

# Extended Falklands, South Georgia & Antarctic Circle

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Aboard the *Ocean Albatros*

**Starts:** Ushuaia, Argentina

**Ends:** Ushuaia, Argentina

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## **Expedition Summary**

### **The Wider Antarctic World**

Antarctica extends far beyond the continent itself. Across the Southern Ocean, islands, currents, wildlife, and human histories form an interconnected Antarctic world, one that this expedition explores in exceptional depth.

In the Falkland Islands, remarkable seabird colonies share windswept coasts with communities shaped by generations of life at sea. South Georgia reveals another dimension altogether. Hundreds of thousands of king penguins gather beneath glacier-clad mountains, elephant seals crowd the beaches, and albatrosses ride the Southern Ocean winds. At Grytviken, the legacy of whaling and the grave of Sir Ernest Shackleton sit within an island now celebrated for an extraordinary story of ecological recovery.

The connections between these places become increasingly apparent at sea. Crossing the Antarctic Convergence reveals a biological boundary where cold, nutrient-rich waters help sustain one of the planet's most productive marine ecosystems. Penguins, seals, whales, and seabirds depend upon a system that reaches from remote islands to the ice-filled waterways of the Antarctic Peninsula.

In Antarctica itself, weather, wildlife, and sea ice guide exploration by Zodiac and on foot. Glaciers descend between mountains, icebergs drift through sheltered bays, and volcanic landscapes reveal a continent still shaped by immense natural forces. Expert interpretation brings its ecology, geology, exploration history, science, and conservation into sharper focus.

Conditions permitting, the journey reaches beyond latitude 66°33' south and across the Antarctic Circle. It is a fitting culmination: deep within a wider Antarctic world whose connections, abundance, history, and scale have gradually come into view.

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Antarctica extends far beyond the continent itself. Across the Southern Ocean, the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, and Antarctic Peninsula reveal an interconnected world of ocean currents, immense wildlife colonies, human histories, ice, and ecological recovery. Cross the Antarctic Convergence, explore among penguins, seals, whales, glaciers, and icebergs, and deepen your understanding alongside expert guides. Conditions permitting, venture beyond latitude 66°33' south and cross the Antarctic Circle, a fitting culmination to an expedition revealing Antarctica in its remarkable breadth.

## Itinerary

**Day 1:** Ushuaia, Argentina

**Day 2:** Ushuaia

**Day 3:** At Sea – Southern Ocean

**Day 4-5:** The Falklands

**Day 6-7:** At Sea – Southern Ocean

**Day 8-12:** South Georgia

**Day 13-14:** At Sea – Scotia Sea

**Day 15-17:** South Shetland Islands

**Day 18-19:** Antarctic Circle and Antarctic Peninsula

**Day 20:** South Shetland Islands

**Day 21-22:** Drake Passage

**Day 23:** Ushuaia, Argentina

## Highlights



## **Journey through three extraordinary worlds**

Travel from the Falkland Islands to South Georgia and the Antarctic Peninsula, each revealing a different chapter in the story of the Southern Ocean. Discover island communities shaped by life at sea, landscapes alive with wildlife, and Antarctica itself—a continent where nature still sets the terms of every expedition.

### **Cross the Antarctic Circle**

Few Antarctic voyages venture beyond latitude 66°33' south. Conditions permitting, celebrate crossing the Antarctic Circle as nearly continuous summer daylight, towering icebergs, and the growing influence of sea ice signal your arrival in one of the planet's most seldom-visited regions. More than a geographic milestone, it is a powerful reminder of the scale, beauty, and wildness of the Antarctic.

### **Experience one of Earth's greatest wildlife spectacles**

Follow the rich waters of the Southern Ocean from the Falkland Islands to South Georgia and Antarctica, where abundant marine life supports immense colonies of penguins, breeding seabirds, seals, and whales. Crossing the Antarctic Convergence reveals how changing ocean conditions sustain one of the world's most productive and interconnected ecosystems.

### **Explore landscapes shaped by ice, fire, and time**

Cruise among sculpted icebergs, glacier-carved mountains, volcanic islands, and deep fjords that reveal Antarctica's remarkable geological story. Whether navigating narrow channels by ship or exploring ashore by Zodiac, every day offers a new perspective on a landscape still being shaped by powerful natural forces.

### **Travel with experts who bring every encounter to life**

Expedition guides, naturalists, historians, and scientists transform each landing, Zodiac cruise, and day at sea through engaging presentations, field interpretation, and informal conversations. Explore the legacy of Shackleton and the whaling era at South Georgia, learn about Antarctic science and conservation, and return home with a deeper understanding of one of the world's most remarkable regions.



