

# ANTARCTIC PENINSULA - FALKLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA & ANTARCTICA 19 DAY | HONDIUS



## INTRODUCTION

A cruise to the Falkland Islands, South Georgia & the Antarctic Peninsula. Visit some of the most beautiful arrays of wildlife on Earth. This 19 day journey will introduce you to at least 6 species of penguin and a whole lot of Antarctic fur seals! Including photography workshops with Neill Drake and videography workshops with George Kennedy.

*\*Rates are subject to currency fluctuation and availability at the time of booking. Please contact us for the latest pricing and availability.*

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: Embarkation in Ushuaia

Your voyage begins where the world drops off. Ushuaia, Argentina, reputed to be the southernmost city on the planet, is located on the far southern tip of South America. Starting in the afternoon, you embark from this small resort town on Tierra del Fuego, nicknamed “The End of the World,” and sail the mountain-fringed Beagle Channel for the remainder of the evening.



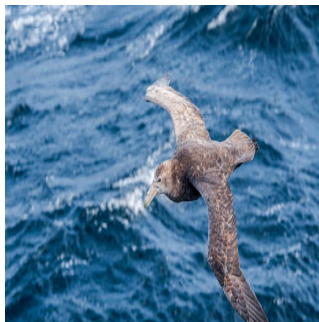
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### DAY 2: At Sea

Several species of albatross follow the vessel into the westerlies, along with storm petrels, shearwaters, and diving petrels. Take this time to enjoy serene ocean views and enjoy the company of your fellow passengers and crew.



### DAY 3: The Falkland Islands

The Falkland (Malvinas) Islands offer an abundance of wildlife that is easily approachable, though caution is always advised. These islands are largely unknown gems, the site of a 1982 war between the UK and Argentina. Not only do various species of bird live here, but chances are great you'll see both Peale's dolphins and Commerson's dolphins in the surrounding waters. During this segment of the voyage, you may visit the following sites: Carcass Island - Despite its name, this island is pleasantly rodent-free and hence bounteous with birdlife. Anything from breeding Magellanic penguins and gentoos to numerous waders and passerine birds (including Cobb's wrens and tussock-birds) live here. Saunders Island - On Saunders Island you can see the black-browed albatross and its sometimes-clumsy landings, along with breeding imperial shags and rockhopper penguins. King penguins, Magellanic penguins, and gentoos are also found here.



### DAY 4: Port Stanley

The capital of the Falklands and centre of its culture, Port Stanley has some Victorian-era charm: colourful houses, well-tended gardens, and English-style pubs are all to be found here. You can also see several century-old clipper ships nearby, silent witnesses to the hardships of 19th century sailors. The small but interesting museum is also worth a visit, covering the early days of settlement up to the Falklands War. Approximately 2,100 people live in Port Stanley. Feel free to wander at will, though be aware that admission fees to local attractions are not included in the voyage.



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## DAY 5: At Sea - Day 5 & 6

En route to South Georgia, you now cross the Antarctic Convergence. The temperature cools considerably within the space of a few hours, and nutritious water rises to the surface of the sea due to colliding water columns. This phenomenon attracts a multitude of seabirds near the ship, including several species of albatross, shearwaters, petrels, prions, and skuas.



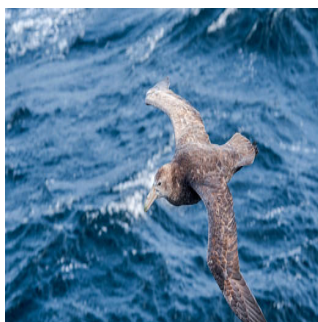
## DAY 7: South Georgia - Day 7 to 10


Today you arrive at the first South Georgia activity site. Please keep in mind that weather conditions in this area can be challenging, largely dictating the program. Over the next several days you have the chance to visit: Prion Island - This location is closed during the early part of the wandering albatross breeding season (November 20 - January 7). From January on, the breeding adults have found their partners and are sitting on eggs or nursing their chicks. Enjoy witnessing the gentle nature of these animals, which possess the largest wingspan of any birds in the world. Fortuna Bay - Near beaches inhabited by various penguins and seals, you have the chance to follow the final leg of Shackleton's route to the abandoned whaling village of Stromness. This path cuts across the mountain pass beyond Shackleton's Waterfall, and as the terrain is partly swampy, be prepared to cross a few small streams.



## DAY 11: At Sea

There may be sea ice on this route, and at the edge of the ice some south polar skuas and snow petrels could join the other seabirds trailing the vessel south.

