

## SHACKLETON'S FINAL QUEST

22 DAYS /19 NIGHTS ON BOARD

*Ushuaia to Ushuaia*

Join us on this rarely offered twenty-two-day exploration of the life, legacy and unparalleled polar experience of the man widely acknowledged as Antarctica's greatest explorer, Sir Ernest Shackleton. We'll venture deep into Antarctic waters and experience all that the continent has to offer, as you hear from a number of renowned Shackleton scholars and travel to many of the key (and rarely visited) sites of the greatest survival and rescue story ever told. A once-in-a-lifetime experience befitting an explorer unlike any other.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Point Wild, where 22 Endurance crew members miraculously survived for months.
- King Haakon Bay, where Shackleton first made land after a death-defying journey across the sea.
- Hike from Fortuna Bay to Stromness, following the final steps of Shackleton in his search for rescue.
- Other rarely visited spots, including McCarthy Island, Lambert Island and Peggotty Bluff.
- The Whaler's Church in historic Grytviken, where Shackleton will be honored with a ceremony like never before, featuring readings by Joanna Worsley and others.
- Shackleton's gravestone, where a whiskey toast will honor the legendary explorer.
- Antarctica's most spectacular wildlife, towering icebergs, and otherworldly vistas.



### DEPARTURE (on the Island Sky)

- Dec 29, 2022 – Jan 19, 2023

[Our Ship: Island Sky](#)

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### Dec 29, Arrival in Ushuaia:

No need to stress about flight mishaps or delays. You'll arrive with ample time to unwind at the luxurious Arakur Resort & Spa, or to head out and explore Ushuaia, the world's southernmost city.



### **Dec 30, Out on the Town:**

Take in Ushuaia's museums and Argentinean leather markets or continue relaxing at the hotel. An evening briefing will provide important information and will be the time to ask questions and meet fellow travelers. And at a commemorative dinner overlooking the Beagle Channel, we'll introduce our amazing guests.

### **Dec 31, All Aboard:**

Relax until mid-afternoon when we will transfer you to the ship, where our Expedition Team and ship staff will welcome you on board. After a safety and orientation briefing, our Captain's welcome dinner awaits, followed by a festive New Year's Eve celebration in the historic Beagle Channel.

### **Jan 1-2, Heading to the West Falkland Islands:**

You won't want to miss presentations by our wildlife and geology experts, as well as our accomplished scholars of Antarctica's unique history and Shackleton's daring saga. As you explore the westernmost outpost of the Falklands (Malvinas), take in the majestic countryside and look for Black-browed Albatross or Rockhopper, King, and Magellanic Penguin rookeries.

### **Jan 3, Visiting Stanley:**

Stanley, East Falklands (Malvinas) is a lively hub of activity where you're free to explore the museum, shops and local services, or look for sea lions, dolphins, and bird life along the shores. We'll host a reception on board for the Governor of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas), Ms. Alison Blake CMG.

### **Jan 4-5, A Visual Feast at Sea:**

As we venture toward South Georgia, you'll have plenty of opportunities to marvel at the spectacular, always-entertaining birdlife from the outer decks or the Bridge. Our Expedition staff is always on hand to provide insights and help identify wildlife in the sea or in the air.

### **Jan 6, Your South Georgian "Safari":**

South Georgia is known as the Serengeti of the Southern Ocean, home to tens of thousands of breeding penguins and seabirds, surrounded by magnificent mountains and glaciers. The historic and seldom visited King Haakon Bay, McCarthy Island and Peggotty Bluff will all be in our sights. Rear Admiral Lambert, who charted these challenging waters, will help lead the way.

### **Jan 7, Walking in Shackleton's Footsteps:**

The last steps of Shackleton's desperate search for help carried him from Fortuna Bay to Stromness Bay. Today, an optional hike will follow those same final steps, with a chance to imagine what it was like to look upon the first sign of civilization and hope after 497 days.



### **Jan 8, A Service and a Toast in Grytviken:**

You're invited to a special service at the Whaler's Church in historic Grytviken. You'll enjoy music arranged especially for the occasion, and hear readings chosen by descendants of the Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration including Joanna Worsley, whose husband died while attempting to cross Antarctica in 2016. After this truly moving experience, we'll take a short walk to the historic gravestone of Sir Ernest Shackleton, and raise a glass in his honor.

### **Jan 9, King Haakon Bay:**

Today (Antarctic weather gods permitting) we'll venture toward the rarely seen Pegotty Bluff and King Haakon Bay, where Shackleton first set foot on land after his miraculous open water journey aboard the James Caird.

### **Jan 10-11, Sea and Sights:**

Set your sights on wildlife and seabirds, staying on the lookout for whales, as we continue to marvel at Antarctica's spectacular panorama, making our way across the Antarctic Convergence. Shipboard presentations will continue to inspire and amaze you.

### **Jan 12-15, The Antarctic Peninsula:**

As we officially enter Antarctic waters, you'll once again hop into Zodiac boats and spend as much time as possible intimately exploring. Following in Shackleton's footsteps, you'll visit Historic Elephant Island and Point Wild; and, weather permitting, Wilhelmina Bay, Foyen Harbor, Enterprise Island, Neko Harbor, Goudier Island, Jougla Point, and Port Lockroy.

### **Jan 16, A Visit to Deception Island:**

Deception Island, once a whaling station, is one of the most fascinating settings we target for landfall. Technically an active volcano, Deception Island hasn't erupted in nearly half a century. To reach our anchorage in the bay we sail over the caldera between two rock formations. After our visit, we continue sailing around the South Shetland Islands, including Whalers Bay, Halfmoon Island or Yankee Harbor.

### **Jan 17-18, The Southern Ocean:**

Heading back to Ushuaia, it's time to catch your breath, do a little celebrating, share memories, and swap a phone number or two with newly made friends.

### **Jan 19, Ushuaia Disembarkation:**

With huge smiles on weary, content faces, we disembark in the morning, giving you ample time to catch a flight to Buenos Aires, or perhaps head out for further adventure in Ushuaia or Patagonia.