

# FALKLANDS (MALVINAS), SOUTH GEORGIA & ANTARCTICA

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Explorers and Kings



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# Overview

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The Antarctic region offers so many extraordinary things to see and do, and travelling with Quark Expeditions offers multiple options to personalize your experience. We've designed this guide to help you identify what interests you most, so that you can start planning your version of the perfect Antarctic expedition.

The *Falklands (Malvinas), South Georgia and Antarctica* itinerary is the fastest way to get to the rarely visited Falklands and South Georgia Islands before stepping foot on the 7th Continent. Stroll the quaint English village of Stanley in the Falklands, wander the islands' sandy dunes, and birdwatch at rugged seabird cliffs. In South Georgia, discover the beaches where king penguins breed - the highest densities of animal life on earth - and learn about the rich historical legacy of the places you visit. Both islands are known as meccas for wildlife with epic displays of animals congregating by the thousands. Then, explore the stunning Antarctic peninsula and enter a world of ice, snow and natural wonders. Pursue your personal passions with a choice of rewarding activities and our extensive educational program.

Antarctica has been inspiring explorers for centuries and our expeditions offer the chance for you to discover why. We're excited to host you on your unforgettable adventure! Feel free to reach out to our team of Polar Travel Advisers who can answer your questions and provide assistance at any time.



## EXPEDITION IN BRIEF



Wander the quaint British town of Stanley in the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas)



See South Georgia's incredible wildlife, including 30 breeding bird species and four penguin species



Follow in the footsteps of Sir Ernest Shackleton's perilous voyages to South Georgia and pause for a moment at his grave site



Explore the Antarctic Peninsula by ship, Zodiac and foot



Learn about Antarctica's unique geology, history and wildlife with our onboard lecturers



Immerse yourself in the icy realm of the Antarctic, with an optional kayaking excursion



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# 20-Day Itinerary

## DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN USHUAIA, ARGENTINA

Your gateway for this expedition is Ushuaia, Argentina. Nestled within the Tierra del Fuego archipelago, Ushuaia has a small-town feel yet boasts many shops, museums, cafés and restaurants that you can enjoy before your voyage. If you're feeling adventurous, the nearby national park and Martial Glacier offer plenty of outdoor activities, such as hiking.

## DAY 2 | EMBARKATION DAY

As you embark, the anticipation grows. Trade your land legs for sea legs, meet and greet your fellow travelers and get acquainted with your ship. Since every Antarctic adventure presents new opportunities and experiences, embarkation day is just as exciting for your Expedition Team as it is for you. On board to ensure your comfort and safety, your team will also help make your wildlife dreams come true.

## DAY 3 | AT SEA

Your days at sea are filled with presentations and lectures led by your Expedition Team, who will prepare you for the wildlife that will greet you upon your arrival. In between presentations, spend time chatting with your shipmates over a drink at the bar, or enjoy the fresh air and views on the outer decks.

## DAYS 4 & 5 | FALKLAND ISLANDS (ISLAS MALVINAS)

Upon your arrival in the Falklands (Malvinas), your camera will get its first real workout capturing the abundant wildlife and rugged feel of this sub-Antarctic region. The archipelago contains two main islands, East Falkland and West Falkland, which you will explore during daily Zodiac excursions and landings.

Stanley, also known as Port Stanley, is often a favored landing site, as the town offers a unique British outpost feel,



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— On board the *Ocean Adventurer*, or *Ocean Diamond*

complete with eclectic charm. You'll be free to explore, grab a pint at the local pub or visit numerous churches and museums.

In terms of wildlife, the archipelago is home to Magellanic, gentoo and southern rockhopper penguins. If you're lucky, you may even spot king penguins here as well! You can expect to see black-browed albatross, plus two endemic bird species—the flightless Falkland steamer duck and possibly the elusive Cobb's wren.

Your team of lecturers and specialists will be sure to educate you on the local flora and fauna, making the most out of your time in the Falklands.

#### **DAYS 6 & 7 | AT SEA**

Sailing southeast to South Georgia, you'll officially enter Antarctic waters once you cross the Antarctic Convergence, an invisible biological boundary encircling the continent. This meeting of oceans, where the cold Antarctic waters mix and mingle with the warmer waters of the Indian, Pacific and Atlantic Oceans,

helps create the abundance of krill that attracts whales and seals to this part of the world. Your Expedition Team will notify you when you cross this invisible yet important line, and also look out for the seabirds and marine life that frequent the area.

#### **DAYS 8-11 | SOUTH GEORGIA**

This remote, mountainous island was a popular stop for many historic Antarctic expeditions and was once a haven for hunting whales and seals. Today, island wildlife populations are rebounding, but you'll still see remnants of old whaling stations and other abandoned outposts.

One significant and historic site is the grave of the great explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton. You can visit his grave at the settlement of Grytviken, which is also home to an old whaling station, plus a museum, gift shop, church and small research station.

Although South Georgia's history is an important attraction to the island, its incredible densities of wildlife make it

truly memorable. Each landing you make on South Georgia, often referred to as the Galapagos of the Poles, will open your eyes to the wondrous lives of new, enthralling creatures.

