province, in Southern Argentina. Chubut stretches from the Atlantic to the Andes, the coast is marked by high cliffs and sandy beaches. Before the Spaniards arrived in the Americas, nomadic indigenous people had inhabited the Patagonia region. In the 17th and 18th centuries, Spanish missionaries settled. Camarones is the head town of the Florentino Ameghino department which is noted for its wealth of geological and paleontological features. People are attracted to the region by its lengthy unspoiled coastline and its fauna. Camarones means 'shrimps' in Spanish, once the town was well-known for the abundance of shrimps in its bay.



### DAY 16: Puerto Madryn

On the shores of the Atlantic Ocean, in the Argentinian province of Chubut, stands the city of Puerto Madryn nestling in the Golfo Nuevo and surrounded by wild and abundant nature. You will be able to follow the narrow strip of land formed by the isthmus for a few kilometres, to reach the Valdes Peninsula nature reserve, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Its microclimate, protected from the extreme conditions of the Southern Atlantic, makes this an ideal breeding ground for southern right whales in winter, but also for southern elephant seals, southern sea lions, and orcas. You may get the chance to spot numerous birds, Magellanic penguins, guanacos and Patagonian maras living in this desert steppe.



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### DAY 18: At Sea - Day 18 & 19

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### DAY 20: Disembarkation in Buenos Aires

A port city built on the south-western shore of the Rio de la Plata, between the Atlantic Ocean and the vast Argentine Pampas, Buenos Aires is a unique city in Latin America. Nicknamed “the Little Paris of South America”, the Argentine capital is a clever blend of architecture with European influences and a joyful Latin American atmosphere. Designed on an orthogonal grid plan, it has 48 districts, all of which are as charming as they are different, with a range of styles such as Belle Époque, gothic and baroque. With its markets overflowing with treasures, its legendary cultural and architectural heritage, and tango providing its background music, the Argentine capital will delight you on every street corner.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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Cabin On Board Ship

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1 night accommodation in Buenos Aires with dinner on day 1 and breakfast on day 2  
 Transfer to the airport in Buenos Aires to meet flight to Ushuaia on day 2  
 One way flight Buenos Aires to Ushuaia in economy class  
 Group Airport Transfers in Ushuaia  
 Cabin accommodation whilst on board Le Lyrial  
 All meals whilst on board  
 Open bar (No premium brands)  
 Mini bar in your stateroom (Champagne additional fee)  
 Scheduled landings and excursions, conditions permitting  
 Guiding and lectures by expedition team  
 Complimentary Polar expedition jacket  
 Free use of rubber boots for shore excursions  
 All port taxes  
 Comprehensive pre and post voyage informational material  
 Free WIFI  
 Butler service is available for the following suites: All suites on Deck 6

**Inclusions**

**EXCLUSIONS**

Other meals, beverages and services while not onboard the ship or not mentioned in the program  
 Airfares other than specified  
 Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable)  
 Travel Insurance  
 Personal expenses such as laundry  
 Gratuities for the crew  
 Optional Activities not mentioned in itinerary  
 Other expenses not mentioned  
 A fuel surcharge may be applied to all bookings

**Difficulty Rating** 2 (Light Adventure)

**Single Surcharge** Available upon request. A supplement surcharge may apply and is subject to availability. Please [contact us](#) for more information.

Prices are based on per person, twin share.  
 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.

**Notes** An arrival transfer will be provided on arrival in Buenos Aires if arriving as part of the pre-cruise package the day before embarkation ONLY. Transfers are available from Ministro Pistarini International Airport (EZE) or Aeroparque Jorge Newbery (AEP) and will take you to the pre-departure hotel.

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**Price Dependent upon** Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

## SUSTAINABILITY

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