

ANTARCTICA - ULTIMATE ANTARCTICA: FALKLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA & ANTARCTIC CIRCLE | OCEAN ENDEAVOUR



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INTRODUCTION

Hop onboard this once-in-a-lifetime 23-day epic expedition. Enjoy everything that Antarctica has to offer, visiting the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the Antarctic Peninsula, crossing the hardly visited Antarctic Circle!

Sail on one of the longest Antarctica trips available, that really allows you to see absolutely everything that the White Continent has to offer. Explore 'The End of the World', marveling at ice floes and glaciers. Visit the wildlife mecca that is South Georgia and see colonies of thousands of king penguins. The onboard expedition team are ready to get you out in zodiac boats to explore the continent and while you are at sea and onboard the ship you will take part in interesting and educational presentations. Watch out for soaring albatross, whales migrating and seals seeking their next meal as you pass by icebergs and towering ice shelves. The ultimate achievement of this expedition will be reaching latitude 66°33'S, crossing the legendary Antarctic Circle, an experience very few adventurers have been lucky enough to partake in. Enjoy optional experiences including day paddling among the ice, expert workshops to hone your photography skills and camping on the ice, marveling at the stars and the silence as you spend the night hunkering down.

Enjoy this amazing journey, which is sure to be a trip to remember for a lifetime.




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DAY 1: Ushuaia, Argentina

Welcome to Ushuaia, Argentina - the gateway to the Great White Continent and the world's southernmost city. On arrival look for a representative who will be holding a sign with the ship's name on it who will escort you to the included transfer. If you cannot find the representative then please refer to the emergency contact information on your final documentation. Once you arrive at your hotel, you're free to explore. Tonight, you'll have the option to meet your fellow travellers for an optional icebreaker. If you have some spare time, maybe head downtown for some early souvenir shopping or taste some classic Argentinian flavours at one of the local restaurants. Ushuaia is affectionately known as 'The End of the World', so you can really soak up that unforgettable I'm-so-far-from-home moment among the impressive backdrop of snow-capped mountains. If you meet some fellow travellers along the way, why not hit a cosy dinner spot or local bar and theorise on what your upcoming adventure may hold? Please note: An arrival transfer from the airport on Day 1 is included in your voyage fare



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DAY 2: Embarkation in Ushuaia

After breakfast, the morning is yours to explore windswept Ushuaia. Stroll through the quaint town with a camera or grab a last-minute necessity (you haven't forgotten your waterproof pants and gloves, have you?) In the afternoon, you'll transfer to the port of Ushuaia and hop aboard the Ocean Endeavour - your home on the sea for the next 22 days. After greeting your fellow passengers and Expedition Team and settling into your cabin, set sail through the historic Beagle Channel towards Antarctica. Find the perfect spot to soak up the incredible views, as you catch your last sight of Argentina - then, head inside to join the excitement and learn more about what's to come on this Antarctic adventure. This evening is a great opportunity to explore the ship (and its amenities) and enjoy a delicious dinner at Polaris restaurant with your new crew.




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DAY 3: At Sea - Day 3

With nothing but you and the blue horizon for the next couple of days, your time at sea is the perfect chance to take advantage of all the amenities and activities on board. Spot seabirds from the sundeck, lounge in the day spa and sauna, keep warm in the gym and jacuzzi or study up in the Polar library. There will also be a series of lectures and presentations throughout the days aboard, so you can really sink your teeth into the local geography, environment and wildlife. Prepare for your expedition by attending comprehensive presentations from the Expedition Team, which highlight the dramatic history of upcoming spots, as well as the potential wildlife sightings that may await you. Up on deck, keep an eye out for wandering albatross on their migration route, as well as breaching whales and other mighty mammals. In the evenings, cosy up with a drink at the bar and get to know your shipmates.



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DAY 4: Falkland Islands - Day 4 & 5

This morning, you'll approach The Falklands - a wildlife photographer's dream. Here, you can find the largest black-browed albatross colony in the world, as well as five species of penguins who breed on the islands (including gentoo, king, macaroni, Magellanic and rockhopper). As you approach the ruggedly beautiful archipelago, keep the camera ready to capture not only the abundant wildlife, but also the breathtaking scenery. East Falkland and West Falkland have so much to offer and provide a rare opportunity to witness the biological diversity, extraordinary landscapes and rich history of the southern islands. Learn about the intriguing and controversial past of the Falkland Islands from local experts, as you explore the quaint capital of Stanley. Near the town, you may see southern giant petrels, Falkland steamer ducks, kelp gulls, dolphin gulls, black-crowned night herons, red-backed hawks, peregrine falcons and turkey vultures! A spot of birdwatching, anyone? Witness an ever-changing horizon, with wetlands, lakes and rolling peaks waiting to be trekked. Weather permitting, you may explore Saunders Island, the second-largest island in the Falklands, and The Neck, a narrow peninsula with sandy beaches and subtle cliff faces. The rookery stretches along the northern slopes of Saunders Island and is one of the largest black-browed albatross nesting colonies in the area. This is where the mighty birds nest in the cliffs, around October, with their chicks hatching about ten weeks later.



