

## ANTARCTICA - SEA SPIRIT



### INTRODUCTION

Set sail from Ushuaia aboard the stylish and comfortable all-suite Sea Spirit on this epic expedition cruise to Antarctica, South Georgia and the Falklands. Actively explore these incredible regions whilst enjoying the amenities of a luxury hotel on board. Cruise by Zodiac through narrow waterways alongside towering icebergs, make shore landings to visit penguin colonies, scientific stations and research stations, and set foot on the Antarctic continent itself. Take the opportunity to practice your photography alongside an experienced professional or paddle by kayak amongst the world’s most impressive landscapes surrounded by marine life. South Georgia, home to 400,000 breeding pairs of king penguins and half the world’s population of macaroni penguins, offers more amazing wildlife viewing opportunities as well as an insight into the history of whaling and the heroic endeavours of Shackleton. Finally explore the wildlife-rich Falkland Islands, home to beaches filled with elephant seals and the largest population of gentoo penguins on Earth.

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### DAY 1: Ushuaia, Argentina

The small city of Ushuaia is the perfect starting point for our expedition cruise to Antarctica, South Georgia and the Falkland/Malvinas Islands. Located near the southern tip of South America, it boasts beautiful views of the Andres Mountains and the Beagle Channel. Stroll the lively main street of cafes, shops and outfitters, perhaps picking up a last-minute item for your voyage, or enjoying a typical Argentine grill entrée at one of the many casual restaurants. If you arrive early, you will want to visit beautiful Tierra del Fuego National Park.



### DAY 2: Embarkation in Ushuaia

In the afternoon we embark the Sea Spirit and set sail down the scenic Beagle Channel.



### DAY 3: Drake Passage - Day 3 & 4

Through presentations and informal conversations, our team of experts on Antarctic wildlife, history and geology will enlighten you about what we'll expect to see in the days ahead. Keep a sharp eye out as we cross the Antarctic Convergence, where ocean dynamics create a unique zone of marine life and activity. In the early evening of the fourth day, weather and sea conditions permitting, we plan to have our first landing in the South Shetland Islands.



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## DAY 5: Antarctic Continent & South Shetlands - Day 5 to 8

In the region of the South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula we get a great variety of opportunities to actively explore the unique wildlife and breathtaking scenery. With nearly 200 recognized sites here we use all our experience to offer you the best places and ways to explore the enchanting world of the Sixth Continent. A flexible planning is a key to successful expedition. Our Captain and Expedition Leader will do their best to show you all the faces of Antarctica. We hope to tick off 5 penguin /6 seal / several whale species in Antarctic check-list. While cruising along narrow Antarctic waterways we admire huge icebergs of different shapes, sizes and colours. We visit scientific stations representing several different countries and learn about Antarctic scientific researches straight from the source. Of course setting foot on the actual Antarctic Continent is also on agenda.



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

More informative presentations are in store today, as we head northeast toward South Georgia.



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### DAY 11: South Georgia - Day 11 to 15

For many, South Georgia is a not-to-be-missed destination within the Antarctic region. These sub-Antarctic islands are mountain peaks emerging from the Scotia Arc, an underwater mountain chain that extends from the Andes to the White Continent. Shaped like a long and narrow whalebone, the islands are home to:

- Four seal species - southern elephant seal, Antarctic fur seal, Weddell seal, and leopard seal.
- Several whale species - southern right whales, humpbacks, fin whales, sperm whales, killer whales orcas, and southern bottlenose whales.
- Antarctic seabirds, about 46% of the world's breeding population of grey headed albatrosses; northern giant petrels, white chinned petrels and Antarctic prions. Most of the world's population of the South Georgia blue eyed shags live there, some 7,500 pairs.
- Penguins - around half the world's population of macaroni penguins, along with 100,000 pairs of Gentoo penguins and about 6,000 breeding pairs of Chinstrap penguins. The most attractive residents of the South Georgia are King penguins with their orange-yellow crowns. The total number of King penguins is around 400,000 breeding pairs. We spend three days among the alpine landscapes and penguins colonies. We will also visit to the historic settlement of Grytviken. With its whaling-era remnants and Earnest Shackleton's gravesite, the one-time whaling town is one of the highlights of South Georgia.



