

ANTARCTIC PENINSULA - EPIC ANTARCTICA & SOUTH GEORGIA ADVENTURE | OCEAN ALBATROS



INTRODUCTION

EPIC LAST MINUTE SAVINGS*

On this epic 18-day voyage, we explore the South Shetlands and the Antarctic continent before heading via the Antarctic Sound and Weddell Sea for an extended South Georgia visit. The adventure ends in the Uruguayan capital of Montevideo.

UPGRADE to a Premium Deck Category C Cabin (Deck 6) - Book a Category C Cabin on an Antarctica voyage & pay an extra Upgrade Fee to enjoy the benefits of the Premium Category C Cabin on Deck 6. Along with the benefits of a higher deck cabin with an enclosed balcony, you will also be eligible for priority boarding & suite amenities (like daily replenished mini-bar, welcome fruit basket & sparkling wine). Subject to availability & upgrade must be booked at time of booking. Please contact us for more details and full Terms and Conditions.

**** EPIC LAST MINUTE SPECIAL SAVINGS-** Offer only available on this departure. Applicable to F, G, C & D cabin categories. This offer applies only to new bookings and cannot be combined with any other promotions, discounts, or group deals. The sale ends until Sold Out or departure has sailed. *Pricing and availability is subject to change and offer and may be withdrawn or varied at any time.*

**Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change based on availability, currency exchange and other factors. Please [contact us](#) for live availability and prices.*

ITINERARY

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DEPARTURE

18/03/2024

DURATION

18 Days

LOCATIONS

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DAY 1: Arrive Ushuaia & Embark

Arrive and embark in Ushuaia, Argentina - the world's southernmost town. Explore the quaint city or local countryside. Alternatively, consider a day trip off the beaten path to the raw, natural archipelago of Tierra del Fuego. It's a hiker's paradise with rugged snow-capped mountains, glaciers, flower-filled meadows and boggy quagmires. In the afternoon we embark the ship Ocean Abatros, our home for the coming days. Our journey begins as we navigate through the calm waters of the Beagle Channel, a strait in the Tierra del Fuego Archipelago.



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DAY 2: Cross the Drake Passage - Days 2 & 3

Sailing onward, we cross the famed Drake Passage - a body of water that marks the intersection of the cold Antarctic with the warmer Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Drake Passage is known for strong westerly winds, heavy sea, and its nickname 'The Roaring Fifties'. While this passage may be challenging, you can rest confidently aboard our expedition vessel, which is purpose-built with stabilizers, powerful engines and a highly qualified crew. The most spirited sailors consider Drake Passage a lifetime achievement - and soon you can tick it off on the list yourself!



DAY 4: Antarctic Peninsula & South Shetlands - Days 4 & 5

The next couple of days, we will explore the Antarctic islands of the South Shetland chain as well as the Antarctic peninsula. Landfalls could include: Deception Island, an extinct volcano with waters warm enough for a polar swim; and Half Moon Island with nesting Wilson's storm petrels and chinstrap penguins. The itinerary and activities over the next few days depend on weather and ice conditions. The route and shore landings will be determined by the captain and expedition leader and communicated to guests through regularly scheduled briefings.



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DAY 6: Antarctic Sound and Elephant Island Days 6 & 7

In the upcoming days, we'll venture into the remarkable region at the tip of the continent, starting with the Antarctic Sound. Named after the Swedish vessel Antarctic in 1902, this area is notably colder than the rest of the Peninsula due to southerly winds and currents from the Weddell Sea, resulting in freezing temperatures, sea ice, and massive tabular icebergs formed by the vast ice shelves. Despite its remoteness, this region offers spectacular sights, from Adelie Penguin colonies to historic sites and dramatic volcanic landscapes. Moving south into the Weddell Sea, we'll encounter city-sized tabular icebergs and the ever-present sea ice, a crucial habitat for Antarctic krill and the predators that follow. Wildlife enthusiasts can spot Weddell, leopard, and elephant seals, numerous seabirds, and often humpback whales. Navigating through the dense ice requires skill, and our experienced Captain and Expedition Leader will adapt to explore this remote and unpredictable terrain. Our Antarctic journey will conclude by passing by Elephant Island, famous for Shackleton's legendary lifeboat escape. While landing here is extremely challenging, we'll strive to catch a glimpse of Point Wild, where Shackleton's party awaited rescue—a fitting finale to our Antarctic expedition.