One day you may see rookeries with hundreds of thousands of pairs of king penguins waddling on a beach, and the next, you may visit another beach blanketed with thousands of fur or elephant seals. The grasses, mountains and beaches of South Georgia all play an important role in the breeding and survival of different species on the island. This fragile and interwoven relationship is something your Expedition Team will explain to you during your time here.

#### **DAYS 12 & 13 | AT SEA**

Say goodbye to the king penguins, as your next destination is Antarctica! Your days at sea are filled with presentations, lectures and workshops led by your Expedition Team, who will prepare you for the wildlife that will greet you upon your arrival.



If conditions allow, we may attempt landfall on the South Orkney Islands, our first official stop in Antarctica.

#### **DAYS 14-17 | SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS AND ANTARCTIC PENINSULA**

The most common reaction upon reaching the White Continent is a sense of reverence and awe. The experience is beyond words, since few places are as untouched and enduring as Antarctica.

You will discover that Antarctica is a land of extremes. At one moment you'll be overcome with a feeling of complete isolation and silence, and at the next moment you'll be inspired by nature as a calving glacier crashes into brilliant blue sea or a penguin waddles by to inspect your footwear.

Your Expedition Team will take care of you at each excursion, whether you are

Zodiac cruising, visiting a historical site or consorting with penguin colonies. Chinstrap, Adélie and gentoo penguins are found here, along with Weddell, fur, crabeater and leopard seals. During Zodiac cruises, keep an eye out for Antarctic whales such as minke, which may give you a chance for an intimate experience with these majestic animals. Each day and each excursion will present a new collection of creatures to entertain you and keep your camera busy.

As exciting as the Zodiac excursions and landings are, perhaps you'll treat yourself to an extra-special Antarctic experience by partaking in an optional paddling excursion (at an extra cost) or cast your gear aside and jump into Antarctic waters for the polar plunge!

#### **DAYS 18 & 19 | CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE**

After more than two weeks of endless wildlife encounters, your journey home begins. Crossing the Drake is your unofficial rite of passage, completing your Antarctic adventure.

Enjoy your final moments celebrating with your fellow shipmates. The busy, populated world awaits your return, so savor the silence of the sea as long as you can.

#### **DAY 20 | DISEMBARKATION IN USHUAIA**

After breakfast aboard the ship, it is time to part ways and say goodbye to your Expedition Team. Airport transfers will be provided for those departing on the first homeward flights. Other guests will be transferred to town.



#### **EXPEDITION SPIRIT**

Embracing the unexpected is part of the legacy—and excitement—of expedition travel. When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. This itinerary is a tentative outline of what you'll experience on this voyage; please be aware that no specific itinerary can be guaranteed. By the same token, wildlife encounters as described are expected, but not guaranteed. Your Expedition Team will use their considerable experience to seek out wildlife in known habitats, but the presence of any particular species of bird or marine wildlife is not a guarantee.



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# Arrival & Departure Details

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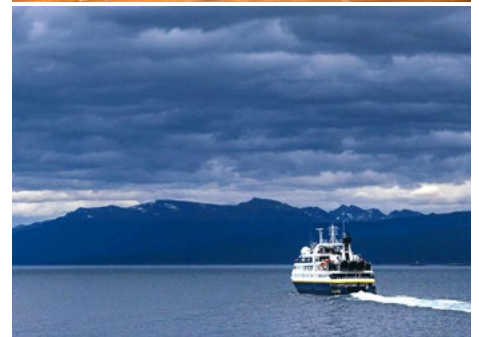
As you prepare for your journey, you may be interested in your arrival and departure details. Since air transportation to and from your voyage is not included in the cost of your expedition, you have some flexibility in planning your flights. Looking to extend your adventure beyond your polar expedition? Learn how to add on a pre-or post-expedition stop—or both!—in your gateway city on page 15.

## Arrival Day and Embarkation

### ARRIVING IN USHUAIA

You may arrive in Ushuaia at any time during Day 1 of your itinerary. Ushuaia is a destination worth exploring, so we do encourage you to arrive a day or two before your expedition. Based on the arrival information you send us, we will arrange for a transfer from the airport to your hotel.

A Quark Expeditions® representative will be available to answer your questions in the lobby of your hotel in Ushuaia during your optional pre-departure briefing on Day 1, at 6pm.



## EMBARKATION IN USHUAIA

On the morning of Day 2, your luggage will be collected from the lobby of your hotel, transferred to the ship and stored in your cabin.

Ship embarkation will occur on Day 2 of your itinerary, usually around 4pm. You and your shipmates will meet at a designated location near the pier, and board the waiting buses for transfer to the ship. Information about embarkation will be posted in your Ushuaia hotel and discussed during your optional pre-departure meeting on Day 1.

## Final Day and Departure

### DISEMBARKATION IN USHUAIA AND ONWARD

Your ship is scheduled to arrive at the pier in Ushuaia, usually between 7am and 8am. Once the ship has docked, you will bid farewell to your Expedition Team and shipmates before completing your disembarkation. The process takes about an hour.

