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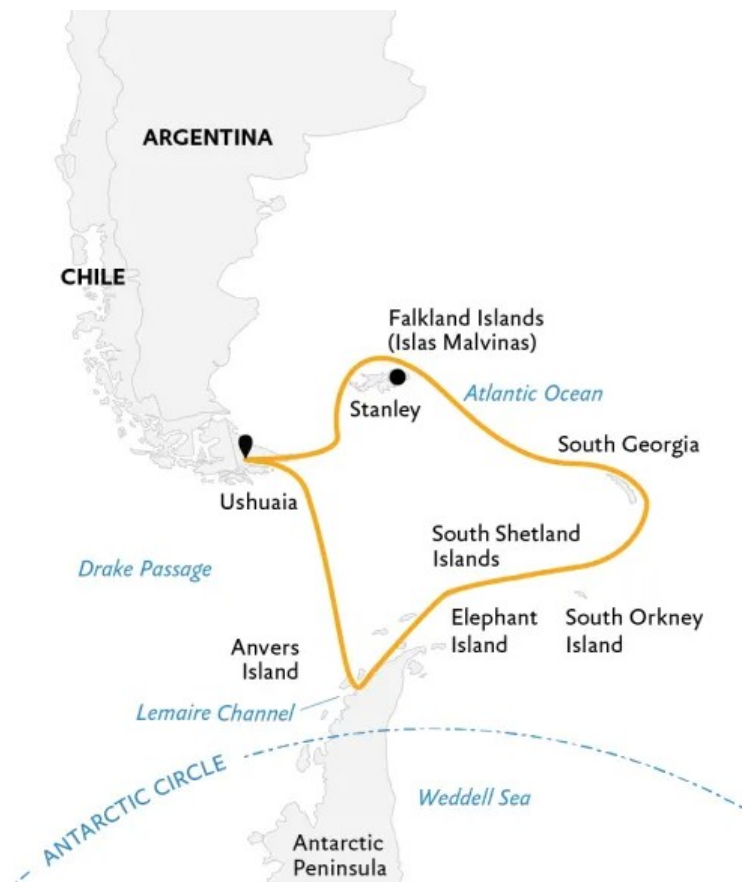
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## PENGUINS OF THE FAR SOUTH: FALKLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA AND ANTARCTICA

Experience it all on our 20-day Penguins of the Far South: Falklands, South Georgia & Antarctica itinerary. Wander the sandy dunes, rugged seabird cliffs, and the quaint capital of Stanley in the rarely-visited Falklands. In South Georgia, stand amid massive king penguin colonies and uncover the island's legendary history. Then set foot on the magical 7th Continent, where incredible wildlife, glaciers, icebergs, and snow-clad peaks reveal nature at its most awe-inspiring.



### ITINERARY

Day 1 - Arrive in Ushuaia, Argentina

Your gateway for this expedition is Ushuaia, Argentina. Located within the Tierra del Fuego archipelago, Ushuaia has a small-town feel yet boasts many shops, museums, cafes and restaurants that you can enjoy before your

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voyage. If you're feeling adventurous, the nearby Tierra del Fuego National Park and Martial Glacier offer plenty of outdoor activities, such as hiking.

## Day 2 - Embark

As you embark, the anticipation grows. Trade your land legs for sea legs, meet and greet your fellow travelers and get acquainted with your ship. Since every Antarctic adventure presents new opportunities and experiences, embarkation day is just as exciting for your Expedition Team as it is for you. On board your team will be there both to ensure your comfort and safety as well as help make your wildlife dreams come true.

## Day 3 - At Sea

Your days at sea are filled with presentations led by your Expedition Team on photography, wildlife, glaciology, and history. In between presentations, spend time on deck looking for wildlife or chatting with your shipmates over a drink at the bar.

## Days 4 and 5 - Falkland Islands

Upon your arrival in the Falklands, your camera will get its first real workout capturing the abundant wildlife and rugged feel of this sub-Antarctic region. The archipelago contains two main islands, East Falkland and West Falkland, which you will explore during daily excursions. Stanley, also known as Port Stanley, is often a favored landing site, as the town offers a unique British outpost feel, complete with eclectic charm. You'll be free to explore, grab a pint at the local pub or visit the cathedral and museum. In terms of wildlife, the archipelago is home to Magellanic, gentoo and southern rockhopper penguins. If you're lucky, you may even spot king penguins here as well! You can expect to see black-browed albatross, plus two endemic bird species--the flightless Falkland steamer duck and, possibly, the elusive Cobb's wren. Your expert education team will enrich your understanding of the local flora and fauna, making the most out of your time in the Falklands.

