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# ANTARCTICA



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EXPEDITIONS

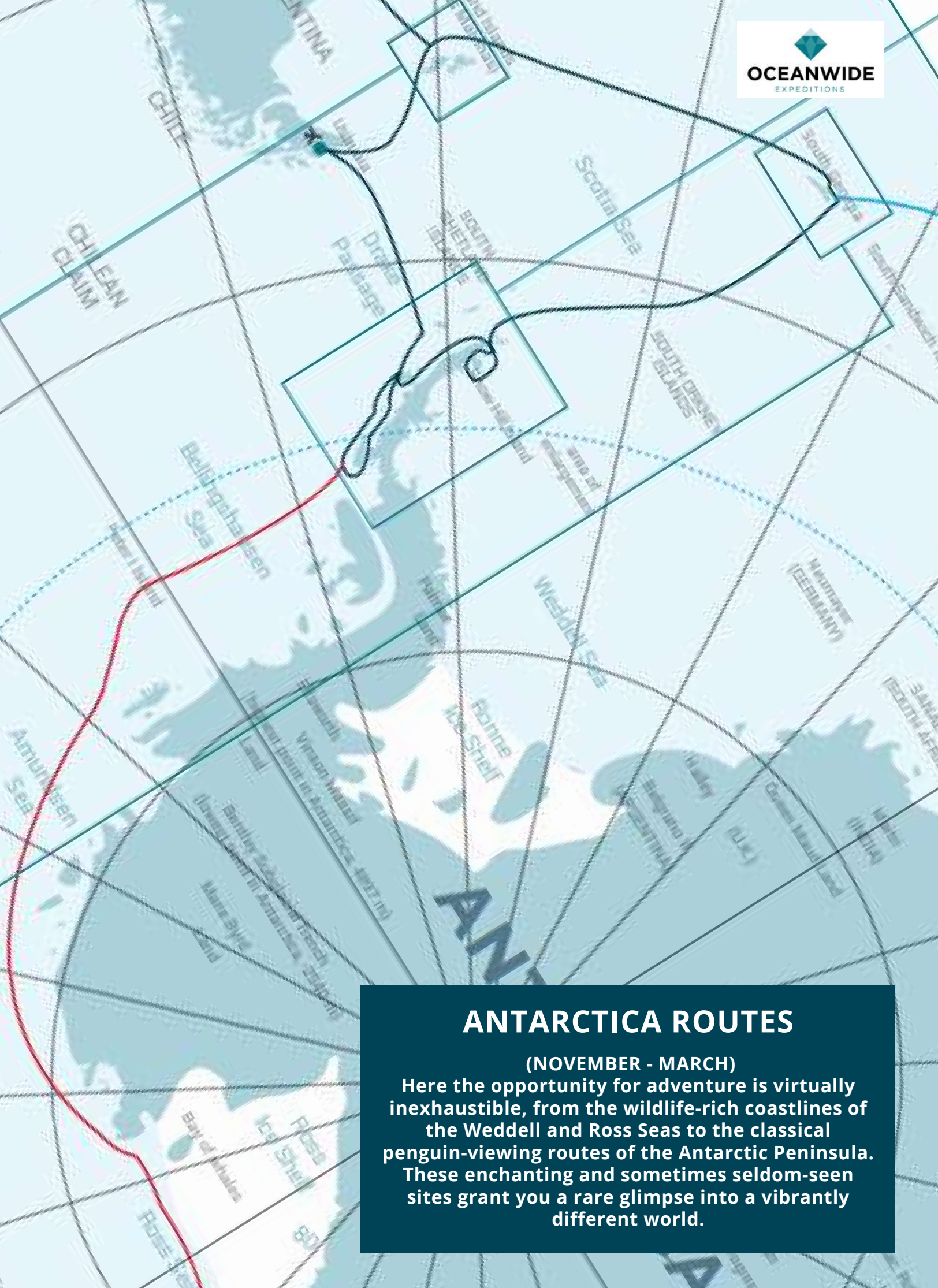
**LET'S GO EXPLORING**  
**TAKING YOU THERE IS WHY WE'RE HERE**



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**OCEANWIDE EXPEDITIONS**  
OPERATES ITS OWN FLEET OF  
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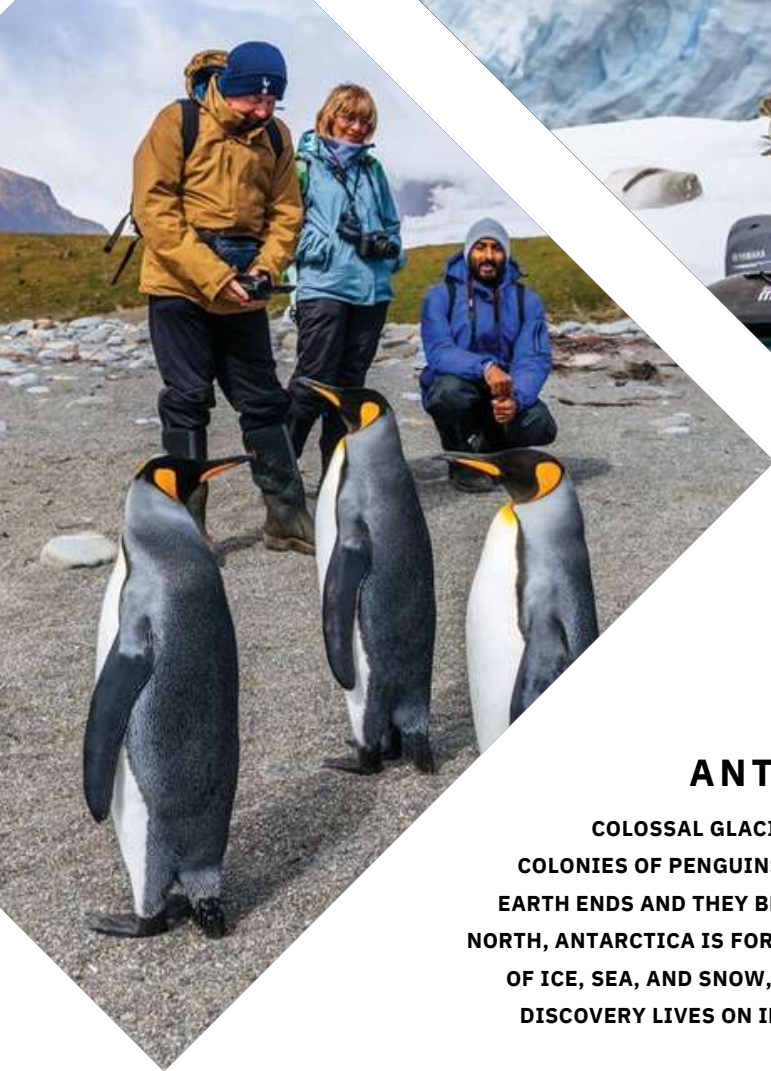
**PIONEERS OF SHIP-BASED  
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BASECAMP ANTARCTICA.  
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TAKE TRAVELERS TO THE ARCTIC  
ISLAND OF SPITSBERGEN.



## ANTARCTICA ROUTES

(NOVEMBER - MARCH)

Here the opportunity for adventure is virtually inexhaustible, from the wildlife-rich coastlines of the Weddell and Ross Seas to the classical penguin-viewing routes of the Antarctic Peninsula. These enchanting and sometimes seldom-seen sites grant you a rare glimpse into a vibrantly different world.



## ANTARCTICA

COLOSSAL GLACIERS, PEAK-FRINGED BAYS,  
COLONIES OF PENGUINS SO VAST YOU CAN'T TELL WHERE  
EARTH ENDS AND THEY BEGIN. WHAT THE ARCTIC IS FOR THE  
NORTH, ANTARCTICA IS FOR THE SOUTH – A SURREAL WILDERNESS  
OF ICE, SEA, AND SNOW, WHERE THE DAUNTLESS SPIRIT OF  
DISCOVERY LIVES ON IN ITS TITANIC, UNTAMED BEAUTY.

The Antarctic Peninsula, Ross and Weddell Seas, and the remote sub-Antarctic islands of the Falklands, and South Georgia make up this extraordinary program. Just a few of the locals you might see include blue whales, leopard seals, and more seabirds than you can count.

Come with us and explore the wildest jewel of the far Southern Hemisphere.

## DOWN SOUTH



# POLAR FLEET

## VESSELS, ZODIACS, AND HELICOPTERS

OUR FLEET IS OUR PRIDE AND JOY, MADE UP OF ICE-STRENGTHENED VESSELS FULLY OUTFITTED FOR BRINGING YOU SAFELY AND SWIFTLY TO THE MOST INCREDIBLE LANDING SITES IN THE POLAR REGIONS. THOUGH NOT INTENDED TO BE LUXURY VESSELS, THESE VESSELS ARE COZY AND COMFORTABLE AND FULLY STOCKED WITH THE FINEST CUISINE POSSIBLE IN THE ARCTIC AND ANTARCTICA.

ON TOP OF BEING SOME OF THE MOST STRUCTURALLY FORTIFIED AND TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED SHIPS ON THE POLAR SEAS, OUR VESSELS ALLOW YOU TO KICK BACK AND ENJOY WHAT YOU REALLY CAME TO EXPERIENCE: THE WONDROUS BEAUTY OF THE POLAR WILDERNESS AND THE WILDLIFE THAT CALLS IT HOME.