Weather conditions can always change our arrival times, and airline schedule changes have also been known to occur in Argentina. Please book your flight home from Ushuaia to depart as late in the day as possible or at a date after the end of your expedition. If you have booked a flight that departs before 11am on the date that your expedition ends, you will be at risk of missing your flight.

Quark Expeditions® staff in Ushuaia will reconfirm your domestic flight 48 hours prior to disembarkation, provided you give your information to our team ahead of time.

## Included Hotel Accommodations

Your included accommodation begins on Day 1 of your itinerary, and the specific hotel will be indicated on your final voyage confirmation. If you are arriving prior to Day 1 of your expedition or are staying after the disembarkation day and would like help booking a pre- or post-stay, please contact your preferred travel agent or Quark Expeditions® for hotel options. As accommodation space is limited, you are encouraged to request any extra nights as early as possible.

Ushuaia accommodations range from hostels to mid- and high-range properties, and hotel space is limited. Quark Expeditions® endeavors to provide the best possible accommodation within these parameters. A particular property cannot be guaranteed, but space is most often booked at Hotel Las Lengas, Hotel Los Acebos, and Albatros Hotel.

## Arrival and Departure Transfers

### USHUAIA AIRPORT TRANSFERS

**ARRIVAL:** A group transfer in Ushuaia is included from the airport to your included pre-expedition hotel on Day 1 of your itinerary.

**DEPARTURE:** A group departure transfer is included from the ship to the airport on the final day of your itinerary. If your flight is later in the day, you may opt to transfer to our luggage storage facility instead and enjoy further activities in Ushuaia on your own. Access to luggage storage is available until 6pm on the disembarkation day only. You will need to arrange your own transfer to the airport if you do not take advantage of the included transfer or if you are leaving Ushuaia after the disembarkation day.

*In order to facilitate your transfers, we request that you provide your flight details to Quark Expeditions® at least 30 days prior to traveling.*







# Your Ship Options

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Quark Expeditions® is pleased to boast the largest polar class fleet of any provider, and the ability to offer our passengers this great expedition on a number of different vessels.

The entire Quark Expeditions® fleet is built for the challenging polar environments, so we can confidently take you to places ordinary cruise companies wouldn't dream of going.



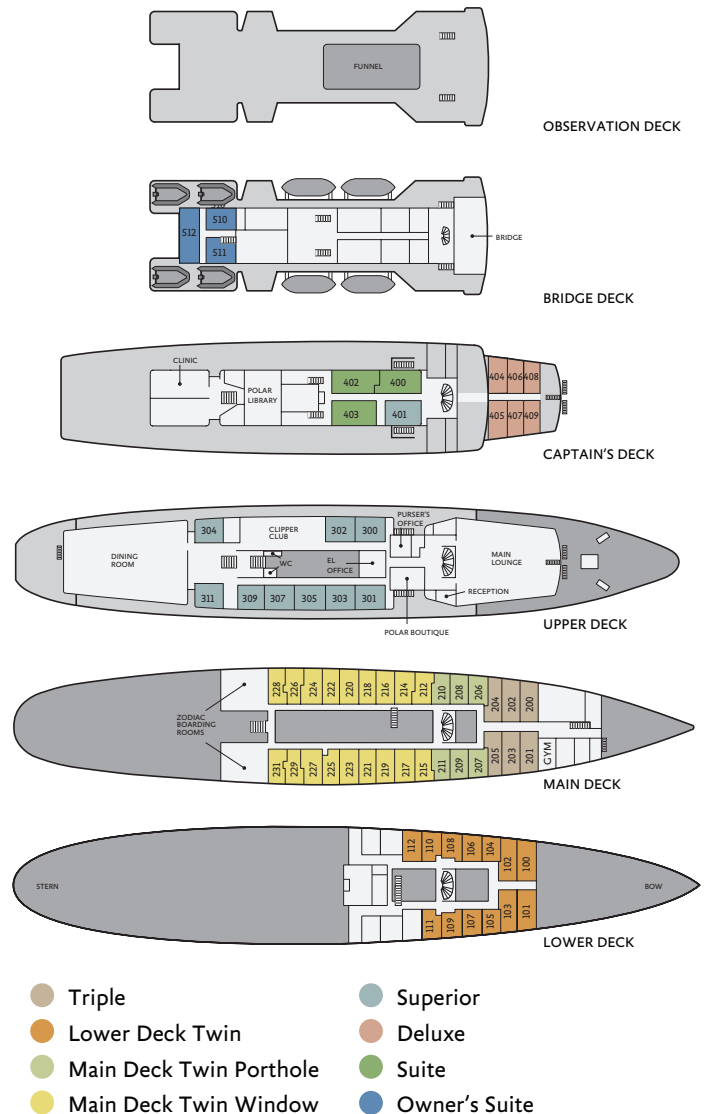
## OCEAN ADVENTURER

Our popular ship the *Sea Adventurer* has been relaunched as the *Ocean Adventurer* after a multi-million-dollar renovation. A team of marine architects, engineers, interior designers and polar expedition specialists worked together to enhance this nimble and intimate fleet favorite. Upgrades include a refreshed look and feel throughout, plus the complete remodeling of the lounge, dining room and bar. All cabins received brand new bathroom facilities. Six new deluxe cabins as well as three new suites have also been added. Major technical enhancements include two new Rolls-Royce engines, which yield increased speed and fuel efficiency, and a minimized carbon footprint.

### SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

Staff & Crew: 87  
 Guests: 132  
 Lifeboats: 4, partially enclosed  
 Ice Class: 1A

Visit [QuarkExpeditions.com](http://QuarkExpeditions.com) to view deck plans details.





## OCEAN DIAMOND

The *Ocean Diamond* is both a comfortable and capable ship, ideal for navigating the tricky waters of Antarctica. All rooms have an exterior view, flat-screen TV and DVD player, with some suites sporting a private balcony. After a day of exploration, you can relax with a book in the polar library, head to the gym for a workout, have a drink at the bar, or soak in the scenery from the panoramic observation lounge, or on one of the outer decks. The *Ocean Diamond* has just completed full renovations of every deck and all cabins, plus the reception area, bar, observation lounge and the dining room.

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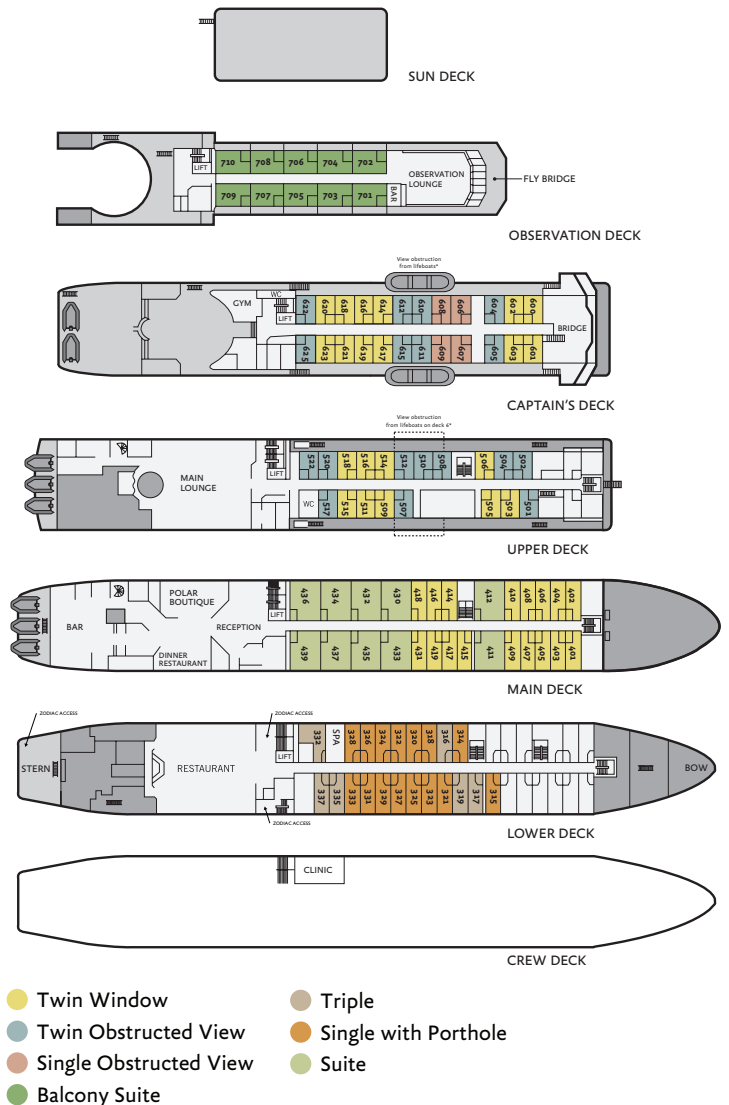
Staff & Crew: 108

Guests: 189

Lifeboats: 2, fully enclosed

Ice Class: 1D

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# Included Activities

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Ready for a little adventure beyond your ship? Each Quark Expeditions® voyage offers a variety of fun recreational activities to enhance your polar experience.

## ZODIAC CRUISING

Zodiacs are the workhorses of polar expeditions, safely transporting guests to remote shorelines, exploring shallow inlets and searching for wildlife—taking you to places the ships can't reach. Expedition staff make stepping in and out of them safe and comfortable.

## HIKING

Led by experienced staff, exploring on foot is the best way to appreciate the landscape and shorelines. Staff will aim to have multiple hikes available based on ability and mobility.

## PRESENTATIONS

Enjoy daily chats with onboard polar experts—our guides, scientists and other special guests will introduce you to the wonderful history, biology, ornithology, glaciology and more.

## POLAR PLUNGE

This rite of passage, experienced just once per expedition, sees you safely jumping into icy ocean waters under the watchful eye of our staff—and just about every single camera lens on board!

## PHOTOGRAPHY

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is a rewarding experience. Our photography guides will help you learn skills to capture the beauty of the Polar Regions.

## OTHER EQUIPMENT ON BOARD

Walking poles are provided at each landing for your convenience. As there are limited number of poles available, please bring your own if you require them on every landing.

