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WILD COASTS OF ARGENTINA, SOUTH GEORGIA, AND THE FALKLANDS EXPEDITION

Discover Argentina's rugged eastern coast as we seek out secluded ports, wildlife-rich estuaries, and the vibrant waters of World Heritage-listed Peninsula Valdes, where our arrival coincides with the whale breeding season. Get immersed in a sea of black and white amid tens of thousands of king penguins on a remote beach in South Georgia, then hike the rocky shores of the Falkland Islands among fur seals and the world's largest colony of black-browed albatrosses.



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DAYS 1-2 Buenos Aires, Argentina / Embark Ship

Arrive in Buenos Aires and check into the Alvear Icon Hotel (or similar). Set out on a guided tour of the city's beaux-arts palaces. Visit Recoleta--the final resting place of Argentina's iconic first lady, Eva Peron--and enjoy a private visit to El Zanjón de Granados, one of the city's premier museums. In the early evening, we gather for an informal reception and a drink at the hotel. After a choice of explorations the following day, set sail on National Geographic Endurance.

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Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are included on Day 2.

Arrival Time: Arrive before 11:30 a.m. local time.

Arrival City: Buenos Aires, Argentina

DAY 3 Montevideo, Uruguay

Arrive in Uruguay's vibrant capital city and discover its elegant mix of architectural styles, ranging from Spanish colonial to art deco, or opt to join a bird-watching excursion in nearby wetlands. Later, travel outside the city to a family-owned estancia, or ranch, where we enjoy a traditional asado barbecue lunch accompanied by gaucho music and dancing.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4 At Sea

As National Geographic Endurance sails south along the Argentinian coast, hear talks from our onboard naturalists and visit the ship's open Bridge to learn about navigation. Unwind with a massage in the spa or a session in the fitness center, get lost in a book in the library, or simply soak up the views from the rooftop observation deck or one of the outdoor infinity hot tubs.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAYS 5-6 Bahía Blanca / At Sea

Dock in the port city of Bahia Blanca. Travel into the hills and discover the flora and fauna of the Argentinean pampas on a guided hike. As we make our way back to the coast, visit one of the world's largest colonies of burrowing parrots. Scan the cliffs to see thousands of the colorful birds that make their nests

here. Once back on board, spend time on deck with our naturalists or relax and enjoy the ship's many amenities.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAYS 7-8 Puerto Madryn

Granted UNESCO World Heritage status as a marine sanctuary in 1999, Peninsula Valdes is the world's most important breeding ground for endangered southern right whales. Our arrival coincides with the height of whale season, optimizing our chances for spotting these magnificent creatures in their natural environment. Set out by local boat to seek out whale calves and their often-curious mothers, which can grow up to 50 feet long. Set foot on secluded beaches frequented by southern elephant seals, nesting Magellanic penguins, and frolicking sea lions. Scan the shores for orcas, which are known to beach themselves here to hunt for prey. During walks and hikes, keep an eye out for terrestrial wildlife such as the guanaco, armadillo, and the ostrich-like rhea.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAYS 9-10 Bahía Bustamante

Included in Patagonia Austral Marine National Park and the UNESCO-listed Patagonia Azul Biosphere Reserve, Bahia Bustamante is a hidden gem along the southern coast of Argentina. Steppes of inland Patagonia meet the sea, providing a rugged backdrop to the white-sand beaches and clear waters. Take a Zodiac cruise or kayak along the coast to observe an abundance of wildlife, such as blue-eyed and rock cormorants, Magellanic penguins, sea lions, and more. Learn about the rugged ranchers who settled in the region-remote and still largely wild-in the 1950s and built sustainable wool production on the grasslands and harvested seaweed from the sea.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 11 Puerto Deseado / At Sea

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Travel in small boats into the Reserva Natural Ria Deseado, a submerged estuary that is home to the black-and-white Commerson's dolphin-one of the smallest cetaceans in the world-and the only rockhopper penguin colony in Patagonia. Seek out these rare marine species and discover the reserve's unique geology. Later, at a local museum in Puerto Deseado, learn about the famous explorers who passed this way and peruse a collection of well-preserved artifacts retrieved from the shipwrecked H.M.S. Swift, a British sloop of war that sank in 1770. Spend the afternoon sailing Argentina's southern coast.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAYS 12-13 Falkland Islands

Discover the remote South Atlantic archipelago of the Falkland Islands, where some 200 islands each offer a distinct variation on rugged coastal beauty. White-sand beaches, soaring cliffs, windswept moors, and swaying tussock grass set a stunning natural backdrop to encounters with thriving wildlife-from thousands of gentoo, rockhopper, and Magellanic penguins to black-browed albatrosses, elephant and fur seals, and sea lions hauled out on rocks. Enjoy a variety of excursions with our naturalists and take in sweeping views at every turn.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAYS 14-15 At Sea

As we journey across these southern waters, deepen your understanding of this far-flung region. Learn about the history of Antarctic exploration and join our naturalists on deck to identify seabirds soaring overhead.

