

# MALVINAS, SOUTH GEORGIAS AND ANTARCTIC PENINSULA



*Visit the Malvinas Islands, South Georgias  
and Antarctic Peninsula in a 19 day trip*



This is a trip to Malvinas Islands, South Georgias and Antarctic Peninsula where you will have the opportunity of watching 7 species of penguins.

**Length:** 19 días | **Boarding & landing:** Ushuaia | **Language:** English

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

All the itineraries are orientating. The programs can vary according to the local weather conditions and the condition of the ice so as to take advantage of the possibility of watching fauna. The flexibility is crucial for the expedition cruises.

# ITINERARY

## DAY 1 | USHUAIA

During the afternoon we get on board in Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, Argentina, the southwest city of the world, located on the Banks of the Beagle Canal and we set sail along this canal during the rest of the night.

## DAY 2 | AT SEA

With west winds the ship is accompanied by several species of albatros, storm petrels, shearwaters, and diving petrels .

## DAY 3 | MALVINAS ISLANDS

On Malvinas islands (Falkland) we plan to spend all day on the western end of the isles. A walk along the cost of the Carcass Island (Isla del Rosario) will allow us to see papua penguins and Magallanes penguins as well as having close encounters with wáter birds, garza trims, and passerine birds. On Saunders Island (Trinity Island) we will see 4 reproductive species of penguins (Papua, King, Magallanes and yellow head) Black brow albatross and Real cormorant.

## DAY4 | STANLEY HARBOURS (ARGENTINE HARBOUR) MALVINAS ISLANDS

On Stanley Harbour, capital city of Malvinas Islands, we will live the Malvinas cultura which has some southamerican characteristics as well as the Victorian charm. In Stanley Harbour we can see several sailboats from a century ago.. the passengers are free to wander on their own. We recommend to visit the local church and the museum (the entrance tickets are not included)

## DAYS 5 AND 6 | AT SEA

On the way to South Georgias Islands we will cross the Antarctic convergence. When we enter the Antarctic current the temperature falls considerably in a few hours. Near the convergence we will see flocks of birds around the ship, several species as albatross, petrels, shearwaters, prions and escuas.

## **DAYS 7-10 | SOUTH GEORGIAS**

Early in the afternoon of day 7 we arrive to the first disembarking place in South Georgias. The weather forecast in South Georgias can be challenging, in a certain way they determine the activity program. Some places which can be visited include: Prion Island where we will be witnesses of the reproduction effort of the huge Laysan albatross and we will enjoy watching the courting. The island is closed to visitors during the reproduction time from November 20 to January 7th.

In Fortune Island the beaches are inhabited by penguins and seals. Maybe we follow the last part of the route of Shackleton towards Stromness, the abandoned whaling station. The route will take us through a mountain path beyond the Shackleton Fall. The land is partially shallow and some streams are crossed during the way. In Grytviken we will also visit an abandoned whaling station where now the King penguins walk along its streets and sea elephants have adopted it as their home. Here we will offer a visit to the Whaling history museum and the tomb of Shackleton located very near. The Salisbury plains, the St Andrews bay and Gold harbour are not only the biggest home of 3 penguin colonies of King penguins in South Georgias but also the home of a great number of two hair wolves during the reproduction season (December - January). We will leave South Georgias in the afternoon of day 10.

## **DAY 11 | AT SEA**

The ship, once more accompanied by a flock of sea birds. At some point of the sailing it is possible to find marine ice, and on those Banks we will have the opportunity of seeing skuas and petrels of the snows.

## **DAY 12 | ORCADAS ISLANDS OF THE SEA**

Depending on the weather conditions and the ice conditions we hope to visit Orcadas station, an Argentina base located on the Laurie island of the South Orcadas Islands. The friendly staff of the base will show us the facilities and we will enjoy the wonderful sights of the surrounding glaciers. We will alternatively disembark on Shingle Caleta on the Signy Island.

## **DAY 13 | AT SEA TOWARDS ANTARCTICA**

We will sail through some big icebergs and we will have a good chance to see whales. It is here where we will be able to see Antarctic petrels around the ship.

## **DAYS 14 - 16 | ANTARCTIC PENINSULA**

If the ice lets us we will sail towards the Weddell sea through the Antarctic Strait full of ice. Huge tabular icebergs will announce the arrival to the western area of the Antarctic Peninsula. We hope to visit Paulet island, home of Adelia penguins ,and Farallon Brown, where we will be able to set foot on the Antarctic continent. If the ice conditions are not favourable to enter the Weddel sea from the East we will turn towards Elephant island to enter the Bransfield Strait, between South Shetland island and Antarctica Peninsula and we will try to enter the Antarctic Strait from the Northwest. The 19night trips open the possibility of sailing to the south through the west of the Antarctic Peninsula

After sailing the Neumayer canal we expect to visit an old British scientific station, today museum and a post office, in Lockroy Harbour on Goudier island . Very near there is is possible to disembark in Punta Jougla wher Papua and blue eyes cormorans nest. We can visit Neko Harbour in Andvord bay or Paradise bay. In this area we have great chances of seeing hump and Minke whales. In the first hours of our last day of activities we hope to disembark on Cuverville Island with thousand of Papua penguins in the biggest colony of this species in the Antarctic Peninsula. When the weather forecast is not favourable (sea and weather conditions) we will head to the Peninsula at noon.

## **DAYS 17 - 18 |AT SEA**

Heading north, again we will be accompanied by a sea birds selection while crossing the Drake passage.

## **DAY 19 | USHUAIA**

We will sail through big icebergs and we will be able to see fin whales. It is here where we have the chance to see Antarctic petrels around the ship.

### **THE EXPEDITION INCLUDES:**

- The voyage on board of the mentioned ship as indicated in the itinerary
- All the meals on board the ship including snacks coffee and tea
- All the excursions and activities in zodiac during the trip
- Lectures programs by naturalists and leadership of the expert expedition team.
- Free use of rubber boots and snow raquets.
- Luggage transfer from the picking up point to the ship on boarding day, in Ushuaia.
- Group transfer with beforehand notice from the ship to the airport in Ushuaia (directly after disimbarkment).
- All the taxes for services and duties during the program.
- Informative material before departure

## THE EXPEDITION DOES NOT INCLUDE :

- Any air fare in regular or charter flights.
- Errands before or after on land.
- Passport and visa expenses.
- Government taxes at arrival or departure.
- Meals on land.
- Luggage, cancelation and personal insurances (very recomendable)
- Charges for excess luggage and all the items of personal issues such as laundry, bar, drinks, communications.
- Nor the tip at the end of the trip for waiters, and other service on board (indications shall be provided).

