

ANTARCTICA EXPEDITION

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The heart of Antarctica beats loudly on this voyage. In a region that is known for being the final frontier, this voyage give you a holistic taste of the continent at end of the world. With our Expedition team to help you on Zodiac cruises, educate you on the plant life, geology, history and very different personalities of each destination, as well as answer any burning questions, this voyage brings off the beaten track a little bit closer.



DATES: 2021 – Nov 9

DURATION: 20 DAYS/19 NIGHTS

EMBARK: Puerto Williams, Chile

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SHIP: Silver Explorer

FROM: \$21,400

After Early Booking Savings- Free Economy, or reduced Business Class international air. All Inclusive Expedition Cruise

Expedition Highlights

- Follow in the footsteps of the great Antarctic explorers and visit sites that Byrd, Charcot, Fiennes, de Gerlache, Shackleton, and Weddell explored.
- See snow-covered mountains, mighty glaciers and spectacular icebergs
- Encounter Rockhopper, Gentoo, Macaroni, King, Adelie, Magellanic and Chinstrap Penguins
- Watch for seals, dolphins, and whales
- Identify seabirds including albatrosses, shearwaters and petrels
- Visit historic sites of the early explorers and the remains of whaling operations

ITINERARY

Day 1 - Arrive Santiago

You will be met and transferred to your deluxe hotel. Remainder of the day is free. We recommend arriving at least one day early to see more of Santiago and Chile, and to avoid complications associated with international air travel and delays.

Day 2 - Flight to Puerto Williams – Embarkation

Transfer from your hotel to the airport for your included flight to Puerto Williams. Transfer to ship. Embark your ship, settle in and attend a mandatory safety drill before leaving port.

Day 3 – Day at Sea

Day 4 – Falkland Islands - Saunders Island; West Point Island

Saunders Island is the fourth-largest of the Falkland Islands in the western portion of the archipelago. The island's topography is unusual, being made up of three peninsulas linked by narrow necks, and three big upland areas. Today the island is run as a sheep farm, but has historical importance as the location of the first British settlement in the Falklands. Saunders' wildlife is also impressively varied. It is possible to see Gentoo and King Penguins in the open dune and sand-flat area.

Located slightly northwest of West Falkland, West Point Island is used for sheep farming and nature

observations. Peale's dolphins and the distinctive black and white markings of the Commerson's dolphin can usually be seen in the waters around West Point Island. Rolling moorland and steep cliffs make for great photographic opportunities, but the main attraction is the Devil's Nose, a cliff-side colony of Black-browed Albatrosses nesting side-by-side with feisty Rockhopper Penguins.

Day 5 – Stanley, Falklands

Tiny Stanley, capital of the Falklands, seems in many ways like a British village fallen out of the sky. Many homes are painted in bright colors, adding visual appeal to this distant outpost. Not far offshore, the wreck of the Lady Elizabeth, is one of the many vessels remaining as a silent testimonial to the region's frequent harsh weather conditions. The islands, also known by their Spanish name of Islas Malvinas, are home to arguably more tuxedo-clad inhabitants of the penguin variety than human residents. Various species, such as Gentoo, Magellanic and the more elusive King penguins, either live here permanently or use the Falklands as a stopover on their migration route.



Days 6-7 – Days at Sea

Days 8 - 10 – South Georgia

South Georgia is a breathtaking destination of towering snow-covered mountains, mighty glaciers, and low-lying grasslands that attract an astounding concentration of wildlife. It is possible to find Southern fur seals, Southern elephant seals and a variety of albatross species

including Black-browed, Light-mantled Sooty, Grey-headed and the spectacular Wandering Albatross, plus thousands of King and Macaroni Penguins. South Georgia is also linked to the early Antarctic explorers. Captain James Cook first stepped ashore in 1775, but perhaps more famous is Ernest Shackleton's arrival in 1916 following the sinking of his ship *Endurance*.

Days 11-12 – At Sea

Day 13 - Elephant Island

Awesome glaciers flecked with pink algae can be seen approaching Elephant Island — so named either for its elephant-like appearance or for sightings of elephant seals here. Elephant Island is home to several Chinstrap Penguin rookeries, as well as 2,000-year-old moss colonies. Weddell seals and Macaroni Penguins can also be spotted. In 1916, when Ernest Shackleton's ship *Endurance* was crushed in pack ice in the Weddell Sea, the crew was stranded here for more than 4 months finding shelter under two upturned lifeboats on the spit of land Shackleton's men named 'Point Wild'. The bust of the Chilean captain Luis Pardo has been erected here to commemorate the successful rescue in the tug *Yelcho*.

