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SELLER

Spirit of Shackleton

Highlights

- > Meet hardy locals and spot unique wildlife in the Falkland Islands
- > Explore abandoned whaling stations and visit Shackleton's grave
- > Walk quietly amongst king penguins and watch them surf onto the beach
- > Learn about the environment and ecology from industry experts
- > Spot whales and seals while cruising past icebergs aboard Zodiacs
- > Set foot on the continent of Antarctica

What's Included

19 nts aboard the *G Expedition*. 1 nt hotel in Ushuaia. Arrival and departure transfers. Zodiac excursions with our expert expedition team. Lectures and educational programs. Waterproof boots supplied for USA sizes 4 - 16. Expedition parka. **ACCOMMODATIONS** Twin-share hotel (1 nt), aboard the *G Expedition* in quad-, triple-, twin-share cabins, or suites (all with en suite bathrooms and porthole or window, 19 nts). Please note that all cabins consist of twin-size berths and are ocean-facing. Suites have one queen-size bed. **TRANSPORT** *G Expedition*, Zodiac, private bus, walking. **GROUP LEADER** One expedition team member per 10 guests. **MEALS** 20 breakfasts, 18 lunches, 19 dinners. Allow USD25-35 for meals not included. Drinks and tips on board not included.

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Experience vast penguin rookeries and seal colonies on this awe-inspiring voyage to Antarctica, South Georgia, and the Falkland Islands. This 21-day voyage illuminates Ernest Shackleton's legend and recounts his courageous exploration of Antarctica. You'll visit historical sites of past explorers, as well as Shackleton's final resting place — the wildlife-rich island of South Georgia. Antarctica is beyond comprehension and sure to amaze any traveller seeking a true adventure to the world's most remote wilderness.

DAY 1 USHUAIA Arrive in Ushuaia at any time. Arrival transfer included. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the world's most southerly city. **DAY 2 USHUAIA** Enjoy a free morning in Ushuaia. Do any last-minute shopping, explore the town, or visit the surrounding countryside. Embarkation on the *G Expedition* begins in the afternoon at the port in Ushuaia. Enjoy the evening sailing through the Beagle Channel. (1B, 1D) **DAY 3 AT SEA** As the *G Expedition* makes passage east, become acquainted with the ship. Begin lectures and information sessions about the extraordinary human and natural history of the

Antarctic region. (1B, 1L, 1D) **DAYS 4-5 FALKLAND ISLANDS** The Falkland Islands provide a rare opportunity to witness the biological diversity and extraordinary scenery of the southern islands. Penguins and albatross are abundant here, and the Falklands have the largest black-browed albatross colony in the world. In Stanley, meet the hardy local inhabitants whose colourful houses provide contrast to the long, dark winters. (2B, 2L, 2D) **DAYS 6-7 AT SEA** Sailing east, set course for South Georgia. Days at sea are filled with lectures to prepare for landings. Keep your eyes peeled for the many whales that inhabit these waters. (2B, 2L, 2D) **DAYS 8-11 SOUTH GEORGIA** Home to many interesting sites (including the grave of polar explorer Ernest Shackleton), South Georgia has several former whaling stations and boasts plenty of wildlife. Visiting a huge colony of king penguins is a major highlight of this part of the journey. Weather permitting, spend four full days exploring the island. (4B, 4L, 4D) **DAYS 12-13 AT SEA** Sail for two days, retracing Shackleton's route backwards on course towards Elephant Island and the Antarctic Peninsula. (2B, 2L, 2D) **DAYS 14-18 ANTARCTICA** Experience some of the most unique wildlife and awe-inspiring scenery in the world while setting foot on the Antarctic continent. Attempt two shore landings per day (weather permitting), and encounter gentoo, chinstrap, and Adélie penguin rookeries; Weddell, crabeater, and leopard seals; and orca, humpback, and minke whales in the cold Antarctic waters. The peninsula also has a remarkable human history; during the voyage we will learn about some of the most important and dramatic expeditions to this remote corner of the world. (5B, 5L, 5D) **DAYS 19-20 DRAKE PASSAGE** Reflect on a memorable adventure and take in some final lectures on route back to Ushuaia. Keep a careful lookout for a last chance to spot whales. (2B, 2L, 2D) **DAY 21 USHUAIA** Disembark in the morning. (1B)

PERSONALIZE YOUR TOUR

ANTARCTICA CAMPING: Spend a night ashore and see this land's splendors first-hand — the sounds of heaving ice and the stars await. See Personalize your tour on page 64.

ANTARCTICA KAYAKING: See some of the world's most impressive, icy landscapes aboard a kayak where you'll get an authentic seal's eye view. See Personalize your tour on page 64.

Guaranteed Departures
IF YOU'RE BOOKED, YOU'RE GOING

This tour has two
special departure.

Jan 11 - Jan 31, 2020 • Feb 11 - Mar 2, 2020