



TRIP CODE

ACABSOO

DEPARTURE

03/11/2025

DURATION

15 Days

LOCATIONS

Falkland Islands & Antarctic Peninsula



INTRODUCTION

EARLY-BIRD OFFER - SAVE UP TO 15% ON 2025/26 ANTARCTICA SEASON!*

Discover the breathtaking splendor of Antarctica and the intriguing Falkland Islands during an incredible 15-day journey. Enormous with fauna, customs, and heritage, take in the grandeur of some of the planet's least-traveled yet most breathtaking locations! This exciting journey will take the brave few to see the breathtaking beauty of Antarctica and the wonder of the Falkland Islands, departing from the vibrant capital of Uruguay, Montevideo. We will head south from Montevideo in the direction of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas). The Falklands, a British Overseas Territory, provide a distinctive fusion of southern wildness and British civilization (think red phone boxes and tea), with penguins playing with sheep on historic battlegrounds. See enormous colonies of penguins, watch albatrosses soar overhead, and take in the sight of marine life playing in the waves. Discover the way of life in Stanley, the capital of the island, which is home to more than fifty different nationalities despite its small size. Get to know the residents and experience this unique city!

We will next go across the notorious Drake Passage and explore the inlets and bays of the Antarctic Peninsula, where glistening ice cliffs and sheer peaks rise straight out of the icy water, leaving civilization behind in the Falkland Islands. This exquisitely stunning extraterrestrial terrain is characterized by icebergs, glaciers, mountains, and untamed snowfields. We usually try to get to places that highlight the finest of Antarctica, and we keep an eye out for wildlifeâ\degredfeathery companions and breathtaking views and landscapes are a given! Our days will be filled with shore visits and zodiac excursions, and our experienced aboard Expedition Team will provide a variety of well tailored lectures to enhance your unparalleled expedition experience.



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.

*Early-Bird Offer valid on 2025/26 Antarctica Season: Save up to 15% on all available cabin types on all 2025/26 Antarctic season departures. This offer applies to new bookings and cannot be combined with any other promotions, discounts, or group deals. Offer is valid until 31 August 2024 unless withdrawn, sold out or varied prior, further conditions may apply, please contact us for more information and availability.

*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.

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ITINERARY

DAY 1: Montevideo, Uruguay & Embarkation

The city of Montevideo sits at the mouth of the Rio de la Plata, the vast estuary which holds not one but two capital cities (the vast Argentine capital of Buenos Aires being just across the water). Montevideo is a bustling yet laid back city, where locals sip yerba mate strolling along the sea front, and the smell of asado barbeque drifts on the ocean breezes. At the heart of the city lies the harbour, where Ocean Victory awaits. After our mandatory safety drill, our expedition begins as we navigate through the calm waters of the Rio de la Plata. Soak up the sun on the outer decks as we leave South America behind, setting a course towards the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas).





DAY 2: At Sea - Days 2 to 4

Following the ocean currents of the South Atlantic, we head towards the rarely-visited Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas). While the indigenous Yaghan people of Tierra del Fuego may have visited the islands, the Falkland Islands had no indigenous population when Europeans arrived in the early 16th Century. The islands' sovereignty has been contested ever since, with historical Spanish, French, British and Argentine claims. Tensions resulted in a conflict over the islands between Britain and Argentina in 1982, which left a lasting impact on the islands. While it spurred much-needed development assistance from the United Kingdom, the conflict also left much of the islands heavily mined. Since the conflict however, the islands have flourished, selling lucrative fishing rights to their rich waters. The de-mining operation was completed in 2020, celebrated by a football match on the last patch of de-mined ground between the islands' Governer and the Zimbabwean de-mining team who have made the Falklands their home. The waters around the Falklands are some of the richest in the world, with huge whale, seal and penguin populations feeding where cold Antarctic waters meet the warmer waters of the South Atlantic, so keep binoculars at the ready. Otherwise, join your Expedition Team lecturers to hear about these islands' fascinating history, biology and unique 'Kelper' (as the locals call themselves) culture.



