Eagle-Eye Tours

# Antarctica, South Georgia & Falklands Cruise Itinerary

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## Tour Overview

Join us on our Antarctica, South Georgia & Falklands cruise. From the tip of Tierra del Fuego, to the Falkland Islands, the South Orkneys, South Georgia, and the Antarctic continent, this is a trip like no other.

The sub-Antarctic Falkland Islands/Malvinas and South Georgia are home to some of the most unique and abundant wildlife on earth. We'll encounter albatross, elephant, fur and leopard seals, whales galore, and hundreds of thousands or penguins. It's one of the most jaw-dropping nature scenes you will ever experience.

We'll have ample time to explore the fascinating history of the area, dating back to the grandiose times of the 'Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration' of the late 1800s and early 1900s. We'll revisit portions of Shackleton's South Georgia Island trek, and pay our respects at his grave in Grytviken.

Join us for this once-in-a-lifetime journey to the great southern continent!

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## Itinerary

**Day 1: Arrival**

After a friendly welcome at the airport, we'll transfer you to one of our partnered premium hotel resorts nestled in the breathtaking Patagonian nature, where you can take some time to unwind or go explore the southernmost city in the world, Ushuaia. Our optional evening briefing is your opportunity to ask questions and meet some of your fellow explorers.

**Day 2: All Aboard Seaventure!**

Spend your morning relaxing at the hotel, visiting a museum, or exploring the shops in Ushuaia, before our mid-afternoon escort to the ship. Our Expedition Team and ship staff will welcome you on board and get you settled in, followed by a safety and orientation briefing and our Captain's welcome dinner. We're on our way to Antarctica!

**Day 3: Southern Ocean**

As we sail south, important briefings on environmental regulations and expedition safety are held, and you won't want to miss our scientific and environmental experts as they begin their deeply knowledgeable, and always entertaining talks about the wildlife, history, and geology of the areas we will soon be exploring.

**Day 4: West Falklands/Malvinas**

We'll be exploring some of the westernmost settled outposts in the Falklands/Malvinas, a remote South Atlantic archipelago renowned for its rugged terrain and cliff-lined coast. As we stretch our legs along the farmland and beaches, we'll have an opportunity to visit Albatross and penguin colonies. Look for Rockhopper, King and Magellanic penguin rookeries.

**Day 5: Stanley, East Falklands/Malvinas**

The archipelago's largest island, Stanley, is a lively hub of activity nestled in a sheltered harbor. Here, the Falklands Islands Museum has fascinating exhibits devoted to maritime exploration, natural history, and the 1982 Falklands War. We'll likely visit Gypsy Cove, part of Cape Pembroke peninsula, a National Nature Preserve. Magellanic penguins, also known as Jackass penguins for the braying sound they make, breed here, nesting in underground burrows. Other native bird species include Black-Crowned Night herons, Long-Tailed meadowlarks, Two-Banded plovers, and Upland and Kelp geese. Nearby Ordinance Point is the final resting place for several World War II guns.

**Days 6–7: Southern Ocean**

Things continue ramping up with plenty of birdlife sightings as we make our way east across the Antarctic Convergence and officially enter Antarctic waters. See if you can identify the world's largest bird, the Wandering albatross. From soaring giants like the Southern Giant petrel to the tiny Wilson's Storm petrel, a range of impressive bird species will be hitching a ride on the updrafts created by ocean swells and waves. And be on the lookout for whale blows and our very first iceberg sighting.

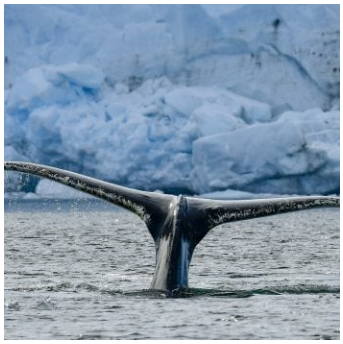
**Days 8–11: South Georgia**

South Georgia is often referred to as the 'Serengeti of the Southern Ocean' and it's easy to see why as you take in tens of millions (not a typo!) of breeding penguins, seals, and seabirds. Breathtaking mountain scenery, majestically sculpted icebergs, glaciers in every direction, and a rich historical tapestry are all here to complement the incredible array of wildlife on view as we travel down South Georgia's leeward coast. We'll also visit the historic Grytviken whaling station, featuring the tiny graveyard where the great Antarctic explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton is buried.