**M/V PLANCIUS**



**Registered:** The Netherlands  
**Length:** 89 meters  
**Breadth:** 14.5 meters  
**Draft:** 5 meters  
**Ice class:** 1D  
**Displacement:** 3,211 tons

**Propulsion:** 3x Diesel-Electric  
**Average cruising speed:** 10,5 knots  
**Passengers:** 108 in 52 cabins  
**Crew, guides, doctor:** 37 / 8 / 1  
Completely rebuilt in 2009



**M/V ORTELIUS**



**Registered:** The Netherlands  
**Length:** 90.95 meters  
**Breadth:** 17.20 meters  
**Draft:** 5.4 meters  
**Ice class:** UL1 (eq. to 1A)  
**Displacement:** 4,090 tons

**Propulsion:** 6 ZL 40/48 SULZER  
**Average cruising speed:** 10,5 knots  
**Passengers:** 108 in 52 cabins  
**Crew, guides, doctor:** 41 / 8 / 1  
Various decks refurbished 2012- 2015



## M/V HONDIUS



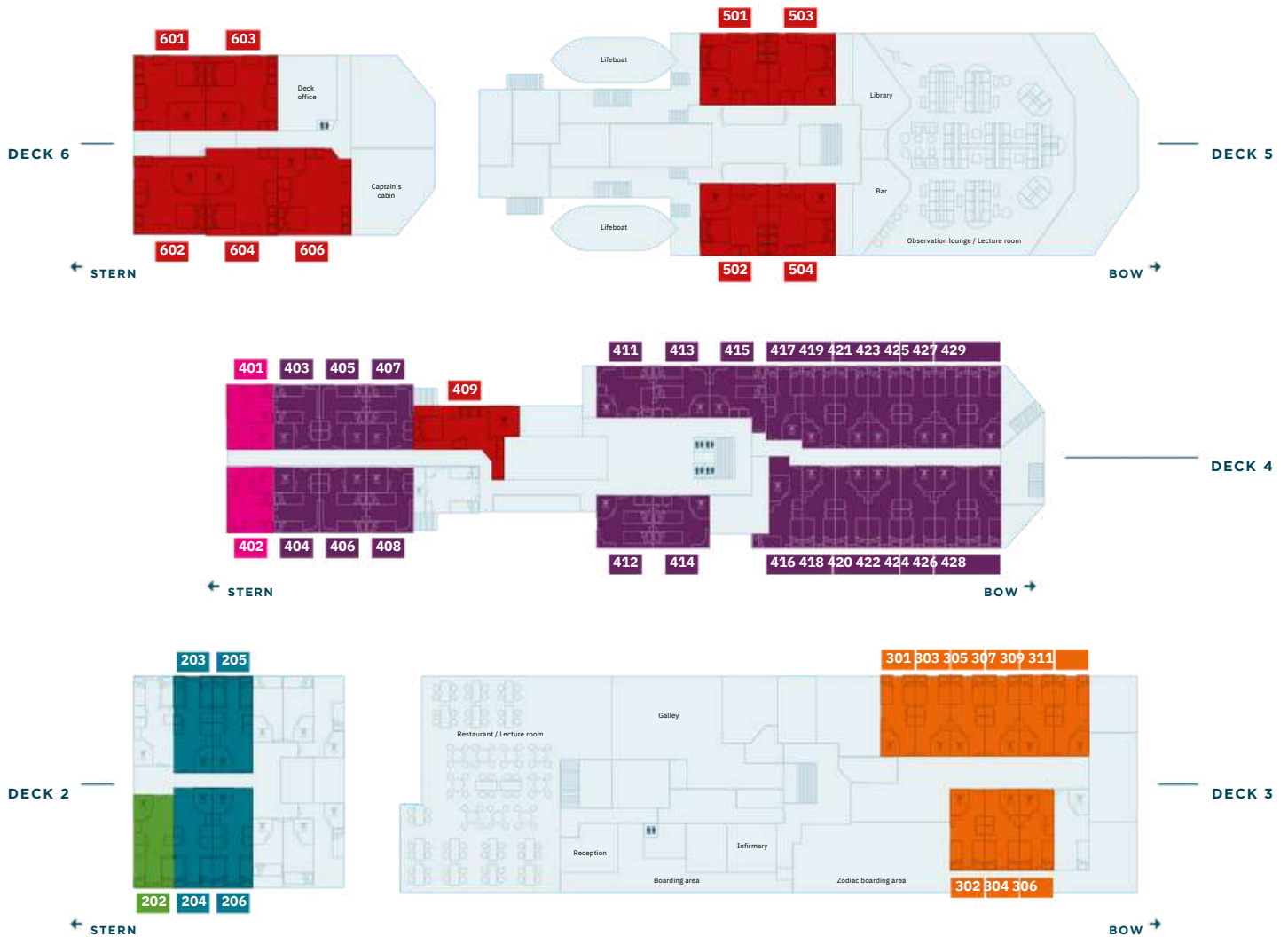
**Registered:** The Netherlands  
**Length:** 107.6 meters  
**Breadth:** 17.6 meters  
**Draft:** 5.3 meters  
**Ice class:** Polar Class 6  
(equivalent 1A-Super)  
**Displacement:** 5,590 tons

**Propulsion:** 2 x ABC main engines;  
total 4,200 kW  
**Design operation speed:** 15 knots  
**Passengers:** 170 in 80 cabins  
**Staff & crew:** 72  
New build 2019



# M/V PLANCIUS




## DECK PLAN, CABINS & PUBLIC SPACES





### M/V PLANCIUS DECK PLAN | OCEANWIDE EXPEDITIONS

#### ROOM TYPES BEDS

- Superior
- Twin Porthole
- Twin Deluxe
- Twin Porthole plus additional third bed
- Twin Window
- Quadruple Porthole bed

-  Upper/lower berth
-  Double bed
-  Lower berth

#### SANITARY

-  Toilet
-  Bathroom



# DECK PLAN & Cabins

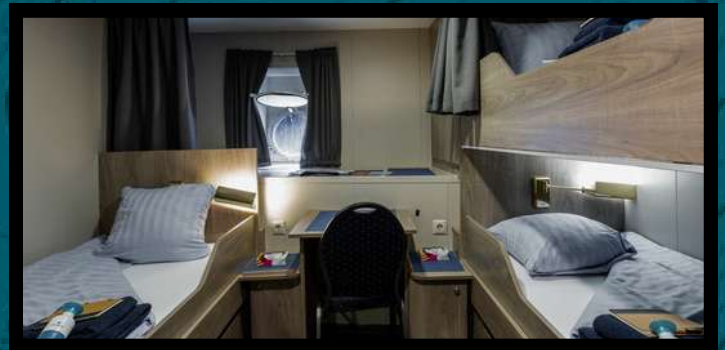


## QUAD PORTHOLE



- Cabin size 12 m<sup>2</sup>
- 2 upper & lower berths
- Private shower & toilet
- Desk & chair
- Flatscreen TV
- Telephone & WiFi (supplemented)
- Hair dryer
- Ample storage space
- Safe deposit box
- This cabin is suitable for families traveling with children, or passengers who do not require a twin or more luxurious cabin

- 1 upper berth & 2 lower berths
- Private shower & toilet
- Desk & chair
- Flatscreen TV
- Telephone & WiFi (supplemented)
- Hair dryer
- Safe deposit box
- Ample storage space
- This cabin is suitable for families traveling with children, or passengers who do not require a twin or more luxurious cabin



## TRIPLE PORTHOLE



- Cabin size 12 m<sup>2</sup>
- 1 porthole
- 2 lower berths
- Private shower & toilet
- Desk & chair
- Flatscreen TV
- Telephone & WiFi (supplemented)
- Hair dryer
- Safe deposit box
- Ample storage space



## TWIN PORTHOLE



- Cabin size between 12,5 m<sup>2</sup> and 13,5 m<sup>2</sup>
- 1 window
- 2 lower berths
- Private shower & toilet
- Desk & chair
- Flatscreen TV
- Telephone & WiFi (supplemented)
- Hair dryer
- Safe deposit box
- Ample storage space



### TWIN WINDOW



### TWIN DELUXE



- Cabin size 13,5 m<sup>2</sup>
- 2 windows
- 2 lower berths
- Private shower & toilet
- Desk & chair
- Flatscreen TV
- Telephone & WiFi (supplemented)
- Hair dryer
- Ample storage space
- Safe deposit box
- These cabins are corner cabins and are slightly more spacious than the normal twin porthole/window cabins

- Cabin size between 21 m<sup>2</sup> and 23 m<sup>2</sup>
- 2 windows
- 1 double bed
- 1 sofa bed
- Private shower & toilet
- Desk & chair
- Flatscreen TV
- Telephone & WiFi (supplemented)
- Refrigerator
- Coffee & tea maker
- Hair dryer
- Safe deposit box
- Ample storage space



### SUPERIOR



# PUBLIC Spaces



**BOW**



**DINING ROOM**



**LIBRARY**



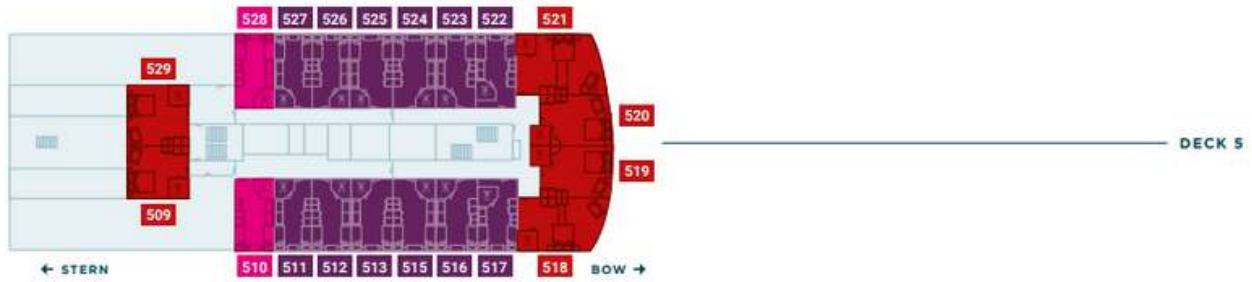
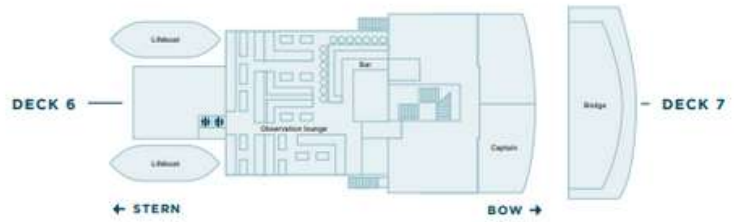
**OBSERVATION LOUNGE**