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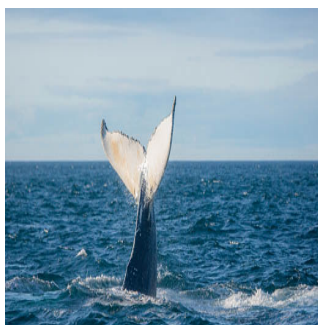
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### DAY 16: At Sea - Day 16 & 17

From South Georgia we head west toward the Falkland Islands. Presentations and workshops by our expert staff, as well as our range of onboard recreation facilities, ensure that these days at sea are not idly spent.



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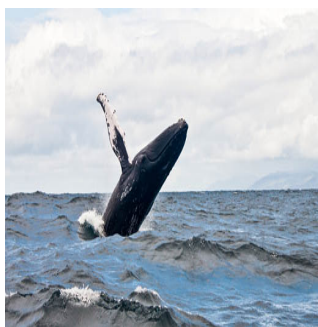
### DAY 18: The Falklands - Day 18 & 19

The Falkland Islands offer an unforgettable vista of moors and rugged coastlines carved by the South Atlantic, where the wildlife and plant life form a link between Patagonia and Antarctica. On the beaches, elephant seals are a spectacular sight when battling among themselves to establish territories or just simply relaxing. Sea lions and fur seals are also common sights. As many as a million penguins nest in the Falklands every summer, representing five of the world's seventeen species - King, Gentoo, Rockhopper, Magellanic and Macaroni. What's more, for the Gentoo, the Falklands are home to the largest population on Earth. Look for black-browed albatrosses nesting on grassy hillsides overlooking the sea. The capital of the Falklands Port Stanley is the southernmost British outpost in the world. With many reminders of its British heritage such as red phone booths and English pubs, the town boasts other unusual sights like a whalebone arch and shipwrecks along the coast.



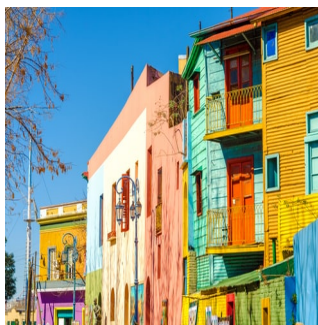
### DAY 20: Southern Ocean - Day 20 to 22

The ocean breezes gradually get warmer as we sail north through the South Atlantic Ocean. As we enter deeper waters, we are on constant lookout for killer whales, blue whales, sei whales and southern right whales. This is also the time for festivities such as the Captain's Farewell Cocktail and the end-of-voyage slideshow.



### DAY 23: Disembarkation in Buenos Aires

Morning disembarkation in Buenos Aires. Right after the disembarkation, we provide a group transfer to Ezeiza (EZE) - International Airport or central location in Buenos Aires.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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<b>Accommodation</b>	Standard
<b>Inclusions</b>	<p>1 pre-voyage night at hotel          Group transfer from the airport to the hotel on a day prior to departure          Group transfer to the ship on day of embarkation          All meals on board throughout the voyage          Tea and coffee station 24 hours daily          All scheduled landings/excursions (subject to weather and ice conditions)          Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Leader &amp; Expedition Team          Branded Poseidon Expeditions parka          Rubber boots for shore landings for the time of the cruise          Welcome and Farewell cocktails          All port fees          Group transfer to airport or central location upon disembarkation          Pre-departure materials          Digital Voyage Log</p> <p><b>Exclusions:</b>          Airfares          Visa and passport fees (if applicable)          Luggage and trip cancellation insurance          Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages other than those for special events and celebrations          Personal expenses such as laundry and onboard communication (telephone calls, faxes, and e-mail service)          Fuel surcharge may be applied for all bookings          Emergency Evacuation Insurance to a minimum benefit of USD 200,000          Staff gratuities</p>
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	2 (light adventure)
<b>Single Surcharge</b>	Available upon request, contact us for more details.
<b>Notes</b>	Itinerary subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	Departure date, season and availability.

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## SUSTAINABILITY

As a member of IAATO we follow guidelines appointed by the Antarctic Treaty System to go above and beyond in support of minimizing negative impacts on this pristine landscape. We also encourage clients to look to book pre-and post- accommodation with us, where local businesses will be supported. Our clients also receive restaurant recommendations which support locally owned restaurants

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We carefully select all ships we work with and choose smaller sized vessels to create less impact. We use a highly regulated, licensed vessel which is well equipped to operate in the Antarctic’s delicate ecosystem. We view the voyage to the Antarctic as an expedition, not a sightseeing trip. Smaller boats such as ours can navigate narrow waterways and are far less polluting than the larger ships in Antarctic waters. By carrying less passengers, we have far less waste. The waste is carried back to the home port to allow for environmentally conscious waste management and disposal.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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