

2020

# INTREPID TRAVEL

ANTARCTICA & THE ARCTIC



**EXPERT EXPEDITION  
LEADERS**

**HIGHEST SAFETY  
STANDARDS**

**SUSTAINABLE  
TRAVEL**



# We are all **INTREPID**

Every Intrepid adventure starts with curiosity.

A desire to understand, to learn something new, to challenge beliefs and push boundaries. To switch on our out-of-office alerts, to say farewell to daily routines, to have fun.

For some, being Intrepid means trying a dish they can't pronounce, or learning about Antarctica from an expert naturalist. It's kayaking in the shadow of a glacier, or an encounter with a humpback whale.

For others, it's packing for a solo adventure, getting out of that bubble of familiarity, and making new friends in all corners of the globe.

Whether you've been travelling for years or you've never left home, we want to lead you to those moments of discovery, to satisfy that curiosity, to be Intrepid.

Because now, more than ever, the world needs more Intrepid people.



# THE POLAR *Experience*

We don't believe in travel as simply a way to tick items off a bucket list. We take the time to get under the skin of a destination and discover what makes it unique. Of course, we all want to see a polar bear in the Arctic or king penguins on South Georgia Island, but while we're there we'll spend time with the Inuit people and learn about their way of life, or cruise around in Zodiacs to gaze at the monolithic icebergs up close. Seeing the famous landmarks and wildlife is a must, but experiencing them with a passionate expert is what makes these trips truly special.

An adventure to the Arctic or Antarctic may be something you've always dreamed of. Perhaps you saw a documentary or read a book that ignited your passion, or maybe you just love the idea that there's still a place that remains largely untouched by humans. Whatever it is that's piqued your interest, once the idea of going has taken root it's impossible to think of anything else.

The polar regions are a visual feast. Each day spent in these surreal landscapes brings the possibility of new wildlife sightings. In the Antarctic, that might mean humpback whales, orcas and leopard seals, while the Arctic sees the mighty polar bear hunting on the ice as the unicorn-like narwhal swims below.

So, where to begin? In this brochure you'll find expeditions we run to the Antarctic on our comfortable vessel the Ocean Endeavour on pages 28-41. You can also find voyages operated by our partner Quark Expeditions - to the Antarctic and also to the Arctic - on pages 42-71.

Every adventure begins in your mind. Within these pages, you'll find ways to make your dreams of polar exploration a reality.





# THE POLAR *Experts*

Our staff have years of experience leading voyages into the Arctic and Antarctic, and we draw on this wealth of knowledge when planning and executing each and every one of our polar expeditions.

From the marine biologist who helps you spot breaching whales to the bartender who shakes your cocktail – our team are committed to enriching your journey on board and off.

## **YOUR HOME AT SEA**

While the world outside the ship is sure to mesmerise, we aim to create an onboard experience to match. With personalised service and modern conveniences, these ships are like hotels on the water. For example, all of our vessels boast chefs who prepare a range of hearty, delicious meals to sustain you during your daily excursions. In fact, many of our passengers return home raving about the food.

## **ONBOARD EXPERTS**

There's only so much you can read in a guidebook, especially when it comes to such rare and extraordinary locations. We feel it's essential to have a range of specialists to guide you and enrich your polar journey. From the source of miraculous glacier formations to the evolution of awe-inspiring wildlife, you can be assured that no question will be left unanswered.

## **SAFETY & RESPONSIBILITY**

We pride ourselves on our exceptional safety and sustainability standards. From undergoing external safety audits to double offsetting our vessels' carbon emissions, we are delivering low-impact, life-changing travel.

# OCEAN ENDEAVOUR

## INTRODUCING OUR HERO ANTARCTIC SHIP

Spacious, well-appointed and with an enviable passenger-to-staff ratio, the Ocean Endeavour is the perfect vessel for forging a polar path.

Explore Antarctica in a floating hotel and enjoy personalised service that's only possible with one staff member for every eight passengers.

Multiple lounges for learning and reflection, Zodiacs for remote exploration, breathtaking 360° views from the fly deck, spa services, a gym, a pool and more – this is expedition travel done in style.

Choose from 13 enthralling voyages, ranging in length from 10 to 21 days and exploring various Antarctic highlights such as the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the Antarctic Peninsula.

The Ocean Endeavour begins exploring from late 2020, with an abundance of departures spanning the 2020/21 season.

Bon voyage.





# OCEAN ENDEAVOUR

Ice-strengthened expedition vessel

## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

- Built: Poland 1981
- Ice Class: 1B
- Length: 137 m (332 ft)
- Breadth: 11 m (36 ft)
- Max Draft: 5.6 m (18 ft)
- Cruising Speed: 15 knots
- Propulsion: 4 Skoda Sulzer engines
- 4355 horsepower per engine
- Electricity: 220 volts/60Hz
- Passenger Capacity: 200
- Crew: 124
- 8:1 passenger-to-staff ratio

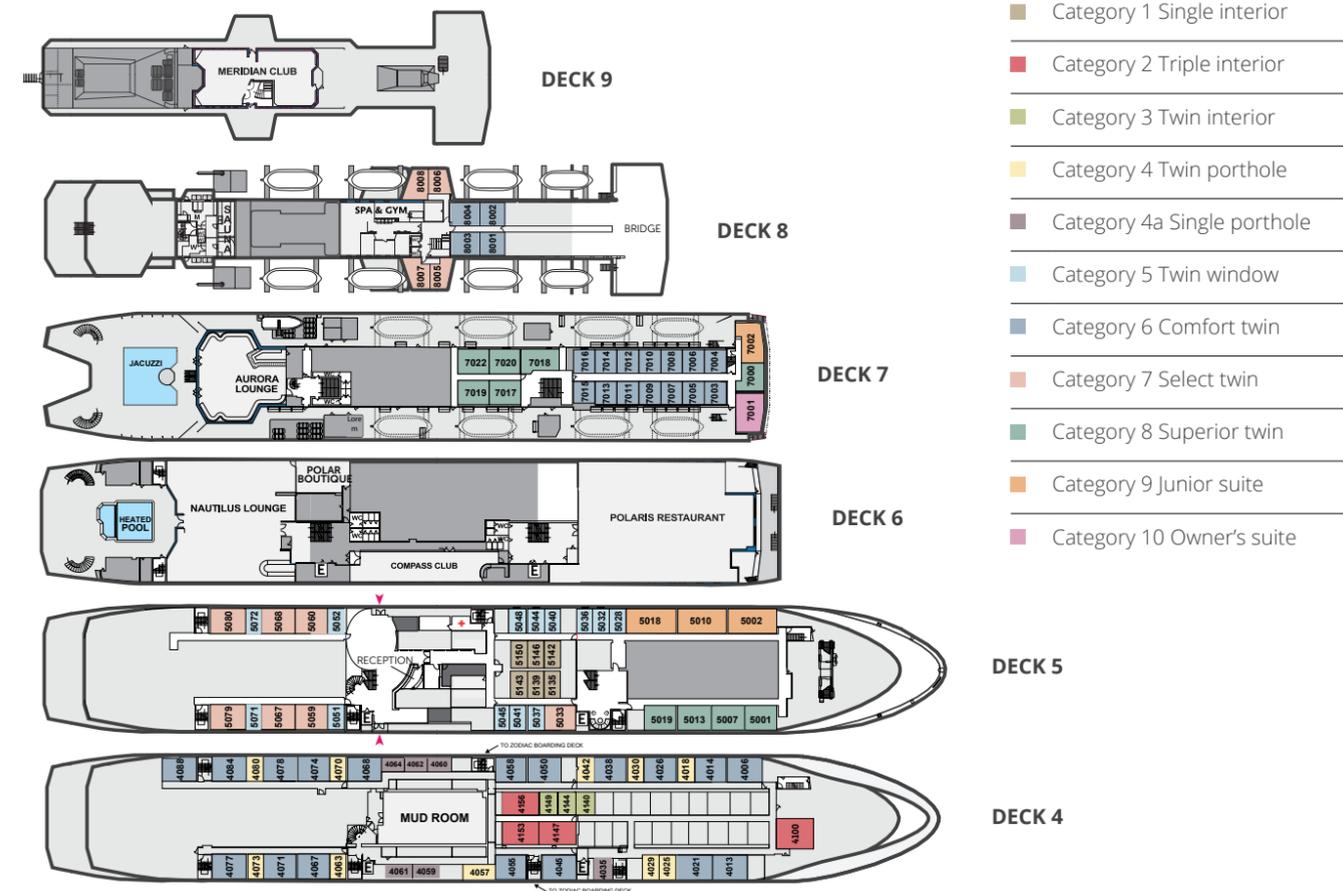
## SAFETY FEATURES

The Ocean Endeavour is equipped with six fully enclosed lifeboats and eight life rafts, the capacity of which exceeds SOLAS requirements, with at least 25% more space than the number of passengers and crew on board. It also has an Ice Class rating of 1B.

- Lifeboats: 6
- Life rafts: 8

## RELATED TRIPS

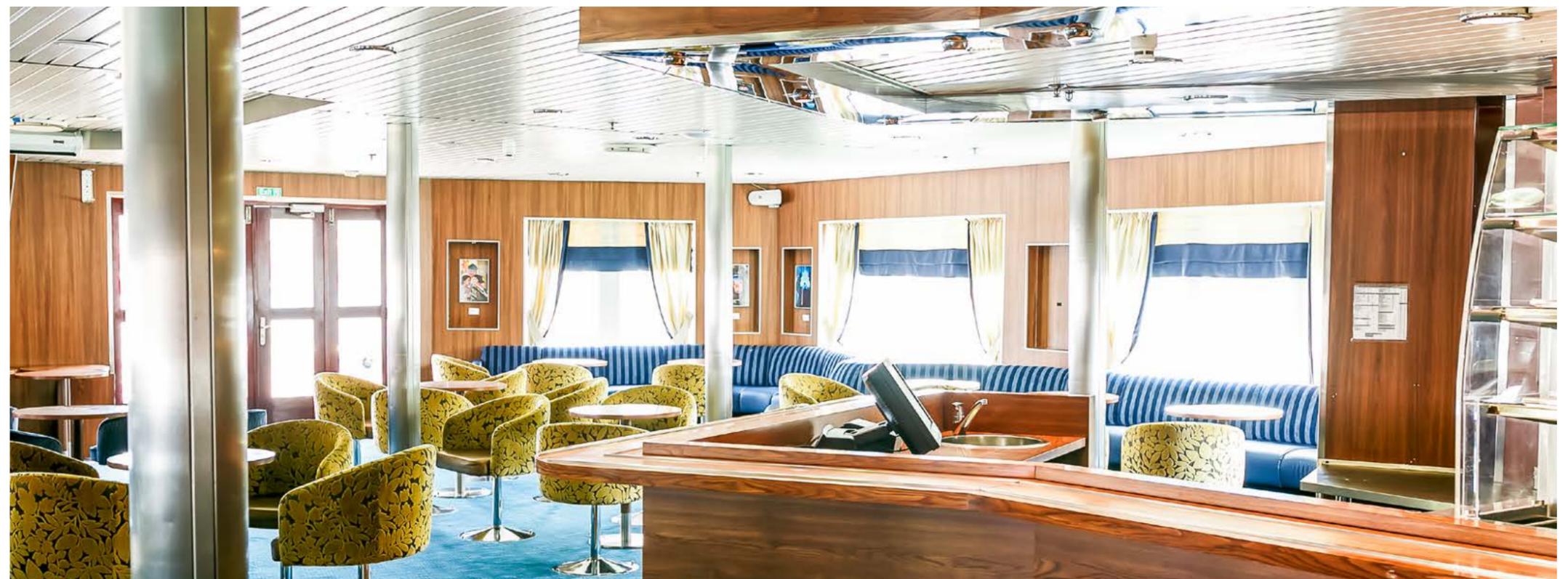
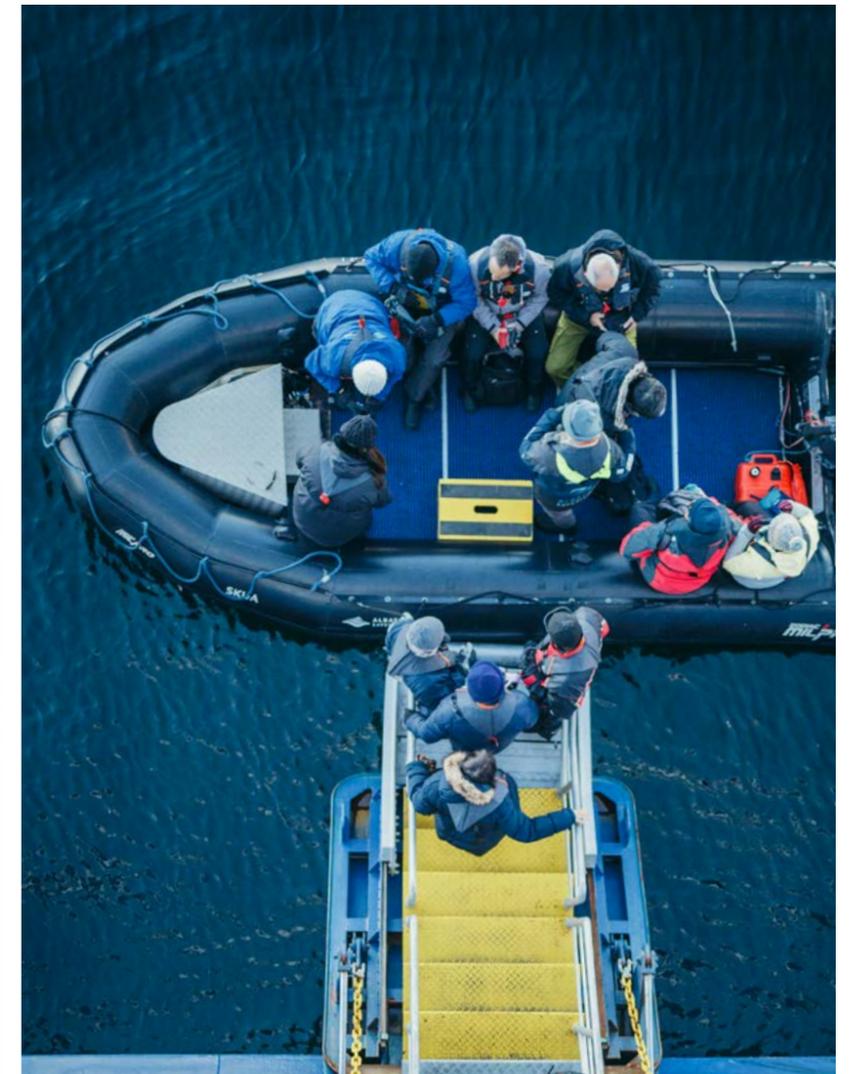
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# FEATURES & Facilities

A spacious expedition ship expertly engineered to explore polar regions in comfort and style, the Ocean Endeavour is the ideal way to discover Antarctica.

