

Falklands (Malvinas), South Georgia and Antarctica: Explorers and Kings

with flights from Buenos Aires

This is a truly epic adventure through the remote Falkland Islands, the wildlife paradise of South Georgia and the extraordinary landscape of the Antarctic Peninsula. You'll enjoy unforgettable encounters with untamed wildlife in a vast, dramatic and spectacular setting; you'll take a step back in time at historically significant sites; and you'll be mesmerized by the rich diversity and contrasts that make these regions so captivating and unique.

Watch a wild, isolated and extreme world come to life as scores of penguins dive for food, herds of elephant seals bathe in the sun, and pods of orcas pass you by. You'll be transported to your own wildlife documentary, staged in a magnificent setting of mountains, sea and ice.

EXPEDITION IN BRIEF

- Explore the Antarctic Peninsula, the northernmost tip of the world's 7th continent, by ship, Zodiac and foot
- Learn about Antarctica's unique geology, history and wildlife with our expert team of on-board lecturers
- 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 gravesite
- Wander the quaint British town of Stanley in the Falkland Islands
- Arrive in Buenos Aires, Argentina, the tango capital of the world, and let us take care of the rest of your journey

DID YOU KNOW? *All warm-blooded animals living on and around Antarctica, including whales, seals and penguins, rely on thick layers of blubber to insulate them from the cold. The layer of blubber on a Weddell seal can be up to four inches (10 cm) thick.*

Adventure Options

Booking an Adventure Option as part of your expedition is a great way to enhance your polar experience. These options are subject to availability and fill up quickly, so be sure to book yours early. Please note that Adventure Options are weather dependent.

KAYAKING

Imagine gliding across the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers! Our kayaking adventures are the best way to feel at one with the sea. Taken in small groups of 16 people, multiple times per voyage, kayaking adventures are only conducted during calm weather conditions. We recommend that you have some prior kayaking experience, including the capability to do a wet exit.

The kayaking Adventure Option is open to all levels of experience; however, we advise that kayaking in polar waters is not an activity for first-time guests. Beginners interested in kayaking should take an introductory kayaking course prior to their voyage.

In addition, regardless of your experience, we recommend kayaking lessons for a minimum of three hours in preparation for your expedition. To maximize your enjoyment and your overall experience, it is of the utmost importance that you be comfortable while kayaking.

MOUNTAINEERING

Geared toward our fitness-conscious adventurers, mountain climbing in Antarctica is amongst the most rewarding and addictive outdoor endeavors and will be a special memory that will last forever. Our mountaineering adventures are full-day activities that can last up to five hours. In order to participate in this challenging option, you are required to complete a fitness waiver.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Cross-country skiing is one of the most efficient ways to travel over ground covered in snow and ice, enabling you to travel in Antarctica the same way that pioneering explorers like Amundsen and Shackleton did. With journeys taking a few hours, it is imperative that you be in good physical condition. Ideally, in order to partake in this activity, you

should have cross-country skiing experience; however, exceptions may be made for those deemed physically capable. While Quark Expeditions® provides the essential gear, you will be responsible for certain extras, such as additional warm clothing and a pair of quality sunglasses.

STAND-UP PADDLEBOARDING

Combining surfing with kayaking or canoeing, stand-up paddleboarding will give you a very personal and unique perspective on Antarctica. Taken in small groups—on calm bays and harbors in good weather conditions—and accompanied by a Zodiac, our paddleboarding adventures can be booked in advance (limited availability), and after the first successful outing, will be offered via sign-up onboard ship on a first-come, first-served basis for any subsequent outings.

More information about your Adventure Options, including the necessary experience, physical requirements and cost, is available by contacting your Polar Travel Adviser.

INCLUDED ACTIVITIES (VARY BY DEPARTURE)

SNOWSHOEING

Snowshoeing is a novel way to experience the beauty of the polar landscape and to discover remote alcoves and hidden valleys. The rewards of walking atop the snow are well worth the effort, as you'll be able to visit new places that may be inaccessible on foot.

This traditional means of transport across the snow comes from the indigenous people of North America. Although you can appreciate a connection with the past, the snowshoes we use today are much lighter and more forgiving than the old wood-weave snowshoes used during the days of the North American fur trade.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Antarctica is one of the most abundantly photogenic destinations in the world. Penguins amble across pebbled beaches, whales spy-hop from the crystal blue sea, and sparkling icebergs tower in this serene yet dramatic environment. Whether you own a serious SLR or a simple point-and-shoot, our on-board photography expert will provide you with hands-on instruction and technical tips to ensure that you capture the best of your Antarctica experience.