## Days 6 and 7 - At Sea

Sailing southeast to South Georgia, you'll officially enter Antarctic waters once

you cross the Antarctic Convergence, an invisible biological boundary encircling the continent. This meeting of oceans, where the cold Antarctic waters mix and mingle with the warmer waters of the Indian, Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, helps nourish the abundance of krill that attracts whales, seals, and birdlife to this part of the world. Your Expedition Team will notify you when you cross this invisible yet important line, and also look out for the seabirds and marine life that frequent this nutrient-rich area.

## Days 8 to 11 - South Georgia

This remote, mountainous island was a popular stop for many historic Antarctic expeditions and was once known for whale- and seal-hunting. Today, island wildlife populations are rebounding, but you'll still see remnants of old whaling stations and other abandoned outposts. One significant and historic site is the grave of the great explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton. You can visit his grave at the settlement of Grytviken, which is also home to an old whaling station, plus a museum, gift shop, church and small research station. Although South Georgia's history is an important attraction to the island, its incredible densities of wildlife make it truly memorable. Each landing you make on South Georgia, often referred to as the Galapagos of the Southern Sea, will open your eyes to the wondrous lives of new, enthralling creatures. One day you may see colonies with hundreds of thousands of pairs of king penguins waddling on shore, and the next, you may visit another beach inhabited by hundreds of fur or elephant seals. The grasses, mountains and beaches of South Georgia all play an important role in the breeding and survival of different species on the island. This fragile and interwoven relationship is something your Expedition Team will instill in you during your time here.

## Days 12 and 13 - At Sea

Say goodbye to the king penguins as you leave for your next destination: Antarctica! Your days at sea are filled with presentations, workshops, and social activities led by your Expedition Team. If conditions allow, we may attempt landfall on the South Orkney Islands, our first official stop in Antarctica.

## Days 14 to 17 - South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula

The most common reaction upon reaching the Antarctic Continent is a sense of reverence and awe. The experience is beyond words, since few places are as

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untouched and enduring as Antarctica. You will discover that Antarctica is a land of extremes. At one moment you'll be overcome with a feeling of complete isolation and silence, and at the next moment you'll be inspired by nature as a calving glacier crashes into a brilliant blue sea or a curious penguin waddles by to observe the human. Your Expedition Team will take care of you at each excursion, whether you are Zodiac cruising, visiting a historical site or consorting with penguin colonies. Chinstrap, Adelie and gentoo penguins are found here, along with Weddell, fur, crabeater and leopard seals. During Zodiac cruises, keep an eye out for Antarctic whales such as minke, as you may get a chance for an intimate experience with these majestic animals. Each day and each excursion will present a new collection of creatures to entertain you and keep your camera busy. As exciting as the Zodiac excursions and landings are, perhaps you'll treat yourself to an extra-special Antarctic experience by partaking in an optional paddling excursion (at an extra cost) or cast reason aside and jump into Antarctic waters for the Polar Plunge!

## Days 18 and 19 - Crossing the Drake Passage

After more than two weeks of endless wildlife encounters, your journey home begins. Crossing the Drake is your unofficial rite of passage, completing your Antarctic adventure. Enjoy your final moments celebrating with your fellow shipmates and savor the silence of the sea as long as you can.

## Day 20 - Disembarkation in Ushuaia

After breakfast aboard the ship, it is time to part ways and say goodbye to your Expedition Team. Airport transfers will be provided for those departing on the first homeward flights. Other guests will be transferred to town.

### Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



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## YOUR SHIP: OCEAN EXPLORER

<b>YOUR SHIP:</b>	<b>Ocean Explorer</b>
<b>VESSEL TYPE:</b>	<b>Polar Expedition</b>
<b>LENGTH:</b>	<b>342 ft (104.4 m)</b>
<b>PASSENGER CAPACITY:</b>	<b>138</b>
<b>BUILT/REFURBISHED:</b>	<b>2021</b>

including waste-to-energy technology. Every detail of the Ocean Explorer reflects innovation, comfort, and environmental consciousness--setting a new standard for luxury expedition cruising.



