

Antarctica, South Georgia & Falkland Islands

USHUAIA TO BUENOS AIRES



The sweeping scope of this Southern Ocean voyage brings the full spectrum of Antarctic wildlife into view. In the Falkland Islands, where birdlife abounds, we discover easily accessible albatross and penguin rookeries on idyllic island farmsteads. In South Georgia, amidst the dramatic Southern Ocean seascape, we find world-famous wildlife beaches thronged with jousting elephant seals, raucous fur seals, and stately king penguins. In the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula we explore a pristine polar wilderness of singular beauty, complete with bustling penguin colonies, dauntless seals, and voracious whales. On this ultimate wildlife expedition, each destination is more amazing than the last.



DATES – 2022 - Oct 19-Nov 12*

2023 – Feb 26-Mar 22

2024 – Feb 25-Mar 20

**Reverse Itinerary*

DURATION – 25 days

EMBARKATION – Ushuaia, Argentina

DISEMBARK- Buenos Aires, Arg.

SHIP - M/V Sea Spirit

FROM - \$18,336* (Double)

**After Early Bookings Savings*

HIGHLIGHTS:

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

The windswept and treeless Falkland Islands are a birders' paradise. The islands boast a great abundance and diversity of birdlife including five species of penguin, 80 percent of the world's population of black-browed albatross, and numerous species of waterfowl such as the endemic Falkland steamerduck.

SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND

The island of South Georgia is the world's premier destination for subantarctic wildlife viewing. In this remote and stunningly beautiful wilderness, seabirds and marine mammals are counted in the millions. The island's beaches are packed with fur seals and elephant seals jostling for space alongside innumerable king penguins.

ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

The Antarctic Peninsula is the ultimate polar wilderness. There is nothing else like it on Earth. Lofty serrated mountain ranges, all-encompassing glaciers, icebergs of every size and shape, and nutrient-rich waters define this pristine environment inhabited by robust populations of penguins, seals, and whales.

ITINERARY:

Day 1: Arrive Buenos Aires, Argentina

You will be met and transferred to your deluxe hotel. Remainder of the day is free.



Buenos Aires, Argentina

Day 2: Buenos Aires Tour

Enjoy a full day tour of Buenos Aires, "Paris of South America", arranged exclusively for Explor Cruises' guests. Visit the unique neighborhoods of San Telmo, Recoleta, La Boca, Puerto Madero and Palermo. Lunch is included. This evening, you will be taken to a Dinner & Tango Show at Tango Porteño, Includes round trip

transfers and a tango lesson of 1hr before the dinner. Return to your hotel late.



Day 3: Flight to Ushuaia, Argentina.

This afternoon, transfer to the city airport for your included flight to Ushuaia. Transfer to your hotel upon arrival. The small city of Ushuaia combines everything to be a perfect starting point for Antarctic cruises. It locates at the southern tip of South America Continent and is regarded as the world's southernmost city. Being the capital of Tierra del Fuego archipelago Ushuaia boasts the southernmost Tierra del Fuego National Park and beautiful landscapes of Beagle Bay and Andes mountains.

Day 4: Ushuaia, embarkation.

In the afternoon we embark the *Sea Spirit* and set sail down the scenic Beagle Channel.

Days 5-6: Crossing the Drake Passage.

Through presentations and informal conversations, our team of experts on Antarctic wildlife, history and geology will enlighten you about what we'll expect to see in the days ahead. Keep a sharp eye out as we cross the Antarctic Convergence, where ocean dynamics create a unique zone of marine life and activity.

Days 7-10: The Antarctic Continent and the South Shetlands.

In the region of the South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula we get a great variety of opportunities to actively explore the unique wildlife and breathtaking scenery. With nearly 200 recognized sites here we use all our experience to offer you the best places and ways to explore the enchanting world of the Sixth Continent. A flexible planning is a key to successful expedition. Our Captain and Expedition Leader will do their best to show you all the faces of Antarctica. We hope to tick off 5 penguin / 6 seal / several whale species in Antarctic check-list. While cruising along narrow Antarctic

waterways we admire huge icebergs of different shapes, sizes and colors. We visit scientific stations representing several different countries and learn about Antarctic scientific researches straight from the source. Of course, setting foot on the actual Antarctic Continent is also on agenda.



