

ANTARCTICA - FALKLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA & ANTARCTICA FROM SANTIAGO | SEA SPIRIT



INTRODUCTION


Fly from Santiago to Stanley, to begin an incredible 17-day journey through the untamed beauty of the Falklands, the wildlife haven of South Georgia, and the breathtaking Antarctic Peninsula. Discover windy plains, come across huge penguin and seal colonies, and be in awe of the immaculate glaciers and towering icebergs. Enjoy daily excursions, knowledgeable lectures from your expedition team, and the warm hospitality of your ship crew throughout an unforgettable voyage to some of the world's most secluded and breathtaking locations.

SPECIAL GUEST RICK SAMMON - Award-winning photographer

Rick started his professional photography career as an underwater photographer. He easily transitioned into travel, landscape, wildlife, cultural and nature photography. Rick's images, from his travels to more than 100 countries, have been published in numerous newspapers and magazines, and have been featured in his 39 books. Rick will provide a photo workshop and be available for tips and advice all with the objective of helping you capture the mood and feeling of the expedition. His wife Susan will also offer instructions on better smart phone photography.

Rick also teaches image processing on the ship, helping transform snapshots into great, memorable shots. In recognition of his talent and influence, Rick has been named a Canon Explorer of Light. Rick is also a Westcott Top Pro Elite. You might also catch Rick at the piano or with his guitar in the lounge!

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DAY 1: Fly to Port Stanley and Embarkation

Fly from Santiago to Stanley, the charmingly British capital of the Falkland Islands. Attractions within pleasant walking distance along the waterfront promenade include the Falkland Islands Museum, the governor's house, a cathedral with impressive whalebone arch outside, a war memorial, quality gift shops, pubs, and views of shipwrecks in the harbor. We provide a group transfer to the pier and welcome you aboard the deluxe expedition ship M/V Sea Spirit. Explore the ship and get comfortable in your home away from home for the extraordinary adventure to come. Note: We recommend arriving in Santiago de Chile a day early to rest after your long flight before embarking on our Subantarctic adventure. Your Destination Specialist will help you arrange your pre-cruise night (not included), and any other services you require.



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DAY 2: Falkland Islands

The remote and sparsely-populated Falkland Islands are a birders' paradise. We anticipate visiting one or more of the isolated outer islands on the south of the archipelago which are particularly important for their colonies of cormorants and different breeding birds that have been recorded there, including Magellanic, southern rockhopper, macaroni and gentoo penguin. The Falklands are also a great place to observe marine mammals. The waters around the archipelago are home to various whale and dolphin species. Our route and exploration opportunities are dependent on weather among these windswept islands.



DAY 3: At Sea towards South Georgia - Day 3 & 4

From the Falkland Islands we head east toward South Georgia. We will cross the Antarctic Convergence, the biological boundary of the Southern Ocean. Briefings, bio-security procedures, and lectures from our expert staff prepare you for our arrival in South Georgia.




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DAY 5: South Georgia Island - Day 5 to 8

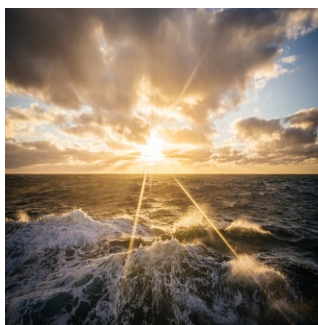
This is expedition cruising at its most authentic. Our route and exploration opportunities in South Georgia are heavily dependent on the weather conditions we encounter. Our experienced captain and expedition leader decide the itinerary and continually adjust plans as conditions and opportunities warrant. You can be sure that the best possible advantage will be taken of the circumstances presented to us by Nature in this wild and remote corner of the world. We take every safe opportunity to go ashore in this amazing place. South Georgia is a scenic wilderness and an unrivalled paradise for subantarctic wildlife viewing. The islands are said to host upwards of 100 million seabirds, including numerous species of albatross, penguins, prions, petrels, and terns. On beaches such as those at Salisbury Plain and St. Andrews Bay, over 100,000 elephant seals and three million fur seals jostle for space among innumerable penguins including stately king penguins and sprightly macaroni penguins. The recently completed rat eradication program is sure to make this wilderness even more pristine and rich with birdlife. The bountiful waters surrounding South Georgia are also inhabited by an increasing number of whales. The historical whaling station of Grytviken is now home to the excellent South Georgia Museum managed by the South Georgia Heritage Trust. This is also the final resting place of Ernest Shackleton, the legendary polar explorer. Our days in South Georgia are filled with memorable excursions, sumptuous meals, presentations by our experts, and enough incredible scenery and wildlife to fill your camera and overwhelm your emotions.



