

# FALKLAND ISLANDS, S GEORGIA & ANTARCTICA

20 DAYS / 18 NIGHTS ON BOARD

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**A wildlife lover's dream journey.** The sub-Antarctic Falkland Islands/Malvinas, and neighboring South Georgia, are home to some of the most unique and abundant wildlife on earth, populating a rugged terrain and cliff-lined coast that is every bit as mesmerizing as those who call it home. With beaches covered in fur seals, elephant seals, and hundreds of thousands of penguins, it's one of the most jaw-dropping nature scenes you will ever experience. We'll have ample time to explore the fascinating history of the area, dating back to the grandiose times of the 'Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration' of the late 1800s and early 1900s, before heading to the Antarctic Peninsula for an equally life-affirming act two.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Learn first-hand why South Georgia is often called "the Serengeti of the Southern Ocean"
- Visit a number of historic sites and set foot on a wide variety of and rugged natural landscapes
- Marvel at penguin rookeries with hundreds of thousands of birds
- Spot rare bird species as you Zodiac cruise amongst colossal icebergs and glittering glaciers
- Potential encounters include Orca, Humpback and Minke whales
- Exploring the history-rich port of Stanley, and learn about the "Heroic Age of Exploration"
- Pay a visit to Grytviken, a former whaling station, and the gravesite of Sir Ernest Shackleton
- With a generous number of days in our itinerary, we'll take advantage of a myriad of spontaneous opportunities to explore



## EXPEDITION DATE ABOARD OCEAN ALBATROS

Arrive	Board	Disembark
Feb 10, 2027	Feb 11, 2027	Mar 1, 2027

### Day 1, Arrive in and explore Ushuaia

After a friendly welcome at the airport and a transfer to the luxurious Arakur Resort & Spa (or another of Ushuaia's top luxury hotels), take some time to unwind or explore the southernmost city in the world, Ushuaia.

Our evening briefing is your opportunity to ask questions and meet some of your fellow explorers.

### Day 2, All aboard!

Spend your morning relaxing at the hotel, visiting a museum, or exploring the shops in Ushuaia, before our mid-afternoon escort to the ship. Our Expedition Team and ship staff will welcome you on board and get you settled in, followed by a safety and orientation briefing and our Captain's welcome dinner. We're on our way to Antarctica!

### Day 3, Southern Ocean

As we sail south, important briefings on environmental regulations and expedition safety are held, and you won't want to miss our scientific and environmental experts as they begin their deeply knowledgeable, and always entertaining talks about the wildlife, history, and geology of the areas we will soon be exploring.

### Day 4, West Falklands/Malvinas

We'll be exploring some of the westernmost settled outposts in the Falklands/Malvinas, a remote South Atlantic archipelago renowned for its rugged terrain and cliff-lined coast. As we stretch our legs along the farmland and beaches, we'll have an opportunity to visit Albatross and penguin colonies. Look for Rockhopper, King and Magellanic penguin rookeries.

## EXPEDITION DATE ABOARD MS SEAVENTURE

Arrive	Board	Disembark
Jan 9, 2027	Jan 10, 2027	Jan 28, 2027

## EXPEDITION DATES ABOARD OCEAN VICTORY

Arrive	Board	Disembark
Jan 16, 2027	Jan 17, 2027	Feb 4, 2027
Dec 27, 2027	Dec 28, 2027	Jan 15, 2028

### Day 5, Stanley, East Falklands/Malvinas

The archipelago's largest island, Stanley, is a lively hub of activity nestled in a sheltered harbor. Here, the Falklands Islands Museum has fascinating exhibits devoted to maritime exploration, natural history, and the 1982 Falklands War. We'll likely visit Gypsy Cove, part of Cape Pembroke peninsula, a National Nature Preserve. Magellanic penguins, also known as Jackass penguins for the braying sound they make, breed here, nesting in underground burrows. Other native bird species include Black-Crowned Night herons, Long-Tailed meadowlarks, Two-Banded plovers, and Upland and Kelp geese. Nearby Ordinance Point is the final resting place for several World War II guns.

### Days 6-7, Southern Ocean

Things continue ramping up with plenty of birdlife sightings as we make our way east across the Antarctic Convergence and officially enter Antarctic waters. See if you can identify the world's largest bird, the Wandering albatross. From soaring giants like the Southern Giant petrel to the tiny Wilson's Storm petrel, a range of impressive bird species will be hitching a ride on the updrafts created by ocean swells and waves. And be on the lookout for whale blows and our very first iceberg sighting.

### Days 8-11, South Georgia

South Georgia is often referred to as the 'Serengeti of the Southern Ocean' and it's easy to see why as you take in tens of thousands (not a typo!) of breeding penguins, seals, and seabirds. Breathtaking mountain scenery, majestically sculpted icebergs, glaciers in every direction, and a rich historical tapestry are all here to

complement the incredible array of wildlife on view as we travel down South Georgia's leeward coast. We'll also visit the historic Grytviken whaling station, featuring the tiny graveyard where the great Antarctic explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton is buried.

### Days 12-13, Scotia Sea

Heading farther south, we'll continue our informative presentations and wildlife spotting as the icebergs become bigger and more plentiful.

### Days 14-17, Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands

Here we'll explore any number of picturesque bays and famed landing sites, maneuvering through iceberg-rich channels as we travel alongside an array of wildlife. There are opportunities to stop at several active scientific bases and historic landing sites as we take in the wide range of penguin species, seals, and whales along the rugged coastlines and in the sea.

### Days 18-19, Drake Passage

We leave this magical place and make our way north, once again crossing the legendary Drake Passage. We have one last hurrah as we celebrate the conclusion of our expedition with a special slideshow, passenger photo contest, and a final celebratory meal together. Congratulations, explorers!

### Day 20, Ushuaia disembarkation

With huge smiles on weary, content faces, we disembark in the morning, letting you catch a flight to Buenos Aires or stay in Ushuaia for more sights and adventure.