**BRIDGE**

# M/V ORTELIUS

## DECK PLAN, CABINS & PUBLIC SPACES



**M/V ORTELIUS DECK PLAN | OCEANWIDE EXPEDITIONS**

**ROOM TYPES**

- Superior
- Twin Deluxe
- Twin Window
- Twin Porthole
- Twin Porthole plus additional third bed
- Quadruple Porthole

**BEDS**

-  Upper/lower berth
-  Lower berth
-  Double bed

**SANITARY**

-  Toilet
-  Bathroom

# DECK PLAN & Cabins



## QUAD PORTHOLE



- Cabin size between 12,4 m<sup>2</sup> and 14,1 m<sup>2</sup>
- 2 portholes
- 2 upper / lower berths
- Private shower & toilet
- Desk & chair
- Flatscreen TV
- Telephone & WiFi (supplemented)
- Hair dryer
- Safe deposit box
- Ample storage space

- 2 portholes
- 1 upper / lower berth + 1 single lower berth
- Private shower & toilet
- Desk & chair
- Flatscreen TV
- Telephone & WiFi (supplemented)
- Hair dryer
- Safe deposit box
- Ample storage space



## TRIPLE PORTHOLE



- Cabin size between 11,4 m<sup>2</sup> and 15,1 m<sup>2</sup>
- 2 portholes
- 2 lower berths
- Private shower & toilet
- Desk & chair
- Flatscreen TV
- Telephone & WiFi (supplemented)
- Hair dryer
- Safe deposit box
- Ample storage space



## TWIN PORTHOLE



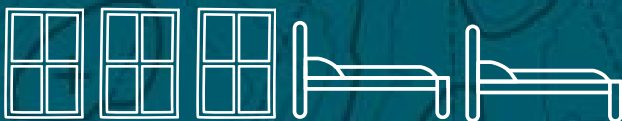
- Cabin size between 17,5 m<sup>2</sup> and 17,7 m<sup>2</sup>
- 2 windows
- 2 lower berths
- Private shower & toilet
- Desk & chair
- Flatscreen TV
- Telephone & WiFi (supplemented)
- Hair dryer
- Safe deposit box
- Ample storage space



### TWIN WINDOW



### TWIN DELUXE



- Cabin size 17,7 m<sup>2</sup>
- 3 windows
- 2 lower berths
- Private shower & toilet
- Desk & chair
- Small sofa
- Refrigerator
- Coffee & tea maker
- Flatscreen TV
- Telephone & WiFi (supplemented)
- Hair dryer
- Safe deposit box
- Ample storage space

- Cabin size between 18,4 m<sup>2</sup> en 20,4 m<sup>2</sup>
- 2 windows (minimum)
- 1 double bed
- 1 single (sofa) bed
- Private shower & toilet
- Desk & chair
- Flatscreen TV
- Telephone & WiFi (supplemented)
- Refrigerator
- Coffee & tea maker
- Hair dryer
- Safe deposit box
- Ample storage space



### SUPERIOR



# PUBLIC Spaces



**BOW**



**DINING ROOM**



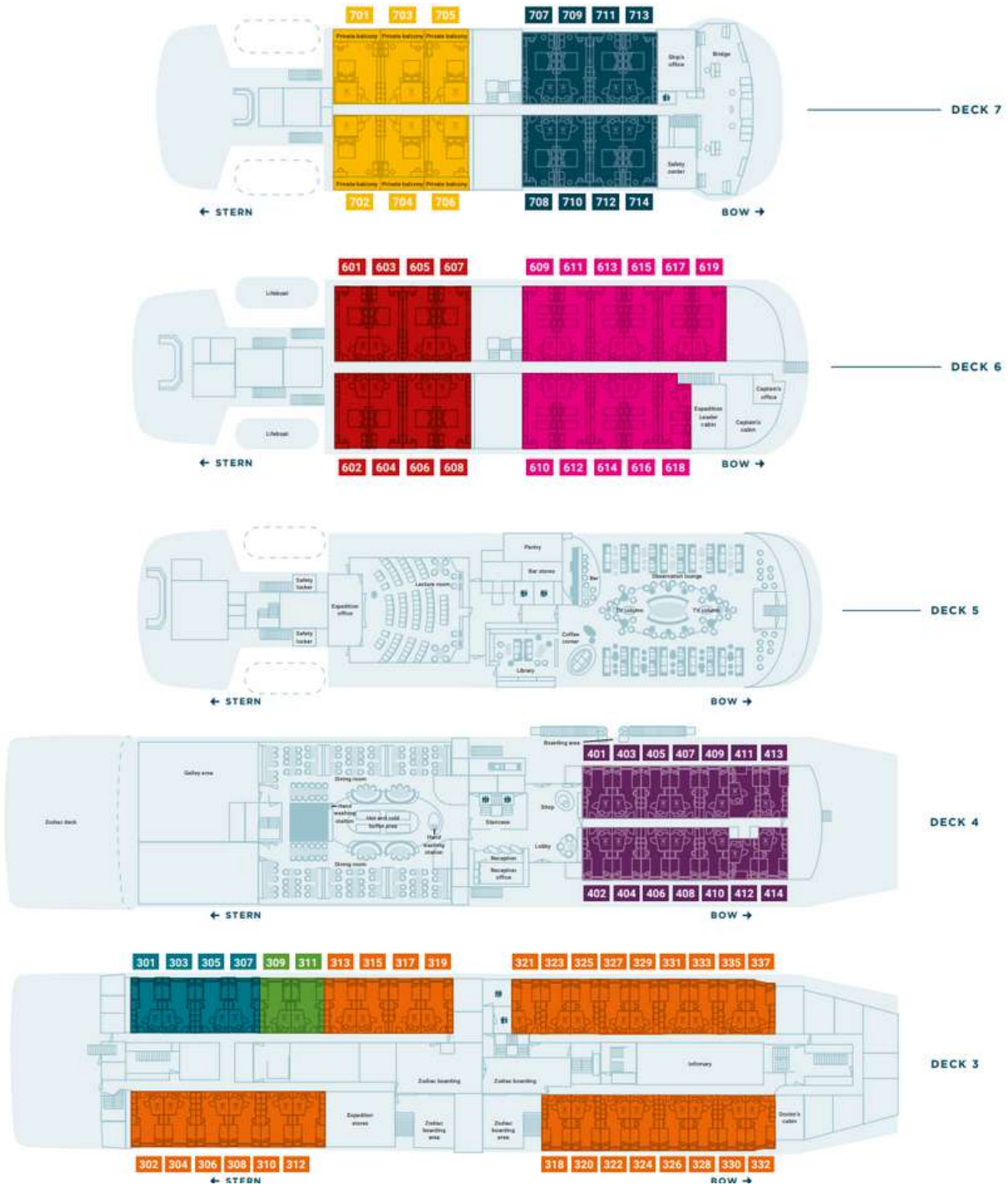
**LIBRARY**



**BRIDGE**

# M/V HONDIUS

## DECK PLAN & CABINS



M/V HONDIUS DECK PLAN   OCEANWIDE EXPEDITIONS		
<b>ROOM TYPES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: yellow;">■</span> Grand Suite with private balcony</li> <li><span style="color: blue;">■</span> Junior Suite</li> <li><span style="color: red;">■</span> Superior</li> <li><span style="color: pink;">■</span> Twin Deluxe</li> <li><span style="color: purple;">■</span> Twin Window</li> <li><span style="color: orange;">■</span> Twin Porthole</li> <li><span style="color: green;">■</span> Triple Porthole</li> <li><span style="color: teal;">■</span> Quadruple Porthole</li> </ul>	<b>BEDS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Upper/lower berths</li> <li> Lower berths</li> <li> 2 Separate lower berths</li> <li> Double bed</li> </ul>	<b>SANITARY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Toilet</li> <li> Bathroom</li> </ul>



# DECK PLAN & Cabins



## QUAD PORTHOLE



- Cabin size between 15,3 m<sup>2</sup> and 16 m<sup>2</sup>
- 2 portholes
- 2 upper & lower berths
- Small sofa
- Private shower & toilet
- Flatscreen TV
- Desk & chair
- Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
- Hair dryer
- Cabinet
- Safe deposit box
- Wardrobe

- Cabin size between 15,9 m<sup>2</sup> and 16 m<sup>2</sup>
- 2 portholes
- 1 upper berth & 2 lower berths
- Small sofa
- Private shower & toilet
- Flatscreen TV
- Desk & chair
- Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
- Hair dryer
- Cabinet
- Safe deposit box
- Wardrobe



## TRIPLE PORTHOLE



- Cabin size between 13,3 m<sup>2</sup> and 16 m<sup>2</sup>
- 2 portholes
- 2 single beds
- Small sofa
- Private shower & toilet
- Flatscreen TV
- Desk & chair
- Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
- Hair dryer
- Cabinet
- Safe deposit box
- Wardrobe



## TWIN PORTHOLE



- Cabin size between 12,1 m<sup>2</sup> and 14,3 m<sup>2</sup>
- 1 window (view from some windows might be partially obstructed )
- 2 single beds
- Small sofa
- Private shower & toilet
- Flatscreen TV
- Desk & chair
- Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
- Hair dryer
- Cabinet
- Safe deposit box
- Wardrobe