- Travellers will enjoy one of the best passenger-to-expedition staff ratios (8:1) in Antarctica.
- Book a single occupancy cabin for the price of an interior twin-share berth or a twin porthole berth.
- Ocean Endeavour cruises are double carbon offset, all seafood is sustainably sourced and we aim to avoid single-use plastic on board.
- A fleet of Zodiacs enables all passengers to be off the ship at one time. There are also two gangways on each side of the vessel – perfect for rapidly responding to spontaneous wildlife-spotting opportunities.
- Forward-facing photography Zodiacs are available. These Zodiacs are designed for comfort and uninterrupted views of the surrounds.
- Passengers can enjoy educational lectures on history, ecology and geology run by our expert expedition team.
- A variety of health and wellness activities are available on board, including a sauna, saltwater swimming pool, spa and gym.
- A wide range of optional activities are available, such as snowshoeing, camping and kayaking.
- Our onboard restaurant serves up nutritious and tasty chef-prepared meals.
- With an included night in a hotel before the voyage begins, there's no need to stress about arriving on time for embarkation.
- Extensive amenities including a polar boutique, expedition lounges, a bar staffed by a professional bartender, an upper deck with 360° views and more.



# CABINS

Housing 11 different categories of cabin, the Ocean Endeavour caters to a range of budgets and needs. All cabins also come with a hairdryer, bathrobes, climate control, a TV, a radio and a safe.

## Category 1 (single interior)

- Located on Deck 5
- No porthole or window
- Two lower berths
- Average cabin area: 9–10 m<sup>2</sup> (95–105 sq. ft)
- Private bathroom

## Category 2 (triple interior)

- Located on Deck 4
- No porthole or window
- Three lower berths
- Average cabin area 20 m<sup>2</sup> (225 sq. ft)
- One or two private bathrooms

## Category 3 (twin interior)

- Located on Deck 4
- No porthole or window
- Two lower berths
- Average cabin area 9–10 m<sup>2</sup> (95–105 sq. ft)
- Private bathroom

## Category 4 (twin porthole)

- Located on Deck 4
- One porthole
- Two lower berths
- Average cabin area 9–10 m<sup>2</sup> (95–105 sq. ft)
- Private bathroom

## Category 4A (single porthole)

- Located on Deck 4
- One porthole
- One lower berth
- Average cabin area 8–9 m<sup>2</sup> (95–105 sq. ft)
- Private bathroom

## Category 5 (twin window)

- Located on Deck 5
- One window
- Two lower berths
- Average cabin area 9–10 m<sup>2</sup> (95–105 sq. ft)
- Private bathroom



CATEGORY 1



CATEGORY 3



CATEGORY 4



CATEGORY 2



CATEGORY 4A



CATEGORY 5

## TRAVELLING ON YOUR OWN?

Our single interior and single porthole cabins allow you to have a room to yourself without paying a 'single supplement'. In a single interior cabin you will even have a spare bed. Otherwise, in twin cabins, we'll simply pair you up with someone of the same gender.

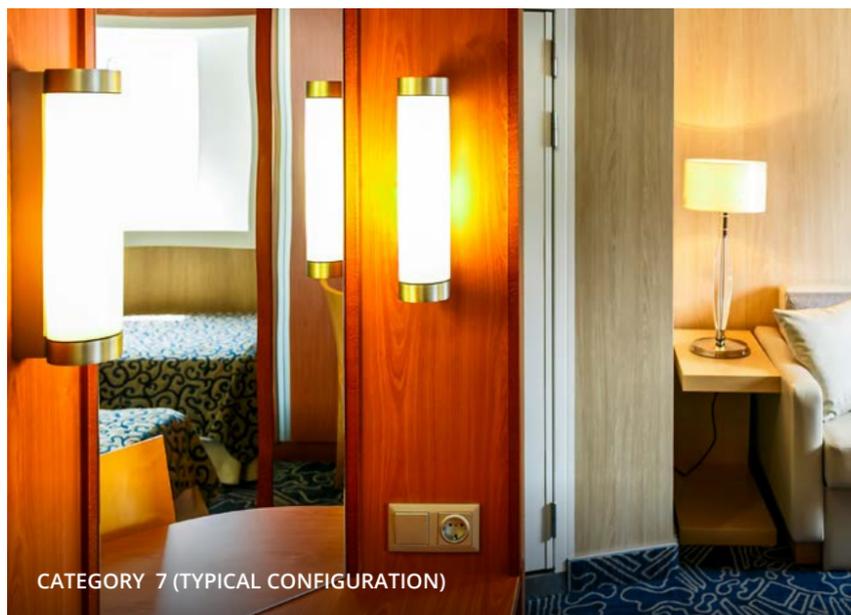
# CABINS



CATEGORY 6 (TYPICAL CONFIGURATION)



CATEGORY 9



CATEGORY 7 (TYPICAL CONFIGURATION)



CATEGORY 10



CATEGORY 8

## Category 6 (comfort twin)

- Located on Decks 4, 7 and 8
- Two lower berths/twin or double beds
- One or two private bathrooms
- Some have a fridge
- Some have a separate seating area
- Portholes or windows (some with partial obstruction)
- Average cabin area 15 m<sup>2</sup> (190–200 sq. ft)

## Category 7 (select twin)

- Located on Decks 5 and 8
- Two lower berths/twin or double beds
- One or two private bathrooms
- Some have a fridge
- Large picture window (some with partial obstruction)
- Average cabin area 16 m<sup>2</sup> (190–200 sq. ft)

## Category 8 (superior twin)

- Located on Decks 5 and 7
- Two lower berths/double bed
- A private bathroom
- Some have a fridge
- Large picture window (some with partial obstruction)
- Average cabin area 19 m<sup>2</sup> (205 sq. ft)

## Category 9 (junior suite)

- Located on Decks 5 and 7
- One double bed
- A private bathroom, some have bathtubs
- Sitting area
- Large picture windows
- Average area 30 m<sup>2</sup> (320 sq. ft)

## Category 10 (owner's suite)

- Located on Deck 7
- One double bed
- A private bathroom with a bathtub
- Sitting area with a fridge
- Forward-facing picture windows
- Cabin area 30 m<sup>2</sup> (320 sq. ft)

# ONBOARD *Facilities*

While the conditions of the region are known for being inhospitable and challenging, the Ocean Endeavour provides a comfortable and spacious environment to relax in between your daily Antarctic excursions.

## Nautilus Lounge

State-of-the-art AV facilities make the Nautilus Lounge perfect for presentations and lectures, and the fully stocked bar, cozy booths and picture windows make it a lovely place to sit back and observe the icy scenery.

## Compass Club

With 24-hour tea and coffee and a library, the Compass Club is a great place to spend a contemplative moment or two. Voyage-specific information on wildlife, progress tracking, staff and more can also be found here.

## Aurora Lounge

A multi-purpose space where afternoon tea is sometimes served.

## Meridian Club

Stretch it out during yoga classes that take place in the Meridian Club.



COMPASS CLUB



NAUTILUS LOUNGE



AURORA LOUNGE



MERIDIAN CLUB



POLARIS RESTAURANT



GYM

# ONBOARD *Facilities*

## Outer Decks

The outer decks feature a seating area that is perfect for bird spotting. You can also watch for whales in comfort from behind a wind screen on the fly deck.

## Polaris Restaurant

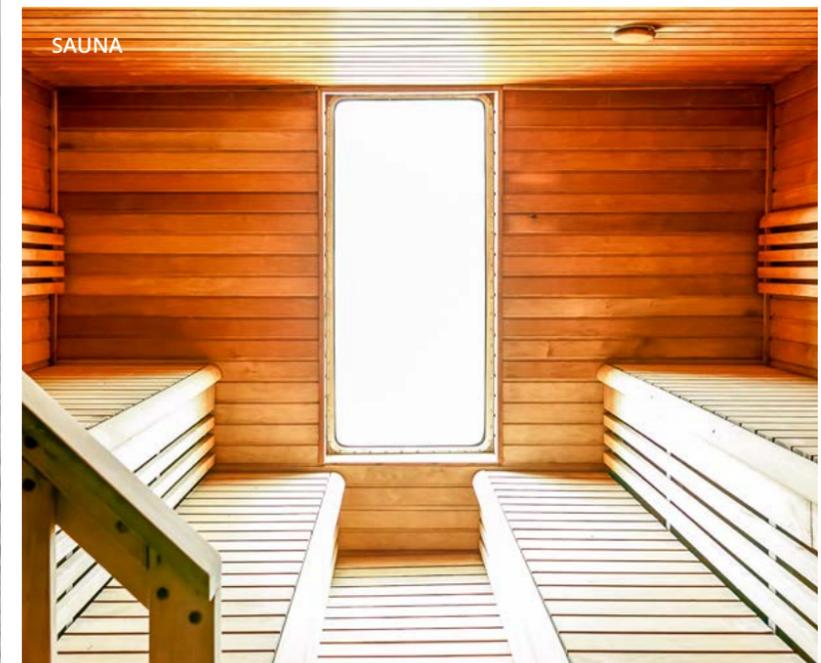
You won't go hungry waiting for a meal on the Ocean Endeavour. The Polaris Restaurant can seat all passengers at once. As many tables run along windows, it is possible to spot wildlife while you eat.

## Gym

Keep up your exercise routine during your voyage at the gym, which features exercise bikes and other static machines. After your workout, you can even relax in the sauna.

## Spa

Snowshoeing across a tundra can play havoc on the hamstrings. Thankfully, spa services are available to help you unwind with a massage (at extra cost).



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# VOYAGE

## Inclusions

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

#### Frequent Excursions

We aim to get you off the ship as much as possible, with ample time to explore in our fleet of sturdy, inflatable Zodiac boats. Depending on conditions this can be two excursions per day. With dual side gangways at our disposal, all passengers are able to disembark swiftly and safely.

#### Wildlife Discovery

Bird and wildlife watching is the backbone of all our expedition programs. Groups regularly head out in the company of world-renowned naturalists and ornithologists in search of rare and interesting species.

#### Expedition Parka & Expedition Boots

Your expedition boots and parka – designed to withstand the rigours of polar travel – are provided on loan, to save space in your suitcase and ensure that you're equipped to fully explore these regions.

### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

#### Flights & Transfers

When booking your voyage, please enquire about international and domestic flights and transfers to and from the start and end points of your journey.

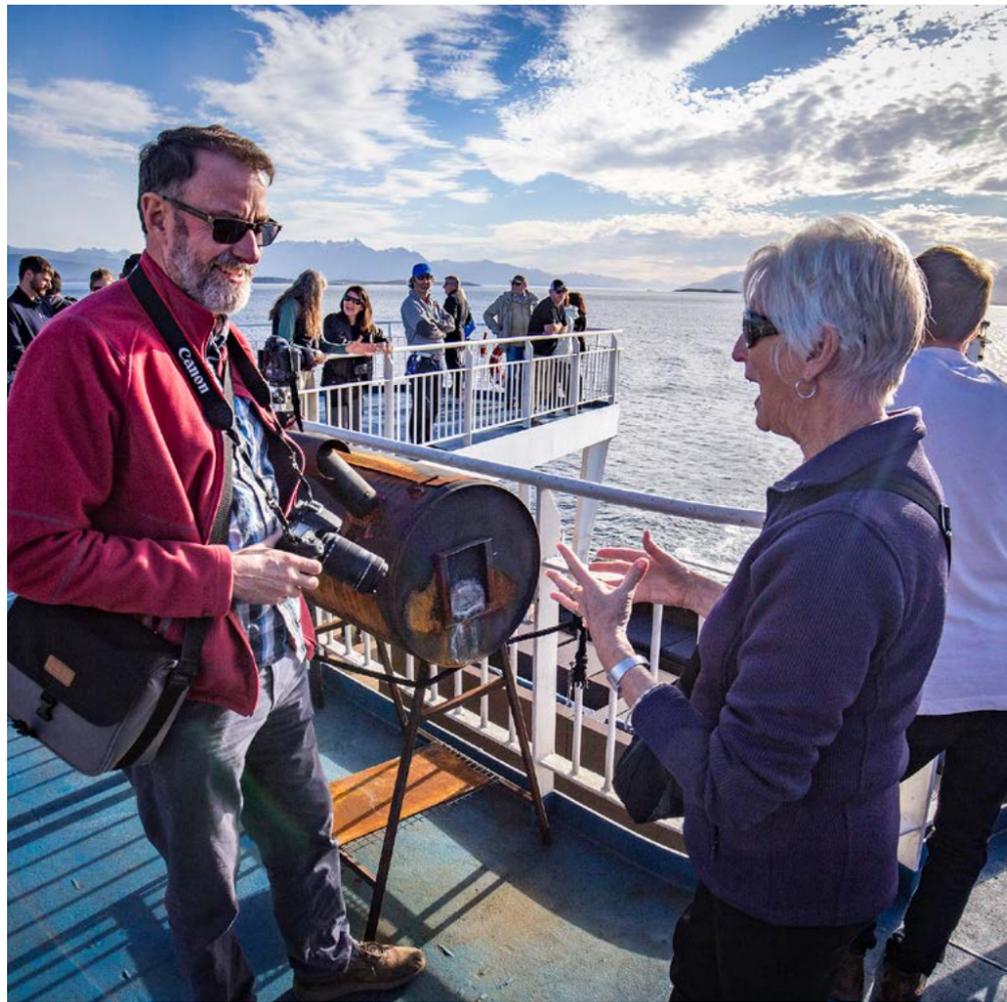
#### Additional Accommodation

We can arrange pre- and post-tour accommodation in Ushuaia, Buenos Aires and Santiago. We also offer land trips and short breaks that start or end in these destinations, allowing you to extend your adventure. Please contact us for more information about availability and prices.