Day 14 - Antarctic Sound

The Antarctic Sound will be one of your first encounters of this whitewash kingdom, located at the northerly tip of the Antarctic Peninsula - which sprawls up like a tentacle towards Tierra del Fuego, South America's most southerly point, otherwise known as the 'End of the World'. Taking its name from the first ship to brave the passageway between the peninsular and the Joinville Island groups back in 1902, the Sound is a raw, sensory assault of imposing iceberg slabs, broken away from the disintegrating Larsen Ice Shelf. Come face-to-face with stadium-sized islands of ice and meet the extraordinary birdlife that call this whitewash kingdom home. Watch on, as colonies of Gentoo penguins hop around, and cape petrels sweep overhead, as the continent's unique wildlife thrives around you.

Days 15-17 - Antarctic Peninsula/South Shetlands

Remote and otherworldly, Antarctica is irresistible for its spectacular iceberg sculptures and calving glaciers, and for the possibility of up-close encounters with marine mammals and the iconic penguins. The Antarctic Peninsula — the main peninsula closest to South America — has a human history of almost 200 years, with explorers, sealers, whalers, and scientists who have come to work, and eventually intrepid visitors coming to enjoy this pristine and remote wilderness. It is a region of protected bays, unscaled snow-capped mountains, vast glaciers and a few places where whalers or scientists have worked.



Days 19-20 – Drake Passage

The Drake Passage has a notorious reputation for its turbulent seas due to the westerly winds and the funneling effect of the passage. The Antarctic Convergence, a natural boundary where cold polar water flows northward and warmer equatorial water moves southward, is within the Drake Passage. When these two currents meet, nutrients are pushed to the surface, often attracting a multitude of seabirds and whales.

Day 21 — Puerto Williams, Chile

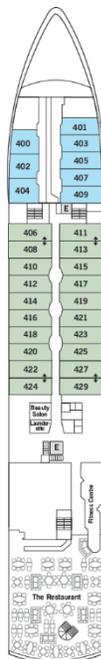
After breakfast, disembark and transfer to the airport for your included flight to Santiago. Day room is included if needed before your return flight home



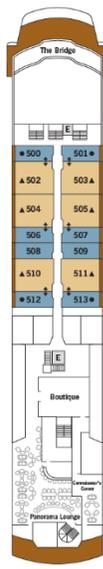
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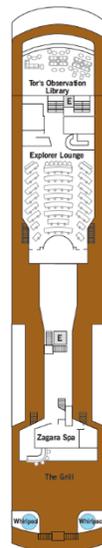
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 Medical Centre
 Changing Room
 Expedition Office



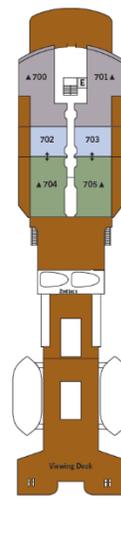
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 Beauty Salon
 Laundrette
 Fitness Centre
 The Restaurant



DECK 5
 The Bridge
 Boutique
 Connoisseur's Corner
 Panorama Lounge



DECK 6
 Tor's Observation Library
 Explorer Lounge
 Zagara Spa
 The Grill



DECK 7
 Viewing Deck



SUITE CATEGORIES

- Owner's Suite ●
- Grand Suite ●
- Silver Suite ●
- Medallion Suite ●
- Veranda Suite ●
- Vista Suite ●
- View Suite ●
- Explorer Suite ●
- Adventurer Suite ●

SPECIFICATIONS

- Lloyd's register
- Ice-class rating 1A
- Crew 118
- Officers International
- Guests 144
- Tonnage 6,072
- Length 354 Feet/107.9 Metres
- Width 52 Feet/15.8 Metres
- Speed 14 Knots
- Passenger Decks 5
- 3rd Guest Capacity ▲
- Queen beds ●
- Connecting suites ⇕
- 702/704, 703/705, 500/502, 501/503, 504/506, 505/507, 510/512, 511/513, 307/309, 324/322, 406/408, 411/413, 422/424, 427/429
- Refurbished 2017
- Registry Bahamas

Suite diagrams shown are for illustration purposes only and may vary from actual square footage. Please refer to suite specifications for square footages.

REVISED JULY 20, 2017

Rates – Per Person, Double – All Inclusive*

Date \ Suite	Adventure	Explorer	View	Vista	Veranda	Medallion	Silver
Nov 9, 2021	\$21,400	\$22,700	\$24,600	\$25,900	\$37,500	\$45,00	\$48,200

Higher categories may be available – Rates subject to change. *All Beverages in-suite and throughout the ship, economy air from North America, Gratuities always included in your fare. Unlimited Free Wifi.



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