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DAY 5: Falkland Islands - Days 5 & 6

On our first day in the Falklands we will venture to some of the outer islands in the West Falklands - 'Camp', as the locals call the area outside Stanley. The outer islands of the Falklands are much wilder and more remote than the mainland, and host the majority of the islands' wildlife. Islands such as West Point, Carcass and Saunders are well known for their spectacular wildlife. Southern Rockhopper Penguins, Black-Browed Albatross and King Cormorants commonly nest together in vast cliffside colonies; penguins nurture their eggs and chicks in clefts between large cylindrical nests where cormorants and albatross nest. Be sure to look out above to see the vast albatross coming in to land (often less than gracefully)! The islands are home to a vast number of other bird species such as the endearingly cheeky Striated Caracara (watch all unattended possessions), and in the water Commerson's dolphins and South American sealions can be seen playing. During the following morning we will cast anchor in the sheltered natural harbor of Port Stanley in the early afternoon. Utilizing our Zodiacs, we will land in the centre of this small city. Stanley is the only settlement on the islands of any size, with a population of around two thousand people. Behind the colourful buildings in neat rows, look closer and you will notice a very distinctly British feel to Stanley - Victorian houses which could be on any swanky London terrace line the harbourfront; red telephone and post boxes stand by the jetty; whitewashed pubs serve fish and chips alongside foaming pints of ale. The Falkland Islanders are proud of their unique homeland and capital, and Stanley is a great place to explore and soak up the local vibe. Highlights in the city include Christchurch Cathedral, the southernmost Anglican cathedral on Earth, as well as excellent shops selling local products (watch out for high quality woollen good in particular!), cafes and pubs offering a warm welcome, and several excellent museums; visitors are spoiled for choice! A short drive or a pleasant walk from the city are several stunning beaches; formerly heavily mined, these are now open, and locals and foreigners alike often visit to see the abundant penguins and spectacular gold-white sands.



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DAY 7: Crossing the Drake Passage - Days 7 & 8

Sailing onward from Stanley, we cross the infamous Drake Passage - the body of water separating Patagonia and the Antarctic Peninsula. The Drake Passage is known for rollicking conditions and strong westerly winds, nicknamed the Furious Fifties. While this passage may be challenging, you can rest comfortably aboard our expedition vessels, which are purpose-built with stabilizers, powerful engines and manned by a highly-qualified crew. The most spirited sailors consider Drake Passage a lifetime achievement and you will complete the crossing twice! Our days in the Drake Passage will be put to good use preparing for our arrival in Antarctica - your Expedition Leader will brief you comprehensively on how to stay safe and minimise your impact on this precious wilderness, as well as briefing you thoroughly on our plans for our time spent exploring, including hints and tips for wildlife watching. Our dedicated Expedition Team will assist you to biosecure your clothing and equipment (a vital process to protect Antarctica's delicate ecology), as well as sharing tailored lectures on Antarctic exploration history, wildlife, geology, glaciology and more! We will cross into the Antarctic Convergence on our second day at sea from the Falkland Islands - watch the mercury plummet as we sail southwards into Antarctic waters, an abrupt cooling that marks the intersection of Antarctic waters with the warmer waters of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. As the sea cools, wildlife multiplies; these are some of the most biologically productive water on Earth, so expect to see petrels, albatrosses and potentially penguins, seals and whales in abundance.



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DAY 9: Antarctic Peninsula - Days 9 to 11

We will awake on the ninth day of our expedition to the glittering ice cliffs and drifitng icebergs of the Antarctic Peninsula. Our exact route will be subject to careful planning by the Expedition Leader and Captain, and explained to our guests through regular evening briefings. However we will aim to visit a range of sites which showcase the best of this staggeringly beautiful region. Consisting of the 'spine' of the Antarctic Peninsula and a large number of mountainous glaciated islands, the Gerlache Strait is what comes to mind when most people think of Antarctica, and will likely be the setting for our time in Antarctica. Marvel at the massive icebergs and vast glaciers on a Zodiac cruise in Paradise Bay. Be moved by penguins tenderly caring for their precious eggs, and fiercely defending their nests on Cuverville Island. Watch cataracts of ice tumble into clear blue ocean on a hike over the active glaciers of Neko Harbour. Experience the Antarctica of old at historic huts such as Damoy Point, lovingly restored and open to all. Feel the spray of water from the blow of a humpback whale on a Zodiac safari in Wilhelmina Bay. Wonder at awe-inspiring scenery on a ship cruise through the Lemaire Channel. Wherever we go on the Antarctic Peninsula, endemic wildlife. tantalising history and breathtaking natural beauty abound. On Antarctica, all human activity is subject to the whims of Mother Nature. While we will make every possible effort to maximise opportunities for exploration off the vessel, the safety of our guests and crew is our top priority. We therefore ask all our guests to join the expedition spirit and be flexible - harsh weather offers the opportunity to expand your knowledge of Antarctica with lectures from our expert Expedition Team, or to enjoy the superlative comfort of our vessels, be it wine-tasting, relaxing in the hot tubs, or recharging with a relaxing massage in our Polar Spa.



