

SOUTH GEORGIA - FALKLANDS & SOUTH GEORGIA | MAGELLAN EXPLORER



INTRODUCTION

Combine the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) and South Georgia with this 17-day expedition starting from Punta Arenas, Chile. In the Falklands and enjoy watching rockhopper and gentoo penguins in their native habitat. From your zodiac spot Black-browed albatrosses and petrels soaring high in the sky. Hike into the local settlements and meet the people who have called this island home for generations. From there, set sail for South Georgia, which are permanently covered in thick layers of ice and snow. On this island, wildlife is king. Visit one of the world's largest king penguin colonies and watch elephant seals relaxing near the shore. As we sail from bay to bay, watch out for whales and beautiful seabirds flying overhead.


ITINERARY

DAY 1: Embarkation in Punta Arenas

From 9:00am, make your way to Explorers House in Punta Arenas and enjoy the facilities. At 16:00pm, a group transfer will take you to the port for embarkation. As we set sail along the Strait of Magellan, our Expedition Team will introduce the history of this fabled sea route.



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| ACAXMFSG |
| DEPARTURE |
| 09/10/2024 |
| DURATION |
| 17 Days |
| LOCATIONS |
| South Georgia, Falkland Islands |



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DAY 2: Sailing to the Falklands

Enjoy the ship's hospitality as we make our way to the Falklands (Malvinas). Our engaging series of lectures and presentations begin.



DAY 3: Saunders & Carcass Islands

We enjoy the long white-sand beach during a morning visit to Saunders Island. A wilderness experience, the main attractions are rockhopper penguins, nesting black-browed albatross, and sub-Antarctic Gentoo penguins. In the afternoon, we visit Carcass Island. There is an option for an easy hike to the settlement, bird watching, and a typical Falklands tea experience.



DAY 4: Port Stanley

Join our expedition team on guided walking tours of Port Stanley or Gipsy Cove. Or explore on your own and absorb the atmosphere, grabbing lunch at the local pub, visiting the maritime museum, the church, hunting for souvenirs, or walking down Ross Road, paying tribute at the war memorials at the waterfront.



DAY 5: Sailing to South Georgia

As we sail towards South Georgia, attend presentations on the history and fauna of the archipelago. In the company of expert guides, watch for wildlife from the lounge or from the outside decks. You may spot magnificent seabirds, such as albatrosses and petrels, as well as different species of whales.



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DAY 7: Elsehul Bay, South Georgia

Depending on sea conditions over the previous days, arrival is planned for the afternoon. Provided we receive approval from the South Georgia government, we plan to do an evening Zodiac cruise at Elsehul Bay.



DAY 8: Grytviken, Fortuna Bay

Our first landing is at Grytviken. We clear Customs and then visit the historical site with the museum and Ernest Shackleton’s grave. We land at Fortuna Bay / Stromness in the afternoon to see king penguins. Here we learn more about Shackleton and his expedition, and there is also an optional 2-3 hour “Shackleton walk.”



DAY 9: Gold Harbour, Cooper Bay

In the morning, we plan a landing at Gold Harbour, a spectacular location with king penguins, elephant seals, and hanging glaciers. There are also sooty albatrosses here. In the afternoon and on a Zodiac cruise, we visit Cooper Bay to see macaroni penguins.



DAY 10: St Andrews Bay, Ocean Harbour

St Andrews Bay is the destination of our morning excursion. The highlights here are a shipwreck and the remains of the whaling industry. We see the largest king penguin colony and elephant seal bulls. We plan a Zodiac cruise in the afternoon and landing at Ocean Harbour.



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DAY 11: Prion Island, Salisbury Plain

In the morning, we plan to visit Prion Island to see the nesting wandering albatross. In the afternoon, we head to Salisbury Plain for more king penguins and stunning landscapes.



DAY 12: At sea towards the Falkland Islands

Our education program continues as we make our way back to the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas).



DAY 15: Bleaker Island

Evening landing at Bleaker Island, a natural reserve with a famous bird area featuring a large variety of birds.



DAY 16: At sea

Sailing back towards Punta Arenas while enjoying the last of the wildlife and scenery as your journey comes to an end.



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DAY 17: Disembarkation in Punta Arenas

Upon arrival at Punta Arenas, we disembark and take a group transfer to the town center, where the expedition will end. Explorers House remains available to you for the day.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Cabin on board a ship

Inclusions

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Group transfers to/from the Explorers House in Punta Arenas to the ship.
 Special access to Explorers House for guests in Punta Arenas.
 Accommodation on board during your voyage.
 Comprehensive pre- and post-voyage information material.
 Daily buffet breakfast, à la carte lunch and dinner, as well as wine, beer, juice, soft drinks, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, cappuccino, water, and snacks on board the ship.
 Loan of waterproof boots for excursions in Antarctica, contingency plan, and IAATO passenger fee.
 All guided excursions, as well as lectures and entertainment on board.

EXCLUSIONS

International or domestic flights, unless specified
 Transfers not mentioned in the itinerary
 Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable)
 Airport arrival or departure taxes
 Vaccination charges
 Travel insurance
 Hotels and meals not included in itinerary
 Optional excursions not included in the itinerary
 Optional activity surcharges
 All items of a personal nature, including but not limited to gratuities, select drinks, laundry services, personal clothing, medical expenses, wi-fi, email or phone charges.


Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

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| Single Surcharge | Available upon request. Please contact us for more details. |
| Notes | <p>Prices are based on per person, and may be based off quad/triple/ or twin share cabins* (please contact us for more details)</p> <p>Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.</p> <p>Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.</p> |
| Price Dependent upon | Departure Date, Fuel Surcharges, Cabin Category, Currency Fluctuations, Seasonality & Availability. |

SUSTAINABILITY

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