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DAY 9: At Sea towards Antarctica - Day 9 & 10

After our amazing time in South Georgia we proceed southwest toward the Antarctic Peninsula. Pelagic seabirds including the majestic albatross are common in these waters and can readily be viewed from panoramic open decks or from exterior stateroom windows and balconies.




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DAY 11: Antarctica - Day 11 to 14

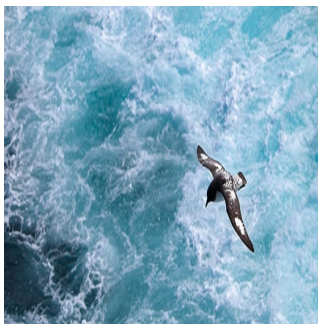
The wilderness of Antarctica is subject to unpredictable weather and ever-changing ice conditions, which dictate our route and exploration opportunities. This is a real expedition. We exploit every opportunity to experience excellent wildlife viewing, amazing scenery, and excursions via Zodiac. The Antarctic Peninsula region contains some of the world's most impressive scenery and some of Antarctica's best wildlife viewing opportunities. Protected bays and narrow channels are surrounded by towering mountain peaks covered in permanent snow and immense glaciers. Icebergs of every size and description complete an image of incomparable beauty. Waters rich with krill are home to a variety of whale and seal species. The whole area is alive with penguins foraging at sea and forming large nesting colonies at special places on land. The area is also home to Antarctic research stations of various nationalities. The South Shetland Islands are the northernmost islands in Antarctica and will likely be our first sighting of land. This wild and beautiful island chain contains numerous landing sites with abundant wildlife and historical significance. Among them is Elephant Island, where men from Shackleton's famous Endurance expedition spent the winter.



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DAY 15: Crossing the Drake Passage - Day 15 & 16

From Antarctica we head north through the Drake Passage toward South America. Presentations and workshops by our expert staff, as well as our range of onboard recreation facilities, ensure that these days at sea are not idly spent. This is also the time for our End of Voyage ceremonies including slideshow and farewell dinner.



DAY 17: Disembarkation in Ushuaia

After breakfast we say farewell in the city of Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. We provide a group transfer to the airport or to the town center if you wish to spend more time here. As you look back on your wonderful experience in Antarctica, you may already be looking forward to your next incredible adventure to the ice!



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin On board a Ship
Inclusions	<p>INCLUSIONS Santiago - Stanley flight on the day of embarkation; Group transfer from the airport to the ship for embarkation on Day 1 Cabin on board the Sea Spirit IAATO fees and governmental taxes. All meals on board throughout the voyage Tea and coffee station 24 hours daily All scheduled landings/excursions (subject to weather and ice conditions) Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Leader & Expedition Team Branded Poseidon Expeditions parka (to keep) Rubber boots for shore landings for the time of the cruise Welcome and Farewell cocktails All port fees Group transfer to airport or central location right after disembarkation Pre-departure materials Digital Voyage Log Wi-Fi on board</p> <p>EXCLUSIONS International or internal flights unless specified 1 pre-voyage hotel night in Santiago de Chile before flight to Stanley Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages other than those for special events and celebrations Airport transfers, taxes and excess baggage charges unless specified Visa, passport and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel Insurance - Mandatory Emergency Evacuation Insurance to a minimum benefit of US\$ 200,000 per person Personal expenses such as laundry Gratuities for the crew (recommend US\$15 per person per day) Optional Activities such as kayaking and camping Fuel surcharge may be applied for all bookings Pre or post cruise travel expenses Any meals not mentioned</p>
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)

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Single Surcharge	Available upon request, contact us for more details. Sharing is available in Triple, Main Deck, Classic, and Superior Suites. If you prefer a cabin for yourself, the following categories are available with the single supplement at: x1.7 for Main Deck, Classic, and Superior Suites x2 for Deluxe, Premium, and Owner's Suite
Notes	Prices are based on per person, and may be based off triple/or twin share cabins* (please contact us for more details). 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, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

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