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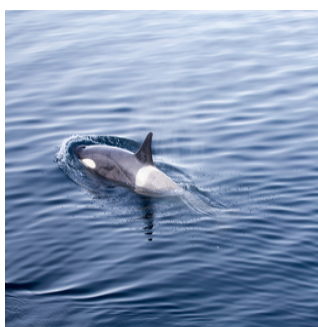
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DAY 9: At Sea Towards South Georgia - Days 8 & 9

Days at sea are great for participating in lectures, photo sessions and recaps, reading books in the ship library and watching the ubiquitous storm petrels and albatrosses from top deck. From photography workshops to lectures on the regions we visit by our knowledgeable expedition team and guest lecturers. Additionally, a raffle or auction onboard usually takes place during this time, to raise funds for charitable organizations focused on global issues and local environmental solutions. In this case, for example, South Georgia Heritage Trust, Whale & Dolphin Conservation, and more. Take this opportunity to give back to the world while educating yourself on the subjects that these organizations support in a fun and enjoyable time.



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DAY 11: South Georgia - Days 10 to 13

South Georgia has a dramatic setting with glacier-clad rugged mountains. Lying in the Southern Ocean south of the Antarctic convergence, the cold sea is booming with life. The island, often referred to as “The Galapagos of the Poles”, can only be reached by ship. There is no permanent human settlement, but seabirds and seals breed in the millions. The difficulty of getting there and the restrictions to protect the environment, makes South Georgia one of the least-visited tourist destinations in the world. Today the island has been largely left to recover from human over-exploration, resulting in dramatic increases in the number of whales, seals as well as penguin and seabird populations. The itinerary and activities over the next days are largely dependent on the weather and the sea. The British administration at Grytviken, a former Norwegian whaling station, is also worth a visit. The famed British explorer Ernest Shackleton died in Grytviken on his second visit, and is buried south of the station. The endemic South Georgia pipits and South Georgia pintails may be seen around the buildings. We will have a chance to visit Salisbury Plain, home to one of the largest king penguin colonies on the island, estimated between 250,000 and 5,000,000. Gentoo penguins, giant petrels and Antarctic prions also breed on the island. We will explore the fjords of the north coast and take as many shore landings as time and the swelling sea will allow us. The proximity of the possible landing locations usually allow for a very diversified and active itinerary, sure to give us memories for a lifetime. The marine life around South Georgia is at its most active during March/April, with thousands of whales feeding with ferocity to prepare for their coming migrations. Fur seal pups amass on the shorelines and Albatross chicks are peeking out from the nests. The king penguin chicks will shed their brown feathers and start heading into the ocean, other penguins like gentoo, macaroni and chinstrap will also see their chicks starting to grow confidence for a life on their own.



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DAY 16: At Sea Days 14 & 17

As we approach Montevideo, Uruguay, the final leg of our exciting journey, it's worth noting that this port holds historical significance for Antarctic expeditions, including our own. During our voyage's closing phase, we offer various onboard activities for you to reflect on your journey. Unwind with a skillfully crafted cocktail in the Nordic Bar, engage with our Expedition Team's insights in the Shackleton Lounge, or simply savor the sight of albatross accompanying us westward. On your last evening aboard, join the Captain and Senior Officers for a Farewell Cocktail Party, followed by a presentation of photos and videos captured by our onboard photographer. It's the perfect opportunity to relive your Southern Ocean adventure.



DAY 18: Disembarkation in Montevideo

After a hearty farewell to vessel and crew, we disembark in the morning after breakfast here in Montevideo.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

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Inclusions

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- 18-day/17-night cruise with accommodation in a shared outside double stateroom with private facilities
- Shuttle transfers to ship from city centre (Ushuaia)
- All Zodiac landings and excursions as per itinerary
- Expedition parka
- Rubber boot rentals
- Guiding and lectures by our expedition leader and team
- Special Photo Workshop
- English-speaking expedition team
- Visual Journal link after voyage including voyage log, gallery, maps, species list and more!
- Full board on the ship - breakfast, lunch, dinner and afternoon snacks
- Free tea and coffee 24 hours' daily
- Welcome and farewell cocktails
- Taxes

EXCLUSIONS

- Extra excursions and activities not mentioned in the itinerary
- Single room supplement and stateroom upgrades
- Meals not on board the ship
- Beverages (other than coffee and tea)
- Tips for the crew (we recommend USD 14 per person per day)
- Personal expenses
- Anything not mentioned under 'Inclusions'

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

Single Surcharge

Available upon request, contact us for more detail.

Notes

Please note this itinerary may be subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.

Price Dependent upon

Departure dates, seasonality and availability.

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SUSTAINABILITY

We appreciate that voyages to the Antarctic to have an impact on this pristine environment. In light of this, all our voyages are double carbon offset. In addition, we strive to eliminate as many single use plastics as possible from our supply chain. In choosing this voyage you are also supporting the fantastic work done by the Antarctic Science Foundation (ASF) and their work in understanding and protecting this unique destination. In addition all voyages support the Mawsons Huts Foundation (MHF). The MHF support the legacy of Sir Douglas Mawson, the legendary Antarctic explorer and scientist. As a member of IAATO we follow strict 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-

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accommodation with us, where local businesses will be supported. Our clients also receive restaurant recommendations which support locally owned restaurants.

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 ships 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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