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## Highlights at a Glance

- **Journey through three remarkable regions** — Experience the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, and the Antarctic Peninsula in one extraordinary expedition.
- **Cross the Antarctic Circle** — Conditions permitting, venture beyond 66°33' south on a voyage few Antarctic expeditions undertake.
- **Witness exceptional wildlife** — Observe penguins, whales, seals, albatrosses, and other seabirds across the Southern Ocean.
- **Explore landscapes shaped by ice and volcanoes** — Discover glaciers, icebergs, fjords, mountains, and volcanic islands.
- **Travel with expert guides** — Gain deeper insight into Antarctic wildlife, history, geology, science, and conservation.

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Ushuaia, Argentina

#### Gateway to the Southern Ocean

Your journey begins in Ushuaia, where the Andes meet the sea at the southern tip of South America. Surrounded by the forests and mountains of Tierra del Fuego, this lively port has long welcomed explorers, scientists, and travellers setting out for the Southern Ocean.

After arriving at Ushuaia Airport, you'll be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel. Take time to relax after your travels or explore the city's waterfront, museums, cafés, and shops at your own pace.

Later in the day, meet your expedition team and fellow travellers for a welcome gathering. Over regional cuisine and introductions, you'll begin discovering the places, wildlife, and stories that will shape the journey ahead.

### Day 2: Ushuaia

#### Embark the Ocean Albatros

Enjoy a relaxed morning exploring Ushuaia before transferring to the pier, where the *Ocean Albatros* awaits. Settle into your cabin, meet the captain, expedition team, and crew, and attend important briefings before your voyage begins.

As the ship enters the Beagle Channel, the mountains of Tierra del Fuego gradually slip astern. Black-browed albatrosses, petrels, cormorants, sea lions, and perhaps Magellanic penguins accompany our departure as we turn toward the open waters of the Southern Ocean.

## Day 3: At Sea – Southern Ocean

### Preparing for the Journey Ahead

Expedition travel begins long before the first landing.

As the *Ocean Albatros* sails south, your expedition team introduces the remarkable environments we'll soon explore. Presentations examine the wildlife, geology, history, and ecology of the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, and Antarctica, while mandatory briefings prepare everyone for safe and environmentally responsible exploration.

Between presentations, spend time on deck watching seabirds ride the Southern Ocean winds or simply settle into the rhythm of life at sea.

## Days 4–5: Falkland Islands

### Where Wind and Wildlife Meet

The Falkland Islands offer an unforgettable introduction to the Southern Ocean. Here, open grasslands, rugged coastlines, and windswept shores support extraordinary concentrations of seabirds and marine life, while generations of islanders have built communities shaped by the surrounding sea.

Weather permitting, we'll explore locations such as Saunders Island and The Neck, where black-browed albatrosses nest alongside colonies of gentoo, king, Magellanic, and rockhopper penguins. Kelp geese, steamer ducks, peregrine falcons, and many other bird species thrive across these islands, whose varied landscapes reveal the close relationship between climate, ocean, and life. Every landing offers a different perspective on an archipelago where nature and human history have evolved together.

## Days 6–7: At Sea – Southern Ocean

### Crossing Into Antarctic Waters

As we continue south, the ocean itself begins to change. Crossing the Antarctic Convergence—a natural boundary where colder southern waters meet those from farther north—marks our entry into one of Earth's richest marine ecosystems.

The days are filled with opportunities to watch wandering albatrosses, giant petrels, and storm-petrels accompany the ship, while whale blows and the season's first icebergs hint at what lies ahead.

Presentations, wildlife watching, and conversations with the expedition team deepen your understanding of the Southern Ocean—the living system that connects every destination on this voyage.



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## Days 8–12: South Georgia

### An Island Reclaimed by Nature

South Georgia is one of the great wildlife destinations on Earth—not simply because of the numbers of animals that gather here, but because the island tells an extraordinary story of ecological recovery.

Once profoundly altered by sealing, whaling, and introduced species, South Georgia has become one of the world's most celebrated conservation successes. Native wildlife is flourishing once again across an island where glaciers descend from rugged mountains to meet the sea.

Over five days, we'll explore through a series of landings and Zodiac cruises, each shaped by weather, sea conditions, and wildlife activity. King penguins gather in astonishing colonies alongside gentoo and macaroni penguins, while elephant seals and Antarctic fur seals crowd the beaches. Wandering albatrosses soar overhead, returning each year to breed on these remote shores.