### IMPORTANT REMINDER

Antarctica is remote, wild and untameable. It's what makes the region a dream destination for many intrepid explorers. It also makes the region unpredictable, meaning routes and itineraries detailed in this brochure should be used as a guide only. Our experienced staff must allow the sea, ice and weather to guide the expedition. What you can be sure of is a once-in-a-lifetime experience on every voyage.



# OPTIONAL Activities

Approaching a looming glacier in a kayak, strapping on snowshoes to summit a hill for views of the icy valleys, capturing the perfect photo of a seal hunting its prey – these are just some of the ways you can enrich your exploration of the Great White Continent with our optional activities.

## Photography Programme

Whatever your skill level, our small-group photography programme will help you capture images that do justice to the incredible sights of the Antarctic. An experienced wildlife photographer will help you hone the art of working in frigid conditions, making the most of the natural light, nailing the perfect landscape shot, capturing wildlife at play, and protecting your equipment from the elements. Once you're back on board, receive post-production tutoring and one-on-one feedback.

## Snowshoeing

Our lightweight snowshoes make it easy to navigate across the polar snow to otherwise inaccessible areas. Modelled on the traditional mode of transport of the indigenous peoples of North America, our shoes are made from light materials that make the dream of discovering remote alcoves and hidden valleys a reality.

## Kayaking

Imagine gliding across glassy waters among icy giants, with no sound but the swish of your paddle and pant of your breath. All kayaking equipment is provided and a guide will be on hand at all times to assist you, though some previous experience is essential.

## Camping

Watch as the sky changes colour and listen to the sounds of scurrying gentoo, adelle and chinstrap penguins preparing to sleep – you'll see a totally different side of Antarctica during a camping experience. Members of the expedition team will accompany you to the campsite, set you up for your overnight stay and be on hand throughout the night.

*These activities are not included in the trip price and must be booked prior to your journey (excluding snowshoeing, which may be booked on board, dependent on conditions).*



# SOME OF OUR Landing Sites



Antarctica is one of the last lands on earth that humans have been unable to tame. Indeed, much of the allure of a polar voyage comes from the anticipation that builds as you enter a place where humankind has no dominion.

As such, our exact itineraries and landing sites are flexible, to allow for our expert crew to assess conditions and safety. These are just some of our favourite places to explore on the Great White Continent, and which trips make them possible.



## Port Lockroy

This British base was built during WWII as part of a top secret mission to reinforce territorial claims in the Falkland Islands. If conditions permit, you can stop in at the post office and send a card from the bottom of the world on trip **GQMDE**, page 28.



## Whalers Bay

This secluded bay was used by whalers from 1906 to 1931, but now all you'll find are penguins and lounging seals, as well as rusting remains of whaling operations on the beach. We aim to land here on trip **GQMDT**, page 30.



## Lemaire Channel

While not technically a landing site, this channel is one of the most beautiful places to visit if you venture far enough south. It runs for 11 kilometres and is so popular with photographers that it has been nicknamed the Kodak Gap. Trip **GQMJC**, page 32, offers the chance to anchor or cruise here.



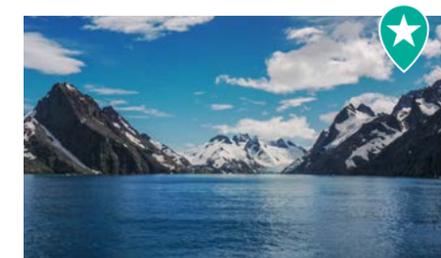
## Stanley

The capital of the Falkland Islands has been the economic mainstay of the community since the port's completion in 1845. You can expect to see a fair bit of activity in the area if you land as part of trip **GQMFA**, page 36, including museums and the rarest of all Antarctic creatures – people!



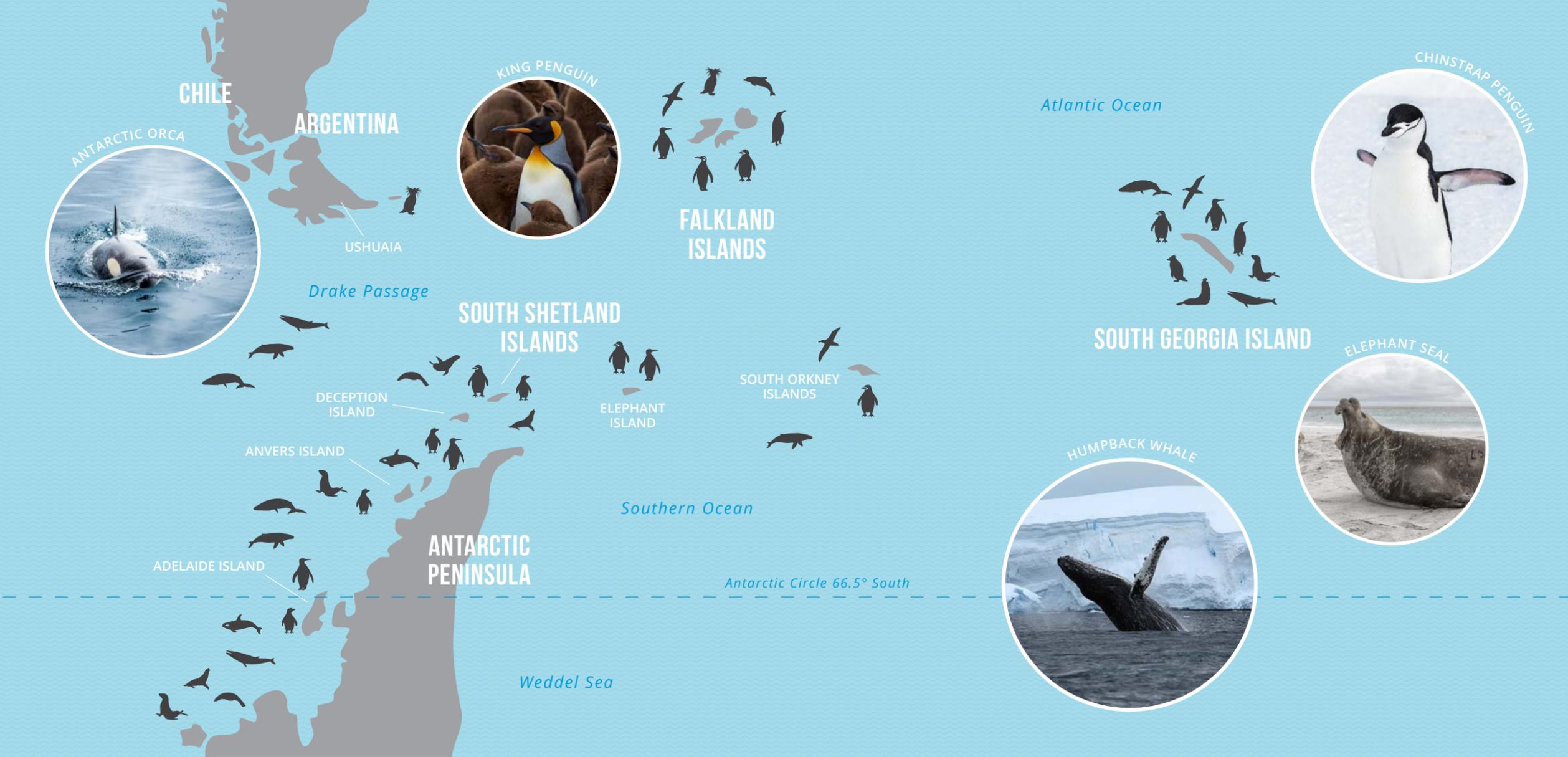
## St Andrews Bay

St Andrews Bay is home to thousands of breeding and nesting king penguins, making it the largest king penguin rookery on South Georgia. Massive elephant seals lounge among the noisy penguins in the summer months, seemingly unbothered. Both are potential sights on **GQMWS**, page 34.



## Drygalski Fjord

This is a photogenic and dramatic fjord with sharp and jagged peaks rising out of the sea. Glaciation never reached the peaks of this fjord, giving it a unique landscape. You might capture unforgettable shots of this unique area as part of a South Georgia exploration on **GQMWS**, page 34.



-  Adelie penguin
-  Albatross
-  Antarctic orca
-  Chinstrap penguin
-  Commerson's dolphin
-  Crabeater seal
-  Minke whale
-  Fur seal
-  Gentoo penguin
-  Humpback whale
-  King penguin
-  Leopard seal
-  Macaroni penguin
-  Magellanic penguin
-  Rockhopper penguin
-  Southern elephant seal
-  Weddell seal
-  Blue whale

# WILDLIFE

Earth's driest, windiest, coldest continent may not be very hospitable to human life, but the wonders of adaptation mean Antarctica's waters and lands are home to more than 235 different species of animal. On these pages you'll find an overview of where to be – and when – for the best chance of sighting some of the creatures that inhabit the Great White Continent.

## Whales

**Blue whale:** the largest known animal on earth – ever. Rarely seen, but never forgotten by those lucky enough to spot them.

**Location:** South Georgia Island and Antarctic Peninsula  
**Ideal viewing:** Feb–Mar

**Humpback whale:** their colouring, huge size and frequent breaches make them one of the easiest whales to catch sight of.

**Location:** South Georgia Island and Antarctic Peninsula  
**Ideal viewing:** Feb–Mar

**Minke whale:** these slender, acrobatic creatures are very fast, so you need to be on the ball to catch a glimpse.

**Location:** South Georgia Island and Antarctic Peninsula  
**Ideal viewing:** Feb–Mar

**Antarctic orca:** the 'killer whale' is technically part of the dolphin family. Striking white bellies mean they're easy to identify on sight.

**Location:** South Georgia Island and Antarctic Peninsula  
**Ideal viewing:** Feb–Mar

## Seals

**Fur seal:** males can grow to weigh up to 180 kilograms (400 pounds), and fight other males to establish territory.

**Location:** South Georgia Island, South Orkney Islands and South Shetland Islands

**Southern elephant seal:** males can weigh up to 3600 kilograms (4 tons) and have a lumpy nose they use to 'roar'.

**Location:** South Georgia Island

**Crabeater seal:** the most commonly found seal in the world with an estimated population of up to 70 million.

**Location:** Anywhere with pack ice

**Leopard seal:** these solitary but adventurous creatures are known to migrate far and wide.

**Location:** Antarctic Peninsula

## Penguins

**Adelie penguin:** known by the white ring around their eyes, the adelies' stiff wings propel them to depths of 100 metres (330 feet).

**Location:** Antarctic Peninsula  
**Breeding:** Oct–Feb. Chicks present from late Dec–Feb

**Chinstrap penguin:** these abundant creatures are easily identified by their thin 'beard' of black feathers.

**Location:** Antarctic Peninsula  
**Breeding:** Oct–Feb. Chicks present from late Dec–Feb

**Gentoo penguin:** active critters that spend a large portion of their days hunting and eating.

**Location:** Antarctic Peninsula and Falkland Islands  
**Breeding:** Oct–Feb. Chicks present from late Dec–Feb

**King penguin:** the second-largest penguins in the world, with a fiery golden plumage around their necks and head.

**Location:** South Georgia Island and Falkland Islands  
**Breeding:** Chicks are present year-round



# Best of Antarctica

**11 DAYS** | Ushuaia to Ushuaia | TRIP CODE: **GQMDE**

The islands around the Antarctic Peninsula provide a stunning reward for those who conquer the Drake Passage. Be among orca and humpback whales, hear cracking glaciers piercing the Antarctic silence, and encounter penguins and seals during regular Zodiac excursions. Relax in a comfortable vessel after days spent exploring the frozen wilderness, enjoying expert lectures, a soak in the spa or a cup of tea in the library.

- Day 1 Ushuaia** Welcome to Ushuaia, the world's southernmost city. On arrival at the airport, meet our representative and transfer to your hotel. Attend a briefing in the evening and meet your fellow travellers.
- Day 2 Ushuaia – Embarkation Day** Set off on the journey of a lifetime, watching the shoreline fade into the distance and cruising down the Beagle Channel.
- Days 3–4 Drake Passage** Spend the next few days crossing the legendary Drake Passage. If the conditions are right, it might be possible to spot dolphins, orcas and albatross from the fly deck. In addition to safety briefings, enjoy a comprehensive lecture program from onboard experts throughout your journey to the Antarctic Peninsula. Learn the history, geology and biology of the Great White Continent you are about to explore. If conditions are good, the expedition will make it to land by early evening on Day 4.
- Days 5–8 Antarctic Peninsula** Let the adventure begin! Spend four incredible days exploring the Antarctic Peninsula. Feast your eyes on glaciers, white mountains and an extraordinary array of wildlife. Discover the landings, bays and channels that have captivated explorers

- for centuries, while on daily excursions by Zodiac. The landscapes themselves dazzle, with frosted peaks and seemingly endless stretches of white. But perhaps an even bigger wonder is the diverse wildlife that thrives in this environment, a truly spectacular example of adaptability in an extreme land. Encounter penguin rookeries, spot humpback and minke whales and look out for leopard seals during excursions on land and sea. There will also be the chance to see and hear calving glaciers – the ominous, unforgettable cracking sound echoing through the Antarctic silence.
- Days 9–10 At Sea** Say goodbye to the Antarctic Peninsula and begin the return journey to Ushuaia. Perhaps take the opportunity to share photographs with fellow travellers, scout for wildlife once again from the deck, enjoy some final lectures from the onboard experts, or make use of the Ocean Endeavour's health and wellness facilities and head to the sauna to relax limbs weary from battling the elements.
- Day 11 Ushuaia** Farewell your shipmates, thank your crew and step back onto dry land as the adventure draws to a close in Ushuaia.

## OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Sea kayaking, camping and the photography programme are optional extras and must be arranged before travel. Snowshoeing is bookable onboard, conditions permitting.

## SHIP DETAILS

**OCEAN ENDEAVOUR** Visit pages 6–27 of this brochure for details of features and amenities on board this vessel.

## YOU MAY ALSO LIKE

If you'd like an extra reason to celebrate in the Antarctic, why not try a festive season adventure?

**Christmas in Antarctica – 11 days (GQMAC)**

**New Year in Antarctica – 11 days (GQMNY)**

See inside front cover for prices and visit [intrepidtravel.com](http://intrepidtravel.com) for more information.



**Inclusions** All voyage activities and excursions (except those listed as optional), education program and meals. Expedition parka and boots on loan for the duration of your trip. For details of any included transfers, refer to the Essential Trip Information on our website.

**Flights** Should be booked into and out of Ushuaia.

**PRICE** See inside front cover

**DEPARTURE DATES** – **GUARANTEED DEPARTURES**

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# Discover Antarctica

**10 DAYS** | Ushuaia to Ushuaia | TRIP CODE: **GQMDT**

Discover the majesty and beauty of the Antarctic Peninsula. Follow in the footsteps of famed explorers and marvel at the surprising diversity of wildlife that calls these icy shores home, spotting penguin rookeries during Zodiac excursions, and orcas from the vessel's deck. Unlike the hardy 19th-century explorers who made their names here, you will discover the Great White Continent from a comfortable vessel complete with wellness facilities.

**Day 1 Ushuaia** Welcome to Ushuaia, Argentina, the world's southernmost city. On arrival at the airport, meet our representative who will transfer you to your hotel. Attend a briefing in the evening and meet your fellow passengers.

**Day 2 Ushuaia - Embarkation Day** Set off on the journey of a lifetime, watching the shoreline fade into the distance as you cruise down the captivating Beagle Channel.

**Days 3-4 Drake Passage** Over the next few days, you will tackle the Drake Passage. This infamous stretch of open sea is a true initiation ritual for Antarctic voyages, though with any luck you'll find it easier than expected. Depending on conditions, the onboard experts will help you look for dolphins and orcas from the fly deck, plus deliver a comprehensive lecture program to provide some initial context for your journey. Learn the history, geology and biology of the Great White Continent you are about to explore. If conditions are optimal, the expedition will reach land by early evening on Day 4.

**Days 5-7 Antarctic Peninsula** Author Jon Krakauer said visiting Antarctica was akin to going to the moon. Spend the next three days

discovering how right he was. Daily Zodiac outings to explore over land and water (conditions depending) will reveal glaciers, white mountains and an extraordinary array of wildlife. Wonder at the animal life that thrives in this environment, a truly spectacular example of adaptability in an extreme land. Encounter penguin rookeries on volcanic shores, spot orcas beneath the surface of icy waters and look out for leopard and elephant seals during excursions on land and sea. Along the way you'll have an expert team guiding you and enriching your experience of the Great White Continent with their knowledge. While exact landing sites are flexible, you can be sure of an unforgettable adventure.

**Days 8-9 At Sea** Begin the return journey to Ushuaia. Perhaps take the opportunity to share photographs with fellow travellers, scout for wildlife once again from on deck, enjoy some final lectures from the onboard experts, or make use of the Ocean Endeavour's health and wellness facilities and relax limbs weary from battling the elements with a massage (charges apply).

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## YOU MAY ALSO LIKE

Take a ten-day adventure to the Antarctic Peninsula during peak whale season and follow their migration.

### Antarctic Whale Journey - 10 days (GQMWJ)

See inside front cover for prices and visit [intrepidtravel.com](http://intrepidtravel.com) for more information.



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**PRICE** See inside front cover

## DEPARTURE DATES - GUARANTEED DEPARTURES





# Journey to the Antarctic Circle

**14 DAYS** | Ushuaia to Ushuaia | TRIP CODE: **GQMJC**

Enter the southernmost region on earth and uncover raw beauty, traverse untouched terrain and witness the survival of the fittest in wildlife that has adapted to some of the harshest conditions on the planet. Experience the thrill of seeing seals lying on the ice floes, whales breaching and penguins waddling across the ice. Take in the spectacular surrounds while navigating across the South Shetland Islands, the Antarctic Peninsula and the Antarctic Circle.

**Day 1 Ushuaia** Welcome to Ushuaia, Argentina, the world's southernmost city. On arrival at the airport, meet our representative and transfer to your hotel. Attend a briefing in the evening then perhaps rest up ahead of your departure tomorrow.

**Day 2 Ushuaia - Embarkation Day** Set off on the journey of a lifetime, watching the mountains of Argentina fade into the distance while cruising down the Beagle Channel.

**Days 3-4 Drake Passage** Tackle the infamous Drake Passage. While totally safe, the waters here can get rough. Get up to speed with safety briefings and take advantage of a comprehensive lecture program from a team of onboard experts. Learn the history, geology and biology of the Great White Continent you are about to explore. If conditions are appropriate, the expedition will reach land by early evening on Day 4.

**Days 5-8 South Shetland Islands - Antarctic Peninsula** Spend four days exploring the Great White Continent on foot and by Zodiac. You will also have the opportunity to snowshoe, kayak and camp, but these activities must be booked prior to departure. Your team of polar experts are on hand to educate you about this part of the world.

**Days 9-10 Antarctic Circle** Travel further south than many expeditions do and cross the Antarctic Circle. With conditions permitting, celebrations will be in order after reaching 66°33' south of the equator. While not a typical landing, the crossing of the Antarctic Circle leaves a lasting memory and makes for a unique travel tale.

**Day 11 Antarctic Peninsula - South Shetland Islands** Head north and test your newfound knowledge of Antarctic wildlife by identifying fur, leopard and Weddel seals. Embark on your final Zodiac excursions and make the most of the peninsula's wildlife-spotting opportunities.

**Days 12-13 Drake Passage** Re-cross the Drake on the last leg of your journey and reflect on the spectacular scenery and prolific wildlife you've encountered during the voyage. Reminisce with your shipmates and be sure to make the most of your time with the onboard experts to illuminate anything about the adventure that remains unknown.

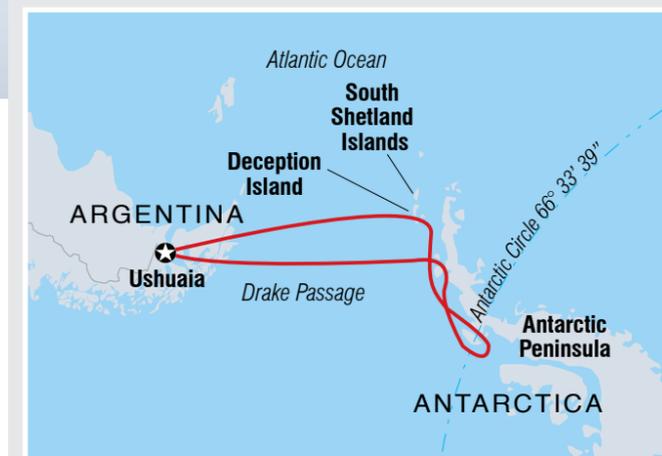
**Day 14 Ushuaia** Your journey to the Antarctic Circle comes to an end today. After breakfast on board, disembark in Ushuaia. You have the option to be transferred to the airport for your flight home.

## OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Sea kayaking, camping and the photography programme are optional extras and must be arranged before travel. Snowshoeing is bookable onboard, conditions permitting.

## SHIP DETAILS

**OCEAN ENDEAVOUR** Visit pages 6-27 of this brochure for details of features and amenities on board this vessel.



**Inclusions** All voyage activities and excursions (except those listed as optional), education program and meals. Expedition parka and boots on loan for the duration of your trip. For details of any included transfers, refer to the Essential Trip Information on our website.

**Flights** Should be booked into and out of Ushuaia.

**PRICE** See inside front cover

## DEPARTURE DATES - GUARANTEED DEPARTURES



# Antarctica, South Georgia & Falklands Explorer

**21 DAYS** | Ushuaia to Ushuaia | TRIP CODE: **GQMWS**

Embark on an immersive, 21-day adventure to the awe-inspiring Antarctic Peninsula, South Georgia Island and the Falkland Islands. Visit penguin rookeries, spot whales breaching and scout for seals along the shores. Take Zodiac excursions with a team of onboard polar experts through ice-filled bays. With a comfortable vessel featuring a gym, spa, pool, library and more, you can discover the last frontier in style and comfort.

**Day 1 Ushuaia** Enjoy a complimentary airport transfer to your hotel, and attend a briefing in the evening.

**Day 2 Ushuaia – Embarkation Day** Set off on the journey of a lifetime along the Beagle Channel.

**Days 3–4 Drake Passage** Get up to speed with safety briefings and take advantage of a comprehensive lecture program from a team of onboard experts to learn the history, geology and biology of the continent you are about to explore. If conditions are appropriate, the expedition will reach land by early evening on Day 4.

**Days 5–8 Antarctic Peninsula** Explore the incredible terrain of the world's most southern land. Discover the channels and mountains on a Zodiac by day and relax on board at night. Wildlife encounters on the Antarctic Peninsula are likely to include multiple varieties of penguin and seal, including the curious leopard seal.

**Day 9 Elephant Island** Head towards the ice-covered Elephant Island, where Sir Ernest Shackleton and his men were shipwrecked in 1916 and survived against the odds for almost five months before being rescued. Weather permitting, we will attempt to make a landing on the desolate island.

**Days 10–11 At Sea** Continue across the ocean to South Georgia Island, perhaps using your time on board to indulge in a massage (at extra cost) and read up on the islands.

**Days 12–15 South Georgia Island** Once the homestead of whalers and lonely explorers, South Georgia is now an area protected by dedicated Antarctic research teams. It's home to hundreds of thousands of breeding pairs of king penguins and enormous quantities of seabirds, plus fur and elephant seals, so you're bound to have spectacular wildlife encounters here. Visit the old whaling settlement of Grytviken and the grave of the legend himself – Sir Ernest Shackleton.

**Days 16–17 At Sea** Enjoy onboard presentations highlighting the dramatic history of the region and the wildlife encounters that await.

**Days 18–19 Falkland Islands** Explore East Falkland and West Falkland, where you will undoubtedly see black-browed albatross and likely encounter gentoo, king, macaroni, magellanic and rockhopper penguins. Meet the locals in Stanley, the colourful capital.

**Day 20 At Sea** Cruise towards Ushuaia and reflect on the journey.

**Day 21 Ushuaia** Your polar voyage comes to an end today. Disembark in Ushuaia and take an included airport transfer.

## OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Sea kayaking, camping and the photography programme are optional extras and must be arranged before travel. Snowshoeing is bookable onboard, conditions permitting.

## SHIP DETAILS

**OCEAN ENDEAVOUR** Visit pages 6–27 of this brochure for details of features and amenities on board this vessel.

## YOU MAY ALSO LIKE

This itinerary is available with a March departure, which means less snow cover with plenty of whale-spotting opportunities.

**Antarctica, South Georgia & Falklands Odyssey – 21 days (GQMSG)**

See inside front cover for prices and visit [intrepidtravel.com](http://intrepidtravel.com) for more information.



**Inclusions** All voyage activities and excursions (except those listed as optional), education program and meals. Expedition parka and boots on loan for the duration of your trip. For details of any included transfers, refer to the Essential Trip Information on our website.

**Flights** Should be booked into and out of Ushuaia.

**PRICE** See inside front cover

## DEPARTURE DATES – GUARANTEED DEPARTURES





# Best of Antarctica & the Falklands

**19 DAYS** | Buenos Aires to Ushuaia | TRIP CODE: **GQMFA**

Cruise down the coast of Argentina to the Falkland Islands, home to an abundance of wildlife that must be seen to be believed. Continue to the Antarctic Peninsula and set foot on the Great White Continent. Spot whales, orcas, seals and penguins both from the ship and while exploring during land excursions. This once-in-a-lifetime trip takes place on board the Ocean Endeavour, a specially-equipped expedition vessel with a crew of onboard experts.

**Day 1 Buenos Aires** Meet your fellow travellers and be briefed by the expedition team about the journey ahead.

**Day 2 Buenos Aires - Embarkation Day** In the afternoon transfer to the harbour and board the vessel. This evening, spend some time getting to know your shipmates over a celebratory dinner and drinks.

**Days 3-5 At Sea** Spend a few days getting to know your ship, crew and fellow passengers. Take this time to listen to onboard lectures from a team of experts. Yoga classes are also available to keep you entertained and feeling fresh while at sea.

**Days 6-8 Falkland Islands** Explore the two main islands – East and West – on daily Zodiac excursions and landings. Wildlife sightings around the Falkland Islands will likely include at least three species of penguin plus the Cobb's wren and the flightless steamer duck. The expedition team will educate you on the local flora and fauna so you know what to look out for. There will be a chance to participate in an optional kayaking adventure, for an additional cost.

**Day 9 At Sea** Cruise further south towards Ushuaia. This is a chance to further enjoy the onboard facilities, share photographs with fellow shipmates, or simply enjoy some rest and relaxation.

**Day 10 Ushuaia** The Ocean Endeavour will dock in Ushuaia this morning and you'll have until the afternoon to explore the small town, after which it's time to set off through the Beagle Channel.