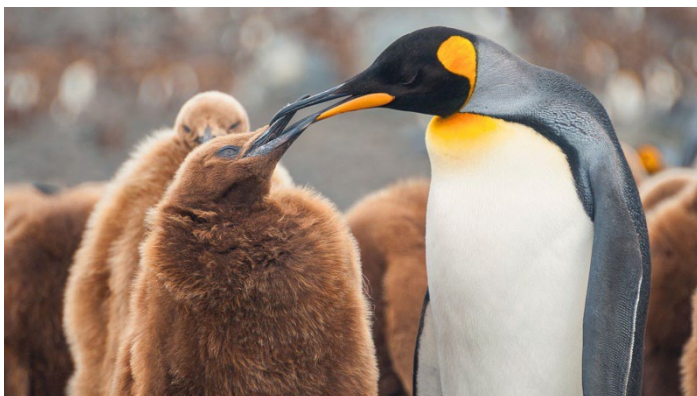
Days 11-12: Scotia Sea.

We now proceed northeast through the wildlife-rich waters of the Scotia Sea. We keep a lookout for abundant humpback and fin whales along the way. Briefings, bio-security procedures and presentations by our lecture staff prepare you for our arrival in South Georgia.

Days 13-17: South Georgia.

South Georgia is an unmissable destination within Antarctica. This sub-Antarctic region is a peak emerging from the Scotia Arc, an underwater mountain chain that extends the Andes to the Antarctic Peninsula. This long and narrow, whale bone shaped island is a home to:

- Four seal species – southern elephant seal, Antarctic fur seal, Weddell seal, and leopard seal.
- Several whale species – southern right whales, humpbacks, fin whales, sperm whales, killer whales orcas, and southern bottlenose whales.
- Antarctic seabirds, about 46% of the world's breeding population of grey headed albatrosses; northern giant petrels, white



chinned petrels and Antarctic prions. Most of the world's population of the South Georgia blue eyed shags live there, some 7,500 pairs.

- Penguins – around half the world's population of macaroni penguins, along with 100,000 pairs of Gentoo penguins and about 6, 000 breeding pairs of Chinstrap penguins.
- The most attractive residents of the South Georgia are King penguins with their orange-yellow crowns. The total number of King penguins is around 400,000 breeding pairs.

Days 18-19: At Sea

From South Georgia we head west toward the Falkland Islands. 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.

Days 20-21: The Falkland Islands

The Falkland Islands offer an unforgettable vista of moors and rugged coastlines carved by the South Atlantic, where the wildlife and plant life form a link between Patagonia and Antarctica. On the beaches, elephant seals are a spectacular sight when battling among themselves to establish territories or just simply relaxing. Sea lions and fur seals are also common sights. As many as a million penguins nest in the Falklands every summer, representing five of the world's seventeen species – King, Gentoo, Rockhopper, Magellanic and Macaroni. What's more, for the Gentoo, the Falklands are home to the largest population on Earth. Look for black-browed albatrosses nesting on grassy hillsides overlooking the sea. The capital of the Falklands, Port Stanley, is the southernmost British outpost in the world. With many reminders of its British heritage such as red phone booths and English pubs, the town boasts other unusual sights like a whalebone arch and shipwrecks along the coast.

Days 22-24: The Southern Ocean

Reality begins to set in during this final sea passage separating the magic world we've just explored from the rest of the world we'll soon be rejoining. Refresh your memories through a photo exchange with newfound friends, and bid farewell to seabirds and whales that you can identify more easily now.

Day 25: Disembarkation in Buenos Aires

Right after the disembarkation we provide group transfer to the international airport or the city center.



RATES INCLUDE:

All transfers, tours, air and hotels as described; one pre-voyage hotel night in Ushuaia; Group transfers from the airport to the hotel in Ushuaia in a day prior to departure; Group transfer to the ship on day of embarkation; Group transfer to airport or central location upon disembarkation in Ushuaia; All scheduled landings/excursions; All lectures and briefings onboard; All meals served aboard; Coffee/tea/cocoa /espresso 24 hours daily; Welcome drink and farewell dinner onboard; Rubber boots for shore landings for the time of the cruise; Branded Poseidon Expeditions parka; All port fees; Pre-departure materials; Digital Voyage Log.

