



SOUTH GEORGIA AND ANTARCTICA FLY MICRO CRUISE

Journey to the Heart of the Polar Worlds: South Georgia and Antarctica Experience the awe-inspiring contrast of two polar realms--South Georgia's thriving wildlife spectacle and Antarctica's majestic, ever-changing landscapes--on an expedition that brings you face to face with nature at its most raw and spectacular. In South Georgia, dramatic coastlines are alive with activity year-round. Vast king penguin rookeries stretch across the beaches, where adults tend to their fluffy chicks or engage in elaborate courtship rituals depending on the season. Massive elephant seals haul out along the shores, clashing in thunderous battles or resting in sprawling harems, while soaring above, wandering albatrosses trace elegant arcs across the sky. Farther south, Antarctica unfolds as a land of extremes--timeless, pristine, and teeming with life. Sculpted icebergs drift through icy bays, home to bustling penguin colonies and patrolling leopard seals. Depending on the time of your visit, you may witness penguins courting, nesting, or raising their young, while whales breach and dive among floes and ice-clad fjords. From the sub-Antarctic riches of South Georgia to the stark, silent beauty of Antarctica, each moment in these remote wildernesses offers a rare and unforgettable glimpse into the rhythm of life at the edge of the world.



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Day 1 Arrival at Port Stanley, the Falkland Islands

After meeting our team at Mount Pleasant Airport, you'll transfer to Port Stanley, where you'll have time to explore the town, shop for local souvenirs, and enjoy the charming streets. In the late afternoon, you'll board your ship, settle into your cabin ready to set sail eastward, leaving the rugged beauty of the Falklands astern as we enter the legendary waters of the Southern Ocean.

Days 2 - 3 Sail across the Southern Ocean



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Between spotting wandering albatrosses gliding effortlessly above the swells and dolphins dancing in the wake, you'll enjoy a dynamic, curated program of lectures, workshops, and personal accounts from our expedition team. Hands-on photography sessions will help you sharpen your skills for polar environments, while time on deck offers endless opportunities to connect with the wilderness.

Days 3 - 8 South Georgia

As we approach South Georgia, we may first pass the remote Shag Rocks, alive with seabirds.

Depending on conditions, there's a chance for an evening Zodiac excursion -- your first thrilling taste of the subantarctic.

Over the next four full days, we'll explore South Georgia from north to south, aiming to visit iconic wildlife havens such as St Andrews Bay, Salisbury Plain, Gold Harbour, and Cooper Bay. Walk among vast king penguin colonies, watch elephant seals lounging on golden beaches, and visit Grytviken, the final resting place of Sir Ernest Shackleton.

We'll aim to embark on a Zodiac excursion alongside the towering glaciers of Drygalski Fjord, and witness large numbers of albatrosses heading out to fish from their nests on Prion Island.

Days 9 - 10 Sail across the Scotia Sea

We begin our crossing toward Antarctica through the Scotia Sea, one of the world's most storied seaways. As in the Southern Ocean, the days will be filled with expert-led presentations on polar science, history, and wildlife, plus active workshops in photography to refine your craft. Out on deck, keep watch for

seabirds, seals, and the first Antarctic iceberg of the voyage.

Days 11 - 14 Antarctic Peninsula

If conditions allow, we may first sail by Elephant Island -- the refuge where Shackleton's men endured months of isolation -- or the South Orkney Islands.

Then, the Antarctic Peninsula awaits. As you navigate through waterways like the Gerlache Strait, Neumayer, and Lemaire Channels, Antarctica will begin to astound with its array of blue ice. Land on beaches where gentoo, chinstrap, and Adelie penguin colonies stretch out in vast numbers.

Zodiac cruise past magnificent icebergs of deep blue and keep watch for humpback whales bubble-netting in krill-rich waters. With flexible navigation and a small-ship advantage, we'll venture into less-visited areas such as the Antarctic Sound or the Weddell Sea if conditions permit.

Day 15 Return to Puerto Natales

On your final morning, we hope to disembark at King George Island and take a charter flight back to Puerto Natales. There, you'll stay at our very comfortable lodge, where you can relax and reflect on your extraordinary Antarctic experiences.

Day 16 Conclusion of the voyage

After breakfast, your voyage concludes in Puerto Natales. For those continuing their adventure, there's the opportunity to join our Torres del Paine extension package, where you may go horseback riding through the stunning Patagonian landscapes, take a scenic hike to Mirador Base Las Torres, visit Laguna Sofia, explore the Milodon Cave, or enjoy other carefully planned activities.



Please note:

We prefer to embrace spontaneity and make the most of every opportunity nature presents to us. This is how we believe a true, authentic expedition should run...for those who don't just travel--they explore.

Our listed itineraries are for guidance only. The day-to-day activities may vary depending on the ice, the weather, and the wildlife. Landings are subject to site availability and permissions, and always in line with IAATO guidelines and Antarctic Treaty regulations, and follow the strictest environmental protocols.



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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

Built for true polar exploration, MV Polar Athena combines the rugged power of an icebreaker with the intimacy of small-group travel. With the highest 1A Super ice-class rating and space for just 42 guests, she offers one of the most personal Antarctic experiences available. Born as a research vessel and reimagined for modern-day adventurers, Polar Athena slices through heavy sea ice with ease, offering unmatched agility, comfort, and access to remote destinations. Her small size ensures that all guests can disembark together for Zodiac excursions, maximising time ashore and embracing the spontaneity of wildlife encounters and shifting weather. On board, guests enjoy Scandinavian-style comfort with thoughtfully designed cabins, panoramic observation lounges, and a warm, family-like atmosphere. Whether you're spotting whales from the elevated bow deck, relaxing in the wellness area's hot tub, or enjoying freshly prepared meals in the cosy dining room, Polar Athena offers immersive exploration without the crowds. Her bridge lounges welcome guests throughout the voyage, offering behind-the-scenes insight and a shared sense of purpose with the crew, making each journey feel like a genuine expedition into the unknown.



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