Itinerary

DAY 1 Buenos Aires, Argentina

You may arrive in Buenos Aires at any time during Day 1 of your itinerary. Upon arriving in this splendid city, known for its soaring architecture and rich European heritage, you will independently transfer to the group hotel (pre-night hotel included).

DAY 2 Ushuaia, Argentina, and Embarkation

After breakfast at the hotel, the group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Ushuaia, Argentina.

Upon arrival, you will have a little time to explore this quaint port town before heading to the pier.

Embarkation will occur in the late afternoon, after which your vessel will sail down the historic Beagle Channel. This famous channel transects the Tierra del Fuego archipelago in the extreme south of South America. Expect an air of anticipation as you depart—the next time you'll see land you'll be in the world's most southern continent!

DAY 3 At Sea

There are many activities to keep you engaged while you are at sea. Learn to identify seabirds that glide alongside the ship, or attend dynamic presentations by your Expedition Team. You will be prepped on safety procedures for Zodiac cruises and shore landings, and also be given instructions for getting the most out of your optional kayaking

adventures, a truly intimate way to experience Antarctica.

DAYS 4 AND 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 region. The archipelago contains



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two main islands—East Falkland and West Falkland—which you will explore during Zodiac excursions and daily landings.

Stanley, also known as Port Stanley, is often a favored landing site, as the town offers a unique British outpost feel, 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 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—Cobb's wren and the Falkland's flightless steamer duck.

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 AND 7 *At Sea*

Sailing south, you'll officially enter Antarctic waters once you cross the invisible biological boundary called the Antarctic Convergence. Encircling the continent, cold Antarctic waters meet and mix with the warmer waters of the Indian, Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, creating an abundance of krill and marine life that attracts whales and seals to this part of the world. Your Expedition Team will be sure to keep you posted when you cross this invisible yet important line.

DAYS 8 TO 11 *South Georgia*

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

One significant and historic site that will be of interest 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, a museum, a gift shop, a church and a small research station.

Although South Georgia's history is an important attraction to the island, it is the wildlife that you and your shipmates will surely find most captivating. Often referred to as the Galapagos of the Poles, each landing you make on South Georgia will open your eyes to a new wonder of wildlife.

One day you may see rookeries with hundreds of thousands of pairs of king penguins waddling on a beach, and the next day you may visit another beach dotted 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 symbiotic relationship is something that your Expedition Team will explain to you during your time here.

DAYS 12 AND 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. In between presentations, spend time chatting with your shipmates over a drink at the bar.

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

DAYS 14 TO 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 hard to put into words, since few places are as untouched, unique 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 desolation 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 landing, whether you are trekking up a glacier, visiting a research station or consorting with penguin colonies. Chinstrap, Adélie and gentoo penguins are found here, along with Weddell, fur, crabeater and leopard



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seals. Curious whales, such as minke, are often attracted to our Zodiacs, giving you a chance to get within reaching distance of these majestic animals. Each day and each landing 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 (extra cost) kayaking excursion or going for a swim in Antarctic waters!

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DAYS 18 AND 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 mingling with your fellow shipmates. The noisy, busy, populated world awaits your return, so savor the silence of the sea as long as you can.

DAY 20 *Disembark in Ushuaia and Fly to Buenos Aires*

We will arrive in Ushuaia in the morning, after breakfast.

After disembarking, you will get a little taste of Patagonia, touring Tierra del Fuego National Park before transferring to the airport for the return group charter flight to Buenos Aires.



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Arrival & Departure Details

Welcome! As you prepare for your journey, you may be interested to know the details of your arrival and departure. Since air transportation to and from your voyage is not included in the cost of your expedition, you will need to arrange flights from your home to the starting point, and home again from the finishing point. Quark Expeditions® can assist you with booking air arrangements on an individual basis, or feel free to contact your preferred travel agent or airline. Here are the details of your expedition.

