

SMALL-SHIP EXPEDITION CRUISE

Epic Falkland Islands, South Georgia & Antarctica

January 16 - February 4, 2027

From **\$ 25,195** to **\$46,895 USD** per person

Aboard the *Ocean Victory*

Starts: Ushuaia, Argentina

Ends: Ushuaia, Argentina

No Charter Flights



Itinerary

Day 1: Ushuaia, Argentina

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Day 20: Ushuaia, Argentina

Highlights

Discover the unique culture and history of the Falkland Islands and South Georgia

Famed for their role in whaling and exploration history, the Falkland Islands and South Georgia—a British overseas territory—offer an intriguing cultural experience.

South Georgia served as a major hub for the Antarctic whaling industry in the early twentieth century. Explore the remnants of abandoned whaling stations and pay tribute to the legendary Sir Ernest Shackleton at his grave.

Immerse yourself in the incredible wildlife of South Georgia, including millions of penguins and breeding birds, thousands of seals, and over fifty per cent of the world's population of southern elephant seals. As you wander the beaches, be captivated by the magnificent presence of king penguins.

If the wildlife alone isn't enough to take your breath away, the stunning backdrop of mountains, fjords, and glaciers will leave you speechless.

Experience the wildlife of the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula

Sailing towards Antarctica there is a fall in temperature as we cross the Antarctic Convergence. You'll see seabirds, whales, and other species that are attracted by the nutrient-rich waters.

Enjoy opportunities to see albatross, several species of penguins, as well as elephant seals, whales, and dolphins!

Admire breathtaking scenery such as icebergs, glaciated mountains, and volcanoes

Geology, glaciology, volcanology: in Antarctica, the mighty forces of the Earth are everywhere in evidence!

Marvel at the variety and beauty of icebergs, glaciers, and rugged mountains—many formed by volcanic activity.

Enjoy regular Zodiac excursions and landings amid spectacular scenery

To set foot on the continent of Antarctica is a rare privilege only a few can claim. Via Zodiac, you will be able to appreciate the Antarctic ice and landscape up close.

Photograph stunning vistas set above still, clear water and explore Antarctica's fascinating and beautiful terrain on guided landings.

Learn about Antarctic history from expert guides

No moment is wasted aboard the *Ocean Victory*. Learn about the fascinating history of exploration in Antarctic waters from expert expedition team members.

Take your pick from our extensive collection of carefully curated books that will help you dive deeper into everything you learn along the way!

Itinerary

Please note: To ensure a smooth journey home, it is recommended to book your departing flight from Ushuaia after midday on disembarkation day, in case of weather-related delays.

Day 1: Ushuaia, Argentina - The Adventure Begins

On arrival at Ushuaia Airport, please make your way through to the Arrivals Hall where our representative will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel. Spend the first night of your voyage in the quaint town of Ushuaia, the most southerly city in the world, and the capital of Tierra del Fuego, which means "land of fire." Take the opportunity to explore independently at your leisure.

Arrive in the afternoon and meet your expedition team and fellow travellers. Gather for a warm welcome and orientation, then enjoy a festive group dinner featuring regional flavours and a taste of what lies ahead.

Day 2: Ushuaia - Embark on the Ocean Victory

Spend the morning exploring Ushuaia at your leisure. In the late afternoon, you'll transfer to the pier where the *Ocean Victory* awaits, moored at the foot of the city. Step aboard and meet the captain and crew who will guide you on this remarkable journey.

In the evening, we'll set sail through the legendary, wildlife-rich waters of the Beagle Channel, bound for the Falkland Islands. From the deck, keep watch for Magellanic penguins, rock cormorants, petrels, and black-browed albatross gliding overhead—as well as the occasional raucous sea lion colony bidding us farewell.

Day 3: At Sea - Learn On Board

As we sail toward the Falkland Islands, take this day at sea to settle into life aboard the *Ocean Victory* and get to know your expedition team. This is the perfect opportunity to explore the ship's inviting spaces, enjoy the view from the outer decks, and connect with fellow travellers.