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DAY 6: At Sea - Days 6 & 7

Farewell the Falkland Islands and sail towards South Georgia. From the history and geology to the incredible wildlife, this next stop has a lot to offer. South Georgia Island is known for its thousands of nesting penguins, leopard seals, snow-capped peaks and otherworldly landscapes. From the cosy innards of the ship, you can engage in a few presentations to prepare for your next stop. From the outer decks, scan the horizon for seabirds and other passing wildlife. Why not take this opportunity to hit the jacuzzi or day spa for a bit of wellness action, too?



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DAY 8: South Georgia - Days 8-11

Over the next few days, you'll explore the island of South Georgia, once the homestead of whalers and isolated explorers - now, a protected site with dedicated Antarctic research teams. You'll explore a variety of different landing sites and learn about the history of Sir Ernest Shackleton, known for his incredible survival during a failed expedition south. Shackleton led the British Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition between 1914 and 1916 and planned to cross Antarctica from a base on the Weddell Sea to McMurdo Sound, via the South Pole with his crew.

However, Endurance became trapped in ice off the Caird Coast and eventually sank, which began this epic story of survival. Through months of hard trekking, improvising and incredible leadership, Shackleton and all his men survived.

It's on these very shores in South Georgia that Shackleton landed his crew of the James Caird, in search of help for the rest of his party, who were stranded back on Elephant Island. You'll eral days retracing some of Shackleton's steps, as well as visiting his grave at the ex-whaling station of Grytviken, located on the east side. Wander among hundreds of thousands of king penguins in the dramatic South Georgian light, visit old whaling stations and enjoy educational presentations on the then and now of the area. Across the island, you'll see dark volcanic beaches backgrounded by hanging glaciers and have the chance for day hikes among alpine lakes. Optional activities like day paddling, kayaking and expert photography lessons may be available, too. Please note: Potential excursions and landing sites are determined by weather and ice conditions and cannot be guaranteed in advance.

Kayaking and other optional extra excursions must be booked in advance. Additional costs apply and space is limited. Please speak to an Intrepid booking agent for more information. Beginners interested in kayaking should take an introductory course prior to the voyage, including how to complete a wet exit. Regardless of your experience, we recommend you take part in some kayaking practice prior to the voyage to ensure that you are comfortable on the water in icy conditions. Kayaking adventures are only conducted during calm weather.



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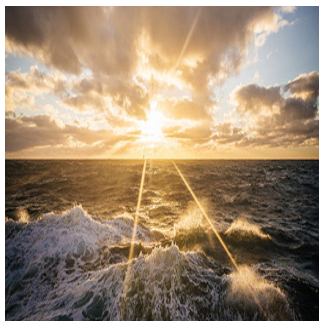
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DAY 12: At Sea - Days 12 & 13

During your next couple of days at sea, take in the stunning panoramic views from the observation lounge or the spacious decks and make the most of the onboard facilities. Whether you're looking for a quiet place to reflect, or somebody to help you edit your photos of the penguin colonies, the Ocean Endeavour has something for you. Rejuvenate mind and body with one of the invigorating 'floe' yoga and meditation classes or indulge in a massage or facial at the day spa. You may want to take this opportunity to relax and recharge or play a few (hundred) games of cards at the bar with your shipmates. Whatever takes your fancy - the ship is yours to explore.



DAY 14: S. Shetland Islands & Antarctica - Days 18

Today, you'll voyage south towards continental Antarctica. An average day on board begins with a wake-up call from your Expedition Leader at around 7 am. This gives you time to get ready before joining your fellow expeditioners for breakfast. Usually, you'll have two excursions per day - in the morning and the afternoon, with lunch served on the Ocean Endeavour in between. For the next five days, you'll dedicate your time to searching for wildlife, both from land and from Zodiacs for smaller-group sails. Soak up the unforgettable vistas at every turn and take every opportunity that awaits you. With multiple landing sites available, your Expedition Team will work out the best places to stop, taking into account the wild-and-woolly elements, accessibility options and any wildlife sighting possibilities. There may also be the chance for snowshoeing, day paddle excursions and camping adventures, which are all weather and timing dependent.