**Days 11-12 Drake Passage** Cross the legendary Drake Passage. Take the opportunity to participate in a comprehensive lecture program from onboard experts who will share knowledge of the history, geology and biology of the Great White Continent. If conditions are favourable, the expedition will arrive at land by early evening on Day 4.

**Days 13-16 Antarctic Peninsula** Spend four incredible days exploring the Antarctic Peninsula. Feast your eyes on glaciers, mountains and an extraordinary array of wildlife. Every day is a new adventure, and each day you will explore landings, bays and channels on excursions by Zodiac. Encounter penguin rookeries, spot humpback and minke whales, and look out for leopard seals.

**Days 17-18 At Sea** Return to Ushuaia. Enjoy final lectures from the onboard experts and make use of the onboard wellness facilities.

**Day 19 Ushuaia** Farewell your shipmates as the adventure draws to a close back in Ushuaia.

## OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Sea kayaking, camping and the photography programme are optional extras and must be arranged before travel. Snowshoeing is bookable onboard, conditions permitting.

## SHIP DETAILS

**OCEAN ENDEAVOUR** Visit pages 6-27 of this brochure for details of features and amenities on board this vessel.

## YOU MAY ALSO LIKE

This trip is a combination of two adventures. If you're short on time, why not embark on a shorter polar jaunt.

**Best of Antarctica - 11 days (GQMDE)**  
See page 28 for more information.

**Falkland Islands Discovery - 10 days (GQMFI)**

See inside front cover for prices and visit [intrepidtravel.com](http://intrepidtravel.com) for more information.



**Inclusions** All voyage activities and excursions (except those listed as optional), education program and meals. Expedition parka and boots on loan for the duration of your trip.

For details of any included transfers, refer to the Essential Trip Information on our website.

**Flights** Should be booked into Buenos Aires and out of Ushuaia.

**PRICE** See inside front cover

## DEPARTURE DATES - GUARANTEED DEPARTURES





# Antarctica, South Georgia & Falklands Odyssey

**21 DAYS** | Ushuaia to Ushuaia | TRIP CODE: **GQMSG**

This three-week expedition allows for a deep exploration of South Georgia Island, Antarctica's own 'Galapagos', where a single penguin colony can have a population numbering in the hundreds of thousands. Set foot on the Antarctic Peninsula, discover the survival story of Elephant Island and enjoy a taste of the historic Falkland Islands. Aboard the comfortable and superbly equipped Ocean Endeavour; expedition travel doesn't get better than this.

**Day 1 Ushuaia** Enjoy a complimentary airport transfer to your hotel. Attend a briefing in the evening.

**Day 2 Ushuaia – Embarkation Day** Set off on the journey of a lifetime along the Beagle Channel.

**Days 3–4 Drake Passage** Get up to speed with safety briefings and take advantage of a comprehensive lecture program from a team of onboard experts. If conditions are appropriate, the expedition will reach land by the early evening on Day 4.

**Days 5–7 Antarctic Peninsula** Explore the incredible terrain of the world's most southern land. Navigate the channels and mountains here by day and relax in comfort at night. Wildlife encounters on the Antarctic Peninsula are likely to include Weddell and crabeater seals, plus gentoo, adelia and chinstrap penguins. Sightings of leopard seals are also very likely.

**Day 8 Elephant Island** Today we make for the ice-covered isle where Sir Ernest Shackleton and his team were stranded in 1916. Located on the north-eastern fringes of the South Shetland islands, there is some dissent regarding where the island got its name – elephant seals,

or a play on the name 'Hell-of-an-Island'. Take a Zodiac cruise around Elephant Island, where conditions are usually too tricky to attempt a landing.

**Days 9–10 At Sea** Bound for South Georgia, set off at sea once again, arriving by the evening of Day 11 if conditions are favourable.

**Days 11–14 South Georgia Island** Earning its nickname of 'Galapagos of the South', South Georgia is one of the most remote and wild places on earth. Spend the next few days marvelling at its abundant seabirds, penguin colonies (numbering in the thousands), elephant and fur seal pups, glaciers, mountains and, last but not least, a fascinating history. South Georgia is sure to rate among the highlights of your voyage.

**Days 15–16 At Sea** Settle in for two days at sea.

**Days 17–18 Falkland Islands** Explore the East and West islands on Zodiac excursions, spotting penguin and endemic bird species with help from your expedition team. Potential landing sites include West Point Island, Saunders Island, Sea Lion Island and Bleaker Island.

**Days 19–20 At Sea** Cruise towards Puerto Madryn.

**Day 21 Puerto Madryn** Disembark in Puerto Madryn.

## OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Sea kayaking and the photography programme are optional extras and must be arranged before travel.

## SHIP DETAILS

**OCEAN ENDEAVOUR** Visit pages 6–27 of this brochure for details of features and amenities on board this vessel.

## YOU MAY ALSO LIKE

**Antarctica, South Georgia & Falklands Explorer – 21 days (GQMWS)**

Want more time in the wildlife-rich Antarctic Peninsula? Our GQMWS itinerary gives you one more day in 'O'Higgins Land'.

See inside front cover for prices and visit [intrepidtravel.com](http://intrepidtravel.com) for more information.



**Inclusions** All voyage activities and excursions (except those listed as optional), education program and meals. Expedition parka and boots on loan for the duration of your trip. For details of any included transfers, refer to the Essential Trip Information on our website.

**Flights** Should be booked into Ushuaia and out of Puerto Madryn.

**PRICE** See inside front cover

## DEPARTURE DATES – GUARANTEED DEPARTURES





# Rio to Buenos Aires with Antarctica

**18 DAYS** | Rio de Janeiro to Ushuaia | TRIP CODE: **GQSBA**

Be swept away by Iguazu Falls, visit two sultry cities, and enjoy the best of Antarctica on this ultimate adventure. Take in the unique atmosphere of Rio, explore South America's liveliest and most cosmopolitan city Buenos Aires, and witness the grand power of nature. Then swap land for sea on the Ocean Endeavour and uncover the treasures of the Great White Continent – the only way to complete this once-in-a-lifetime journey.

**Days 1–2 Rio de Janeiro** Welcome to Brazil. Perhaps head out to Lapa for some world-renowned live music and dancing with the locals. Enjoy a full-day guided tour, visiting hillside Santa Teresa and Corcovado, home to the city-surveying Christ the Redeemer statue.

**Days 3–5 Iguazu Falls** Take some free time to explore buzzing Rio, then fly to Iguazu Falls. Visit the Brazilian side of the falls, which offers panoramic views of the cascades. Embrace an early start the next day to visit the Argentinean side of the falls, with boardwalks that allow a closer-up view of the rapids. Later, take a short flight to arrive in Buenos Aires, Argentina's capital.

**Days 6–7 Buenos Aires** Explore the city, visiting famous sites such as the Recoleta Cemetery. Later, practice the national style of dance during a tango workshop.

**Day 8 Buenos Aires to Ushuaia** Fly to the world's southernmost city. On arrival, meet our representative and transfer to your hotel. Attend a briefing in the evening and meet your fellow travellers.

**Day 9 Ushuaia – Embarkation Day** Set off on the journey of a lifetime, watching the shoreline fade into the distance and cruising down the Beagle Channel.

**Days 10–11 Drake Passage** Spend the next few days crossing the legendary Drake Passage. If the conditions are right, it might be possible to spot dolphins, orcas and albatross from the fly deck. In addition to safety briefings, enjoy a comprehensive lecture program from onboard experts throughout your journey to the Antarctic Peninsula. Depending on conditions, make landfall by the evening of Day 11.

**Days 12–15 Antarctic Peninsula** Let the adventure begin! Spend four incredible days exploring the Antarctic Peninsula. Feast your eyes on glaciers, white mountains and an extraordinary array of wildlife. Discover the landings, bays and channels that have captivated explorers for centuries on daily excursions by Zodiac. Encounter penguin rookeries, spot humpback and minke whales and look out for leopard seals during excursions on land and sea.

**Days 16–17 At Sea** Say goodbye to the Antarctic Peninsula and begin the return journey to Ushuaia. Perhaps take the opportunity to share photographs with fellow travellers, or scout for wildlife once again.

**Day 18 Ushuaia** Farewell your shipmates, thank your crew and step back onto dry land as the adventure draws to a close in Ushuaia.

## OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Sea kayaking, camping and the photography programme are optional extras and must be arranged before travel. Snowshoeing is bookable onboard, conditions permitting.

## SHIP DETAILS

**OCEAN ENDEAVOUR** Visit pages 6–27 of this brochure for details of features and amenities on board this vessel.

## YOU MAY ALSO LIKE

Make your voyage even more special by taking it at a festive time of year, celebrating Christmas or ringing in the New Year in Antarctica.

**Rio to Buenos Aires with Christmas in Antarctica – 18 days (GQSCR)**

**Rio to Buenos Aires with New Year in Antarctica – 18 days (GQSNY)**

See inside front cover for prices and visit [intrepidtravel.com](http://intrepidtravel.com) for more information.



**Inclusions** All voyage activities and excursions (except those listed as optional), education program and meals (on the Ocean Endeavour). Expedition parka and boots on loan for the duration of your trip. 4 nights comfortable hotel, 2 nights feature stay Iguazu, 6 breakfasts, 2 lunches.

For details of any included transfers, refer to the Essential Trip Information on our website.

**Flights** Should be booked into Rio de Janeiro and out of Ushuaia.

**PRICE** See inside front cover

## DEPARTURE DATES – GUARANTEED DEPARTURES



# QUARK EXPEDITIONS VOYAGES

We have worked with Quark for over ten years to provide unforgettable polar experiences in both the Arctic and Antarctic regions. With an unparalleled commitment to safety, carbon offsetting and charitable work, Quark are a long-term advocate for these unique, fragile environments and one of the global leaders in polar expeditions.





# OCEAN ADVENTURER

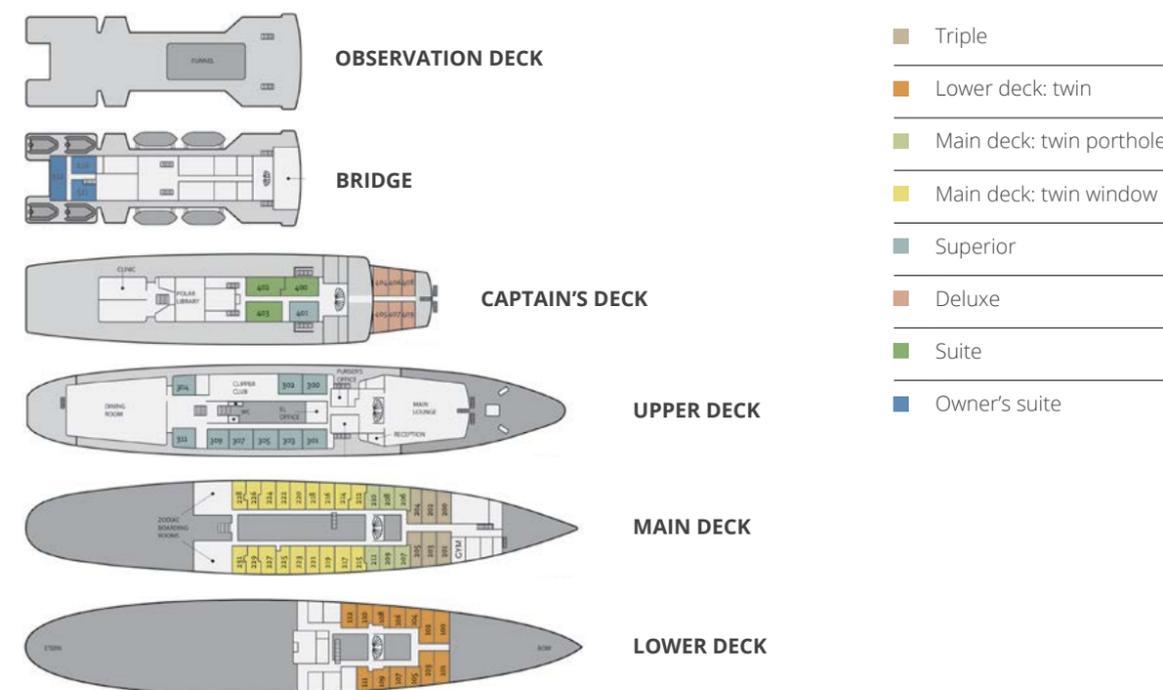
A comfortable, ice-strengthened ship, the Ocean Adventurer is the ideal base for exploration in the polar regions. Built in 1975, she was fully upgraded in 2017 and has a proud reputation as a well-appointed, elegant expedition ship. Unique to the Ocean Adventurer is the spacious covered promenade and beautiful wooden deck from which passengers can view the seascapes.