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The Ocean Explorer is a modern, purpose-built expedition vessel combining contemporary elegance with advanced polar exploration technology. Accommodating up to 138 guests, this state-of-the-art ship features the innovative ULSTEIN X-BOW® design, which ensures smooth, stable sailing even in rough seas. A highlight of the vessel is its stunning two-story, glass-walled library located at the bow--perfect for quiet reflection with panoramic views of the polar landscapes. Almost all spacious cabins include private verandas, while the ship's sleek Scandinavian-inspired interiors create a sense of understated luxury. Guests can unwind in the fitness centre, sauna with large windows overlooking the ice, or one of two outdoor Jacuzzis while taking in the surrounding scenery.

Designed with both exploration and comfort in mind, Ocean Explorer offers generous outdoor viewing spaces and elevated observation decks for exceptional photography and wildlife watching. A fleet of 15 Zodiacs ensures quick, safe embarkation for off-ship adventures. Social spaces such as the elegant Main Dining Room, Latitude Bar, and Observation Lounge provide a refined yet relaxed atmosphere, complemented by fuel-efficient Rolls-Royce engines and cutting-edge sustainability systems,

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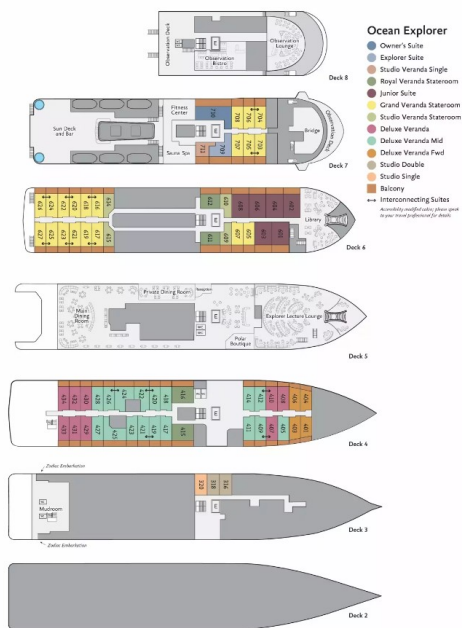
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## INSIDE YOUR SHIP



Deluxe Veranda Forward



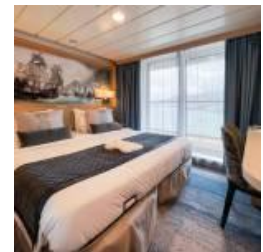
Junior Suite



Owners Suite



Penthouse Suite



Studio Single



Studio Veranda Single



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## PRICING

### 25-Oct-2026 to 13-Nov-2026

Triple Suite	42495 AUD pp
Deluxe Veranda Forward	47395 AUD pp
Junior Suite	50706 AUD pp
Veranda Stateroom	49995 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	52895 AUD pp
Studio Single	68695 AUD pp
Penthouse Suite	72395 AUD pp
Studio Veranda Single	74195 AUD pp
Owners Suite	77395 AUD pp

### 10-Feb-2027 to 01-Mar-2027

Triple Suite	49095 AUD pp
Junior Suite	56672 AUD pp
Deluxe Veranda Forward	54895 AUD pp
Veranda Stateroom	57695 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	61095 AUD pp
Studio Single	79195 AUD pp
Penthouse Suite	83495 AUD pp
Studio Veranda Single	85595 AUD pp
Owners Suite	89295 AUD pp

### 14-Feb-2028 to 04-Mar-2028

Junior Suite	51594 AUD pp
Triple Suite	53995 AUD pp
Deluxe Veranda Forward	60395 AUD pp
Veranda Stateroom	63495 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	67295 AUD pp
Studio Single	87295 AUD pp
Penthouse Suite	91995 AUD pp
Studio Veranda Single	94195 AUD pp
Owners Suite	98395 AUD pp

## Optional extras & upgrades

### Paddling Excursion

Glide through the pristine polar waters in a sit-on-top, two-person, inflatable kayak for an unforgettable experience in the Arctic and Antarctic wilderness. These stable, rugged and comfortable crafts are an ideal way to see the polar regions from a different perspective. Experienced guides will lead you safely throughout the paddling excursion. Your group will always be escorted by an additional safety driver who will stay close by to provide additional support.

### Sea Kayaking

The kayak adventure option is open to all levels of experience. However, it is highly recommended that you have some sea kayaking related experience prior to kayaking in the polar regions with Quark Expeditions. Our sea kayaks are the ideal means by which to slow down and connect with the pristine natural environments and surroundings.

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