Arrival Day and Embarkation

ARRIVING IN BUENOS AIRES

You may arrive at any time during Day 1 of your itinerary. Upon your arrival in Buenos Aires, you will make your way to the included group hotel. That evening, a Quark Expeditions® representative will greet you and be available to answer your questions at the predeparture briefing. After breakfast the following morning, on Day 2, your group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Ushuaia, Argentina, the southernmost city in the world.

Please note that there is a strict luggage limit of 44 lbs (20 kg) checked luggage and 11 lbs (5 kg) cabin baggage on the flights between Buenos Aires and Ushuaia. Should you have additional luggage, it can be stored at the hotel in Buenos Aires. There is NO option to pay for additional luggage.

USHUAIA AND EMBARKATION

Upon arrival in Ushuaia (Day 2 of your itinerary), you'll have some free time to explore this quaint port town before heading to the pier and embarking around 4 pm. Information about embarkation will be given during your predeparture briefing at the Buenos Aires hotel.

Final Day and Departure

DISEMBARKATION IN USHUAIA

The ship is scheduled to arrive back at the pier in Ushuaia between 7 am and 8 am local time. After breakfast, and once the ship has docked, you will have time to bid farewell to your Expedition Team and shipmates before completing your disembarkation. The process takes about an hour. If you have purchased the Buenos Aires hotel and transfer package, we will depart the pier to take a short tour of Tierra del Fuego National Park before transferring to the airport for our return charter flight to Buenos Aires.

DEPARTING FROM BUENOS AIRES

Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, you may connect directly with your homeward flight, as we will land at the international airport (EZE). Approximate arrival time is scheduled for 5 pm.

Please note that weather conditions can always delay our arrival, and airline schedule changes have also been known to occur. Booking flexible tickets is always encouraged, as we cannot be held responsible for ship delays due to unforeseen circumstances. A post-expedition hotel night in Buenos Aires is recommended.



LET US HELP YOU BOOK YOUR FLIGHTS!

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Included Hotel Accommodations

Your included accommodation begins on Day 1 of your itinerary, and the specific hotel(s) 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, please contact your Polar Travel Adviser for hotel options. As accommodation space is limited, you are encouraged to request any extra nights as early as possible.

Arrival and Departure Transfers

BUENOS AIRES AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Arrival and departure transfers in Buenos Aires are not included; however, a Polar Travel Adviser can arrange them for you.

If you are flying home right away, you will most likely be able to board on the same day, as our charter flight arrives at Ministro Pistarini International Airport (EZE). Please be sure to allow 3 hours between our charter arrival and your international departure.

If your plans will take you onward in South America, please check your flight schedule to confirm your connection before booking. Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, you may need to transfer from the international airport (EZE) to the domestic airport, Jorge Newbery (AEP), which is located about a one-hour drive away.

We recommend that you book an extra hotel night in Buenos Aires for the safest travel plans. If you must transfer between airports on the final day of the voyage, you can choose to use the efficient airport shuttle service, Manuel Tienda León, or take a taxi (about a one-hour ride under normal traffic conditions). If you prefer, your Polar Travel Adviser can also arrange for a private transfer.

As traffic can be a factor, we recommend that you allow at least 4 to 5 hours between flights arriving and departing from the different airports in Buenos Aires.

Extending Your Trip

PRE- AND POST-EXPEDITION TRIP EXTENSIONS

You can extend your trip by booking extra days to explore South America before or after the voyage. Since you're traveling such a long way, you may want to spend extra time in one of our gateway cities or add on another region, like Easter Island, Chile, or Machu Picchu, Peru. We have a variety of pre- and post-expedition packages in the fascinating cities of Santiago, Buenos Aires, Ushuaia or the region of Patagonia. Enjoy a cruise to Penguin Island near Ushuaia, trek and canoe in Tierra del Fuego National Park, take in a tango show in Buenos Aires or stroll the catwalks over Iguazu Falls. Contact your Polar Travel Adviser to discover the best options for extending your adventure.



