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## TRIP DETAILS

19 days / 18 nts - Antarctica

Departures Daily

Trip Ref 2337

## ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Ushuaia

Falkland Islands

South Georgia

South Orkney islands

Antarctica Peninsula

Drake Passage

Ushuaia



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## Antarctica, Falklands and South Georgia

This voyage is one of the most complete and varied Antarctic adventure. It promises an in-depth and unforgettable experience to the bottom of the world travelling to the extraordinary Falkland Islands and diverse sub-Antarctic islands before sailing further south to the remarkable Antarctic Peninsula area.

### Day 1: Arrive in Ushuaia - Tierra del Fuego

We board our Peregrine expedition vessel at Ushuaia on Tierra del Fuego, the southern tip of South America. In the early evening, we set sail travelling through the Beagle Channel. The long days mean plenty of evening light in which to experience the beauty of the channel, and to perhaps enjoy our first wildlife sightings.

Meals included: 1 dinner

### Day 2: At Sea

As we sail to the northeast, we have the chance to enjoy a series of presentations that will prepare us for all our Antarctic adventures to come. On deck, the first sightings of albatross and petrels are likely to add to the sense of excitement.

Meals included: 1 breakfast, 1 lunch, 1 dinner

### Days 3 - 4: Falkland Islands - West Point

We arrive in the Falklands overnight and make our first shore excursion in the morning. Depending on conditions, we'll explore the islands of the West Falkland Archipelago including West Point, Carcass or Saunders Islands, all rich in wildlife. We'll find an abundance of land and seabirds with many migratory species in residence, such as the wandering albatross and its smaller relative the black-browed albatross.

The breathtaking cliffs at West Point are home to busy rookeries of rockhopper penguins and Magellanic penguins nest in the tall tussock grass on privately owned Carcass Island, where we may see a variety of land birds. Here, we'll also hope to observe oyster catchers, geese and the endemic steamer duck along the rocky shores.

The next day we'll visit Stanley, the capital of the Falkland Islands, with its brightly painted houses and renowned philatelic bureau and museum. We'll learn about the historic importance of the harbour in Stanley that served as a major port during the 19th century for sailing vessels attempting to round the Horn, or seeking refuge after completing the formidable journey.

Meals included: 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners

### Days 5 - 6: Falkland Islands - At Sea

Leaving the Falklands, our journey continues southeast heading for the island of South Georgia. We'll have a chance to learn about Antarctic conservation as well as the fascinating history of the area as our onboard presentations continue. Of course, there'll be ample time to scan the seascape from the top deck in search of marine mammals and seabirds. We'll cross the Antarctic Convergence on this leg of our journey and notice a dramatic drop in temperature.

Meals included: 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners

### Days 7 - 10: South Georgia

We arrive in South Georgia, the most rugged and mountainous of the many islands in the Southern Ocean. The towering, snow-covered mountains and glaciers are truly magnificent to behold. We'll cruise the more protected eastern coast of the island, seeking out suitable landing spots as variable ice and weather conditions permit.

We'll hope to get ashore at Salisbury Plain where colourful king penguins crowd the beaches in numbers that are simply astonishing. Hundreds of thousands of adult birds and their young literally carpet the vast area. Another 75,000 pairs of king penguins nest at St

Andrews Bay. Everywhere, albatross, skuas and giant petrels wheel overhead and fur seals are found in good numbers along the shore or frolicking in the water.

At Grytviken, we'll visit an old whaling station as well as the grave of Sir Ernest Shackleton, one of the greatest Antarctic explorers of all time.  
Meals included: 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners

**Days 11 - 12: Sea and South Orkneys**

Crossing the Scotia Sea to the southwest, we'll head for Antarctica. Along the way, if time and conditions allow, we'll make a stop at the South Orkney Islands, linked to the Antarctic Peninsula by a massive range of sub-marine mountains. This area is usually surrounded by sea ice and often guarded by large icebergs.