*More information about your Included and Paid Activities, including the necessary experience, physical requirements and cost, is available by contacting your Polar Travel Adviser or your travel professional.*





# Adventure Options

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## SEA KAYAKING

Imagine gliding across the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers. Our Sea Kayaking program is a great way to intimately explore your surroundings. A small group of kayakers will plan to go out multiple times per voyage instead of shore landings or Zodiac cruises. The number of opportunities to kayak is weather dependent and will only be conducted during calm conditions.

Prior kayaking experience is required for you to feel comfortable on the water, and you must have the capability to do a wet exit to participate. Beginners interested in kayaking should consider participating in the Paddling Excursion.

## PADDLING EXCURSION

If you're interested in kayaking and would like to try something less in-depth than Sea Kayaking, you can still enjoy the benefits of adding an on-water experience to your expedition with a Paddling Excursion. Sign up for a one-time paddle on our sit-on-top kayaks, which are stable and unencumbered: perfect for anyone with little to no experience with kayaking. We take rotating groups of passengers out on calm days with expert guides to connect with the sea.

### PLEASE NOTE




For all paid activities pre-booking is required. We recommend booking early as spaces fill quickly. Please see your pre-departure book for a list of provided gear for each Adventure Option.






# Dates & Rates

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## OCEAN ADVENTURER

Dates	Days	Start / End	Triple	Lower Deck Twin	Main Deck Porthole	Main Deck Window	Superior	Deluxe	Suite	Owner's Suite	Adventure Options		
													
<b>ANTARCTIC 2020.21</b>													
NOV 16 - DEC 5, 2020	20	Ushuaia	\$15,995	\$17,995	\$19,995	\$21,995	\$23,995	\$25,995	\$27,995	\$29,995	\$995	\$295	\$295
FEB 27 - MAR 18, 2021	20	Ushuaia	\$15,995	\$17,995	\$19,995	\$21,995	\$23,995	\$25,995	\$27,995	\$29,995	\$995	\$295	\$295
<b>ANTARCTIC 2019.20</b>													
FEB 14, 2019 - MAR 4, 2020	20	Ushuaia	\$15,495	\$17,595	\$19,395	\$21,395	\$23,495	\$25,395	\$27,895	\$31,095	\$995	\$295	\$295

## OCEAN DIAMOND

Dates	Days	Start / End	Triple	Single Porthole	Single Obst. View	Twin Obst. View	Twin Window	Suite	Balcony Suite	Adventure Options		
												
<b>ANTARCTIC 2020.21</b>												
JAN 20 - FEB 8, 2021	20	Ushuaia	\$13,495	\$23,995	\$23,995	\$19,495	\$20,495	\$21,995	\$22,995	\$995	\$295	\$295



# Inclusions & Exclusions

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## Inclusions

### ON ALL SHIPS, RATES INCLUDE:

- Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Leaders, including shore landings and other activities
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising as per the daily program
- All shore landings as per the daily program
- Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage (Please inform us of any dietary requirements as far in advance as possible. Unfortunately, the ships' galleys cannot prepare kosher meals.)
- Beer and wine during dinner; and coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock
- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled
- A photographic journal documenting the expedition
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
- An official Quark Expeditions® parka to keep
- Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin
- Comprehensive onboard materials, including a map and an informative Antarctic Reader
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- All luggage handling aboard the ship
- Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person
- Group arrival transfer in Ushuaia from airport to pre-expedition hotel on Day 1
- One night's pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Ushuaia with breakfast (Note: The number of guests per room is the same as cabin occupancy on the ship. Due to limited availability, travelers who reserve a suite on board are accommodated in standard rooms at the hotel. Triple rooms may not be available.)
- Group transfer from hotel to ship on embarkation day
- Group departure transfer upon disembarkation in Ushuaia from ship to local airport or to luggage storage facility

## Exclusions

### RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

- International airfare
- Passport and applicable visa expenses
- Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned
- Meals unless otherwise specified
- Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended
- Excess-baggage fees on international flights
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac landing and cruising excursions, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, bar, massage services and other personal charges, unless specified
- Phone and Internet charges
- Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for expedition staff and shipboard crew
- Additional overnight accommodation
- Arrival and departure transfers, except where explicitly stated
- Adventure Options not listed in Included Activities



# Your Expedition Team

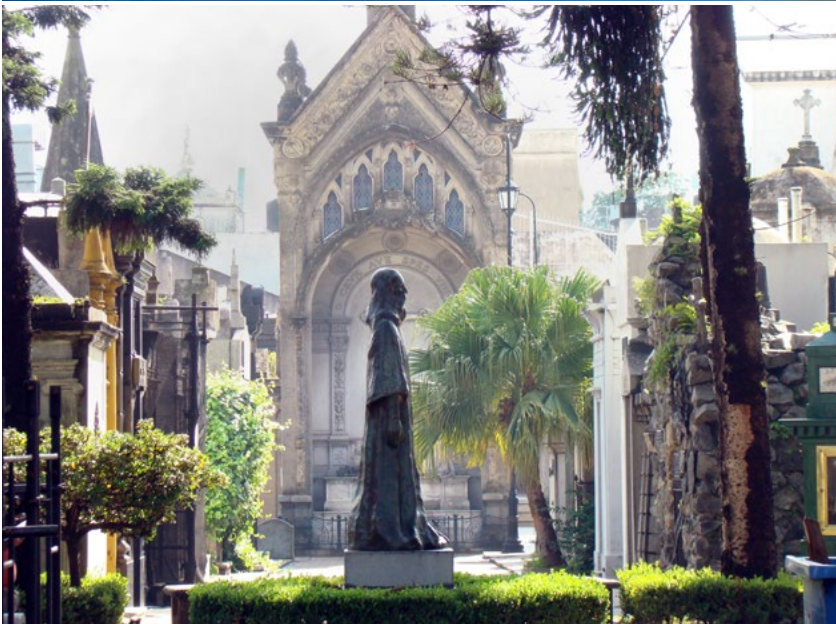
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Our Expedition Leaders and their teams bring diverse polar expertise in subjects as varied as polar history, marine biology, glaciology, ornithology and photography. Their knowledge and enthusiasm will greatly enhance your immersion into the polar environment and further deepen your connection to the Antarctic.