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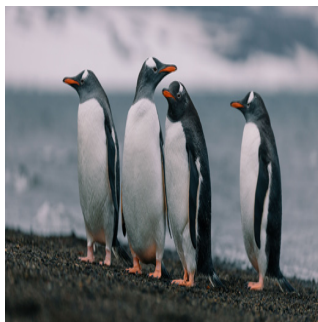
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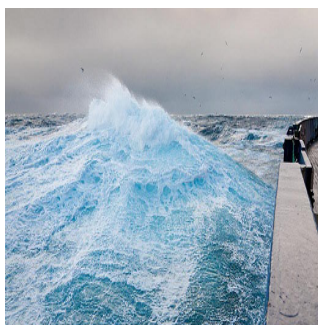
DAY 19: Antarctic Circle - Days 19-20

Venturing to the ends of the earth is a moment to revel in, as not all expeditions venture this far south. If weather conditions permit, a celebration will be in order after reaching latitude 66°33'S and crossing the fabled Antarctic Circle. Toast to the sheer rawness of the surroundings and take it all in! While not a typical landing, the crossing of the Antarctic Circle leaves a lasting memory. You'll travel past colossal icebergs, to a point only a few travellers have ever sailed. Here in the Antarctic Circle, you may see Weddell seals, specially adapted to this icy environment. They use their canines and incisors to rasp open new ice, using the holes to breathe. They also have extremely accurate powers of navigation, to seek out breathing holes when their teeth are worn down and they are no longer able to maintain or create holes in the ice.



DAY 21: At Sea - Drake Passage - Days 21 & 22

Settle back into your comfortable surroundings aboard for the return journey across the Drake Passage. The Ocean Endeavour will track north towards Cape Horn and your destination in Ushuaia, Argentina. During this time, you can attend more onboard lectures and enjoy a slideshow of images captured by our Expedition photographer during your voyage - yours as a memento of your epic Antarctic expedition. These are sure to make your nature snaps the best they can be. Now is also the chance to catch up with your shipmates and share stories about your voyage over a meal or a drink at the bar.



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DAY 23: Disembarkation in Ushuaia

Your Antarctic adventure draws to a close as you disembark the Ocean Endeavour following breakfast. Farewell your fellow guests and your Expedition Team and join a transfer to Ushuaia airport for your onward journey (included for selected flight departures today) or to the city centre of Ushuaia, where you can make your way to your hotel if you are extending your stay and want to spend some more time exploring this incredible part of the world. With much to see and do in this quaint 'End of the World' town, including the Museo Maritimo, Avenida San Martin or even an adventurous hike to the Martial Glacier, your adventure doesn't have to end here. If you would like to stay additional nights in Ushuaia, please speak to your booking agent. Please note: A transfer to the city centre after disembarkation OR a transfer to the airport for onward flights (for selected departures today only) is included. If you are extending your stay or do not meet the requirements for the included transfers then we can arrange transportation at an additional cost, please discuss this with your booking agent. You are advised not to book a flight out of Ushuaia before midday on disembarkation day, in case of delays caused by unfavourable weather conditions. Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors



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INCLUSIONS

All meals onboard the Ocean Endeavour including snacks
 Accommodation onboard the Ocean Endeavour in booked cabin category
 Onboard lecture program from Expeditions Team and Naturalists
 All applicable shore excursions and Zodiac cruising (except paid adventure options with cost)
 Use of rubber boots on land and use of waterproof outer shell jacket
 Insulated inner jacket, yours to keep at the end of the voyage
 Transfer from Ushuaia airport to hotel (Day 1) and pre-night hotel with breakfast
 Transfer from Ushuaia hotel accommodation to the Ocean Endeavour for embarkation
 Transports to Ushuaia airport on return to port
 All port taxes
 All landing fees
 Use of onboard gym, sauna, pool and jacuzzi and onboard yoga

Inclusions

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International or internal flights unless specified
 Airport transfers, taxes and excess baggage charges unless specified
 Meals other than those specified in the pre-departure information
 Pre or post cruise travel expenses
 Visa (if applicable) and passport fees
 Travel insurance (compulsory)
 Fuel surcharge may be applied to all bookings
 Paid adventure options and all personal expenses
 Tobacco, alcoholic or beverages (other than coffee and tea)
 Miscellaneous extras
 Laundry and communication charges on board
 Gratuities for Expedition team and crew (recommended US\$15 per person per day)
 For minors under 16 years of age at time of travel; life jackets, waterproof outer shell jacket, insulated inner jacket and boots
 For guests who require larger sizing; Waterproof outer shell jacket, insulated inner jacket and rubber boots

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

Single Surcharge

Available on request. No single supplement if willing to share. Contact us for more details.

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Notes	<p>Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated for triple/quad cabins)</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	<p>Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.</p>

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