



Antarctica Encompassed – Wildlife, Landscapes & Legends

Antarctica Encompassed is the ultimate wildlife and wilderness adventure. The world's most southerly city, Ushuaia, is where your journey will begin. Catch your first sight of land after the infamous Drake Passage when we reach the beautiful and history-rich South Shetland Islands before we sail on to South Georgia and the Falkland Islands. Endless wildlife viewing opportunities await – busy penguin colonies, sparring elephant seals,

Day 1: 26 Feb 2019 (Tuesday) - Ushuaia - 1

Welcome to Ushuaia, the world's southernmost city and starting point of our expedition. Upon your arrival at the airport we provide a transfer to your hotel, which has been arranged by us and is included in the price of the voyage. For the rest of the day you are free to explore the city. Take advantage of souvenir shopping and a variety of dining options in the city centre.

Overnight in Ushuaia (hotel to be advised)



Day 2: 27 Feb 2019 (Wednesday) – Beagle Channel- 2

In the afternoon we provide a group transfer to the pier and welcome you aboard the luxury expedition ship M/V Sea Spirit. Explore the ship and get comfortable in your home away from home for the extraordinary adventure to come. Savor the anticipation of your Antarctic dreams coming true as we slip our moorings and sail toward a true wilderness where wildlife abounds. The scenery as we sail through the Beagle Channel on our first evening is wonderful and there is already the possibility of marine mammal encounters.



Overnight in a Sea Spirit - Antarctica Encompassed with all meals and activities included.

Day 3: 28 Feb 2019 (Thursday) – Drake Passage - 3-4

After transiting the Beagle Channel and passing the islands of Tierra del Fuego, we head south across the Drake Passage. On the way we cross the Antarctic Convergence, the biological boundary of the Southern Ocean. The ship's stabilizing fins provide comfort in the event of rough seas. Briefings, orientations, and lectures from our expert staff prepare you for our arrival in Antarctica.

Overnight in a Sea Spirit – Antarctica Encompassed with all meals and activities included



Day 5: 02 Mar 2019 (Saturday) – Antarctic Peninsula - 5-8

The wilderness of Antarctica is subject to unpredictable weather and ever-changing ice conditions, which dictate our route and exploration opportunities. This is a real expedition. Our experienced captain and expedition leader decide the itinerary and continually adjust plans as conditions and opportunities warrant. We exploit every opportunity to experience excellent wildlife viewing, amazing scenery, and excursions via Zodiac.

The Antarctic Peninsula region contains some of the world's most impressive scenery and some of Antarctica's best wildlife viewing opportunities. Protected bays and narrow channels are surrounded by towering mountain peaks covered in permanent snow and immense glaciers. Icebergs of every size and description complete an image of incomparable beauty. Waters rich with krill are home to a variety of whale and seal species. The whole area is alive with penguins foraging at sea and forming large nesting colonies at special places on land. The area is also home to Antarctic research stations of various nationalities. Some stations have a gift shop and post office.



The South Shetland Islands are the northernmost islands in Antarctica and will likely be our first sighting of land. This wild and beautiful island chain contains numerous landing sites with abundant wildlife and historical significance. Among them is Elephant Island, where men from Shackleton's famous Endurance expedition spent the winter.

Farther south, on the Antarctic Peninsula, the vast Gerlache Strait area contains sheltered bays, accessible wildlife, and stunning scenery.

Overnight in a Sea Spirit - Antarctica Encompassed with all meals and activities included.

Day 9: 06 Mar 2019 (Wednesday) – At Sea - 9-10

From Antarctica we head northeast toward South Georgia. Pelagic seabirds including the majestic albatross are common in these waters and can readily be viewed from panoramic open decks or from exterior stateroom windows and balconies. Briefings, bio-security procedures, and lectures from our expert staff prepare you for our arrival in South Georgia.



Overnight in a Sea Spirit - Antarctica Encompassed with all meals and activities included.