With over 29 years of experience bringing passengers to remote polar regions and an industry leading staff-to-guest ratio, we know how to handle the unexpected to guard the safety of all passengers. Ensuring this hard earned experience is passed on, our new expedition staff receive comprehensive training in Quark Academy, which provides hands-on polar expedition training prior to any staff member's first voyage as well as ongoing training for experienced staff.







# Extend Your Trip

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## PRE- AND POST-EXPEDITION TRIP EXTENSIONS

You can extend your trip by booking extra days to explore one of our gateway cities before or after the voyage. Since you're traveling such a long way, you may want to spend extra time in Buenos Aires. We have a variety of pre- and post-expedition packages in this fascinating city, known as the tango capital of the world. Enjoy an extensive city tour and take in a tango show and breathtaking art. Savor Argentine barbecue at a steakhouse, then stroll the tree-lined boulevards and marvel at the Spanish colonial architecture. Take an extended tour from Buenos Aires to Iguazú Falls and if you're daring, walk the catwalks over the falls.

FROM TOP: Iguazú Falls; Recoleta Cemetery; Argentinean asado (barbecue)



# Meals on Board

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If there is one constant at sea, it is that you'll enjoy delicious meals daily. While meal times may change due to landings and wildlife encounters, you'll always be served three meals a day. Most dietary restrictions can be accommodated by letting us know prior to your expedition.

Breakfasts and lunches are normally served buffet style, while dinners are served plated. À la carte meals are made at the time of your order, allowing our chefs to prepare each dish to your individual needs, ensuring you receive top quality meals during the course of your expedition.

Soft drinks and juices are available during meals and when the bar is open; beer and wine are served with dinner; and coffee, tea and water stations are available around the clock; all included in the cost of your package. Spirits, premium wines and champagne are available at an extra cost which can be billed to your shipboard account. The well-stocked bar on the ship is open to enjoy with your fellow shipmates in the late morning, afternoon and evening.





# Possible Excursions

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Embracing the unexpected is part of the legacy—and excitement—of expedition travel. When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. The following sites are a sample of what you may experience on your expedition, whether by ship or Zodiac cruise, or by shore landing.

## Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas)

### CARCASS ISLAND

This five-mile (8 km) island northwest of West Falkland is owned by Rob and Lorraine McGill. Named for the Royal Navy ship HMS Carcass, which arrived in 1766, it is a picturesque place, where songbirds nest amongst the luxuriant growth that covers the gently rolling landscape.

### SAUNDERS ISLAND

Saunders Island is the fourth largest island in the Falklands and has been identified as an Important Bird Area due to the high density of nesting seabirds.

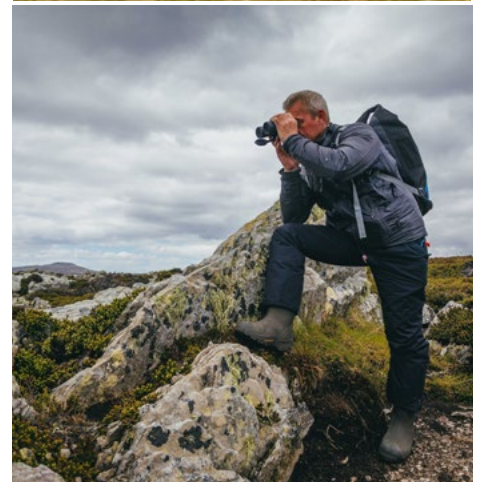
Nesting species on the island include rockhopper, gentoo and king penguins as well as black-browed albatross and king cormorants, just to name a few. Keep on the lookout for Commerson's dolphins by the shore, and for whale blows out to sea.

### STANLEY

Stanley's deep-water harbor has been the economic mainstay of the community since the port's completion in 1845. Ships that were damaged while rounding Cape Horn would call in for repairs. The questionable vessels that were used to carry fortune seekers to the gold fields of California and Australia often called at Stanley as well.

### WEST POINT ISLAND

The Napier family has owned West Point Island since the 1860s. On the island's west coast, thousands of black-browed albatross nest in colonies on cliffs along the water's edge. Rockhopper penguins share the cliffs, while Commerson's dolphins can often be seen in the surrounding waters.



