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TRIP DETAILS

19 days / 18 nts - Antarctica

Departures Daily

Trip Ref 2409

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Ushuaia

Falkland Isl.

South Georgia

South Shetland

Drake Passage

Ushuaia



PRICES FROM \$9,990

Falklands, South Georgia, Antarctica

This itinerary has been meticulously researched to offer exciting, rewarding and incredibly varied experiences but above all else the crew and expedition staff believe that flexibility is the key to a successful voyage. By constantly assessing and responding to environmental conditions at the time, they are confident of fulfilling visitors' well-deserved expectations of an experience of a lifetime.

Day 1: Embark in Ushuaia

In the afternoon, we embark in Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, Argentina, the southernmost city in the world located in the shadow of the Andes and right at the Beagle Channel shore. We'll sail through this scenic waterway during the afternoon.

Day 2: At sea

At sea, in the west lies the ship is followed by several species of albatrosses, storm petrels, shearwaters and diving petrels.



Day 3: Falklands - South Georgia - Antarctic Peninsula

A typical itinerary in the Falklands - South Georgia, and Antarctic Peninsula could be as follows. This is a sample only, the final itinerary will be determined by the Expedition Leader on board.

In the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) we plan to spend the whole day on the fascinating western side of the archipelago. A hike along the shore of Carcass Island will give us instead views of Magellanic and Gentoo-Penguins, as well as close encounters with water fowl and Night herons. In addition, on Saunders we will be able to observe Rockhopper Penguins, Black-browed Albatrosses and King Cormorants.

Day 4: Falklands Islands

In Stanley, the capital of the Falklands, we can experience Falkland culture, which has some South- American characteristics as well as Victorian charm. In Stanley and surrounding area we can see a quite important number of stranded clippers from a century ago. Especially for the birders, we will also offer a three hours excursion outside Port Stanley.

Days 5 - 6 South Georgia

At sea, on our way to South Georgia we will cross the Antarctic Convergence. Entering Antarctic waters, the temperature will drop as much as 10 degrees C in the time span of only a few hours. Near the Convergence we will see a multitude of southern seabirds near the ship; several species of Albatrosses, Shearwaters, Petrels, Prions and Skuas.



Days 7 - 10: South Georgia

In South Georgia we shall visit the bay of Elsehul, with its very active fur seal breeding beach, and then take course to Right Whale Bay, Salisbury Plain, Gold Harbour and Cooper Bay to give you a good opportunity to see a wide spectrum of landscapes and wildlife, like the introduced Reindeer, Elephant seals, King and Macaroni Penguins. At Fortuna Bay we might try to follow in the footsteps of the great British Explorer Ernest Shackleton and hike over to Stomness Bay. There and at Grytviken we'll see an abandoned whaling village, where King Penguins now walk in the streets and seals have taken over the buildings. At Grytviken we'll also offer a visit to the Whaling History Museum as well as to Shackleton's grave near by. One of the highlights might be our visit to Prion Island, where we will witness the breeding efforts of the huge Wandering Albatross and enjoy watching their displays.

Day 11: At sea

At sea, where the ship is again followed by a multitude of seabirds. At some point we might encounter sea-ice, and it is at the ice-edge

where we might have a chance to see some high-Antarctic species like the Maccormick Skua, Snow Petrel and the elusive Emperor Penguin.



Day 12: South Orkney Islands

We are aiming for a visit at Orcadas station, an Argentinean base located in the South Orkney Islands. The friendly base personnel will show us their facilities and we can enjoy the wonderful views of the surrounding glaciers.

Day 13: At sea

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Days 14 - 16: Weddell Sea - Antarctic Peninsula

We will sail into the Weddell Sea through the ice-clogged Antarctic Sound. Huge tabular icebergs will announce our arrival to the eastern side of the Antarctic Peninsula. We plan to visit Paulet Island with a million pairs of Adelie Penguins and the remains of the Nordenskiöld expedition. At Brown Bluff we can put our feet on the continent.

At Deception Island, we will try to land at Baily Head home to a colony of ten thousands of Chinstrap Penguins. Deception itself is a sub ducted crater, which opens into the sea, creating a natural harbour for the ship. Here we find hot springs, an abandoned whaling station, thousands of Cape Pigeons and many Dominican Gulls, Brown and South Polar Skuas and Antarctic Terns. Wilson's Storm Petrels and Black-bellied Storm Petrels nest in the ruins of the whaling station in Whalers Bay. Good walkers may hike from Baily Head over the ridge of the crater into Whalers Bay, while our ship braves its entrance into the crater through the spectacular Neptune's Bellow into the ring of Deception Island. In the afternoon we may land at Half Moon Island, where we can observe Elephant, Weddell and Fur Seals as well as Chinstrap Penguins, Blue-eyed Shags, Wilson's Storm Petrels, Kelp Gulls, Snowy Sheatbills, Antarctic Terns and Antarctic Brown Skuas.



On our way West, we sail to Cuverville Island, a small precipitous island, nestled between the mountains of the Antarctic Peninsula. It contains a large colony of Gentoo Penguins and breeding pairs of Brown Skuas. From there we sail to Neko Harbour in Andvord Bay and through Paradise Bay with its myriad icebergs and deep cut fjords, while having chances of seeing large Whales. We will have opportunities for zodiac cruising

between the icebergs in the inner parts of the fjords.

Days 17 - 18: Drake Passage

On our way north we are again followed by a great selection of seabirds while crossing the Drake Passage.

Day 19: Disembark in Ushuaia

We arrive in the morning in Ushuaia and disembark

Prices per person

Departure Dates	Days	Cabin Category	Rate
January 5-23 2010 (MOL25)	18	Triple non private	\$11,790
		Twin non private	\$13,990
		Twin private	\$15,990
		Superior	\$18,490
		Suite	\$20,350

*** Rates subject to change, without notice**

MOL This trip is operated on the [Professor Molchanov](#)

Included: Voyage aboard the indicated vessel as indicated in the itinerary.; All meals throughout the voyage aboard the ship including snacks, coffee and tea; Free use of rubber boots and snowshoes; Pre-scheduled group transfer from the vessel to the airport in Ushuaia (directly after disembarkation); All shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage by Zodiac; Program of lectures by noted naturalists and leadership by experienced expedition staff; All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the programme.

Not included: Any airfare, whether on scheduled or charter flights, pre- and post land arrangements, transfers to / from the vessel, passport and visa expenses, Government arrival and departure taxes, meals ashore, baggage, cancellation and personal insurance (which is strongly recommended), excess baggage charges and all items of a personal nature such as laundry, bar, beverage charges and telecommunication charges, and the customary gratuity at the end of the voyages for stewards and other service personnel aboard (guidelines will be provided) .

Please note:

- All rates are quoted per person in US Dollar, based on twin occupancy.
- due to the increasing fuel prices, all departure are subject to fuel surcharge.
- all dates & rates are subject to change.
- all voyages will operate subject to a minimum of 30 participants.
- All itineraries are for guidance only. Programs may vary depending on local ice and weather conditions and in order to take advantage of opportunities to see wildlife. Flexibility is paramount for expedition cruises.
- Single occupancy: All cabins 1.7 times the share price