## FEATURES ABOARD

- Guest capacity 132
- Chef-prepared meals (all meals and daily snacks included)
- One dining room with unreserved seating
- Bar staffed by a professional bartender
- 24-hour beverage service
- Exercise room
- Polar library with a large collection of books and DVDs
- Polar boutique
- Multi-purpose lounge and presentation room
- Ship-to-shore satellite communications, email and wireless internet

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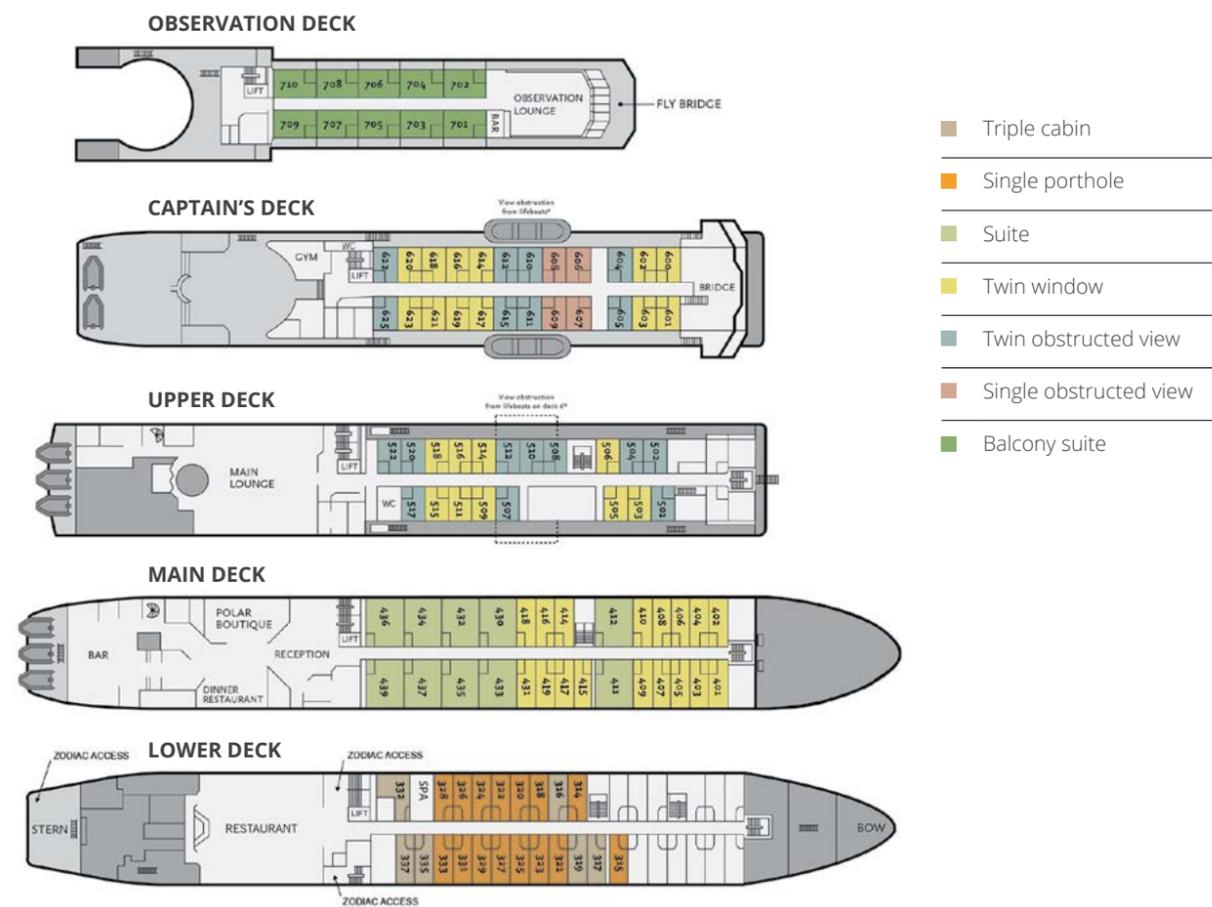


# OCEAN DIAMOND

Explore Antarctica in style and comfort on the Ocean Diamond, our outstanding superyacht. This modern vessel is extremely stable and staffed by experienced captains, officers, expedition leaders and guides. Learn more about your surroundings with presentations in the theatre-style auditorium or do some research of your own in the library that is well stocked with polar books and DVDs.

## FEATURES ABOARD

- Guest capacity 189
- Chef-prepared meals (all meals and daily snacks included)
- Bar staffed by a professional bartender
- Exercise room
- 24-hour beverage service
- Clinic, with onboard licensed doctor
- Spacious dining room with unreserved seating
- Polar library with a large collection of books and DVDs
- Polar boutique
- Glass-enclosed observation lounge and presentation room
- Ship-to-shore satellite communications, email and wireless internet
- All cabins include flat screen televisions with DVD players
- All cabins have private bathrooms with a shower



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# WORLD EXPLORER

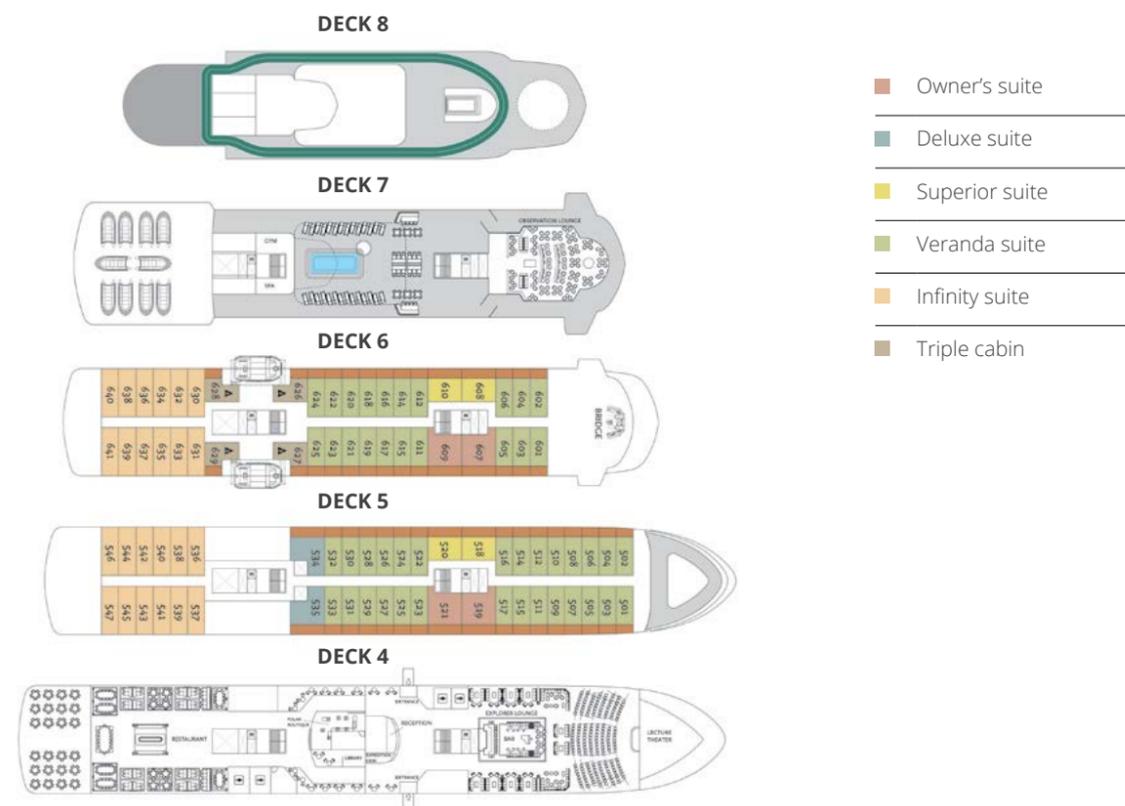
Brand new in 2018 and purpose-built for polar cruising, the World Explorer is designed to maximise your Antarctic or Arctic experience with panoramic windows, balconies in two-thirds of the rooms and a glass-domed observation lounge. Other features include a running track, dedicated lecture theatre and convenient drying cupboards in each cabin for wet gear.

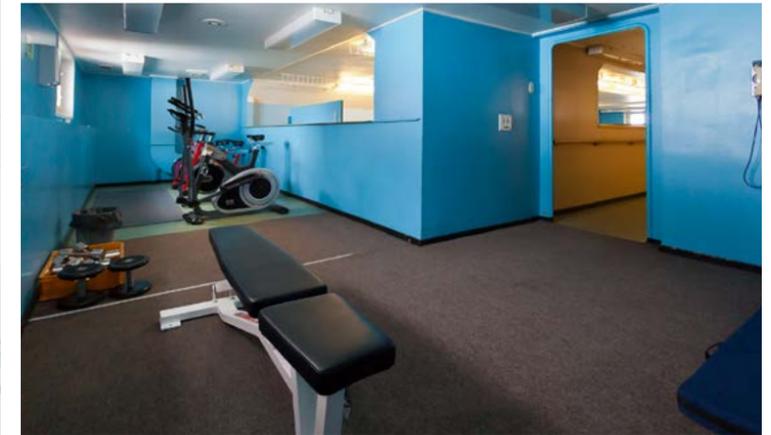
## FEATURES ABOARD

- Guest capacity 176
- Outdoor running track
- Dedicated lecture theatre
- Glass-domed observation lounge
- Two elevators
- Mud room for donning and storing expedition gear
- Two-thirds of cabins have balconies
- Dining room and lounges with panoramic windows
- Drying cupboard for wet gear in each cabin

## RELATED TRIPS

- **Antarctic Explorer** – pages 54/55 (11/12-day options)
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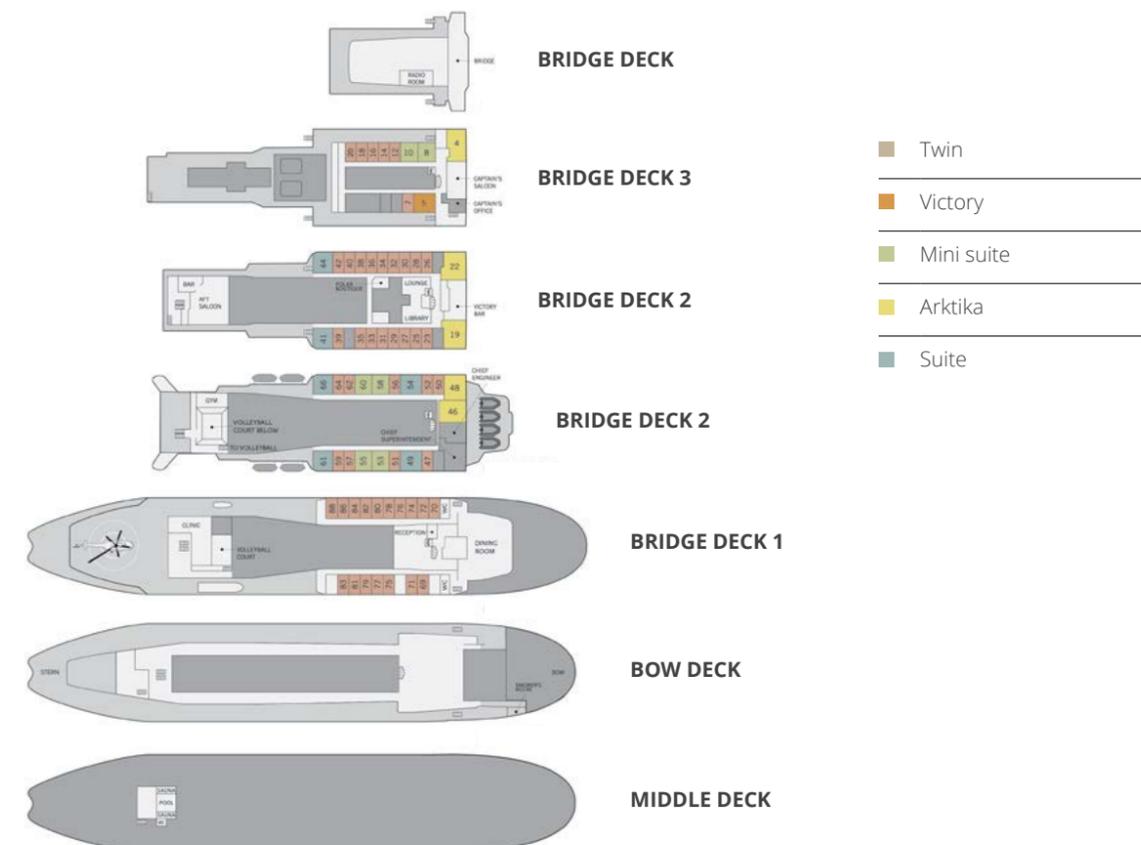


# 50 YEARS OF VICTORY

The largest nuclear-powered icebreaker ever launched is capable of crushing pack ice three metres thick and has the highest possible Ice Rating. While watching this vessel plough her way through oceans of ice is a sight to behold, passengers barely feel a thing. More than 20 years in the making, 50 Years of Victory comes fitted with comfortable cabins and spacious dining areas, a gym, library, all-inclusive bar, swimming pool and helicopter landing pad (sightseeing flights included).