We'll attempt a landing at Coronation Island, known for its extensive moss beds, nesting penguins and beautiful snow petrels. We may also visit the Argentinean meteorological station located on the seldom-visited island of Laurie.  
Meals included: 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners

**Days 13 - 16: South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Mainland**

En route to the South Shetland Islands, we may be able to land at Elephant Island. It was from here that Sir Ernest Shackleton set out on a small boat for South Georgia in 1916, undertaking one of the most remarkable sailing journeys of all time and returning 132 days later to rescue his men.

We'll spend several days cruising among the South Shetlands, an archipelago of bays, channels and some 20 islands off the Antarctic Peninsula. We'll enjoy frequent shore excursions via zodiac boat, exploring various islands such as King George, Half Moon, Aicho or Livingston. Here on these beautiful islands, we'll enjoy superb wildlife encounters with Adelie, chinstrap and gentoo penguins, as well as several species of seal.

Weather permitting, we'll enter the flooded caldera of Deception Island and enjoy a spectacular walk to the higher points of the crater rim, or we may explore an abandoned whaling station nearby.

Finally, we'll arrive at the Antarctic mainland in Paradise Harbour or Hope Bay. Here we'll witness some of the most dramatic scenery on the planet. We'll hope for temperate weather so we can undertake a shore excursion and set foot on the Antarctic continent.  
Meals included: 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners

**Days 17 - 18: Drake Passage - Cape Horn**

Leaving the Antarctic Peninsula, we'll head back across the Antarctic Convergence and the Drake Passage. The crossing is completed with the rounding of Cape Horn. Our final evening onboard is spent at a special Captain's dinner where we'll celebrate our extraordinary Antarctic adventures together.  
Meals included: 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners

**Day 19: Fly out from Ushuaia**

In the early morning, we arrive back in Ushuaia where the cruise ends. You're transferred to your hotel or to the airport for your onward flight.  
Meals included: 1 breakfast

**Prices per person**

Departure Dates	Cabin Category	Rates
20 Dec 2009 - 7 Jan 2010	Main Deck - Triple	\$9,990
	Main Deck - Twin	\$12,440
	Upper Deck - Twin	\$13,140
	Superior - Twin	\$14,940
	Superior - Plus	\$15,540
	Peregrine Suite	\$16,640
	Cook Suite	\$17,740
22 Feb 2010 - 12 Mar 2010	Main Deck - Triple	\$10,890
	Main Deck - Twin	\$13,290
	Upper Deck - Twin	\$13,890
	Superior - Twin	\$15,890
	Superior - Plus	\$16,990
	Peregrine Suite	\$18,090
	Cook Suite	\$19,990

Rates subject to change, without notice

This trips are operated on the Akademik Sergey Vavilov

**Included:** Airport arrival transfer in Ushuaia, Departure transfer on last day of the voyage from Ushuaia pier to airport or hotel, Transfer from Peregrine meeting point to pier, Ship-board accommodation, Highly experienced expedition leader, crew and presenters, All meals, afternoon tea most days, Access to public viewing areas, Shore excursions by zodiac boat, Onboard presentations, videos, slide and film

shows, Onboard medical officer, Port taxes and/or landing fees at Ushuaia, Stanley and South Georgia

**Not included:** All airfares, Visa and passport fees, Airport departure taxes, Pre-cruise or post-cruise hotel accommodation, Laundry, postage, telephone calls, drinks, medical expenses, Travel insurance and emergency evacuation charges, Gratuities to staff and crew

**Notes:**

- Please note that due to the exploratory nature of this expedition, weather, ice, wildlife or other conditions may require changes be made to the itinerary and/or cancellation of certain shore excursions. Every effort will be made to provide regular shore excursions, within the limits of safety and time constraints. These conditions will also play a role in the decision to camp ashore. If conditions are not suitable, camping will not take place.
- All departures are subject to a fuel surcharge.
- Sea kayaking: this option must be booked prior to your departure from home: it cannot be booked on the ship. Some prior experience is required.
- Fuel prices have been a particular issue in recent years and it may become necessary to initiate a fuel surcharge if prices continue to increase.

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