### TWIN WINDOW



### TWIN DELUXE



- Cabin size between 19,4 m<sup>2</sup> and 21,3 m<sup>2</sup>
- 2 windows
- 2 single beds
- Sofa
- Private shower & toilet
- Flatscreen TV
- Desk & chair
- Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
- Refrigerator, Coffee & tea maker
- Bathrobe
- Hair dryer
- Safe deposit box
- Wardrobe

- Cabin size between 20,7 m<sup>2</sup> and 21,3 m<sup>2</sup>
- 2 windows
- 1 double bed
- Sofa
- Private shower & toilet
- Flatscreen TV
- Desk & chair
- Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
- Refrigerator, coffee & tea maker
- Bathrobe
- Hair dryer
- Safe deposit box
- Wardrobe



### SUPERIOR



- Cabin size between 19,2 m<sup>2</sup> and 20 m<sup>2</sup>
- 1 double window
- 1 double bed
- Private shower & toilet
- Flatscreen TV
- Desk & chair
- Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
- Refrigerator, Coffee & tea maker
- Bathrobe
- Hair dryer
- Cabinet
- Safe deposit box
- Wardrobe



## JUNIOR SUITE



## GRAND SUITE



- Cabin size 26,7 m<sup>2</sup>
- 1 double window
- 1 double bed and Sofa
- Private balcony
- Private shower & toilet
- Flatscreen TV
- Desk & chair
- Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
- Refrigerator, Coffee & tea maker
- Bathrobe
- Hair dryer
- Cabinet
- Safe deposit box and Wardrobe



# OCEANWIDE

EXPEDITIONS

# PUBLIC Spaces



**BOW**



**DINING ROOM**



**LIBRARY**



**LECTURE ROOM**



**OBSERVATION LOUNGE**

# ANTARCTICA

## Itineraries



# Atlantic Odyssey

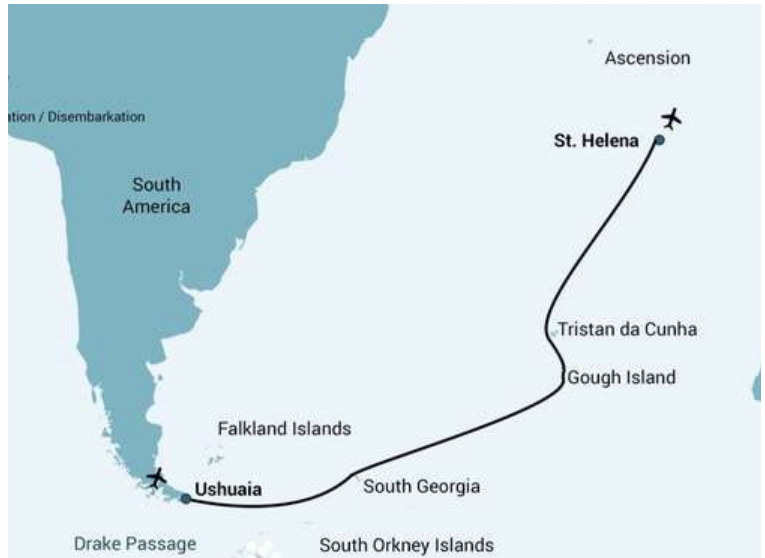
## South Atlantic Islands

The Atlantic Odyssey cruise visits some of the remotest islands in the world, crossing the migratory paths of Arctic Terns, Long-tailed Skuas, other birds, and a variety of whales as they make their annual expeditions north for the breeding season.

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1: End of the world, start of a journey

Your voyage begins where the world drops off: Ushuaia, Argentina, said to be the southernmost city on the planet, located on the far southern tip of South America. Starting in the afternoon, we embark from this small resort town on Tierra del Fuego (nicknamed “The End of the World”) and sail the mountainous Beagle Channel for the rest of the evening.



*All itineraries are for guidance only. Programs may vary depending on ice, weather, and wildlife conditions.*



#### Day 2 – 4: Sea route to South Georgia

Today we are en route to South Georgia. After passing the Antarctic Convergence, which is a natural boundary formed when north-flowing cold waters collide with warmer sub-Antarctic waters, we enter the circum-Antarctic upwelling zone. Not only does the marine life change, the bird life changes, too: A variety of albatrosses and petrels show up, along with Cape pigeons and southern fulmars.

#### Day 5 – 7: South Georgia sights

Our aim today is to visit some of the world’s top king penguin rookeries. This time of year you have a good chance of seeing these animals nesting on eggs, with their chicks nearby. The rookeries are sometimes overflowing, with penguins traveling to and from the beach. Possible visits in this region include:

**Salisbury Plain, St. Andrews Bay, Gold Harbour** – Here you can see not only the massive king penguin colony, but also elephant seals and limitless fur seal pups playing in the surf.

**Grytviken** – We also have the opportunity to check out this abandoned whaling station, where king penguins walk the streets and elephant seals lie around like they own the place – because they basically do! You might also see the South Georgia Museum as well as Shackleton’s grave here.

**Cooper Bay** – This is a fine place for a Zodiac cruise, and this bay also houses a rookery of macaroni penguins. King penguins, pintails, and giant petrels may also appear here.

**Moltke Harbour** – Located in Royal Bay, this scenic spot gives you the chance to see the huge king penguin colony that lives here.

### Day 8– 12: Once more to the sea

A pleasant tailwind often accompanies the vessel through the westerlies, and on both sides of the Antarctic Convergence, you might see large numbers of Antarctic and sub-Antarctic seabirds.

### Day 13: The quest continues at the great Gough Island

Today we plan to approach Gough Island for a Zodiac cruise in Quest Bay, if the weather permits. Here you might see northern rockhopper penguins and sub-Antarctic fur seals. In previous years, it has been possible for us to circumnavigate most of Gough Island's 33-mile circumference, taking in this area's splendid scenery and abundant wildlife.



### Day 14 – 17: Tristan da Cunha and all the pretty birds

The remote islands of Tristan da Cunha are famed for their plentiful bird populations, which include rockhopper penguins, several species of albatross, petrels, skuas, terns, and many others. Our goal during this stage of our voyage is to visit the small settlement on the west side of the main island, but we might also land at Seal Bay on the south side of Tristan da Cunha or at Sandy Point on the east side.

In these stunning locations, you could encounter such exotic wildlife as yellow-nosed albatrosses and sub-Antarctic fur seals, all while exploring a rarely visited spot. We also intend to land at Nightingale Island and Inaccessible Island, both of which offer great views of beautiful seabirds ranging from yellow-nosed albatrosses to brown noddies.

Two days are reserved at Tristan da Cunha in case of bad weather, but please remember that nature determines our itineraries here: Since beginning the Atlantic Odyssey cruise in 1998, adverse weather led to the cancellation of 35% of Tristan da Cunha landings. If we have to divert for safety reasons, we will find good alternatives.

### Day 18 – 21: Subtropical seas and seabirds

Seabirds and dolphins indigenous to this region often follow the vessel.

### Day 22 – 24: St. Highlights of Saint Helena

After we land at Jamestown on Saint Helena Island, you will have the opportunity to enjoy the area's local culture, pleasant climate, and endemic bird life. You can pay a visit to Longwood House, where Napoleon died in exile; walk the 699-step Jacob's Ladder, if you're feeling ambitious; or snorkel the shallows offshore, seeing multitudes of tropical and subtropical fish.

**Please note:** You have the option to disembark and fly home from Jamestown, if flights are available. In the evening, we will depart for Ascension Island and Praia, Cape Verde, where you can also disembark.

## Included in this voyage

- *Voyage aboard the indicated vessel as indicated in the itinerary*
- *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.*

# Antarctica

## Whale watching discovery and learning voyage

This Antarctic Peninsula cruise delivers you into a landscape of rugged rock, pure white snow, and a fantastic variety of wildlife. Come say hello to whales, seals, and penguins.

### ITINERARY

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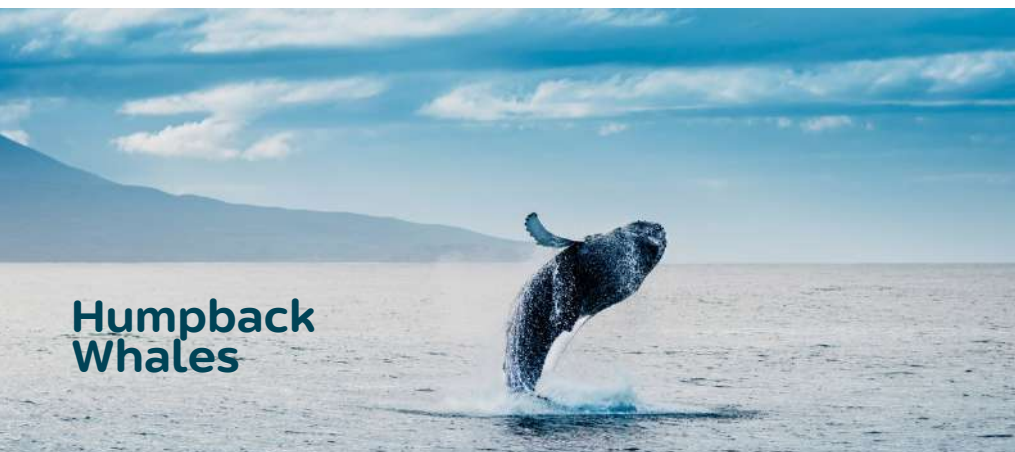
Starting in the afternoon, you embark from this small resort town on Tierra del Fuego, nicknamed “The End of the World,” and sail the mountain-fringed Beagle Channel for the remainder of the evening.