**Days 12–13: Scotia Sea**

Heading farther south, we'll continue our informative presentations and wildlife spotting as the icebergs become bigger and more plentiful.

**Days 14–17: Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands**



Here we'll explore any number of picturesque bays and famed harbors, maneuvering through iceberg-rich channels as we travel alongside an array of wildlife. There are opportunities to stop at several active scientific bases and historic landing sites as we take in the wide range of penguin species, seals, and whales along the rugged coastlines and in the sea.

**Days 18–19: Drake Passage**

We leave this magical place and make our way north, once again crossing the legendary Drake Passage. We have one last hurrah as we celebrate the conclusion of our expedition with a special slideshow and a final meal together.

**Day 20: Ushuaia Disembarkation**

With huge smiles on weary, content faces, we disembark in the morning, letting you catch a flight to Buenos Aires or stay in Ushuaia for more sights and adventure.

# What to Expect

Our Antarctica, South Georgia & Falklands cruise program allow you to experience the best of the natural world, while enjoying the comforts of our friendly floating hotel. The ship generally makes crossing between islands at night, so every morning you awake to new vistas and discoveries. Every day we offer a combination of interesting shore excursions and fun shipboard activities. You can choose which elements of the program you want to participate in.

Our excursions onshore will involve a relatively low level of exertion, but you will need a reasonable level of mobility to get up and down the gangway and climb into and out of Zodiacs (with assistance). Some of our shore landings will be ‘wet’, requiring waterproof boots. Once you have left the zodiac, you’ll find our shore excursions accommodate both those who wish to enjoy a gentle stroll and those who prefer more active hikes. Our onboard specialists will join us on these shore excursions to provide interpretation and narration to these wonderful landscapes and experiences.

Each evening we will gather in the lounge to recount the day’s events and share memorable stories. Our expedition leader will outline the following day’s schedule. Our resource staff of naturalists, historians, and other guest speakers will give informative talks at various times throughout the voyage.

Meals in the ship’s dining room are a great opportunity to meet new friends and recount the day’s adventures. Special diets can be accommodated with advance notice. Safety is also a top priority with Eagle-Eye Tours – our team has extensive experience in the field, and all of our Voyages are run in conjunction with operators with the highest safety standards.

When the ship is underway, it is a wonderful time to join a naturalist on deck, take photos of the stunning scenery, or get caught up on some reading in the library.

We know that everyone travels for different reasons. Over the years, however, we have found one common element among the guest who choose to travel with us – a thirst of knowledge and authentic experience. Knowing this drives us to ensure the highest quality learning experience on our trips, by taking time to carefully design each trip we offer.

# What's Included

**Tour Price Includes**

• One pre-voyage hotel nights in Ushuaia
• Transfer from group hotel to ship for embarkation
• Shipboard accommodations
• All meals on board
• All alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages (some super premium brands excluded)
• Coffee/Tea/Cocoa 24 hours a day
• All scheduled landings and excursions
• Our Citizen Science program: participation in a variety of scientific activities that support important research projects
• Expedition jacket (yours to keep)
• A pair of loaner boots for use during the voyage
• WiFi from the public computers
• 200 MB WiFi card for use on your personal devices
• Daily international news service
• All port fees
• All landing fees
• Digital Voyage Log

**Tour Price Does Not Include**

• Any airfare or travel expenses
• Pre- or post-voyage expenses in Ushuaia
• Travel insurance; medical insurance; evacuation coverage
• Laundry and personal expenses incurred on board
• Onboard communication charges such as outgoing phone calls, WiFi from personal devices in excess of the 200 MB provided
• Staff gratuities