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SPIRIT OF SHACKLETON - 21 DAY ANTARCTICA & SOUTH GEORGIA EXPEDITION

Experience vast penguin rookeries and seal colonies on this awe-inspiring voyage to Antarctica, South Georgia, and the Falkland Islands. This 21-day voyage illuminates Ernest Shackleton's legend and recounts his courageous exploration of Antarctica. You'll visit historical sites of past explorers, as well as Shackleton's final resting place - the wildlife-rich island of South Georgia. Antarctica is beyond comprehension and sure to amaze any traveller seeking a true adventure to the world's most remote wilderness.



ITINERARY

Day 1 Ushuaia

Arrive in Ushuaia at any time. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the world's most southerly city. Arrival transfer is included. There will be a welcome desk in the lobby of the start hotel that will provide more specific information on the MS Expedition.

Day 2 Ushuaia/Beagle Channel

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Enjoy a free morning in Ushuaia. Do any last minute shopping or explore the town or the surrounding countryside. Embarkation on the MS Expedition begins in the afternoon at the port in Ushuaia. Enjoy the evening sailing through the Beagle Channel. Expedition travel can be full of surprises! While it is our intention of adhere to the itinerary described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. On the first day onboard, the Expedition Leader will give an expedition overview outlining what the specific plans are for the trip.

Day 3 Beagle Channel/Falkland Islands

As the Expedition makes passage east, become acquainted with the ship. Begin lectures and information sessions about the extraordinary human and natural history of the Antarctic region. On the passage east visit the common areas that include the lounge, dining hall, library and lecture hall and meet the guides, ship's crew and lecturers. Begin the lectures and information sessions to learn the extraordinary human and natural history of the Antarctic region.

Days 4-5 Falkland Islands/Southern Ocean

The Falkland Islands provide a rare opportunity to witness the biological diversity and extraordinary scenery of the southern islands. Penguins and albatross are abundant here, and the Falklands have the largest black-browed albatross colony in the world. In Stanley, meet the hardy local inhabitants whose colourful houses provide contrast to the long, dark winters. Catch our first glimpses of penguins, including the Magellanic, rockhopper, gentoo, and king penguins. With a little luck, spot elephant seals, sea lions, king cormorants, black-browed albatross, skuas, night herons, giant petrels, striated caracaras and of course sheep.

Days 6-7 Southern Ocean/South Georgia

Sailing east, set course for South Georgia. Days at sea are filled with lectures to prepare for landings. Watch for the many whales that inhabit these waters.

Days 8-11 South Georgia/Scotia Sea

Home to many interesting sites (including the grave of polar explorer Ernest Shackleton), South Georgia has several former whaling stations and boasts plenty of wildlife. Visiting a huge colony of king penguins is a major highlight of this part of the journey. Weather permitting, spend three full days exploring the island. Weather permitting, three full days will be spent exploring this island. On nearby islands look out for the wandering albatross in their nesting grounds.

Days 12-13 Scotia Sea/Tierra de O'Higgins, Peninsula

Sail for two days, retracing Shackleton's route backwards on course towards Elephant Island and the Antarctic Peninsula. These waters are rich with nutrients and the long summer days provide the ingredient that is missing most of the year. The result is a complex food chain topped by several species of whales, seals, and seabirds.

Days 14-18 Tierra de O'Higgins, Peninsula/Drake Passage

Experience some of the most unique wildlife and awe-inspiring scenery in the world while setting foot on the Antarctic continent. Attempt two shore landings per day (weather permitting), and encounter Gentoo, Chinstrap, and Adelie penguin rookeries; Weddell, crabeater, and leopard seals; and orca, humpback, and minke whales in the cold Antarctic waters. The peninsula also has a remarkable human history. Finally a chance to step foot on the Great White Continent! Over the next four days, the Expedition will navigate southwards making stops in the South Shetland Islands then through the Bransfield Strait and to the Antarctic Peninsula. Our goal is to attempt two excursions per day while we navigate through the area but our itinerary and daily schedule will be based on the local weather and ice conditions that we encounter. The Antarctic Peninsula and the South Shetland Islands abound with wildlife activity. Take a chance to visit scientists working in modern research bases, with plenty of time to enjoy the sheer beauty and the breathtaking scenery of ice-choked waterways, blue and white icebergs, impressive glaciers and rugged snow-capped mountains. The Peninsula also has a remarkable history and, during the voyage, opt to learn about some of the most important and dramatic expeditions to this remote corner of the world.

