

## ANTARCTICA, S GEORGIA & THE FALKLANDS

22 DAYS / 19 NIGHTS ON BOARD

*Ushuaia to Ushuaia*

### INTRODUCTION

We begin our journey setting a course through the Drake Passage straight to the heart of the Antarctic Peninsula. After enjoying our fill of stunning landscapes and abundant wildlife, we voyage north to the sub-Antarctic South Georgia and Falkland Islands/Malvinas. We'll explore the captivating history of the area as well as visit beaches covered in fur seals, elephant seals, and hundreds of thousands of penguins.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Zodiac cruising in pristine bays and stunning harbors
- Potential encounters with Orca, humpback and minke whales
- Penguin rookeries with hundreds of thousands of birds on South Georgia
- A visit to Grytviken, a former whaling station, and the gravesite of Sir Ernest Shackleton
- Exploring the Port of Stanley, Falkland Islands, with the chance to attend 'Falkstock' a local festival

### DEPARTURES

- Feb 24 – Mar 17, 2023

[Our Ship: MS Seaventure](#)

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#### Day 1, Ushuaia:

No need to stress about missed connections or flight delays as you arrive with plenty of time to unwind and enjoy the beautiful Arakur Resort & Spa or spend time discovering the southernmost city in the world, Ushuaia.

#### Day 2, Ushuaia:

Explore the sights of Ushuaia such as the museums and Argentinean leather markets or continue relaxing at the hotel. Start your evening with our optional briefing, where you'll have the opportunity to ask questions and meet some of your fellow travelers.

#### Day 3, Embarkation:

Spend your morning exploring Ushuaia or unwinding at the resort until our mid-afternoon transfer to the ship. Our Expedition Team and ship staff will greet you on board, followed by a safety and orientation briefing and Captain's welcome dinner.



#### **Day 4, Drake Passage:**

As we sail south, important briefings on environmental regulations and expedition safety are held, and you won't want to miss our experts as they begin their informative and entertaining talks about the wildlife, history, and geology of the area.

#### **Day 5-9, Antarctic Peninsula:**

Things really start to ramp up as there is plenty of wildlife identifying to do as we officially enter Antarctic waters. Hopping into our inflatable Zodiac boats, we'll spend as much time as possible exploring any number of picturesque bays and channels. Be prepared to marvel up close at nature's glory as we set course through icy seas fringed by colossal icebergs and touch ground on the Antarctic Peninsula.

#### **Day 10-11, Scotia Sea:**

As we journey north through the Scotia Sea, you'll have the opportunity to participate in our Citizen Science program or join informative presentations featuring topics such as the fascinating history and abundant wildlife of South Georgia.

#### **Day 12-15, South Georgia:**

South Georgia is often referred to as the 'Serengeti of the Southern Ocean' and it's easy to see why as this island home to tens of millions of breeding penguins, seals, and seabirds. Magnificent mountain scenery, glaciers galore, a rich historical tapestry, and an incredible array of wildlife will astound you as we travel up South Georgia's leeward coast. We'll also visit historic Grytviken whaling station, plus the tiny graveyard where the great Antarctic explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton is buried.

#### **Day 16-17, Southern Ocean:**

Heading farther north, we'll continue our educational presentation series and wildlife spotting as we journey towards the Falkland Islands/Malvinas.

#### **Day 18, West Falklands/Malvinas:**

We'll explore some of the westernmost settled outposts in the Falklands, where you can take in the beautiful countryside and look for black browed albatross or Rockhopper, King, and Magellanic penguin rookeries.

#### **Day 19, Stanley, East Falklands/Malvinas:**

Stanley is a lively hub of activity nestled in a sheltered harbor. Head out on foot to explore the museum, shops and services centered on the port, or look for sea lions, dolphins, and bird life along the shores. Later that day, schedule permitting, we will attend 'Falkstock' a festival founded by Polar Latitudes, now in its 9th year. The festival features live music and entertainment and is a benefit for a local charitable organization.

**Day 20, Southwest Falklands/Malvinas and Drake Passage:**

We enjoy our final excursion together before we leave this magical place and make our way north, once again heading across the famed Drake Passage. We have one last hurrah as we celebrate the conclusion of our expedition with a special slideshow and a final meal together.

**Day 21, Drake Passage:**

A relaxing day at sea as we wrap things up, enjoy lasting moments with fellow passengers and staff, and rest up before the journey home.

**Day 22, 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.