#### Day 2 – 3: Path of the polar explorers

Over the next two days on the Drake Passage, you enjoy some of the same experiences encountered by the great polar explorers who first charted these regions: cool salt breezes, rolling seas, maybe even a fin whale spouting up sea spray. After passing the Antarctic Convergence – Antarctica’s natural boundary, formed when north-flowing cold waters collide with warmer sub-Antarctic seas – you are in the circum-Antarctic upwelling zone. Not only does the marine life change, the avian life changes too. Wandering albatrosses, grey-headed albatrosses, black-browed albatrosses, light-mantled sooty albatrosses, cape pigeons, southern fulmars, Wilson’s storm petrels, blue petrels, and Antarctic petrels are a few of the birds you might see.



**Humpback Whales**  
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## Day 4 – 7: Entering Antarctica

Gray stone peaks sketched with snow, towers of broken blue-white ice, and dramatically different wildlife below and above. You first pass the snow-capped Melchior Islands and Schollaert Channel, sailing between Brabant and Anvers Islands. Sites you may visit include:

**Danco Island** – Activities here may focus on the gentoo penguins nesting on the island, in addition to the Weddell and crabeater seals that can be found nearby.

**Neko Harbour** – An epic landscape of mammoth glaciers and endless wind-carved snow, Neko Harbour offers opportunities for a Zodiac cruise and landing that afford the closest views of the surrounding alpine peaks.

**Paradise Bay** – You may be able to take a Zodiac cruise in these sprawling, ice-flecked waters, where there's a good chance you'll encounter humpback and minke whales.

**Pléneau & Petermann Islands** – If the ice allows it, you could sail through the Lemaire Channel in search of Adélie penguins and blue-eyed shags. There is also a possibility you'll encounter humpback and minke whales here, as well as leopard seals.

**Port Lockroy** – After sailing through the Neumayer Channel, you may get a chance to visit the former British research station – now a museum and post office – of Port Lockroy on Goudier Island. You may also be able to partake in activities around Jougla Point, meeting gentoo penguins and blue-eyed shags.

At the nearby sites, such as Damoy Point there may be the opportunity for snowshoeing to the old ski-way, this is also one of our favourite camping sites.

**Wilhelmina Bay & Guvernøren** – This is a great place to spot humpback whales. You also may embark on a Zodiac cruise ending at the ghostly wreck of the Guvernøren, a whaling vessel that caught fire here in 1915. Around the Melchior Islands, amid a frozen landscape peopled with icebergs, you may encounter even more whales, leopard seals, and crabeater seals.



**Gentoo Penguin**



**Chin Strap Penguin**



**Weddel Seal**

## Day 8 - 9: Familiar seas, familiar friends

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 10: There and back again

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.

## Included in this voyage

- Voyage aboard the indicated vessel as indicated in the itinerary
- 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.
- Luggage transfer from pick-up point to the vessel on the day of embarkation, in Ushuaia. Pre-scheduled group transfer from the vessel to the airport in Ushuaia (directly after disembarkation). All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the programme.
- Comprehensive pre-departure material.

# Antarctica

## Falklands, South Georgias & Antarctic Peninsula

This Falkland Islands, South Georgia, and Antarctic Peninsula cruise is an animal lover's dream come true. The expedition explores one of the last untamed areas on Earth, a land of ruggedly beautiful landscapes and amazingly varied wildlife.

### ITINERARY

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#### Day 2: The winged life of the westerlies

Several species of albatross follow the vessel into the westerlies, along with storm petrels, shearwaters, and diving petrels.

#### Day 3: Finding the Falklands

The Falkland 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.

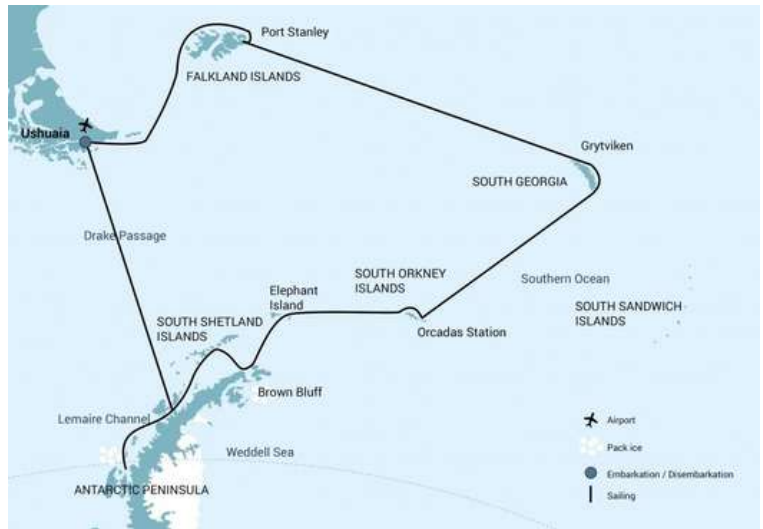
During this segment of the voyage, you may visit the following sites:

**Westpoint Island** – This beautiful island hosts a bounty of birdlife, from shore birds near the landing site to black-browed albatrosses on the nest. Among them is a rookery of rockhopper penguins who have to undertake an incredible climb from the sea to get to their nests among the albatrosses.

**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: The seat of Falklands culture

The capital of the Falklands and center of its culture, Port Stanley has some Victorian-era charm: colorful 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. Admission to the museum is included.



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### Day 5 – 6: Once more to the sea

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 – 10: South Georgia journey

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 a chance to visit the following sites:

**Fortuna Bay** – A beautiful outwash plain from Fortuna Glacier is home to a large number of king penguins and seals. Here you may also 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.

**Salisbury Plain, St. Andrews Bay, Gold Harbour** – These sites not only house the three largest king penguin colonies in South Georgia, they’re also three of the world’s largest breeding beaches for Antarctic fur seals. Literarily millions breed on South Georgia during December and January. By February the young fur seals are curious and playful and fill the surf with life and fun and large elephant seals come to the beaches to moult.

**Grytviken** – In this abandoned whaling station, king penguins walk the streets and elephant seals lie around like they own the place – because they basically do. Here you might be able to see the South Georgia Museum as well as Shackleton’s grave.

### Day 11: Southward bound

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.

### Day 12: The scenic vistas of 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: Legendary Elephant Island

You’ve now completed roughly the same route (albeit in the opposite direction) as Sir Ernest Shackleton did using only a small life boat, the *James Caird*, in spring of 1916. Watching Elephant Island materialize on the horizon after crossing all that water, it’s hard not to marvel at how he and his five-man crew accomplished that feat.

The purpose of Shackleton’s crossing was to rescue 22 shipwrecked members of his Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition, also known as the Endurance Expedition, who were stranded on Elephant Island. For four and a half months, Shackleton undertook this legendary rescue.

Conditions on Elephant Island are severe. The coastline is mostly made up of vertical rock and ice cliffs highly exposed to the elements. If possible you will take the Zodiacs to Point Wild, where the marooned members of Shackleton’s expedition miraculously managed to survive.





### Day 14: Along the Antarctic Peninsula

If ice permits, you sail into the Antarctic Sound at the northwestern edge of the Weddell Sea. Here colossal tabular icebergs herald your arrival to the eastern edges of the Antarctic Peninsula. Brown Bluff is a potential location for a landing, where you may get the chance to set foot on the continent.

### Day 15: Scenes of South Shetland

The volcanic islands of the South Shetlands are windswept and often cloaked in mist, but they do offer subtle pleasures: There's a wide variety of flora (mosses, lichens, flowering grasses) and no small amount of fauna (gentoo penguins, chinstrap penguins, southern giant petrels).

In Deception Island, the ship plunges through Neptune's Bellows and into the flooded caldera. Here you find an abandoned whaling station, and thousands of cape petrels – along with kelp gulls, brown and south polar skuas, and Antarctic terns. A good hike is a possibility in this fascinating and desolate volcanic landscape.

### Day 16 – 20: Onward into Antarctica

Gray stone peaks sketched with snow, towers of broken blue-white ice, and unique polar wildlife below and above welcome you into the otherworldly expanse of Antarctica. You enter the area around Gerlache Strait, venturing into one of the most beautiful settings Antarctica has to offer. Sites you may visit here include:

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**Paradise Bay** – You may be able to take a Zodiac cruise in these sprawling, ice-flecked waters, where there's a good chance you'll encounter humpback and minke whales.

The aim is then to head south. If conditions allow, sites you can visit 'over' the polar circle include:

**Crystal Sound** – Your journey takes you south along the Argentine Islands to this ice-packed body of water, and from here across the Polar Circle in the morning.

**Detaille Island** – You may make a landing at an abandoned British research station here, taking in the island's lofty mountains and imposing glaciers.

**Pourquoi Pas Island** – You might circumnavigate this island, named after the ship of the famous French explorer Jean-Baptiste Charcot. This location is known for its tight fjords and lofty, glacier-crowded mountains.

**Horseshoe Island** – This is the location of the former British Base Y.

### Day 21 – 22: Familiar seas, familiar friends

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### Day 23: There and back again

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# Antarctica

## Discovery and learning voyage / Classic Antarctica

This Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands cruise delivers you into a landscape of dark rugged rock, pure white snow, and a fantastic variety of wildlife. Come say hello to whales, seals, and thousands of penguins.

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#### Day 2 - 3: Path of the polar explorers

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#### Day 4 - 7: Enter the Antarctic

Gray stone peaks sketched with snow, towers of broken blue-white ice, and dramatically different wildlife below and above. You first pass the snow-capped Melchior Islands and Schollaert Channel, sailing between Brabant and Anvers Islands.