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

Airfare; Visa and passport fees (if applicable); Luggage and trip cancellation insurance; Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages other than those for special events and celebrations; Personal expenses such as laundry and telecommunication charges; Emergency Evacuation Insurance to a minimum benefit of USD 200,000; Staff gratuities.

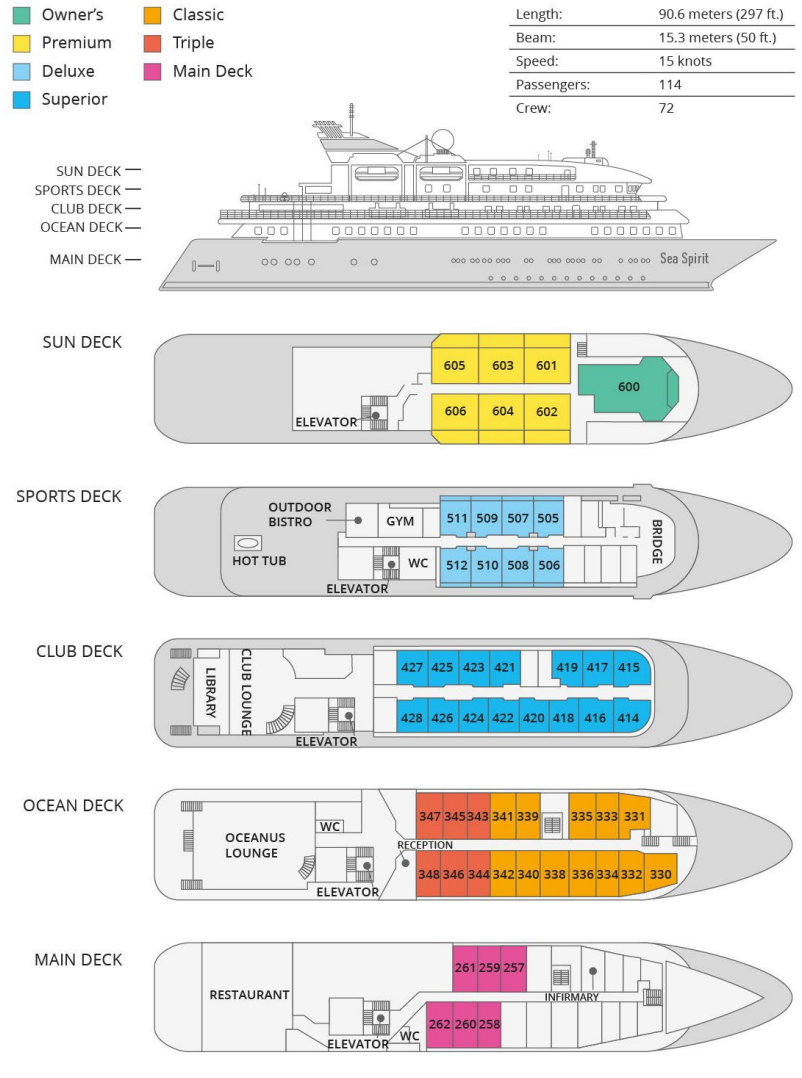


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2023-24 RATES – Date\Suite	TRIPLE CLASSIC	MAIN DECK	CLASSIC	SUPERIOR	DELUXE BALCONY	PREMIUM BALCONY	OWNER SUITE
2022 – Oct 19-Nov 12	\$14,395	\$18,695	\$19,995	\$20,395	\$22,595	\$24,195	\$30,395
2023 - Feb 26-Mar 22	\$15,395	\$20,095	\$21,495	\$21,795	\$24,195	\$25,895	\$31,495
2024 – Feb 25-Mar 20	\$15,795	\$21,395	\$22,795	\$23,195	\$25,995	\$28,295	\$36,095
Early Booking – By June 30, 2022	\$13,576	\$18,336	\$19,526	\$18,756	\$20,996	\$22,836	\$29,076