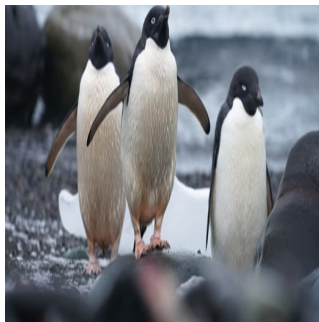


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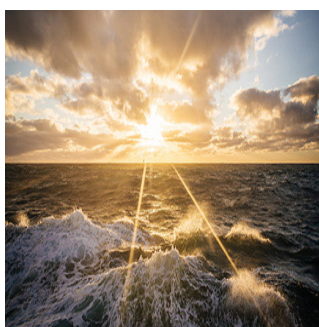
## DAY 12: South Orkney

Depending on the conditions, you might visit Orcadas Base, an Argentine scientific station on Laurie Island in the South Orkney archipelago. The personnel here will happily show you their facility, where you can enjoy expansive views of the surrounding glaciers. If a visit isn't possible, you may instead land in Coronation Island's Shingle Cove.



## DAY 13: At Sea Towards Antarctica - Day 13 & 14


Enormous icebergs and a fair chance of fin whale sightings ensure there's never a dull moment on this last sea voyage south. Also, your best chance to spot Antarctic petrels is here. Depending on conditions, we aim to begin activities the afternoon of day 14.



## DAY 15: Antarctic Peninsula - Day 15 & 16

If the ice conditions permit, you now sail into the Weddell Sea. Here colossal tabular icebergs herald your arrival to the eastern side of the Antarctic Peninsula. Paulet Island, with its large population of Adélie penguins, is a possible stop. You might also visit Brown Bluff, located in the ice-clogged Antarctic Sound, where you could get the chance to set foot on the Antarctic Continent itself. If conditions aren't favorable to enter the Weddell Sea from the east, the ship will set course for Elephant Island and head into the Bransfield Strait, between South Shetland Island and the Antarctic Peninsula. Here you can attempt to access the Antarctic Sound from the northwest. The breathtaking scenery continues in the southern Gerlache Strait, and if ice conditions allow, we may even reach Lemaire Channel. Conditions on the Drake Passage determine the exact time of departure.

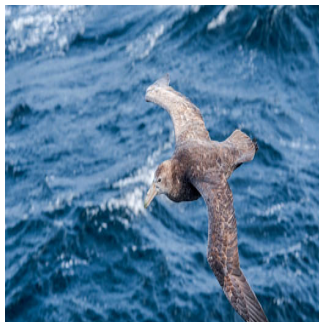


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## DAY 17: Crossing The Drake Passage - Day 17 & 18

Your return voyage is far from lonely. While crossing the Drake, you're again greeted by the vast array of seabirds remembered from the passage south. But they seem a little more familiar to you now, and you to them.




## DAY 19: Disembarkation in Ushuaia

Every adventure, no matter how grand, must eventually come to an end. It's now time to disembark in Ushuaia, but with memories that will accompany you wherever your next adventure lies.




## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

<b>Accommodation</b>	Cabin on board a ship
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<b>Inclusions</b>	<p><b>INCLUSIONS</b>            Cabin Accommodation on board MV Hondius            All meals throughout the voyage aboard the ship including snacks, coffee and tea            All shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage by Zodiac            Program of lectures by noted naturalists and leadership by experienced expedition staff            Free use of rubber boots and snowshoes            Group departure transfers in Ushuaia (directly after disembarkation)            All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the programme            Comprehensive pre-departure material            Access to 1.5 GB of free internet connectivity per person, which resets every 24 hours. Supplementary vouchers available to purchase on onboard. Subject to satellite coverage</p> <p><b>EXCLUSIONS</b>            Airfares to/from disembarkation city            Visa &amp; passport fees (if applicable)            Travel insurance            Beverages (other than tea &amp; coffee)            Meals ashore            Personal expenses such as laundry &amp; bar            Gratuities for the crew (guidelines will be provided)            Pre and post land arrangements            Government arrival or departure taxes (if applicable)            Additional optional activities</p>
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	2 (light adventure)
<b>Single Surcharge</b>	Available upon request. Please contact us for more details. No single supplement will apply if willing to share in selected cabins.
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Prices are based on per person, and may be based on quad/triple/twin share.            Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.            Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.</p>
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	Departure Date, Fuel Surcharges, Cabin Category, Currency Fluctuations, Seasonality & Availability.

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