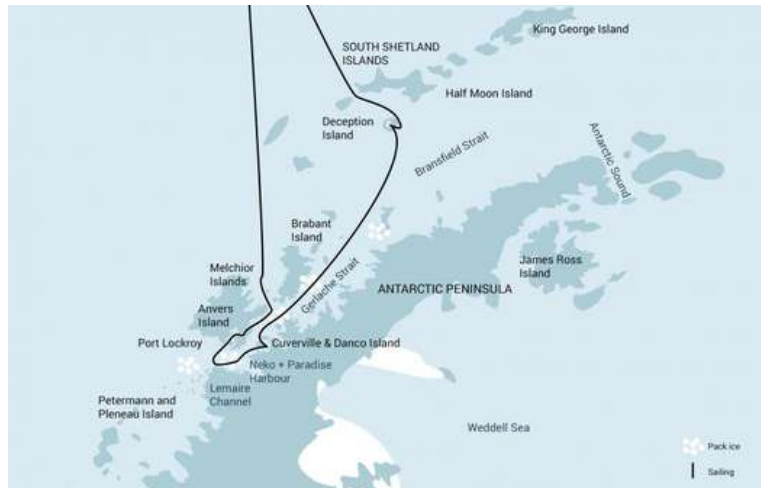
Sites you may visit include:

**Danco Island** – Activities here may focus on the gentoo penguins nesting on the island, in addition to the Weddell and crabeater seals that can be found nearby.

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**Port Lockroy** – After sailing through the Neumayer Channel, you may get a chance to visit the former British research station – now a museum and post office – of Port Lockroy on Goudier Island. You may also be able to partake in activities around Jougla Point, meeting gentoo penguins and blue-eyed shags.



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**Chin Strap Penguin**

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As an alternative, you may be able to engage in activities near Half Moon Island. Here chinstrap penguins and Weddell seals often haul out onto the beach near Cámara Base, an Argentine scientific research station. Conditions on the Drake Passage determine the exact time of departure.

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## Antarctic Peninsula

**Adelie Penguin**



## Included in this voyage

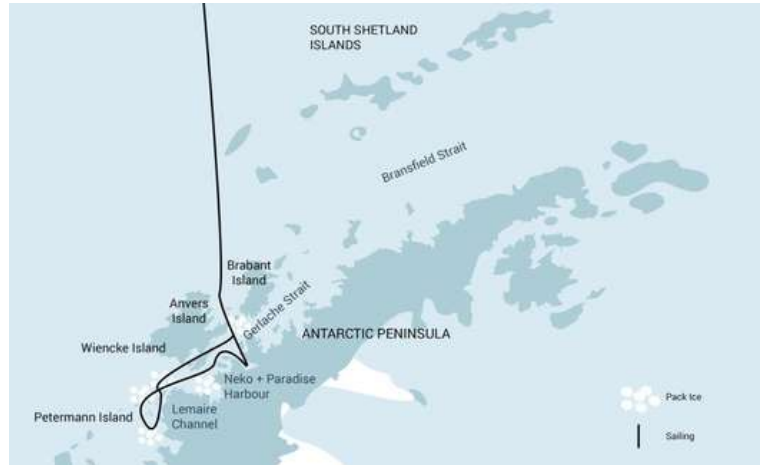
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# Antarctica

## Basecamp - Activity voyage

*Free camping, kayaking, snowshoe/hiking, photo workshop, mountaineering*

The Antarctic Peninsula Basecamp cruise offers you a myriad of ways to explore and enjoy the Antarctic Region. This expedition allows you to hike, snowshoe, kayak, go mountaineering, and even camp out under the Southern Polar skies.



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## ITINERARY

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Places you might visit includes:

**Neumayer Channel** – The vessel may position itself here, launching its multiple basecamp activities from the protected waters around Wiencke Island. You can enjoy the splendors of this alpine environment at sea with Zodiac and kayaking trips, or if you’re in the mood for a walk, there are possible snowshoe hikes and soft-climb mountaineering options farther inland. Naturally, favorable weather conditions determine the possible activities.

**Port Lockroy** – After sailing through the Neumayer Channel, you may get a chance to visit the former British research station – now a museum and post office – of Port Lockroy on Goudier Island. You may also be able to partake in activities around Jougla Point, meeting gentoo penguins and blue-eyed shags. At the nearby sites, such as Damoy Point there may be the opportunity for snowshoeing to the old ski-way, this is also one of our favourite camping sites.

**Pléneau & Petermann Islands** – If the ice allows it, you can sail through the Lemaire Channel in search of Adélie penguins and blue-eyed shags. There’s also a good chance you’ll encounter humpback and minke whales here, as well as leopard seals. Kayaking, glacier walks, and more ambitious mountaineering trips are the potential activities of this location.

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**Paradise Bay** – You have the chance to make camp here like a true polar explorer, enjoying a supreme overnight Antarctic adventure.

**Errera Channel** – Possible sites in this area include Danco Island and Cuverville Island, but also the lesser known (though equally picturesque) Orne Island and Georges Point on Rongé Island.

On your last day of near-shore activities, you pass the Melchior Islands toward the open sea. Keep a sharp lookout for humpback whales in Dallmann Bay. You might also shoot for Half Moon Island, in the South Shetlands, with further chances for activities. Conditions on the Drake Passage determine the exact time of departure.

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**Camping**



**Kayaking**



**Basecamp**



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**Mountaineering**



**Snowshoe Hiking**

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- During our "Basecamp" departures, all offered activities (including camping, kayaking, snowshoe/hiking, mountaineering, photo workshop) as well as our standard
- included shore excursions and zodiac cruises) are free of charge.



# Polar Circle

## Antarctica - Polar Circle

### Deep South Discovery Voyage

#### *Crossing de Polar Circle*

This Polar Circle and Antarctic Peninsula cruise passes through waters travelled by Humpback, Minke and Fin whales. Anchoring in various spots around the region, the expedition offers the chance to hike and dive in the iceberg-heavy waters.



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### Day 4 - 9: Sights of late summer Antarctica

Options for Antarctic Peninsula activities are many, and no less great during the late summer. Humpback whales are prolific in this region, gorging themselves on krill before their migration north. The penguin chicks are also fledging, stirring up activity on the beaches while sleek leopard seals lie in wait, poised to attack the less fortunate ones. Sites for your Antarctic adventures may include:

**Livingston Island** – Here you find a wide variety of gentoo and chinstrap penguins on Hannah Point, as well as southern giant petrels and elephant seals hauling out onto the beach.

**Deception Island** – Actually a subducted crater, this island opens into the sea and creates a natural harbor for the ship. An abandoned whaling station, and multiple bird species – cape petrels, kelp gulls, brown and south polar skuas, and Antarctic terns – can be seen here. Wilson’s storm petrels and black-bellied storm petrels also nest in the ruins of the whaling station in Whalers Bay

**Cuvertville Island** – A small precipitous island nestled between the mountains of the Antarctic Peninsula and Rongé Island, Cuvertville houses a large colony of gentoo penguins and breeding pairs of brown skuas.

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**Fish Islands** – Further north you encounter one of the southernmost Adélie penguin and blue-eyed shag colonies in the Antarctic Peninsula.

**Melchior Islands** – These islands offer a beautiful landscape rich with icebergs. Leopard seals, crabeater seals, and whales are found here, and there are excellent opportunities for diving.

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**Gentoo  
Penguin**



**Chin  
Strap  
Penguin**



**Adelie  
Penguin**



**Gerlache  
Strait  
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**Lemaire  
Channel  
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# Weddel Sea

South Georgia Island -  
South Sandwich Islands -  
Neuschwabenland - Larsen  
Ice Shelf - Paulet and Devil  
Island - Elephant Island  
*explores one of the most remote, scenic,  
wildlife-filled regions on Earth: the great  
Weddell Sea*

This adventurous expedition explores one of the least-visited areas on Earth, Antarctica's amazing Weddell Sea. After visiting some of the same sites legendary explorer Ernest Shackleton's charted in South Georgia, we'll enjoy the Weddell's exotic wildlife and colossal tabular icebergs.

## Helicopter transfers: -

During these voyages, we transfer our passengers to shore using Zodiacs and operate helicopters in areas where Zodiacs cannot be used. If conditions allow for helicopter transfers, we will attempt landings on both land and sea ice.

Our plan is to make helicopter landings when possible, though we cannot guarantee a specific amount of helicopter time in advance.

The vessel is equipped with three helicopters. One helicopter always needs to be supported by a second functioning helicopter. No guarantees can be given, and in no event will claims be accepted.

## Remote Weddell Sea Explorer: -

Starting in South Georgia after leaving Ushuaia, we will be on the trail of famed polar explorer Ernest Shackleton and his ship Endurance, experiencing the Weddell Sea's amazing wildlife and tabular icebergs before returning via Elephant Island.

The continental borders of the Weddell Sea are formed by huge floating sheets of ice. These ice shelves produce the massive tabular icebergs that are so abundant in the Weddell Sea. Scientists have declared the waters of the Weddell Sea to be the clearest water of any sea on Earth.

The tabular icebergs and other ice formations offer fantastic landscapes and unique photo opportunities. Especially on the east side of the Weddell, the chance of landings can be limited due to these ice formations. Zodiac cruises and possible ice landings are wonderful alternatives, if conditions allow.

The Weddell Sea is home to a large number of orcas, humpbacks, and minke whales as well as leopard, Weddell, and crabeater seals. Several penguin species can be seen there too.

On the ship, our structured educational program will complement other activities. You will have the opportunity to attend several lectures on a variety of topics, such as wildlife, landscape, history, and more.



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**Ortelius**

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### Day 4 – 6: South Georgia journey

Entering the South Georgia Maritime Zone, one of the largest protected waters in the world, we sail past the Shag Rocks. These impressive rocks lay 240km (150 miles) west of South Georgia and are home to several thousand South Georgia shags. The area around the rocks is known for its abundance of larger marine mammals, which feed on this comparatively shallow area of the South Georgia Ridge.

