

ANTARCTICA - IN SHACKLETON'S FOOTSTEPS: FALKLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA & ANTARCTIC PENINSULA | SH MINERVA



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20/11/2026

DURATION

20 Days

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Falkland Islands, South Georgia & Antarctic Peninsula



INTRODUCTION

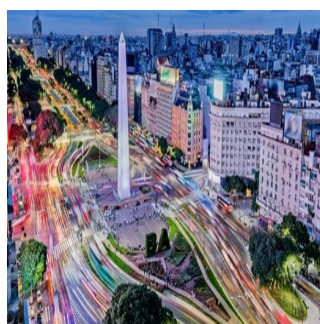
This expedition follows the route of Ernest Shackleton, combining remote wildlife habitats with cultural and historical context while onboard a modern ice-class vessel designed for active exploration. The biodiversity & historical content afforded by this itinerary is one of the most unique opportunities for modern travellers to this remote region. There will be landings at major penguin colonies, opportunities to observe albatross, elephant seals, whales and other amazingly diverse wildlife led by an expert expedition team. The voyage includes educational programming such as science workshops and talks that help guests understand the region's history with an immersive look at the legacy of early polar exploration, including Shackleton's connection to South Georgia.

The Antarctic Peninsula portion of this expedition emphasizes time among icebergs, glaciers and landings at research stations, with flexible routing based on weather and wildlife activity. You can expect regular briefings from expert scientists, incredible opportunities for photography and close-range viewing of whales and seals from both the ship and Zodiacs. The experience is supported by a fully equipped modern expedition vessel offering comfortable accommodations, dining and onboard facilities for downtime between excursions.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrive Buenos Aires

Upon arrival at the airport, you will be met by a representative and transferred to your hotel in Buenos Aires. This evening, enjoy the hotel's amenities or take advantage of your free time to explore the city.



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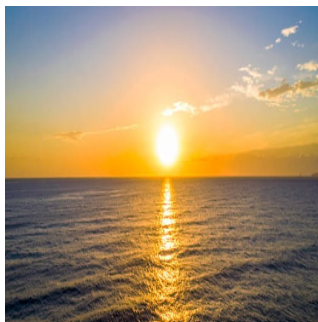
DAY 2: Fly to Ushuaia & Embarkation

This morning, you will be picked up from your hotel and transferred to the airport in time for your charter flight to Ushuaia. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to the cruise ship for embarkation. Nestled in the foothills of the snow-capped Martial Range, Ushuaia's colourful streets and mismatched buildings cascade from the imposing mountains before coming to an abrupt halt at the shores of the Beagle Channel. As one of the world's southernmost cities, Ushuaia carries its 'end of the world' reputation well. The moody weather and dramatic surroundings certainly help. Board your boutique ship before departing for your journey through one of the most captivating wilderness regions of the world.



DAY 3: At Sea

Sea days are rarely dull. Take the time to sit back and let the world go by. The ship's observation decks provide stunning views of the passing ocean. A day at sea gives you the opportunity to mingle with other passengers and share your experiences of this incredible trip or head to our library which is stocked full of reference books. Get an expert's view in one of our on-board lectures or perhaps perfect your photography skills with invaluable advice from our onboard professional photographers.



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DAY 4: West Point Island & Saunders Island

Birdlife is the big draw on this lush sheep-farming island, where thousands of rams and ewes roam. Settled by British explorers in 1765, the island's unique scenery includes golden sand beaches filled with the cacophony of rockhopper, gentoo and Magellanic penguin colonies, and the pillar-shaped nests of black-browed albatross. Nine of the Falklands' 14 endemic plants, including silvery buttercup and hairy daisy, grow here and are a real treat. Black-browed albatross grace the skies over this remote Falkland Island, while Commerson's dolphins play in its waters. With a sparse population of people and sheep, the island is also a sanctuary for fur seals, rockhopper penguins, Magellanic penguins and imperial cormorants, nesting amid its cliffs and the impressive Cliff Mountain. Hiking through the moss-covered terrain unveils beautiful wildflowers like pink-petalled Felton's.



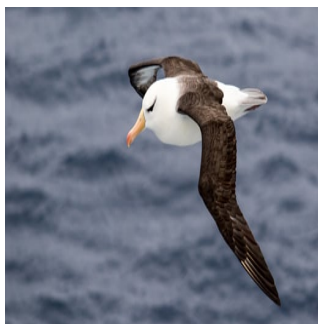
DAY 5: Port Stanley

Anyone familiar with Britain's trademark red post boxes might spot a resemblance in this British outpost. Port Stanley, on East Falkland, is the tiny capital of the Falkland Islands and is small enough to get around on foot. The Historic Dockyard Museum is devoted to maritime history and exploration. Magellanic penguins gather on the beach at nearby Gypsy Cove, and sea lions and dolphins frolic in the harbour.



DAY 6: At Sea - Day 6 & 7

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DAY 8: South Georgia - Day 8 to 11

Often called the 'Galapagos of the Poles,' South Georgia has a number of landing sites with tens of thousands of King Penguins and gentoo penguins, making up some of the largest populations in the world alongside harrumphing elephant seals. Among its remarkable sites is Grytviken, the historic whaling station where legendary British explorer Ernest Shackleton (1874-1922) is laid to rest.



DAY 12: At sea

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DAY 13: Antarctic Peninsula - Day 13 to 17

Among captivating glaciers, majestic icebergs and snowy islands, the Antarctic Peninsula is where most visitors to the White Continent live their Antarctica dream. It's the most accessible part, with scientific bases and incredible scenery, like the photogenic Lemaire Channel. Shore excursions might include Mikkelsen Harbour, where among gentoo penguins, snowy sheathbills and skuas, Antarctic Weddell seals haul out.



DAY 17: At Sea - Day 18 & 19

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DAY 20: Disembarkation in Ushuaia

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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin on board ship & Hotel
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INCLUSIONS

Cabin accommodation on board ship in selected stateroom
 All meals onboard throughout your voyage.
 Complimentary hot & cold beverages, beer, wine & spirits
 24-hour room service
 24/7 self-service laundry
 All scheduled expedition landings
 One selected shore excursion per port of call
 Lecture programs by expedition team and guest speakers
 A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
 A branded parka (yours to keep)
 Waterproof backpack and refillable water bottle (yours to keep)
 A Memory Package documenting the expedition
 Onboard gratuities & port taxes
 Entry level WI-FI (upgraded packages available)
MANDATORY CRUISE PLUS PACKAGE (INCLUDED)
 Group transfers from airport to hotel in Buenos Aires, to the airport in Buenos Aires and to/from Ushuaia Airport to the cruise port for embarkation/disembarkation
 One night pre-cruise accommodation in a 4/5-star hotel with breakfast in Buenos Aires
 Includes economy class return charter flights to/from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia.

Inclusions

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International flights
 Any other pre or post land arrangements not mentioned above
 Passport and visa expenses
 Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned above
 Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended
 Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned
 Meals ashore unless otherwise specified
 Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic flights
 Other personal charges unless specified
 Optional Adventure Activities

Difficulty Rating 2 (light adventure)

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

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<p>Notes</p>	<p>Prices are based on per person, and vary from single and twin cabins. Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice. Includes one night pre-cruise accommodation in a 4/5-star hotel with breakfast in Buenos Aires, Argentina & economy class return charter flights to/from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia.</p> <p>Please note this itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions*</p>
<p>Price Dependent upon</p>	<p>Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability. Any Promotional Pricing has already been applied to the published 'From' price.</p>

SUSTAINABILITY

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