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Inclusions

THIS EXPEDITION INCLUDES

- Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All breakfasts, lunches, dinners and snacks on board
- All shore landings per the daily program
- Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Leader
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising per the daily program
- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and special guests as scheduled
- A photographic journal documenting the expedition
- Waterproof expedition boots on loan for shore landings
- An official Quark Expeditions® parka to keep
- Coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock
- A hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin
- Comprehensive predeparture 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 to a maximum benefit of US\$500,000 per person

THIS EXPEDITION EXCLUDES

- *Mandatory transfer package**
- *International airfare*
- *Passport and visa expenses*

- *Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned above*
- *Meals ashore unless otherwise specified*
- *Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended*
- *Excess-baggage fees on international flights*
- *Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned*
- *Laundry, bar, beverage and other personal charges unless specified*
- *Phone and Internet charges*
- *Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew*
- *Additional overnight accommodation*
- *Optional adventure activities*
- *Arrival transfer in Buenos Aires on Day 1*

***BUENOS AIRES TRANSFER PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

- One night's hotel accommodation in Buenos Aires, with breakfast
- Group transfer from the hotel to the airport in Buenos Aires
- Charter flight from the Buenos Aires international airport to Ushuaia, and return
- Group transfer from the Ushuaia airport to the ship, and return
- Combined airport transfer and express bus tour of Tierra del Fuego National Park after disembarkation

Package cost: \$950 USD

Note: Baggage allowance on charter flights is 44 lbs (20 kg) checked and 11 lbs (5 kg) carry-on.



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Dates & Rates

FALKLANDS (MALVINAS), SOUTH GEORGIA AND ANTARCTICA *Explorers and Kings*

Expedition Aboard the Adventure Ship **OCEAN ENDEAVOUR**

Dates	Days	Start/ End	Triple	Single	Twin Porthole Cabins	Twin Window Cabins	Upper Deck Twin	Superior Twin	Top Deck Twin	Suites	
November 23 - December 12, 2017	20	Buenos Aires	\$11,995	\$17,695	\$17,695 \$20,695 Plus* \$20,695 Plus (2)**	\$18,595 \$23,995 Plus* \$23,995 Plus (2)**	\$21,995	\$22,495	\$23,495	\$25,495 Junior \$26,995 Owner's	• • • • •
January 6 - January 25, 2018	20	Buenos Aires	\$11,995	\$17,695	\$17,695 \$20,695 Plus* \$20,695 Plus (2)**	\$18,595 \$23,995 Plus* \$23,995 Plus (2)**	\$21,995	\$22,495	\$23,495	\$25,495 Junior \$26,995 Owner's	• • •

Transfer package required on Ocean Endeavour voyages for \$950 (see Inclusions for details).

**Twice the space of the Twin Porthole or Twin Window, with one bathroom.*

***Twice the space of the Twin Porthole or Twin Window, with two bathrooms.*

Complimentary wine with dinner on Ocean Endeavour.

All rates per person in USD.



HOW TO BOOK YOUR EXPEDITION & ADVENTURE OPTIONS

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Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas)

POSSIBLE LANDINGS AND WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS

A rare treat on an Antarctic voyage is to stop for a pint with some locals! At Stanley, in the Falklands, it is one unique optional activity that many travelers partake in. The archipelago itself consists of East Falkland and West Falkland, which are divided by the Falkland Sound. Not many flat stretches are found here, so you'll get a workout while hiking and exploring. You'll enjoy your first sightings of penguins here as well.

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.

NEW ISLAND

New Island, the most southwesterly island in the archipelago and a designated Important Bird Area, is about eight miles (13 km) long and half a mile (800 meters) wide. The rugged west side of the island rises a steep 600 feet (183 meters), while the east side slopes down to the sea. Ownership is held by the New Island Conservation Trust, which manages the island as a nature reserve.

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 expensive 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. The town is as lively as it gets in the Falklands (Malvinas), and the future of the port may be bright if hydrocarbon deposits off the coast prove to be abundant.

WEST POINT ISLAND

The Napier family has owned West Point Island since the 1860s. On the island's west coast, black-browed albatrosses 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.

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South Georgia

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South Georgia is roughly 100 miles (160 km) by 20 miles (32 km) wide. When the legendary Captain James Cook published his account of the area, he created a rush of interest in whaling and sealing on South Georgia and the Sandwich Islands. Today, penguins and seals are abundant once again.

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. 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 United Kingdom 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 Grytviken that is still used for its original purpose.

PRION ISLAND

Robert Cushman Murphy named Prion Island for the species of petrels seen here. Birders will be pleased to know that wandering albatross are also known to nest on the island.

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

Thousands of breeding pairs of king penguins nest at St. Andrew's Bay—the largest king penguin rookery on South Georgia, and a wildlife spectacle to behold. Reindeer introduced by Norwegian whalers are known to feed on the grass in the area.