After reaching South Georgia, you will have the chance to visit some of the following sites:

**Fortuna Bay** – A beautiful outwash plain from Fortuna Glacier is home to a large number of king penguins and seals. Here you may also 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.

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### Day 7-8: Sea Days

Like Shackleton in December 1914 on the Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition, also known as the Endurance Expedition, we leave South Georgia and aim for the South Sandwich Islands and the Weddell 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.

### Day 9: South Sandwich Islands

While we are unable to land here, we may be able to make a Zodiac cruise among the amazing scenery of this active volcanic area. Passing between Thule and Cook Islands will be one of the trip’s many highlights and will make an everlasting impression.

There is a good chance we’ll encounter humpback and minke whales in this area. On and around the islands, we also have the chance to spot brown skuas, chinstrap or Adélie penguins, and several species of albatross: grey-headed, black-browed, and wandering.



**King  
Penguin**



**South  
Fur  
Seal**

### Day 10-12: Southward bound

We next sail toward the Antarctic continent in the direction of Queen Maud Land and Neuschwabenland (New Swabia) on the northeast side of the Weddell Sea.

### Day 13-14: Neuschwabenland / New Swabia

Our first destination in Antarctica is New Swabia, between 20°E and 10°W in Queen Maud Land. This area was explored by Germany during the third German Antarctic Expedition of 1938 – 1939, led by Alfred Ritscher. The purpose was to find an area in Antarctica for a German whaling station and scout a possible location for a naval base.

In an attempt to claim the region, Nazi flags were placed on the sea ice along the coast locations. Survey flights also airdropped aluminum arrows with swastikas.



**Gentoo  
Penguin**



**Erebus  
and  
Terror  
Gulf**



**Adelie  
Penguin**

### Day 15-23: Deep inside the Weddell Sea - Filchner, Ronne and Larsen Ice shelves

Sailing deep into the Weddell Sea, chances are we can spot crabeater, leopard, or Weddell seals. If we are lucky, we might even see emperor penguins. Humpback, orca, and minke whales are also present in this area, along with various birdlife.

Ice conditions in the Weddell Sea vary seasonally. We will encounter a vast nautical wilderness of sea, and while heading to high latitudes (far south) will enjoy the raw beauty and power that makes Antarctica so special. It will become apparent why it took so long to discover the Great White Continent and how tough it must have been for Shackleton's expedition.

We'll make a circular route toward the Brunt Ice Shelf and along the Luitpold Coast, discovered and named during the second German Antarctic expedition (1911 – 1912) of Wilhelm Filchner. If conditions allow, we will have opportunities for a Zodiac cruise and possibly an ice floe landing.

We now head west toward the Filchner–Ronne Ice Shelf before changing course north, following the coast along the eastern side of the Antarctic Peninsula and Larsen Ice Shelf. This brings us close to the spot where Shackleton's vessel *Endurance* was trapped in pack ice during his Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition (1914-17), drifting toward the Antarctic Peninsula before ultimately sinking. In an exciting conclusion to this story, the wreck was discovered on March 5, 2022, the 100th anniversary of Shackleton's burial, after 107 years below the Weddell Sea waves. While we can't get close to the discovery site due to pack ice, we will be in the area where the ship was trapped and abandoned. There are colonies of 6,500 emperor penguins nearby, so we hope to see one or more.

As we reach the northern section of the Antarctic Peninsula, we enter the area of Erebus and Terror Gulf. Far-wandering emperor penguins often perch on Snow Hill Island's numerous ice floes, possibly offering you another opportunity to spot these emblematic creatures. If conditions allow, we may attempt a landing on James Ross Island.

# Adelie Penguin south Sandwich Island



## Day 24: Brown Bluff and Kinnes Cove

This morning we hope to land at one of the most scenic locations in the northern Antarctic Continent, with a large Adélie penguin rookery, gentoo penguins, and nesting snow petrels also to be found. Sheer canyon walls, fallen boulders, and beautiful volcanic creations capped with ice make Brown Bluff a truly unforgettable location.

Across the Antarctic Sound is Kinnes Cove, where you can see the nearby Madder Cliffs with their subtle red coloration as well as possible gentoo penguins.

## Day 25: Legendary Elephant Island

This is the starting point from which Shackleton left to find help for his stranded crew. Using only a small lifeboat, the James Caird, he and five of his men sailed to South Georgia, then walked 36 hours to Stromness. It's hard not to marvel at how they accomplished that herculean feat.

Twenty-two members of his Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition, also known as the Endurance Expedition, were stranded on Elephant Island after their vessel Endurance sank in the Weddell Sea. It took four and a half months to complete the legendary rescue.

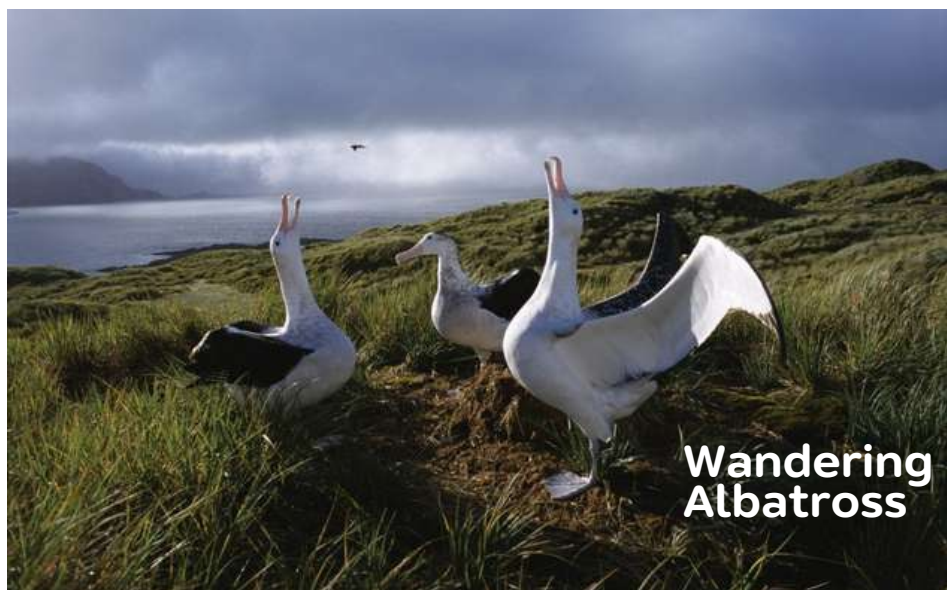
Conditions on Elephant Island are severe. The coastline is mostly made up of vertical rock and ice cliffs highly exposed to the elements. If possible, you will take the Zodiacs to Point Wild, where the marooned members of Shackleton's expedition miraculously managed to survive.

## Day 26 – 27: Familiar seas, familiar friends

Your return voyage is far from lonely. While crossing the Drake, you might see some of the same wildlife encountered at the start of your voyage: albatrosses, petrels, maybe even a minke whale spouting up sea spray.

## Day 28: There and back again

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.



**Wandering  
Albatross**

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# Weddel Sea

## In search of the Emperor Penguin

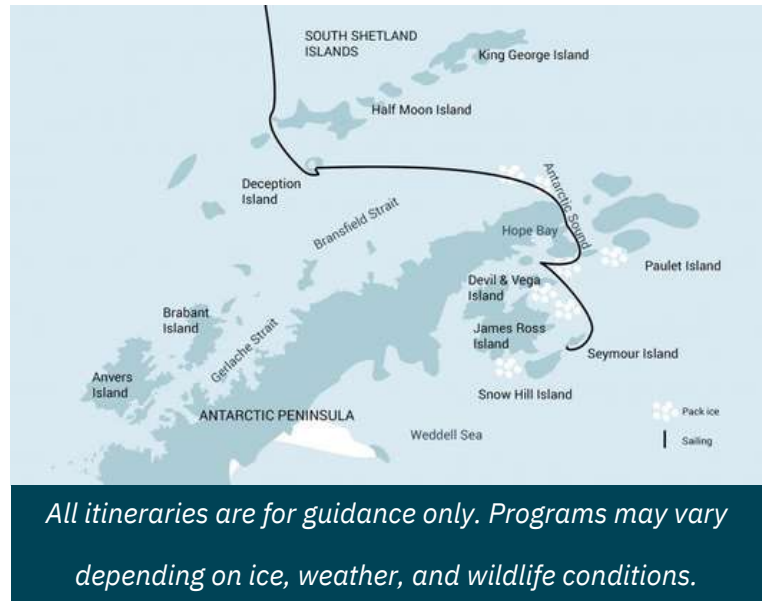
A true expedition, our Weddell Sea cruise sets out to explore the range of the Emperor Penguins near Snow Hill Island. We will visit the area via helicopter and see a variety of other birds and penguins including Adélies and Gentoos.

### Experience the bird's-eye-view of Antarctica: -

Experience the bird's-eye-view of Antarctica! Our helicopter capability on m/v *Ortelius* gives you the rare chance to see the famed emperor penguin rookery south of Snow Hill Island, numbering around 4,000 breeding pairs. Heavy ice may prevent entrance to this area from the Weddell Sea, and ice at the rookery itself might break up and start to melt earlier than expected.

With this in mind, the aim is to stop the vessel between the Antarctic Sound and James Clark Ross Island, close to the ice edge, and find emperor penguins on their way to open water. The thrilling helicopter flights make this search possible, enabling you to land in locations otherwise inaccessible this early in the season.

