

# SOUTH GEORGIA AND FALKLAND ISLANDS - EXPEDITION ANTARCTICA CAPE TO CAPE | HANSEATIC SPIRIT



## TRIP CODE

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## DEPARTURE

21/12/2026

## DURATION

23 Days

## LOCATIONS

Tristan da Cunha, South Georgia & Antarctica



## INTRODUCTION

### The Ultimate Adventure Between Two Continents

**This Cape to Cape expedition offers a rare chance to cross from South Africa to South America while exploring remote islands and key wildlife regions of the South Atlantic and Antarctica.** You'll spend extended time at sea with opportunities for expert-led lectures, wildlife spotting from deck and comfortable days onboard before reaching isolated communities such as Tristan da Cunha. From the major biodiversity hotspots like South Georgia, you can expect regular wildlife encounters from seabird breeding grounds, to large penguin colonies and elephant seal haulouts. Zodiac cruising and landings allow close-range viewing when conditions allow, while your expert expeditions team provide context on ecology, geology and polar history.

As the voyage continues south to the Antarctic Peninsula, with opportunities to learn about isolated human communities, observe active research stations and visit sites tied to early polar exploration. Scenic cruising highlights include iceberg-filled bays, narrow channels and volcanic landscapes. Throughout the journey, the ship's small expedition capabilities support flexible landings and wildlife-focused outings, offering a broad overview of the region's natural and cultural significance.

## ITINERARY

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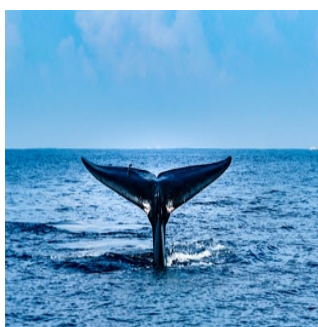
### DAY 1: Embarkation in Cape Town, South Africa

Upon arrival in Cape Town, you will be met by a representative and transferred to the cruise ship for embarkation. After check-in, settle into your cabin, meet the crew and expedition team, and attend an introductory briefing about the journey ahead. As the ship prepares to set sail, get ready for an unforgettable adventure toward South Georgia and Antarctica.



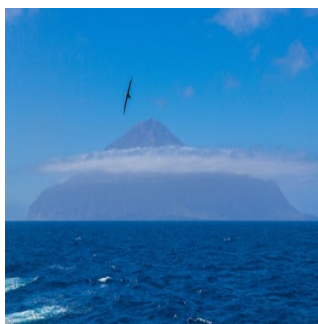
### DAY 2: At Sea - Day 2 to 5

As the ship sails toward the remote islands of Tristan da Cunha, enjoy the peaceful rhythm of life at sea. Watch the endless ocean views from the deck, look out for seabirds following the ship, join the expedition team for interesting talks, or simply relax and make the most of the ship's amenities as the journey unfolds.



### DAY 6: Tristan da Cunha - Day 6 & 7

In the middle of nowhere, around 2,400 km (1,491 miles) from the nearest settlement, the island group of Tristan da Cunha rises out of the South Atlantic. The British overseas territory is one of the remotest inhabited islands in the world - and is only accessible by ship. The almost circular main island is the tip of an underwater volcano. If the weather is good, you will land here in the Zodiacs to learn more about the lives of the around 250 people who live here, far from civilisation. In the island's interior, a patchwork of tiny potato and vegetable fields contrast with the dramatic rocky coast and black beach. A mosaic that will provide one of the many unforgettable moments on this expedition. On the small neighbouring island of Nightingale, there are good opportunities for observing nature. The uninhabited island is an important breeding ground for more than a million seabirds, with an exceptionally wide variety of species. It is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most important regions for birds in the world. The sea around Nightingale is also a rich habitat for wildlife. With luck, you may spot sperm whales and humpback whales here.



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### DAY 8: At Sea - Day 8 to 11

As the ship sails toward the wild and remote islands of South Georgia, enjoy the peaceful rhythm of life at sea. Watch the changing ocean views from the deck, look out for seabirds following the ship, join the expedition team for engaging talks, or simply relax and make the most of the ship's amenities as anticipation builds for the extraordinary landscapes and wildlife ahead.



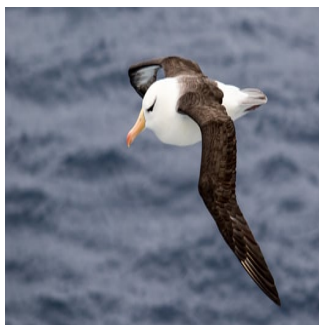
### DAY 12: South Georgia - Day 12 to 14

Days of adventure and great experiences lie ahead of you, when rugged peaks on the horizon signal your approach to this unique animal paradise. South Georgia is often referred to as the "cold Serengeti". Hundreds of thousands of king penguins blanket the island's coastlines and mountain slopes. On numerous trips and landings with the Zodiacs, you will experience the animal world from a respectful distance. With a little luck, you will see elephant seals fighting over a harem or gentoo and king penguins in their natural habitat. Your experts, who have extensive experience in the Antarctic, will familiarise you with the flora and fauna. The pioneering days of polar research will come to life for you in Grytviken: in the former whaling station, you will visit the grave of Sir Ernest Shackleton and commemorate the heroic efforts with which he once saved his crew.