## FEATURES ABOARD

- Guest capacity 128
- Ice Class LL1 (Highest rating possible)
- Cruising speed of 21 knots in open water
- All cabins exterior-facing, with ensuite
- All-inclusive bar and beverages
- Helicopter sightseeing
- Gym, two saunas and swimming pool on board
- Optional hot air ballooning at 90° north (extra cost)



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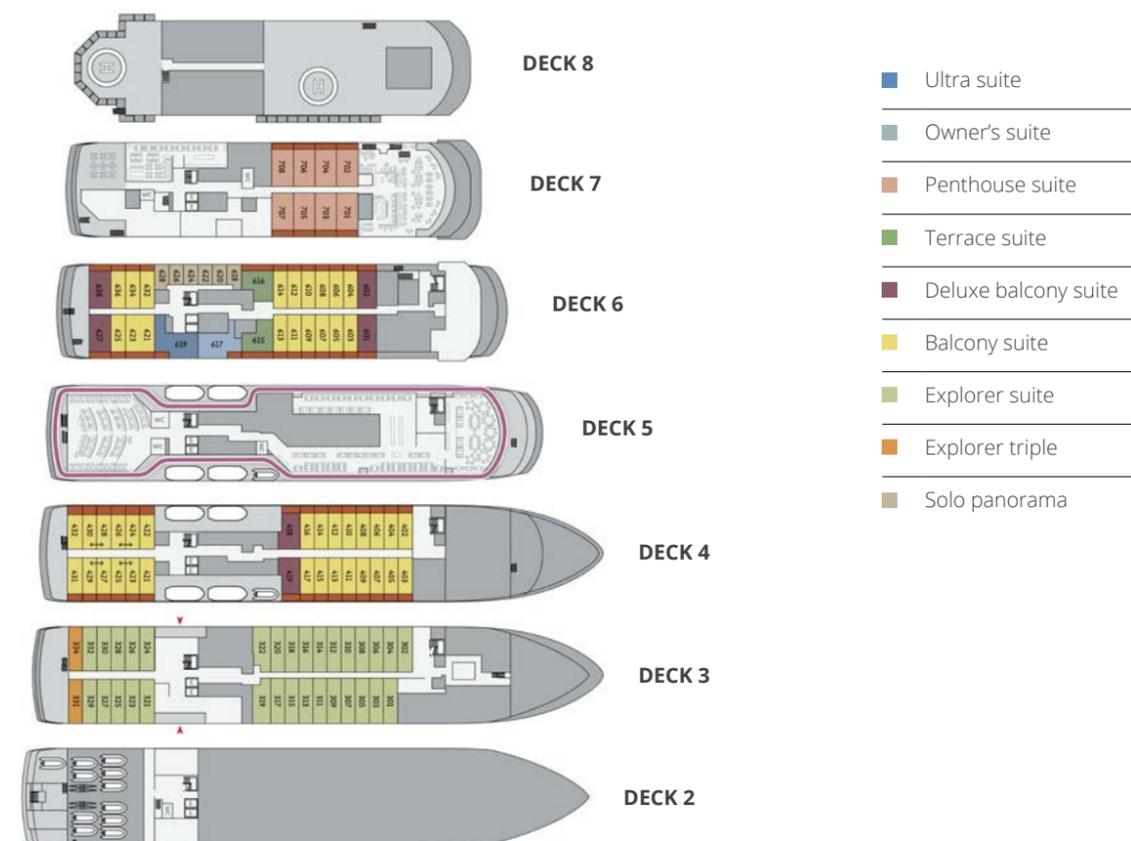


# ULTRAMARINE

Ultramarine is designed to go beyond the familiar in polar exploration, to pursue and discover amazing new places, and to immerse its guests in the very best of the spectacular polar regions. Equipped with two twin-engine helicopters, Ultramarine offers the broadest portfolio of adventure activities in the industry and features the category's most spacious suites, breathtaking public spaces, and more outdoor wildlife viewing vantage points than any other expedition ship of its size. It also features a best-in-class 70-day operational range and an innovative mix of sustainability features that exceed all industry standards. Other features include an all-inclusive bar, a swimming pool and a helicopter landing pad (sightseeing flights included).

## FEATURES ABOARD

- Guest capacity 199
- Ice Class 1A+
- Cruising speed of 16 knots in open water
- All suites exterior-facing, with en suite
- All cabins excluding single on decks 4,6 and 7 have balcony
- Two helicopters on board for sightseeing
- Fitness centre, sauna and full walk around deck
- Main dining room plus bistro



## RELATED TRIPS

See our website for more information on this brand new ship



# Antarctic Explorer

**11 DAYS** | Ushuaia to Ushuaia | TRIP CODE: **GQMZ**

This expedition offers the perfect chance to discover the best of the Antarctic Peninsula, the most northern region of the southernmost continent. You'll be delighted by penguins, seals and whales as they accompany you on your journey along the Antarctic coastline. Landing on the continent itself is a memorable highlight, where you'll explore the iconic sights that make this one of the world's most pristine, exotic and unforgettable natural environments.

**Day 1 Ushuaia** After arrival you will be transferred to your included hotel. With the sea to the south and mountains to the north, Ushuaia is a spectacular departure point for your Antarctic cruise.

**Day 2 Ushuaia – Embarkation** Enjoy a warm welcome aboard from the expedition crew and settle in to your cabin. Set sail from Ushuaia, charting a course through the Beagle Channel.

**Days 3–4 Drake Passage** Enjoy some onboard presentations and lectures as you cross the Drake Passage. Talks on wildlife, ice and polar history will create enormous anticipation that continues to build as you cross the Antarctic Convergence. Huge icebergs loom on the horizon and you'll enjoy regular sightings of albatross and petrels overhead.

**Days 5–8 South Shetland Islands – Antarctica** Discover why this region has long captivated the attention of explorers and travellers alike. Daily Zodiac excursions from the ship to explore bays, channels and landing sites reveal wildlife and wilderness. Visit penguin rookeries, scout for humpback and minke whales and search for a number of the southern seal species, including the cunning leopard seal. The majesty

of the Peninsula's mountains will enchant you as you scramble up snowy pathways to vantage points offering 360° views of your surroundings. One of the mountains in Orne Harbour gives the opportunity to visit a chinstrap penguin colony where you can spend a few quiet hours observing their antics. Amid the peaceful silence of Antarctica, noisy interruptions become indelible memories. Penguins squabbling over prized pebbles or the boom and crack of a calving glacier in Neko Harbour are bound to stay with you forever. While exact landing sites are determined based on weather and other conditions, you can be sure that each day will be different.

**Days 9–10 Drake Passage** Leave the Antarctic Peninsula and head back across the Antarctic Convergence and the Drake Passage. Spend some time on deck keeping an eye out for whales as you cruise back north to Argentina. Celebrate with a final meal with your fellow passengers as you cruise back up the Beagle Channel.

**Day 11 Ushuaia** In the early morning you'll arrive back in Ushuaia, where this Antarctic Explorer cruise comes to an end.

## OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Kayaking, camping, day kayaking, and stand-up paddleboarding are available to book on select departures of this trip. These activities must be booked in advance and additional costs apply. Space is limited.

## SHIP DETAILS

### OCEAN ADVENTURER – OCEAN DIAMOND – WORLD EXPLORER

Trip GQMZ operates on different ships at different times of the year. Visit pages 44, 46, and 48 of this brochure to see a list of features and amenities on board all vessels.

## YOU MAY ALSO LIKE

**Antarctic Explorer – 12 days (GQMKO)**

**Crossing the Antarctic Circle – 14 days (GQMAC)**

Pick the perfect polar experience from our full range of adventures.

See inside front cover for prices and visit [intrepidtravel.com](http://intrepidtravel.com) for more information.



**Inclusions** All voyage activities and excursions (except those listed as optional), education program and meals, expedition parka and one night's hotel accommodation. For details of any included transfers, refer to the Essential Trip Information on our website.

**Flights** Flights should be booked in and out of Ushuaia for GQMZ and GQMKO.

**PRICE** See inside front cover

## DEPARTURE DATES – GUARANTEED DEPARTURES





# Antarctic Express: Crossing the Antarctic Circle

**11 DAYS** | Punta Arenas to Punta Arenas | Trip Code: **GQMCC**

Make the most of your time and enjoy a different perspective by beginning your voyage with a flight over the infamously rough Drake Passage. Meet the ship at King George Island and travel south to cross the Antarctic Circle, taking in the surreal landscapes, towering icebergs and incredibly diverse wildlife of the Antarctic Peninsula as you go. With a range of polar experts on board, no question will go unanswered and no sight unseen.

**Day 1 Punta Arenas** Begin your adventure in Punta Arenas, Chile, the most populated city in Patagonia. In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner and be briefed about preparing for your embarkation day.

**Day 2 King George Island – Embarkation Day** Your charter flight from Punta Arenas to Antarctica will have you soaring over the Drake Passage in only a few hours. Your first glimpse of dramatic Antarctica landscapes will be from a unique perspective as your plane descends and lands on King George Island. After landing, spend time exploring the island before transferring to your ship.

**Days 3–5 South Shetland Islands – Antarctic Peninsula** Antarctica is a truly incredible place that has captured the hearts and imaginations of both early explorers and modern travellers. Over the next few days, you'll begin to understand why. Each day is different and, of course, dependent on the weather, but every landing offers spectacular opportunities for photography and wildlife sightings. You might take a Zodiac cruise in search of whales and icebergs around Pleneau Island one day, then hike to a penguin rookery the next. Back on the vessel, learn about the history, geology and wildlife of the region through in-depth presentations from onboard experts.

**Days 6–7 Antarctic Circle** Crossing the Antarctic Circle is a major achievement, as most expeditions to the peninsula do not reach 66°33' south. You and your shipmates will celebrate in style with a glass of champagne. This is raw Antarctica, home to the midnight sun, Weddell seals and some of the most magical ice formations you'll see anywhere in the world.

**Days 8–9 Antarctic Peninsula** Take the Zodiacs out twice daily as you travel north along the western Antarctic Peninsula. Your expedition team will always be on the lookout for penguins, seals and whales. If you haven't had your fill of Antarctic wildlife and icebergs by now, you'll surely be satisfied by the time you return to King George Island.

**Day 10 King George Island** Say goodbye to the expedition team and disembark at King George Island. Your three-hour flight across the Drake Passage to Punta Arenas brings your adventure to an end. After we transfer you from the airport to the hotel, perhaps enjoy a final dinner with your fellow travellers.

**Day 11 Punta Arenas** Say farewell to your new friends as the trip ends this morning. You must make your own way to the Punta Arenas Airport for your homeward flight.

## OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Kayaking, day kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding are available to book on select departures of this voyage. These activities must be booked in advance and additional costs apply. Space is limited.

## SHIP DETAILS

### OCEAN ADVENTURER – WORLD EXPLORER

This trip operates on different ships at different times of the year. Visit pages 44 and 48 of this brochure to see a list of features and amenities on board both vessels.

## YOU MAY ALSO LIKE

Short on time? Skip the infamously choppy Drake Passage on an eight-day adventure.

### Antarctic Express: Fly the Drake – 8 days (GQMV)

See inside front cover for prices and visit [intrepidtravel.com](http://intrepidtravel.com) for more information.



**Inclusions** All voyage activities and excursions (except those listed as optional), education program and meals, expedition parka and two nights' hotel accommodation. For details of any included transfers, refer to the Essential Trip Information on our website.

**Flights** Should be booked in and out of Punta Arenas (Chile).

**Luggage Limit** Check-in/carry-on 15/5 kg

**PRICE** See inside front cover

## DEPARTURE DATES – GUARANTEED DEPARTURES





# Crossing the Circle via Falklands & South Georgia

**23 DAYS** | Ushuaia to Ushuaia | TRIP CODE: **GQMRA**

Here's a trip for those who want to do it all. Not only will you cross the Antarctic Circle and travel further south than traditional cruises, you'll also get to visit the wildlife-rich Falkland Islands and South Georgia Island. If you appreciate a variety of landscapes, unprecedented wildlife viewing and a hefty dose of historic sites, then this is the trip for you.

**Day 1 Ushuaia** Begin your journey in Ushuaia, a small but bustling port town at the tip of South America. Enjoy included transfer to your joining hotel at any time today.

**Day 2 Ushuaia – Embarkation Day** In the late afternoon, board the vessel and sail down the historic Beagle Channel. Cruise through the dramatic Avenue of Glaciers while seabirds and seals (hopefully) approach the ship.

**Day 3 At Sea** There's plenty to keep you entertained at sea. Delve into the polar library, chat with new friends over a drink in the bar or hang out on deck admiring the view. You can also hear a series of presentations on preparing for Zodiac cruises and shore landings.

**Days 4–5 Falkland Islands** Explore the East and West islands of the Falkland archipelago with Zodiac excursions and daily landings. There's a real frontier feel to these rugged islands, especially at Stanley. As the largest settlement here, it's an interesting British outpost where you can wander from the pub to churches and a museum. There are at least four species of penguin here and two endemic bird species – Cobb's wren and the Falklands' flightless steamer duck. Your team of lecturers and specialists will teach you about the local flora and fauna.

**Days 6–7 At Sea** On the way to South Georgia it's time to cross the invisible biological boundary of Antarctica – the Antarctic Convergence. This meeting of oceans creates an abundance of krill and marine life that attracts humpback whales. Keep an eye out!

**Days 8–11 South Georgia Island** The grasses, mountains and beaches of South Georgia all play an important role in the breeding and survival of different bird and animal species, which are abundant. Be captivated by the sight of hundreds of thousands of king penguins waddling on

the beach and thousands of fur and elephant seals. The island is also home to historic sites like the grave of Sir Ernest Shackleton and ancient remnants of whaling and sealing industries.

**Days 12–13 At Sea** Feel the excitement build as the promise of Antarctica looms ahead. While at sea you can enjoy quiet time in the lounge or your cabin, watch presentations by the expedition team covering everything from the history of Antarctica to identifying different species, or sip a cocktail and get to know your fellow adventurers better.

**Days 14–16 South Shetland Islands – Antarctic Peninsula** It's hard to describe the feeling of arriving at the Great White Continent. Many are overcome with emotion at the first sight of land. Keep busy each day with glacier hikes, excursions to research bases and communion with seals and penguins. Perhaps catch sight of the fearless leopard seal or a curious minke whale while on your Zodiac rides. For a unique experience, why not treat yourself to an optional sea kayaking adventure or, if you're feeling a bit overwhelmed, a polar plunge for the perfect dose of shock therapy.

**Days 17–18 Antarctic Circle** Crossing the Antarctic Circle is a huge achievement as most expeditions don't come this far south. Toast the first explorers with a glass of champagne and celebrate reaching this rarely-seen part of the world. This is raw Antarctica and home of the midnight sun, with the potential for some fantastic iceberg sightings.

**Days 19–20 Antarctic Peninsula** If you haven't yet had your fill of Antarctic wildlife and icebergs, you'll surely be satisfied by the time you return to the Drake Passage. Continue making land and Zodiac excursions twice daily and be on the lookout for any species of penguins, seals and whales that may have eluded you thus far.

**Days 21–22 Drake Passage** After weeks of memorable wildlife encounters your journey home begins. Crossing the Drake Passage is an unofficial rite of passage, putting a final stamp of approval on your Antarctic adventure.

**Day 23 Ushuaia** Say farewell to your expedition team and your new friends as the trip ends this morning.

## OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Kayaking, day kayaking, and camping are available to book on this voyage. These activities must be booked in advance and additional costs apply. Space is limited.