If ice conditions are favorable and the route to Snow Hill Island is free of multi-year pack ice, you have the chance for ship-to-shore helicopter transfers to Snow Hill Island (roughly 45 minutes walking distance from the emperor penguin rookery). If successful, this is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. But please remember that nature writes the final itinerary out here: Attempts to reach Snow Hill Island during the voyages of 2012 – 19 did not always succeed. However, in 2013, 2017 until 2019 and 2022 conditions were favorable to land by helicopter on Snow Hill Island and to visit the emperor penguin rookery.



## ITINERARY

### Day 1: End of the world, start of a journey

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.

### Day 2 - 3: Path of the polar explorers

Over the next two days on the Drake Passage, you enjoy some of the same experiences encountered by the great polar explorers who first charted these regions: cool salt breezes, rolling seas, maybe even a fin whale spouting up sea spray. After passing the Antarctic Convergence – Antarctica’s natural boundary, formed when north-flowing cold waters collide with warmer sub-Antarctic seas – you are in the circum-Antarctic upwelling zone. Not only does the marine life change, the avian life changes too. Wandering albatrosses, grey-headed albatrosses, black-browed albatrosses, light-mantled sooty albatrosses, cape pigeons, southern fulmars, Wilson’s storm petrels, blue petrels, and Antarctic petrels are a few of the birds you might see.



## Day 4 - 7: Entering Antarctica

You may sail into the Weddell Sea via the Antarctic Sound. Here huge tabular icebergs herald your arrival to the eastern side of the Antarctic Peninsula. During this part of the cruise, the search is on for emperor penguins. Using both the vessel and helicopters, there's a good chance you'll find them. You might also enjoy scenic flights, and if conditions allow, helicopter landings in locations otherwise out of reach this time of year.

Helicopter flights are a true trip changer, and may include:

**The west slopes of the Antarctic Sound** – The western side of this area is only rarely seen from the air, though the landscape is truly worth the flight: Layered sandstones, lava flows, glaciers, icebergs, and pack-ice extend as far as the eye can see. There are often individual emperor penguins and Adélie penguins on the ice floes, as well as kelp gulls, skuas, and various breeds of petrel. Jagged mountain peaks stab through the snow, and enormous walls of ice lie shattered on the slopes below.

**Duse Bay** – A soaring helicopter flight may deposit you on a rocky hillock close to an old refuge hut overlooking this bay. There's still a lot of snow and ice this time of year, but much of the walk in this location is over frost-shattered rock covered with lichen of all shapes and colors.

**Seymour Island** – This is where the Swedish Antarctic Expedition of 1901 – 4 wintered under harrowing polar conditions. Sedimentary rock, fossils, and expansive views define this location.

If conditions allow for deeper ventures into the Weddell Sea, Zodiac trips may include:

**Devil Island** – Home to a large colony of Adélie penguins, this island offers a magnificent vantage point for hikers willing to foot it to the top of the hill. Melting ice sometimes forms a waterfall dropping from the cliffs close to Cape Well-met.

**Brown Bluff** – Maybe the most scenic location in the entire northern tip of the Antarctic Continent: sheer canyon walls, fallen boulders, beautiful volcanic creations capped with ice. A large Adélie penguin rookery lives here, with gentoo penguins and nesting snow petrels also to be found.

**Gourdin Island** – Chinstrap, gentoo, and Adélie penguins love this island, which is yet another landing option for your continuing Antarctic adventure.

**Esperanza Base** – This Argentine research station, which operates year-round and is one of only two civilian settlements in Antarctica, could serve as an alternative landing site.



## Day 8: Drake via Deception Island

In the morning, you sail to Deception Island for the last landing of the voyage, either at Pendulum Cove or Whalers Bay. Conditions on the Drake Passage determine the exact time of departure.

## Day 9 - 10: Familiar seas, familiar friends

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 11: There and back again

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**Day 5 - 6: (Alternate program if the route to Snow Hill Island is free of multi-year pack ice – less than 50 % probability)**

- Helicopters provide an advantage in reaching the emperor penguin colony, but our ability to use them depends entirely on ice, sea, and weather conditions.
- If conditions are favorable, we will visit the colony. If conditions are exceptionally favorable, we will attempt to visit more than once.
- Helicopter operations take a full day, and flight duration depends on local conditions. Each helicopter can accommodate 4 – 5 passengers per flight. The landing site is carefully chosen so that the penguins are not disturbed.
- Upon arrival to the site, we will walk to the colony. This may take up to 45 minutes and can be challenging in places. Please keep in mind that you are in the world’s most remote region, so there are no guarantees: conditions may change rapidly, which can impact on helicopter operations. It is important to understand and respect this fact. Safety is our greatest concern, so no compromises can be made.
- We aim for all groups to spend an equal amount of time at the colony. The time at the colony (and the time to get there from landing site) will often vary, however, due to local conditions and flight times.



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OUR  
**ACTIVITIES**



**ZODIAC & SHORE PROGRAM**

Guided shore excursions, walks, wildlife spotting, and Zodiac cruises are included in the trip fare and offered to all passengers on all voyages. Our emphasis is always wildlife viewing, shore landings, and outdoor activities, all of which we facilitate through the use of our Zodiacs.



**HIKING**

Nothing gets you closer to the polar terrain than discovering it on your own two feet. This supplemental activity provides you a pair of rubber boots for easy, moderate, and demanding hikes in the vicinity of our landing sites.



**CAMPING**

In Antarctica we offer open-air camping, a rare opportunity to sleep under the polar stars for a unique expedition experience. Special equipment is provided. The camping group is taken to shore after dinner and returned to the ship before breakfast.



**KAYAKING**

Our kayaking supplement lets you enjoy one of the most peaceful forms of polar transportation. Special kayak gear is provided, including single- and double-seat kayaks, neoprene wet suits, and life vests. A kayak guide supervises the activity, which is only offered on select voyages, and all kayakers are accompanied by a Zodiac for additional safety.



## PHOTO WORKSHOP

Some voyages offer photo workshops for multiple experience levels led by an onboard photographer. Participants learn about objects, exposures, composition, and basic photography rules both on the ship and off.



## MOUNTAINEERING

For those eager to enjoy the summits, we offer polar mountaineering under the leadership of a certified mountain guide. Physical fitness and proper boots are essential, though we provide basic gear: ropes, carabiners, harnesses, helmets, ice axes, and crampons.



## SNOWSHOEING

When the snow is too deep for boots, snowshoes mean the difference between a grueling slog and an enjoyable polar outing. We can explore a variety of areas close to the landing sites on our snowshoes, which fit all boot sizes and are available for everyone free of charge.



## POLAR DIVING

This activity is for advanced divers with sufficient cold-water, dry-suit experience. Dive leaders and guides are responsible for your safety during operation. Basic equipment is available on board (scuba tanks, compressors, weights, and other essentials), but divers must bring their own optional gear.



## SKI MOUNTAINEERING

This exhilarating activity allows experienced skiers to climb and ski in absolutely breathtaking polar scenery, some of which we encounter in steep and glaciated terrain. Though potentially hazardous, our ascents and descents are always led by certified mountain guides.



## HELICOPTER FLIGHTS

On specific Ortelius voyages, our two helicopters allow you to set foot in areas inaccessible by any other means. Take flight above the vast icepack of the Weddell or Ross Sea, visit rarely seen penguin colonies, and enjoy a bird's-eye-view of the incomparable Antarctic terrain.



## Food & drink.

We serve buffet-style breakfasts on board our motor vessels, and lunches are often buffets as well. Dinners include a choice of main courses, and these are served at the table.





## DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

### Vegetarian options:

There is always one vegetarian dish available per meal time. But while passengers eating meat and fish have a choice of three meals, there is only one vegetarian option, so please specify your preference in our Personal Information Form (PIF) so that our hotel manager and chef can ensure the vegetarian meal is to your liking. If possible, meals may be adjusted.

### Vegan options:

In order to request vegan meals, please use our Personal Information Form (PIF), offered by our reservations department.

## BUFFET BREAKFASTS

- eggs, bacon, & sausage
- hot cereal
- baked beans
- variety of breads
- cold-cut meats
- cereals
- crackers
- yogurt
- jams & preserves
- fruit platters
- pastries

## LUNCH BUFFETS

- soup & salad
- sandwich foods
- main course meal
- fruit basket
- dessert

## DINNERS SERVED AT THE TABLE INCLUDE:

- appetizer, soup, or salad
- main course meal (meat, fish, or vegetarian)
- dessert or fruit plate

## SNACKS

- There are snacks available. All snacks are free of charge. Ready-made soups, cookies, and crackers are available 24 hours per day.

Please let our hotel manager know if you have dietary requirements so that our chefs have time to prepare something special for you. Please also inform us as to your requirements on our Personal Information Form (PIF), offered by our reservations department. For cultural / religious dietary requirements, we have limited options. Kosher food is unfortunately not possible, as we do not have such products on board and our galleys are not suitable for it. We can prepare halal food, but please tell us at least three months in advance of your trip.

## ALCOHOL ON BOARD

You can bring your own alcohol on the vessel. We do, however, require that you drink your own supply only in your own cabin. A cork fee of EUR 15 will be charged in case you wish to drink your own alcohol in the public areas.

If you want to have a beverage in the vessel's public areas, our ships have very well-stocked lounge bars staffed with very well-trained bartenders.



## Food diet

por André Mathieu

Departure in November 2019



Región: **Antártida**

Destinos: **Península Antártica**

Barco: **El Plancius**

"I have a Gluten free diet and I am allergic to black pepper. I had several gluten free options for each meal and they took the black pepper out of the kitchen for the duration of the trip. My really special thanks to Hotel Manager: Zsuzsanna Varga [Hungary] Asst. Hotel Manager: Ana Sirbu Gomez [Romania] Chef: Heinz Hacker [Austria] Sous Chef: Ferenc Baranyay You were just too much!"



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