South Georgia also preserves one of Antarctica's defining human stories. At Grytviken, abandoned whaling buildings invite reflection on a complex past, while nearby lies the grave of Sir Ernest Shackleton, whose leadership during the *Endurance* expedition continues to inspire generations of explorers.

Every landing reveals another chapter on an island where history, conservation, and wildlife come together in remarkable ways.

## Days 13–14: At Sea – Scotia Sea

### Following the Ice South

Leaving South Georgia astern, we continue across the Scotia Sea toward Antarctica. The ocean grows colder, icebergs become more frequent, and anticipation builds with every nautical mile. Join the expedition team for presentations exploring Antarctic science, wildlife, history, and international cooperation, or spend time on deck watching for whales, seabirds, and the increasingly dramatic ice that signals our approach to the White Continent.

These days remind us that the Southern Ocean is more than a route between destinations. It is the living system that connects them all.

## Days 15–17: South Shetland Islands

### Where Nature Sets the Terms

Antarctica rewards curiosity and patience. Here, weather, sea ice, and wildlife determine where we go and what we experience, making flexibility an essential part of true expedition travel.

Over the coming days, we'll explore the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula, adapting each day's plans to the conditions before us. Towering glaciers, sculpted icebergs, snow-



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covered mountains, and sheltered bays create an ever-changing landscape unlike anywhere else on Earth.

Penguin colonies bustle with activity while seals rest along the shoreline or on drifting ice. Whales may surface offshore, sustained by the rich marine ecosystem that makes these waters among the most productive on the planet.

Whether stepping ashore, cruising among icebergs by Zodiac, or quietly watching the landscape unfold from the deck, every encounter offers a new perspective. Along the way, your expedition team helps reveal the geology, ecology, history, and scientific significance of this remarkable continent.

Depending on conditions, we may visit places such as Brown Bluff, Neko Harbour, Paradise Bay, or Deception Island. Active research stations and historic sites further reveal Antarctica as a place dedicated to discovery, international cooperation, and peaceful scientific research.

## Days 18–19: Antarctic Circle and Antarctic Peninsula

### Beyond Latitude 66°33'

For many travellers, crossing the Antarctic Circle is one of the defining moments of the voyage. Few expeditions venture this far south, where nearly continuous summer daylight and the growing influence of sea ice create an even deeper sense of Antarctica's scale.

Our route may take us through the Lemaire Channel, where mountains, glaciers, and towering icebergs frame one of the great passages of the Antarctic Peninsula. Should conditions allow us to continue beyond latitude 66°33', we'll celebrate together—recognizing that, as throughout this expedition, nature has the final say.

## Day 20: South Shetland Islands

### One More Day in Antarctica

Our final day on the White Continent offers one last opportunity to embrace the rhythm of expedition travel.

Whether exploring ashore or cruising among icebergs by Zodiac, we'll continue seeking meaningful encounters with Antarctica's wildlife and landscapes. Perhaps you'll linger beside a busy penguin colony, watch seals resting on floating ice, or witness whales feeding offshore.

However the day unfolds, it provides a fitting conclusion to our time in one of the most remarkable places on Earth.

## Days 21–22: At Sea – Drake Passage

### Homeward Across the Southern Ocean

As we recross the legendary Drake Passage, Antarctica gradually slips beyond the horizon, but its influence remains.



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Spend time on deck watching albatrosses, whales, and seabirds accompany the ship northward, or join the expedition team for concluding presentations reflecting on Antarctica's wildlife, science, and the Antarctic Treaty System, which has protected this remarkable continent for more than half a century.

Share photographs, favourite moments, and new friendships as we celebrate an expedition that has carried us from the islands of the South Atlantic to the ice-covered shores of Antarctica—and back again.

## Day 23: Ushuaia, Argentina

### Journey's End

Overnight, we return to the sheltered waters of the Beagle Channel and arrive once more in Ushuaia.

After breakfast, bid farewell to the captain, crew, expedition team, and your fellow travellers before your included transfer to Ushuaia Airport, or extend your stay to explore more of Tierra del Fuego. The photographs you bring home will capture extraordinary wildlife and unforgettable landscapes. The deeper souvenir is perspective: an appreciation for the Southern Ocean, the remarkable connections that sustain life across it, and the enduring value of protecting one of the few places on Earth where nature still sets the terms.

### DETAILS

Departure location: Ushuaia, Argentina

Arrival Location: Ushuaia, Argentina

Duration: 23 days

Fitness Level: Moderate

Age Limitations: 8 and over

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