## South Georgia

### DRYGALSKI FJORD

This is a photogenic and dramatic fjord, with sharp and jagged peaks rising out of the sea. Glaciation never reached the peaks, giving the fjord a unique landscape.

### GOLD HARBOUR

The backdrop to this harbor is the hanging Bertrab Glacier. Thousands of king and gentoo penguins call Gold Harbour home, as do rowdy elephant and fur seals.

### GRYTVIKEN

Only a handful of people live, albeit temporarily, on South Georgia, a British overseas territory. Two of them are curators of the South Georgia Museum, located in the former villa of the whaling station manager. The church was built for the whaling community and is the only building in Grytviiken that is still used for its original purpose. Buried in the church cemetery is one of

Antarctica's most famous explorers, Sir Ernest Shackleton, at whose grave site you can pay your respects.

### SALISBURY PLAIN

One of the largest king penguin rookeries on South Georgia is located on Salisbury Plain. The Murphy and Lucas Glaciers flank the plain, creating a perfect backdrop for photos.

### ST. ANDREW'S BAY

Over 150,000 breeding pairs of king penguins nest at St. Andrew's Bay—the largest and fastest growing king penguin rookery on South Georgia, and a wildlife spectacle to behold.

### STROMNESS

This abandoned whaling station was in full operation the day that Sir Ernest Shackleton and his companions staggered into it after a 36-hour trek across the island. There is a small cemetery here, with the graves of 14 whalers.

## Antarctic Peninsula

### BROWN BLUFF

A possible exposed volcano, Brown Bluff towers 2,225 feet (678 meters) over the rookeries of Adélie and gentoo penguins, which number in the thousands. These penguins will create a symphony of background noise while you explore the bluff.

### CIERVA COVE

If one of your expedition goals is to witness incredible icebergs and brash ice, Cierva Cove is the place for you. A massive glacial face regularly calves into the bay, and the floating ice can be quite spectacular. Seals can be spotted on ice floes, and later in the season, humpback whales occasionally feed in the icy waters.

### DAMOY POINT

Damoy Point is the site of a historical ice runway used by the British Antarctic Survey for their flights further south from 1975. The well maintained hut on site was used as a staging-post to store supplies and for accommodation while



waiting for ideal weather windows for flights. The point is also home to a penguin rookery and allows for spectacular views of the mountains of Anvers Island.

#### **DANCO ISLAND**

Home to gentoo penguins, this small but dome shaped island provides you with a stunning view of the Errera Channel.

#### **ENTERPRISE ISLAND**

Located in Wilhelmina Bay, this island was once used by whalers. A Zodiac cruise around the island passes a wrecked whaling ship.

#### **HOPE BAY**

Three members of the Swedish Antarctic Expedition (1901-04) spent the winter in a hut on the shores of the bay. The hut is located close to the jetty of Esperanza Station, an Argentine research station.

#### **MELCHIOR ISLANDS**

This group of low, glaciated islands in Dallmann Bay is where you may

see hauled-out male fur seals as they recuperate from their battles for supremacy at the end of their breeding season.

#### **MIKKELSEN HARBOR**

Located on the south side of Trinity Island, Mikkelsen Harbor is a 1.86-mile (3 km) wide bay surrounded by stunning ice cliffs. It was discovered by a Swedish Antarctic expedition in 1901-04, and is surrounded by several reefs. Keep your camera close, as gentoo penguins and skuas, as well as Weddell, Antarctic fur, leopard and crabeater seals, are often seen in the region.

#### **PARADISE BAY**

A wide bay and natural harbor on the West Antarctic Peninsula, Paradise Bay is also known as Paradise Harbor. Mountains, glaciers and ice cliffs offer spectacular views. Icebergs regularly calve from the glaciers, providing a place for seals, penguins and seabirds to rest and play. An Argentine research base,

Almirante Brown Base—named after Admiral Guillermo Brown, father of the Argentine Navy—is also located in Paradise Bay, and was operated from 1951 until it burned down in 1984. It has since been partially rebuilt and is used during summer months for scientific research. Also located in the Bay is Waterboat Point, where two scientists studying penguin behavior lived in a water boat from 1921 to 22. The remains of their camp have been designated an Antarctic historic site.

#### **PAULET ISLAND**

Located in the northwestern Weddell Sea, Paulet Island is home to a large Adélie penguin rookery. With a volcanic cone that rises 1,158 feet (353 meters), the island reminds you that this was once a very active landscape. In addition to penguins, you may be interested in visiting a historic hut built by members of the Swedish Antarctic Expedition of 1901-04. A cross marks the grave site of Ole Wenersgaard, a member of the crew.



### WILHELMINA BAY

Humpback whales abound in “Whalemina Bay,” as it’s nicknamed, and the scenery is spectacular. Sheer cliffs and glaciers surround the calm waters of the protected bay, named after Wilhelmina, queen of the Netherlands from 1890 to 1948. If you’re lucky, you may see the humpbacks bubble-net feeding: they exhale while swimming in circles, trapping their prey in a “net” of bubbles, and then swim straight up from below, mouths open. A truly spectacular sight!