Day 11: 08 Mar 2019 (Friday) – South Georgia - 11-14

This is expedition cruising at its most authentic. Our route and exploration opportunities in South Georgia are heavily dependent on the weather conditions we encounter. Again you can be sure that the best possible advantage will be taken of the circumstances presented to us by Nature in this wild and remote corner of the world. We take every safe opportunity to go ashore in this amazing place.



South Georgia is a scenic wilderness and an unrivalled paradise for subantarctic wildlife viewing. The islands are said to host upwards of 100 million seabirds, including numerous species of albatross, penguins, prions, petrels, and terns. On beaches such as those at Salisbury Plain and St. Andrews Bay, over 100,000 elephant seals and three million fur seals jostle for space among innumerable penguins including stately king penguins and sprightly macaroni penguins. The recently completed rat eradication program is sure to make this wilderness even more pristine and rich with birdlife.

The bountiful waters surrounding South Georgia are also inhabited by an increasing number of whales. The historical whaling station of Grytviken is now home to the excellent South Georgia Museum managed by the South Georgia Heritage Trust. This is also the final resting place of Ernest Shackleton, the legendary polar explorer.

Our days in South Georgia are filled with memorable excursions, sumptuous meals, presentations by our experts, and enough incredible scenery and wildlife to fill your camera and overwhelm your emotions.

Overnight in a Sea Spirit - Antarctica Encompassed with all meals and activities included.

Day 15: 12 Mar 2019 (Tuesday) – At Sea - 15-16

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.

Overnight in a Sea Spirit – Antarctica Encompassed with all meals and activities included.



Day 17: 14 Mar 2019 (Thursday) – The Falkland Islands - 17-19

The remote and sparsely-populated Falkland Islands are a birders' paradise. We anticipate visiting one or more of the isolated outer islands where large colonies of penguins and albatross are easily accessible. The Falklands are also a great place to observe marine mammals. Fur seals and elephant seals can be found on sandy beaches while the waters in and around the archipelago are home to various whale and dolphin species. Our route and exploration opportunities are dependent on weather among these windswept islands.



We also intend to visit Stanley, the charmingly British capital of the Falkland Islands. Attractions within pleasant walking distance along the waterfront promenade include the Falkland Islands Museum, the governor's house, a cathedral with impressive whalebone arch outside, a war memorial, quality gift shops, pubs, and views of shipwrecks in the harbor.

Overnight in a Sea Spirit - Antarctica Encompassed with all meals and activities included.

Day 20: 17 Mar 2019 (Sunday) – At Sea - 20-21

From the Falkland Islands we proceed north toward Puerto Madryn. We keep a lookout for marine mammals such as dolphins and whales. This is also the time for our End of Voyage ceremonies including slideshow and farewell dinner.

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Day 22: 19 Mar 2019 (Tuesday) – Puerto Madryn - 22

After breakfast we say farewell in the city of Puerto Madryn. We provide a group transfer to the airport or to the town center if you wish to spend more time here. As you look back on your wonderful experience in Antarctica, you may already be looking forward to your next incredible adventure to the ice!



Included: Accommodation, daily breakfast, other meals where stated, tours with professional English speaking guide on a shared service basis unless otherwise stated, airport transfers where stated, most entrance fees and local taxes (some exclusions apply).

Excluded: Any meals not mentioned in the above itinerary. Travel Insurance and tips. Any flights or services not mentioned in this itinerary.

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Final payment on bookings are generally due 95 days prior to departure

Sea Spirit - Antarctica Encompassed (Cabin upgrades available)

Averaging 23 square metres/250 square feet, these staterooms have two twins and a comfortable sofa bed. The twins also convert to a King, if desired. Located on Oceanus Deck, these suites have a picture window, two wardrobes and en suite facilities. Amenities include: in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/VCR, individual temperature control, and hair dryer.



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