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.

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Antarctic Peninsula

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Stepping foot on Antarctica is a moment of pleasure that affects each traveler differently. Your possible landing in Antarctica will take place on the Peninsula, which is an extension of the Transantarctic Mountains chain and is the most northern stretch of Antarctic land. Formed by uplifted submarine troughs that were filled with sediment about 220 million years ago, this is a dynamic land of both desolation and diversity. To the east is the frozen, wild Weddell Sea. To the west, howling winds and warming seas from the Southern Ocean create perfect conditions for whale sightings.

CUVERVILLE ISLAND

A gentoo penguin rookery is situated on a rocky beach at the north end of the island. Depending on when in the season you arrive, you may see the penguins building nests or attending to their chicks. Giant petrels and kelp gulls breed on the island.

DAMOY POINT

If you are lucky enough to mail a postcard in Antarctica, you'll likely pass through Damoy Point, the northern entrance to the harbor where Port Lockroy is located.

DANCO ISLAND

Home to gentoo penguins, this small island is easy to explore, at only one mile (1.6 km) long. You can visit the marker of a former British Antarctic Survey hut, where you can watch for a variety of seabirds, such as snowy sheathbills, kelp gulls and blue-eyed shags.

ENTERPRISE ISLAND

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

LEMAIRE CHANNEL

You'll see firsthand why this strait, which runs between Booth Island and the Antarctic Peninsula, is one of the most scenic locations on the peninsula's west coast, especially during sunrise and sunset. The channel may become impassable when ice fills the narrow 6.8-mile (11 km) long passageway, so we'll hope for clear waters.

MELCHIOR ISLANDS

This group of low 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.

NEKO HARBOUR

Little evidence remains that this bay was once used by the floating whale factory ship *Neko*. You might see whale vertebrae being used by resident gentoo penguins as shelter from the wind. There is an unmanned refuge hut here, erected by Argentina. Climb past the hut and up a steep slope for spectacular views of the glacier-rimmed harbor.

PETERMANN ISLAND

Here, near the Lemaire Channel, you can stand ashore and see the southernmost breeding colony of gentoo penguins. The dome of the island rises 650 feet (200 meters) above the sea, offering a challenging hike for panoramic views. Adélie penguins, shags and south polar skuas also inhabit the island.

PORT LOCKROY

Port Lockroy is a "fun" destination of sorts, so we always strive to journey to this sheltered harbor, located on the west side of Wiencke Island, if weather permits. As part of Operation Tabarin during the Second World War, a secret British base was built here. Now a designated historic site, the base is a museum and post office. Proceeds from your purchases in Port Lockroy support the preservation of historic sites from the Heroic Age of Exploration.

WATERBOAT POINT

You may venture to this unique point, which at low tide is connected to the Antarctic mainland. Zodiacs are used to explore the historic area when the tide is in. Two scientists studying penguin behavior lived in a water boat on the point from 1921 to 22. The remains of their camp have been designated an Antarctic historic site.

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South Shetland Islands

POSSIBLE LANDINGS AND WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS

The Bransfield Strait separates this archipelago from the Antarctic Peninsula. The South Shetland Islands stretch for 335 miles (540 km) from northeast to southwest. In the 1820s, sealers swept the islands' beaches of seals. When the seal market collapsed, the sealers retreated. Over the course of time, seals have returned to the 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 dominates the 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 skua.

HANNAH POINT

Macaroni, chinstrap and gentoo penguin rookeries are located on this point, which is on the south coast of Livingston Island. 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 cove, named for observations made in 1829 by a British expedition. You may see yellow algae and boiled krill floating on the surface because of the scalding water!

PENGUIN ISLAND

Antarctica has two flowering plants, both of which you can find on Penguin Island: *Deschampsia antarctica* and *Colobanthus quitensis*. Chinstrap penguins, fur seals and southern elephant seals use the island for breeding purposes.

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 that may rise from geothermally heated springs along the shoreline.

YANKEE HARBOUR

Gentoo penguins have established a rookery on 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.

IMPORTANT REMINDER *Embracing the unexpected is part of the legacy—and excitement—of expedition travel. When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must allow the sea, the ice and the weather to guide 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. A measure of flexibility is something all of us must bring to a polar expedition.*