Join our team of expert naturalists and historians to gain fascinating insights into the region's wildlife, geology, and human history. Learn about the first archipelago we'll visit on this voyage—the Falkland Islands, or Islas Malvinas, as they are known in Argentina—and what lies ahead.

Spend time on the bridge or out on deck with the team as they scout for seabirds and marine life—your first taste of the remarkable biodiversity of this region.

Day 4–5: Falkland Islands - Enjoy Hiking, Zodiac Cruising, and Kayaking

Have your camera and binoculars ready as we approach the ruggedly beautiful Falkland Islands—a remote archipelago known for its dramatic cliffs, sweeping grasslands, and extraordinary wildlife.

These islands are famed for their vibrant penguin colonies, including gentoo, rockhopper, and Magellanic penguins—offering a fascinating natural spectacle against a backdrop of wild ocean and wind-swept grass. We'll explore a variety of landing sites by Zodiac and on foot, with

opportunities to hike across open landscapes, paddle through quiet inlets by kayak, and enjoy shore excursions shaped by the weather and wildlife around us.

Look out for large populations of black-browed albatross, Peale's and Commerson's dolphins, orcas, and a myriad of bird species—including the Falklands' flightless steamer duck, imperial shags, and Cobb's wren.

We'll also visit Port Stanley, the island's quaint and colourful capital, which has a distinctly British outpost feel. Learn more about the complex and sometimes controversial history of the Falklands and enjoy time to explore the town. Keep your eyes peeled for southern giant petrels, endemic Falkland steamer ducks, kelp and dolphin gulls, black-crowned night herons, red-backed hawks, peregrine falcons, and turkey vultures.

Day 6-7: At Sea - Discover Fascinating History and Search for Wildlife

Set sail on an eastward course across the Southern Ocean, bound for South Georgia—home to some of the richest wildlife spectacles on Earth. Over the next two days at sea, we'll cover more than 1,500 kilometres (837 nautical miles), journeying through open seas rich with history, mystery, and marine life.

This oceanic interlude offers time to slow down, reflect, and connect. Join your expedition team for presentations on the region's dramatic history, fascinating geology, and the remarkable marine life that may appear along the way. Keep your eyes on the horizon—these waters are home to albatross, petrels, and the occasional sighting of large cetaceans. If whales are spotted, head to the decks to witness their powerful presence firsthand!

Stories of early navigators resound here—none more compelling than that of Ernest Shackleton, whose fateful expedition passed through these very waters. Like him, we now look toward South Georgia, and if the skies are clear, we may catch our first glimpse of its mountainous outline on the horizon.

Day 8-11: South Georgia - Marvel at Penguins, Peaks, and Polar History

South Georgia captivates every traveller who sets foot on its shores. Home to one of the greatest concentrations of wildlife on the planet, the island's beaches are blanketed with hundreds of thousands of penguins as far as the eye can see.

We'll spend four days exploring this stunningly beautiful island—one that teems with life and is steeped in history. South Georgia played a pivotal role in Sir Ernest Shackleton's legendary Endurance expedition and was once the heart of the southern whaling industry. You may even have the opportunity to visit the explorer's final resting place at Grytviken.

Known as the Galápagos of the South, South Georgia is home to over thirty million breeding birds, thousands of seals, introduced Norwegian reindeer, and nesting sites of wandering albatross. The island hosts four species of breeding penguins. Watching thousands of them

gathered together—sleek, dignified, and dressed in nature’s finest tuxedos—is a sight you won’t soon forget.

Each day offers a new landing and a new perspective. Hike across plains where fur and elephant seals lounge between glacial streams. Marvel at snowy peaks, emerald bays, and electric-blue glacier ice. Visit abandoned whaling stations that speak to a complex past and observe a living world that abounds in one of the planet’s most remote corners.

Day 12-13: At Sea - Search for Seabirds and Icebergs

As we bid farewell to the wildlife haven of South Georgia, we set our course southwest across the Scotia Sea, bound for the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula. Here, the horizon stretches wide and empty, the silence broken only by the wind and the call of seabirds wheeling overhead.

Join the expedition team for engaging presentations on glaciology, Antarctic wildlife, and the icy ecosystems ahead. Outdoor viewing areas and time on the bridge offer excellent opportunities for spotting seabirds and scanning for icebergs as we cross into polar waters.