DAYS 16-20 South Georgia Island

Spend five incredible days exploring the spectacular coastlines and abundant wildlife of South Georgia. Our schedule is flexible, and we anticipate opportunities to walk, hike, kayak, or explore by Zodiac most days. Take in unforgettable wildlife spectacles: the antics of elephant seals, leopard seals, and fur seals; cliffs inhabited by hundreds of nesting albatrosses; and shores peppered with tens of thousands of king penguins. Our stops may include visits to the abandoned whaling station at Grytviken, which played a part in the extraordinary story of Sir Ernest Shackleton's ill-fated expedition and is now the explorer's final resting place, as well as Stromness Bay, where Shackleton, Tom Crean, and Frank Worsley finally reached help after a year and a half stranded in Antarctica.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAYS 21-22 At Sea / Falklands

After time at sea, we return to the Falklands archipelago and its natural wonders. Stroll around the lively Victorian town of Port Stanley, the largest and most populated city in the Falklands, and mingle with islanders at a local pub in this remote outpost.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAYS 23-24 Falklands / At Sea

As we sail back to Ushuaia, an albatross or two may join the escort of seabirds that cross our bow and follow in our wake. Soak up final vistas of these southern waters, share photos with fellow travelers, and toast our epic voyage at a farewell dinner.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 25 Ushuaia / Disembark Ship / Fly to Buenos Aires

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Disembark in Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Take a charter flight to Buenos Aires and connect with your flight home.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Please Note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



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YOUR SHIP: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDURANCE

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VESSEL TYPE:	Expedition Ship
LENGTH:	124 m
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	126
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	2020

A next-generation expedition ship, purpose-built for polar navigation.

National Geographic Endurance is a next-generation expedition ship, purpose-built for polar navigation. A fully stabilized, highly strengthened, ice-class Polar Code PC5 (Category A) vessel, it is designed to navigate polar passages year-round, and safely explore uncharted waters, while providing exceptional comfort. Its patented X-BOW® is key to its design; its powerful wave-slicing action provides an extremely smooth ride in even adverse conditions, and even reduces spray on deck, for superior observation. She carries a full suite of expedition tools and offers a variety of experience-enhancing amenities.

The luxury of comfort on expedition

National Geographic Endurance comfortably accommodates 126 guests in 69 outside-facing cabins. Cabins are efficiently designed, with sizes range from the 140-square-foot solo cabin to the 430-square-foot category 7 suite. Fifty-three of the 69 cabins, including all 12 of the solo cabins, will feature small balconies with floor-to-ceiling sliding doors that bring in the spectacular views and ample natural light.

Comfort & convenience in every room

Every cabin has two portholes, a large window or balcony, and temperature controls. Bathrooms are modern and stocked with botanically inspired hair products, soap, and shower gel, plus a hairdryer. Cabins are equipped with expedition command centers with tablets and USB/mobile device docking, TVs, Wi-Fi connections, and hair dryers.

_Dining: _Food served aboard is fresh, local, and delicious, and sourced from suppliers who share our values of sustainable use whenever possible. Meals aboard are almost always served in the dining room, located aft of the lounge deck. When weather conditions allow, lighter fare may be served on the observation deck. There is no assigned seating and our dining room accommodates the entire expedition community in a single seating. During meals your expedition leader, naturalists, and any guest speakers aboard will join you.

Public Areas: Two restaurants, a Chef's Table for small group dining, Observation Lounge with bar, gym, Wellness area, infinity-style outdoor hot tubs, library, main lounge with full service bar, 24-hour beverage, state-of-the-art facilities for films, slideshows and presentations, and a photo workshop area; plus, an expedition base with lockers for expedition gear, and an "open bridge" for access to our captain, officers and the art of navigation.

Meals: Two restaurants, featuring local, sustainable choices and unassigned seating for flexible, inclusive dining; plus a Chef's table for intimate, small group dining. Main restaurant has 270° views, and the Observation deck restaurant features lighter, made-to-order fare.



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_Cabins: All cabins face outside with large windows, private facilities and climate controls. 53 cabins have balconies. Cabins are equipped with expedition command centers with tablets and USB/mobile device docking, TVs, Wi-Fi connections, and hair dryers.