## South Shetland Islands

### AITCHO ISLANDS

This group of small islands, some still unnamed, is situated in the northern entrance of the English Strait. You can often spot a great mix of wildlife in the area, with gentoo and chinstrap penguins having established rookeries on the islands. Southern elephant and fur seals frequently haul out here, too.

### BAILY HEAD

Also known as Rancho Point, Bailey Head is a rocky headland on the southeastern shore of Deception Island. Chinstrap penguins build nests on slopes leading to a high ridge that forms a natural amphitheater and provides a superb setting for landscape photography.

### HALF MOON ISLAND

This crescent-shaped island was known to sealers as early as 1821. Unlike sealers, who tried to keep their best locations secret, we’re happy to bring you ashore on this impressive island. Many Antarctic birds breed here, including chinstrap penguins, shags, Wilson’s storm petrels, kelp gulls, snowy sheathbills, Antarctic terns and skuas.

### HANNAH POINT

On the southern coast of Livingston Island at Hannah Point, you may see chinstrap and gentoo penguin rookeries, along with the occasional breeding macaroni penguin. Due to the rather congested area available to the nesting penguins, you can only visit here from January 10 onward.

### PENDULUM COVE

Geothermal waters are found along the shoreline of this Deception Island cove, named for observations made in 1829 by a British expedition. You may see yellow algae and krill floating on the surface because of the warmer water.

### PENGUIN ISLAND

Antarctica has two flowering plants, both of which you can find on Penguin Island: Antarctic hair grass (*Deschampsia antarctica*) and Antarctic pearlwort (*Colobanthus quitensis*). Chinstrap penguins, fur seals and southern elephant seals can also be spotted here.



### ROBERT POINT

A nice spot for Zodiac cruising, this point was known to sealers as early as 1820. Chinstrap penguins, kelp gulls and pintado petrels breed here, and whales may be seen in the surrounding waters.

### TELEFON BAY

Your Expedition Team will be happy to point out that this is where the most recent evidence of volcanic eruption on Deception Island can be seen.

### TURRET POINT

Chinstrap and Adélie penguin rookeries are found on this point, situated on the south coast of King George Island. The beaches here are often crowded with southern elephant, fur and Weddell seals hauling out on the rocks.

### WHALER'S BAY

To reach Whaler's Bay, it is necessary to sail through a narrow passage called Neptune's Bellows. The bay was used by whalers from 1906 to 1931 and is part of a protected harbor created by the formation of the circular flooded caldera known as Deception Island. Along with waddling penguins and lounging seals, you'll see the rusting remains of whaling operations on the beach. Watch for steam along the shoreline from geothermic activity when the tide is right.

### YANKEE HARBOUR

Gentoo penguins have established a rookery at this harbor, situated on the southwest side of Greenwich Island. Here, you can see an abandoned Argentine refuge hut and a large glacier that stretches along the east and north sides of the bay. An abandoned sealing try pot is all that remains of the activity that brought men thousands of miles in tall ships to seek their fortune.



### EXPEDITION SPIRIT

Embracing the unexpected is part of the legacy—and excitement—of expedition travel. When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. This itinerary is a tentative outline of what you'll experience on this voyage; please be aware that no specific itinerary can be guaranteed. By the same token, wildlife encounters as described are expected, but not guaranteed. Your Expedition Team will use their considerable experience to seek out wildlife in known habitats, but the presence of any particular species of bird or marine wildlife is not a guarantee.

# Packing Checklist

## WEATHER CONDITIONS & TEMPERATURES

Polar weather is highly variable; temperatures may hover around the freezing mark and winds can be strong. The continuous daylight warms sheltered areas so that you may sometimes find it warm enough for t-shirts. However, you may encounter snow squalls, fog and white-outs during an expedition and you should be ready for any conditions.

**WHAT TO BRING!** Packing for the polar regions doesn't have to be daunting, and to make it easier for you, all Quark voyages include an expedition parka to keep, and a loan of insulated waterproof boots. Additional suggested items include:

## FOR ALL EXCURSIONS

- Base layers (wool, synthetic or a blend)
- Mid-layer warm/fleece top
- Mid-layer warm/fleece pants
- Wool and synthetic socks (3 to 4 pairs)
- Neck warmer or balaclava
- Warm hat that covers ears
- Waterproof pants (mandatory for every Zodiac ride)
- Waterproof gloves and glove liners
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses with UV protection
- Spare set of gloves

## SUGGESTED ITEMS

- Waterproof, lightweight backpack or dry sack
- Swimsuit (for the polar plunge!)
- Binoculars
- Camera with charger and extra batteries
- Extra memory cards
- Earplugs (in case of noisy cabinmates)
- Eye masks for sleeping
- Moisturizer and lip balm (polar air can be drying)
- Seasickness, indigestion, headache or other medicine
- Voltage converters and plug adapters (220V/European outlets)
- Ski goggles (for Zodiac cruising on snowy or windy days)

## FOR ON BOARD

- Comfortable casual clothing (pants/jeans, shirts, sweaters)
- Lighter shirts (in case the ship gets warm)
- Comfortable non-slip close-toed unheeled shoes (**NOTE:** Flip flops, sandals or slip on shoes should not be worn on board due to safety concerns)



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