Beyond the sixtieth parallel, we may begin to encounter vast tabular icebergs—flat-topped giants calved from the Weddell Sea ice shelves—heralding our approach to Antarctica. As each day passes, we deepen our understanding of this frozen frontier, learning more about the wildlife and natural forces that shape it.

In between lectures and birdwatching, take time to unwind in the ship’s sauna or jacuzzi, connect with fellow travellers, and enjoy the many comforts aboard the *Ocean Victory*.

Day 14-17: South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula - Step Foot on the Seventh Continent

Spend four unforgettable days exploring the South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula—a region that has captivated explorers for centuries and continues to enchant modern-day travellers.

Antarctica dazzles with its scale and silence. Towering peaks and electric-blue glaciers dominate the skyline, while chinstrap, gentoo, and Adélie penguins crowd the shores. Crabeater, Weddell, fur, and elephant seals sprawl across the ice, and seabirds trace lazy arcs overhead. Listen for the thunderous crack of a calving glacier or the raucous chatter of penguins fiercely defending their perfect nesting pebble.

We’ll make the most of every opportunity to explore—whether it’s hiking along ridgelines with sweeping views, kayaking through brash ice, snowshoeing over white terrain, or enjoying spontaneous Zodiac cruises that bring you close to Antarctica’s wonders. Between landings, our on-board experts will continue to share insights through lectures, workshops, and informal conversations.

Sites like Brown Bluff, Paradise Bay, and Neko Harbour offer ever-changing possibilities for exploration—each shaped by the mood of the sea, the will of the weather, and the wonders that await. We may visit Deception Island, the flooded caldera of a collapsed volcano, where black-sand beaches contrast starkly with snow and steam, or sail through the Gerlache Strait, threading among towering bergs and glacial cliffs.

As we cruise from one site to the next, take in the scenery from the outer decks or enjoy the ship's health and wellness amenities—from the spa and sauna to the fitness centre and a relaxing massage. And for the truly adventurous, there may even be a chance to take a polar plunge into the icy Antarctic waters!

Day 18: At Sea — Drake Passage - Indulge in Whale Watching and Iceberg Spotting

We set our course north across the legendary Drake Passage—the stretch of sea that separates Antarctica from South America. Named for explorer Sir Francis Drake, these waters are famously unpredictable—sometimes calm and still, other times wild and rolling.

Head out on deck to look for the mighty albatross that flies overhead, scan the waters for breaching whales and drifting icebergs, or enjoy the view from the warmth of the observation lounge.

As our journey winds down, the expedition team shares closing reflections on the Antarctic Treaty and its vital role in protecting this region. After two weeks of wonder, we return with a renewed sense of connection and a shared commitment to protecting this extraordinary part of the planet.

Day 19: At Sea — Beagle Channel - Sail Past Fjords, Forests, and Wild Shores

Journey through the majestic Beagle Channel—a narrow, glacier-carved passageway that winds between the southern edges of Chile and Argentina. Framed by rugged mountains, windswept islands, and forests that spill down to the sea, this storied waterway—named after the ship that carried Charles Darwin—offers a peaceful stretch of sailing and a chance to reflect as seabirds wheel overhead and soft light plays across the water.

As we navigate past remote islets and rocky shores, watch for sea lions basking in the sun, imperial cormorants lining the cliffs, and dolphins weaving through the ship's wake. With the Andes rising in every direction and the waters leading us gently toward Ushuaia, the Beagle Channel offers a serene and stirring finale.

Day 20: Ushuaia, Argentina - A Fond Farewell

Disembark in Ushuaia after enjoying your final breakfast on the *Ocean Victory*. You have an included transfer to Ushuaia airport if you're flying home today, otherwise, enjoy some extra time exploring Tierra del Fuego and its rugged surroundings.

A departure transfer to the airport is included in your voyage fare if you are flying out today. Please speak to your agent to organize this.

If you are flying out today, please do not book your flight to depart Ushuaia before midday in case of any delays caused by unfavourable weather conditions.