_Expedition Tools: Zodiac landing craft, kayaks, snowshoes, cross-country skis, undersea specialist operating a remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) and underwater video camera for unique access to polar marine world, hydrophone, aerial remote-controlled camera and video microscope.

_Special Features: A full-time doctor, undersea specialist, National Geographic photographer, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor and video chronicler, an internet cafe and laundry.

_Wellness: The vessel is staffed by our wellness specialists and features a glass-enclosed yoga studio, gym, treatment rooms and spa relax area, and high- and low-heat saunas with ocean views.

_Expedition Landing Craft: Key to our operation is our fleet of expedition landing craft, which we use to land in places that would otherwise be inaccessible. With 8 of these boats and two loading stations used every time we disembark, we're able to transfer guests off the ship quickly, so you can be out on adventures, not idly waiting. The expedition landing craft we use are 19 feet long, powered by four-stroke outboard engines, and are capable of comfortably carrying 10-12 people. They are widely recognized as the safest and most versatile small boats afloat.

_Remotely Operated Vehicle: Capable of reaching 1,000 feet, far beyond the range of any Scuba diver, the ROV allows you to literally view parts of the undersea that are as unexplored as the

moon. Chances are you, like many of our guests, will be struck by how surprisingly colorful undersea life is in these unlikely places. And this glimpse may fundamentally change how you view the ocean.

_Kayaks: National Geographic Endurance will be equipped with a fleet of kayaks large enough to ensure everyone who wants to can paddle at every opportunity.

Consequently, prior kayaking experience isn't necessary--many of our guests have their first kayaking experience in extraordinary locations. Our custom-designed floating platform lets us deploy kayaks from the ship, or any location we want--including far from shore. Kayakers are usually free to explore where they want within boundaries set by the undersea specialist and officer of the watch.

_Underwater camera: Our undersea specialist will dive often during your expedition, even in Alaska, with cold-water gear, to shoot high-definition, Cousteau-like footage of the deep. Colorful nudibranchs, swimming, plant-like crinoids, and mysterious fish with antifreeze blood that thrive in the frigid sea will give you an entirely new appreciation of the marine environment.

_Video microscope: Naturalists will use the video microscope to help explain all elements of the environment, including tiny organisms that are the building block of the marine ecosystem. Spellbinding live views of krill at 80x magnification fills the high-definition screens in the lounge with vivid detail, and fills every onlooker with a sense of wonder at the importance of otherwise unobservable creatures.

_Hydrophone: This underwater microphone is deployed to listen to the vocalizations of marine mammals. Real time transmissions of their eerie, haunting sounds can be broadcast through the ship or recorded for later playback. Few experiences

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in nature are as captivating as watching humpback whales feed close to the ship as their vocalizations play through the ship's PA system.

Electronic charts: An electronic chart showing the ship's location, course, and speed is almost always on display in the lounge.

Open bridge: You'll find our captains are engaged, knowledgeable members of your expedition who are eager to share their passion with you. Venture's open bridge features comfortable spaces to sit, enjoy the view, drink your morning coffee, or simply chat with the officers.

Snorkeling gear & wetsuits: On warm weather itineraries where there will be snorkeling, you'll select a mask, snorkel, fins, and wetsuit that remain yours for the duration of the expedition. There's no need to pack and tote your own gear, although guests who prefer to are welcome to bring their own.



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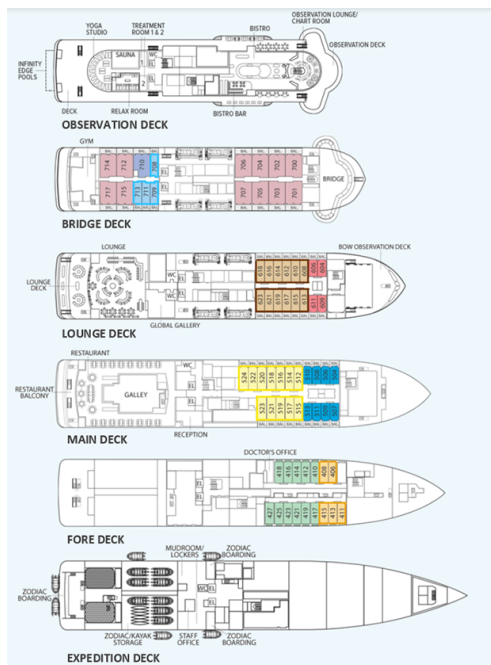
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