Days 19-20 Drake Passage/Ushuaia

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Reflect on a memorable adventure and take in some final lectures on route back to Ushuaia. Keep a careful lookout for a last chance to spot whales. Heading north across the Drake Passage, spend two days enjoying the beauty of the sea while sailing for Ushuaia. In between bird watching, whale watching, and enjoying some final lectures by our expedition staff, this is a chance to relax and review the adventures of the past week before returning to Ushuaia. Remember, the best way to experience the wildlife of the Drake Passage is to be on deck keeping a look out for Albatross, Prions, and Whales!

Day 21 Ushuaia

Disembark in the morning. Our adventure comes to a close. Have a final breakfast on the expedition ship before saying goodbyes before disembarking in Ushuaia in the morning.

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VESSEL TYPE:	Expedition
LENGTH:	102 metres (331 feet)
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	128
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	1976/2017

With just 128 passengers and a 10:1 guest-to-expert ratio, Polar cruising with G is designed for real exploration rather than passive sightseeing. Small ship size allows for daily landings when conditions permit, getting guests off the ship and into polar landscapes more often than larger vessels can manage. Expert-led excursions are a core part of the experience, with historians, biologists, geologists, and wildlife specialists providing context and depth to every landing, glacier, and wildlife encounter.

The expedition experience focuses on substance, value, and community. Zodiac excursions, expert talks, gear use, and warm, informal hospitality are included, prioritising time on land over luxury extras. The newly refurbished Expedition ship, launching for the 2025/2026 season, blends proven polar capability with upgraded cabins, ensuite bathrooms, refreshed common areas, and modernised engines. A relaxed, small-group atmosphere fosters strong connections between guests, crew, and experts, creating a shared sense of purpose and one of the most memorable aspects of the journey.



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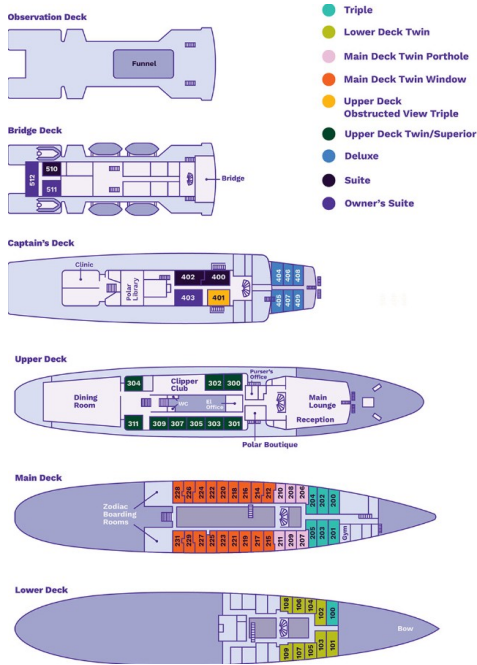
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INSIDE YOUR SHIP



Deluxe



Lower Deck Twin



Main Deck Twin Porthole



Main Deck Twin Window



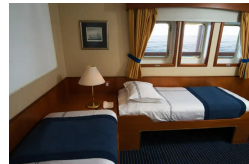
Owners Suite



Suite



Superior



Triple



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PRICING

11-Jan-2027 to 31-Jan-2027

Triple	39099 NZD pp
Lower Deck Twin	44099 NZD pp
Main Deck Twin Porthole	46399 NZD pp
Main Deck Twin Window	49299 NZD pp
Superior	51299 NZD pp
Deluxe	54499 NZD pp
Suite	57399 NZD pp
Owners Suite	59099 NZD pp

Optional extras & upgrades

Camping

Follow in the footsteps of bold explorers and experience this land's awe-inspiring splendours first hand. Our Antarctica camping experience includes time to enjoy the beauty of Antarctica near your campsite with ample photography options. Experience the sounds of heaving ice, the fresh scent of the sea, the stars at night--nothing gets you closer to the humbling forces of nature than spending a night ashore!

Kayaking

Weather permitting, you will head out in kayaks during the days where zodiac landings are also available. Kayaking as part of a group lead by experienced and skilled leaders, is an opportunity to experience these remote regions from another vantage point. No other activity gets you as close to the natural environment!

Optional tours and excursions are available, please contact us for more details.

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