### DAY 15: At Sea

As the ship sails from South Georgia toward Antarctica, enjoy the final days at sea before reaching the White Continent. Take in the ocean views, watch for seabirds and marine life, and relax on board as excitement builds for your arrival in Antarctica.



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### DAY 16: Antarctic Peninsula - Day 16 to 20

The South Orkney Islands, a small group of islands with a surface area of around 620 km<sup>2</sup> (239 mi<sup>2</sup>), are located in the Scotia Sea. A lonely, glaciated world with ice deserts – and more animal species than on the Galapagos Islands, as scientists have discovered. Who would guess there are around 1,200 animal species here? The South Orkney Islands are home to numerous varieties of penguin, whale and seal, as well as leopard seals. With luck, you will also see icebergs drifting off the rugged coast. In contrast, the Argentinian Orcadas research station – which has been staffed since 1904 – houses just a few people. Depending on the conditions and approval from the station, you will land in the Zodiacs to gain an impression of the isolated life of the polar researchers in the area. The Antarctic Peninsula, part of the coldest continent on Earth, may seem inhospitable at first glance, but it is actually a paradise for countless animal species that have adapted perfectly. Enjoy unforgettable moments when, for example, you set foot on the Antarctic mainland near to Paradise Bay. Snow-covered peaks, imposing icebergs and towering glaciers surround you. Unbelievable views also await you in the bay of Neko Harbor with its rocky massifs. On Petermann Island, look out for gentoo and Adelie penguins as well as blue-eyed cormorants, which have their breeding colonies here. One of the most impressive shipping passages in the world is the Lemaire Channel: mountains up to 1,000 m (3,281 ft) high line the strait of water. The South Shetland Islands form a long chain in the ocean. The island group opens up exciting chapters of Antarctic exploration and provides expert insights into geology. Here, your small manoeuvrable ship can again prove its expedition capability when it sails into the flooded caldera of the extinct volcano that forms Deception Island. Flanked by rock faces up to 50 m (164 ft) in height, the black sand in front of you gives off steam as a testament to a past eruption – and you in the heart of the scenery. Elephant Island, where history surrounds you, is legendary: polar explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton and his crew spent months here after abandoning their ship in the ice. You, too, will be enchanted by the scenery: jagged crags loom fiercely on the horizon and the evening sun casts a delicate pink glow over the snowfields.

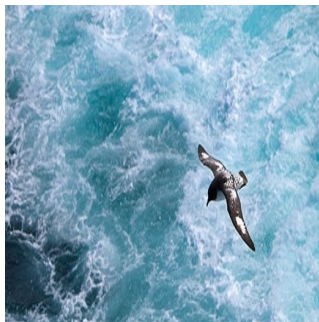


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**DAY 21: Sailing through the Drake Passage - Day 21 & 22**

Today is a day to unwind and reflect as we sail north across the Drake Passage toward Ushuaia. Enjoy the comfort of the ship, take in the sweeping ocean views, and keep watch for seabirds and marine life along the way. It is a wonderful time to revisit the memories of your Antarctic adventure as the journey gradually comes to an end.



**DAY 23: Disembarkation in Ushuaia**

Upon arrival in Ushuaia, you will disembark and say farewell to the expedition team and fellow travelers. You will then be transferred to the airport for your return charter flight to Buenos Aires. Your Antarctic journey comes to an end, leaving you with unforgettable memories of an extraordinary adventure.



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**INCLUSIONS & DETAILS**

<b>Accommodation</b>	Cabin on board ship
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## INCLUSIONS

Cabin accommodation on board ship in selected stateroom  
 All meals onboard throughout your voyage. Complimentary hot & cold beverages including soft drinks  
 All scheduled expedition landings (dependent on weather & government permits)  
 Lecture programs by expedition team and guest speakers  
 Use of the interactive Ocean Academy with individual knowledge formats  
 OCEAN SPA with Finnish sauna with an ocean view, steam sauna, indoor and outdoor relaxation area (spa treatments and hairdresser at a surcharge)  
**In every cabin:** champagne to welcome you, mini bar restocked daily with non-alcoholic beverages (additional selection in Grand Suites and Junior Suites), coffee machine (tea on request), 24-hour cabin service  
 Entry level Wi-Fi (free of charge for one hour per guest a day, satellite-dependent especially in polar areas)  
**On loan for your voyage:**  
 One pair of binoculars  
 Two sets of Nordic Walking poles  
 Warm parka  
 A pair of waterproof expedition boots for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions  
**PLATINUM FARE INCLUSIONS**  
 Includes economy class one-way flights from Ushuaia to Buenos Aires  
 Group transfers from the cruise port upon disembarkation to Ushuaia Airport

### Inclusions

## EXCLUSIONS

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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<b>Notes</b>	<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.          From Price based on a <b>Platinum Fare</b>: Includes economy class one-way flight from Ushuaia to Buenos Aires.</p> <p>Please note this itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions*</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	<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>

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