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DAY 12: South Shetland Islands

Our time in Antarctica concludes in the South Shetland Islands. This chain of rugged rocks marks the northernmost point of Antarctica, and the most exposed to the fury of the Southern Ocean. Because of this, it is also one of the richest in terms of wildlife, with large Gentoo and Chinstrap Penguin colonies, and an abundance of large seabirds such as predatory Giant Petrels. The epic ice-clad mountains of Livingstone, Greenwich and King George Islands form a spectacular backdrop to an otherwise stark landscape. Sites which may be visited in the South Shetland Islands include the black steaming sands and rusting ruins of Deception Island (an active volcanic crater), the bustling penguin colonies of Aitcho and Half Moon Islands, or the old sealers' anchorage of Yankee Harbour. From the South Shetland Islands, we will venture back into the Drake Passage, setting a course for Uhsuaia, Argentina.



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DAY 13: Crossing the Drake Passage - Days 13 &

After departing Antarctica, we will spend two days at sea on our way northwards, back across the infamous Drake Passage towards the more welcoming shores of the Beagle Channel and Ushuaia, Argentina. During our time at sea, a variety of activities will be arranged on board to provide our guests with the chance to reflect on their voyage. Relax with an expertly crafted cocktail in the Nordic Bar in the company of new friends, soak up the knowledge and passion of our Expedition Team during lectures in the Shackleton Lounge, or simply enjoy the flight of the albatross which accompany us northwards. During your last evening onboard, join the Captain and Officers for the Farewell Cocktail Party, followed by a presentation of photos and video by our onboard photographer - the ideal opportunity to re-live your Antarctic adventure.





DAY 15: Disembarkation in Ushuaia

On the morning of the final day of our voyage, we will arrive back at the pier of Ushuaia, Argentina. Trees, grass and a busy city may seem strange to you after the white wilderness of Antarctica. After a hearty breakfast, it is time to bid a fond farewell to the Crew and descend the gangway back to dry land with memories of the voyage of a lifetime. Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Cabin on board ship



INCLUSIONS

Stateroom accommodation on board during your voyage Embarkation shuttle transfer to the vessel from Montevideo city centre

Shuttle transfer after disembarkation from the ship to Ushuaia city centre or airport

All Zodiac excursions, as per itinerary, guided by our Expedition Team

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Rubber boots loan scheme

Briefings and lectures by our Expedition Leader and

Team

English-speaking Expedition Team

Full board on the ship - breakfast, lunch, dinner and

Complimentary house wine, beer and soda at dinner (selected labels and brands, served at our a-la-carte dinners)

Free tea and coffee available 24 hours

Taxes and landing fees Special photo workshops

Welcome and Farewell Cocktail Parties

Digital visual journal link distributed after the voyage, including voyage log, gallery, species list and more!

EXCLUSIONS

International or internal flights flights

Extra excursions and optional 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 16 per person per

aay)

Personal expenses (e.g. Polar Spa services, Ocean

Boutique purchases)

Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac landings and excursions

Laundry, bar, and other personal charges, unless specified

Travel and medical insurance (compulsory)

Pre or post cruise travel expenses Visa (if applicable) and passport fees

Fuel surcharge may be applied to all bookings Anything not mentioned under 'Inclusions'

Difficulty Rating 2 (light adventure)

Single SurchargeAvailable on request. No single supplement if willing to share (select cabins only). Contact us for more details.

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Inclusions



Prices are based on per person, and may be based off quad/triple/ or twin share cabins* (please contact us for

more details)

Notes 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.

Price Dependent upon

Departure Date, Fuel Surcharges, Cabin Category,

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Currency Fluctuations, Seasonality & Availability.

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