## SHIP DETAILS

**OCEAN DIAMOND** Visit page 46 of this brochure to see a list of features and amenities on board this vessel.

## YOU MAY ALSO LIKE

**South Georgia & Antarctic Peninsula – 16 days (GQMGS)**

**Antarctic Peninsula, Falkland Islands & South Georgia – 20 days (GQMYD)**

There's more than one spectacular way to see this part of the world.

See inside front cover for prices and visit [intrepidtravel.com](http://intrepidtravel.com) for more information.



**Inclusions** One night's hotel accommodation, expedition parka and all voyage activities, excursions, education program and meals. For details of included transfers, refer to the Essential Trip Information on our website.

**Flights** Should be booked into and out of Ushuaia.

**PRICE** See inside front cover

## DEPARTURE DATES – GUARANTEED DEPARTURES





# Spitsbergen in Depth

**14 DAYS** | Oslo to Oslo | TRIP CODE: **BQMA7**

Spitsbergen is rugged, wild, unspoiled and utterly unforgettable. Offering one of the world's best opportunities to view polar bears, this voyage will enable you to search for the world's largest carnivores in their natural habitat. Whales and seabirds will entertain you during the sailing portions of the expedition, while you may catch a sighting of reindeer or Arctic fox when taking Zodiac excursions to land. It's truly a nature-lover's paradise.

**Day 1 Oslo** Welcome to Norway! Make your way to your included airport hotel for a welcome meeting.

**Day 2 Oslo to Longyearbyen** Transfer to the airport and board your private charter flight to Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen's largest settlement with a population of just under 3000. Enjoy a few hours to explore before you board the ship and set off on your adventure.

**Days 3-13 Spitsbergen** Every day brings a new wonder while exploring this Arctic archipelago. Each expedition is unique, but the variety of wildlife, landscapes and geological formations is sure to astound. Learn how this land was first explored and settled as a whaling base, before being abandoned and then resettled again for mining purposes. See blubber ovens and other evidence of whaling at landing sites such as Smeerenburg, and discarded mining equipment across the islands. These commercial interests and their corresponding history aside, the archipelago has also been the site of significant scientific research, which you will learn about from your expedition crew. Potential landing sites include the 16-kilometre long Fjortende Julibreen glacier, the remains of a marble quarry on Ny-London, Phippsøya, the cliffs of Aklefjellet and the seldom-visited Kvitøya. Perfect for birders,

the Fjortende Julibreen glacier is home to purple sandpipers, common eiders, barnacle geese and Arctic terns. Aklefjellet hosts colonies of nesting Brunnich guillemots (thick-billed murre). Keep cameras at the ready at places like Ny-London, Sundneset and Alkhornet, where reindeer are often sighted, as well as Phippsøya and Isbukta – two popular hunting grounds for the world's largest land predator, the polar bear. Other possible landing sites include Kapp Lee, a well-known walrus hangout, and Diskobukta, which is not only a fun word to say but also home to the bones of ancient bowhead whales – evidence that the shoreline has changed over millennia. Also on the list of options are the island of Isispynten, Lilliehook Glacier, Monaco Glacier, hiking hotspot Rosenbergdalen and more. Due to the region's extreme weather conditions and the abundance of polar bears, landing sites cannot be confirmed in advance.

**Day 14 Longyearbyen – Oslo** The time to say goodbye has come. This morning return to the frontier-style settlement of Longyearbyen. From here, enjoy a transfer to the airport for your return group charter flight to Oslo, where your tour ends on arrival.

## OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Sea kayaking and day kayaking are optional extras and must be arranged before travel.

## SHIP DETAILS

### OCEAN ADVENTURER – WORLD EXPLORER

This trip operates at different times of the year on different ships. Visit pages 44 and 48 of this brochure to see a list of features and amenities on board these vessels.

## YOU MAY ALSO LIKE

Is two weeks too much? Try a shorter Spitsbergen adventure.

**Spitsbergen Highlights – 7 days (BQMSH)**

**Introduction to Spitsbergen – 10 days (BQMI)**

**Spitsbergen Explorer – 12 days (BQMS)**

See inside front cover for prices and visit [intrepidtravel.com](http://intrepidtravel.com) for more information.



**Inclusions** All voyage activities and excursions (except those listed as optional), education program, meals, expedition parka, one night's hotel accommodation and return flights from Oslo to Longyearbyen. For details of any included transfers, refer to the Essential Trip Information on our website.

**Flights** Should be booked into and out of Oslo.

**PRICE** See inside front cover

## DEPARTURE DATES – GUARANTEED DEPARTURES





# Spitsbergen, East Greenland & Iceland

**15 DAYS** | Oslo to Reykjavik | TRIP CODE: **BQMJ**

National Geographic Traveler once named this journey one of its '50 Tours of a Lifetime' because it takes polar travel to the next level. With time spent in three different Arctic territories, each day is a new adventure. Search for polar bears in Spitsbergen and musk oxen in eastern Greenland, navigate Scoresbysund's incredible fjord systems, head out hiking across Denmark Island or kayaking through silent bays while seabirds hover overhead. Natural splendour, bountiful wildlife and a pioneering spirit all coalesce on this unforgettable trip – one for the true Arctic adventurers.

**Day 1 Oslo** Welcome to Norway! Make your way to your included airport hotel for a welcome meeting.

**Day 2 Oslo – Longyearbyen** Transfer to the airport and board your private charter flight to Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen's largest settlement with a population of just under 3000. Enjoy a few hours to explore before you board the ship in the afternoon and set off on your trip.

**Days 3–6 Spitsbergen** Spitsbergen is the largest of the Norwegian-ruled Svalbard islands, and exploration reveals abundant wildlife and austere beauty. Visit spectacular glacier fronts and steep-walled fjords where walrus, polar bear and Spitsbergen reindeer are among the possible wildlife sightings. Bird enthusiasts will be thrilled to see Arctic terns, skuas, long-tailed ducks, kittiwakes and glaucous and ivory gulls. If conditions are right you may just sail within 10 degrees of the North Pole, too.

**Days 7–8 Greenland Sea** While sailing the historic Greenland Sea, learn about the wildlife, geology and history of Greenland, your next

stop. You can learn to identify seabirds while out on deck with the onboard polar experts, or otherwise entertain yourself by sipping an icy cocktail in the bar, catching up on some reading or watching a movie.

**Days 9–12 Eastern Greenland** While touring Greenland's remote eastern coast, enjoy Zodiac cruises and shore visits to several locations. Visit the remains of ancient Thule settlements and keep an eye out for grazing musk oxen – 40 per cent of the world's population lives here. Sail through spectacular Scoresbysund, the birthplace of many icebergs, which some say is the world's most beautiful fjord system.

**Days 13–14 Denmark Strait** The Denmark Strait is your pathway east towards Iceland. The onboard expedition team will give informative and entertaining presentations about the history of Arctic exploration and the seabirds that will inevitably be soaring above.

**Day 15 Reykjavik** Disembark in Reykjavik, Iceland's capital, where your trip ends on arrival.

## OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Sea kayaking and day kayaking are optional extras and must be arranged before travel.

## SHIP DETAILS

**WORLD EXPLORER** Visit page 48 of this brochure to see a list of features and amenities on board this vessel.

## YOU MAY ALSO LIKE

When the journey is this important, it's crucial to get every detail right. There are plenty of variations on these Northern adventures.

**Spitsbergen, East Greenland & Iceland: Northbound – 15 days (BQMIG)**

**Spitsbergen, Jan Mayen, Greenland & Iceland – 18 days (BQMGI)**

See inside front cover for prices and visit [intrepidtravel.com](http://intrepidtravel.com) for more information.



**Inclusions** All voyage activities and excursions (except those listed as optional), education program, meals, expedition parka, one night's hotel accommodation and one way flight from Oslo to Longyearbyen. For details of any included transfers, refer to the Essential Trip Information on our website.

**Flights** Should be booked into Oslo and out of Reykjavik.

**PRICE** See inside front cover

## DEPARTURE DATES – GUARANTEED DEPARTURES





# Russian High Arctic Odyssey

**22 DAYS** | Helsinki to Helsinki | TRIP CODE: **BQMHA**

From visiting active Arctic research stations to tracing the paths of polar explorers on foot, the Russian Arctic is full of iconic polar experiences and sights. Beginning and ending in Helsinki, this journey will take you to unspoiled areas like Novaya Zemlya, Severnaya Zemlya and Franz Josef Land. Polar bear encounters are a real possibility and there will be plenty of opportunities to spot walrus, seals, whales and wide variety of seabirds – both nesting on the icy cliffs and soaring above your ship. Discover the stunning ecology, geology and wildlife of this icy tip of the earth.

- Day 1 Helsinki** Your Arctic adventure begins in Helsinki. Relax at your included hotel for the night – the adventure really begins tomorrow.
- Day 2 Murmansk – Embarkation** Transfer to the airport and board your private charter flight to Murmansk, Russia. On arrival, board your vessel and get acquainted with the ship, your fellow travellers and the crew.
- Days 3–4 At Sea** Sail through the Barents Sea as your expedition team teach you the storied history and politics of the region, as well as its fascinating wildlife, geology, ecology and climate, and the incredible sights you will soon be exploring. Look out for whales and seals.
- Days 5–7 Novaya Zemlya** Explore the third-largest wilderness area in Europe. Each expedition will be unique but a few landing sites we strive to visit include Inostrantseva Bay, the Oransky Islands, Cape Zhelaniya, Cape Spory Navalok and Russkaya Gavan.
- Days 8–13 Kara Sea – Severnaya Zemlya** Cruise east to explore the Kara Sea, the westernmost Asian sea off Siberia. The abundance of

- sea ice makes an attractive habitat for iconic Arctic wildlife. Weather depending, there are several sites and small archipelagos along the Siberian coast we will aim to explore, tracing the path of polar explorers searching for the Northeast Passage.
- Day 14 At Sea** There are several presentations on board the ship to keep you entertained while at sea.
- Days 15–18 Franz Josef Land** Discover the most northerly archipelago in Eurasia. As always, weather and ice conditions will shape your exploration, but hopefully you'll get to explore historical sites, remote seabird colonies and walrus haul-outs at some notable destinations, such as Cape Flora, Cape Norway, Bell Island and Tikhaya Bukta. Polar bear encounters are also a real possibility.
- Days 19–20 At Sea** Look out for whales in the wildlife-rich seas.
- Day 21 Murmansk – Helsinki** Bid farewell to your Expedition Team and crew before catching your charter flight back to Helsinki.
- Day 22 Helsinki** Your journey ends today after breakfast.

## OPTIONAL EXTRAS

There are no optional extras available for this departure.

## SHIP DETAILS

**OCEAN ADVENTURER** Visit page 44 of this brochure to see a list of features and amenities on board this vessel.

## YOU MAY ALSO LIKE

**Jewels of the Russian Arctic: Franz Josef Land & Novaya Zemlya – 16 days (BQMJR)**

Because not everyone can make a 22-day holiday work. See inside front cover for prices and visit [intrepidtravel.com](http://intrepidtravel.com) for more information.



**Inclusions** Return flights from Helsinki to Murmansk, two nights' hotel accommodation, all voyage activities and excursions (except those listed as optional), education program, meals, expedition parka. For details of any included transfers, refer to the Essential Trip Information on our website.

**Flights** Should be booked in and out of Helsinki.

**PRICE** See inside front cover

**DEPARTURE DATES** – GUARANTEED DEPARTURES

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# North Pole: Journey to the Top of the World

**14 DAYS** | Helsinki to Helsinki | TRIP CODE: **WQMN**

Steam through thick passages of pack ice on the purpose-built icebreaker, 50 Years of Victory, to arrive at one of the most fabled locations on the planet: the North Pole. A region of unspeakable beauty, the journey there is equally inspiring, particularly from the vantage of a helicopter. En route back to Murmansk, stop in at the islands of Franz Josef Land to see seabird rookeries, huddles of walrus and the historic remains of ill-fated Arctic expeditions.

**Day 1 Helsinki** Your adventure begins with a night in Helsinki.

**Day 2 Murmansk – Embarkation** From Helsinki, board a charter flight to Murmansk, Russia, where you'll embark on your voyage to the North Pole. Get acquainted with 50 Years of Victory, the world's largest and most powerful icebreaker.

**Days 3–6 Arctic Ocean** Watching Victory crush through the Arctic pack-ice is a sight you'll never forget, made even more memorable by a helicopter flight for an aerial view of the ship and Arctic Ocean. Expect the days to present variable sailing conditions this far north. The crossing from Murmansk to the North Pole can take anywhere from four to six days, which means you'll have plenty of time to get to know your shipmates, keep watch for wildlife, enjoy drinks at the bar or swim some laps in the ship's pool.

**Day 7 North Pole** Anticipation reaches a climax as you reach the North Pole. Many travellers find themselves overcome with emotion, while others are in a festive and celebratory mood. Take photos, wave a flag and enjoy this very special moment. Later on you'll enjoy a champagne toast and a barbecue on the ice – and perhaps even be bold enough to take a polar plunge into the icy waters. Add an exclamation mark to

this highlight by rising high in a hot air balloon to commemorate the moment (weather dependent).

**Day 8 Arctic Ocean** Sit back and relax and expect more great memories as you head further south. You may get lucky and spot polar bears hunting for seals.

**Days 9–10 Franz Josef Land – Arctic Ocean** This group of 191 islands forms the most northerly archipelago in Eurasia, and lies entirely within the Arctic Circle. Explore Cape Flora and discover historic remains from three ill-fated Arctic expeditions. When conditions permit, Zodiac trips beneath towering cliffs will explore remote seabird rookeries. Onboard helicopters provide aerial sightseeing and Zodiacs transfer you to seldom-visited landing sites.

**Days 11–12 At Sea** Enjoy a few moments on deck or reminisce with your shipmates and new friends as you cross the Arctic Ocean back to Murmansk.

**Day 13 Murmansk** On your return to Russia's most northerly city it's time to bid farewell to your ship and her crew. You'll then be transferred to the airport for your charter flight to Helsinki, Finland.

**Day 14 Helsinki** Your journey comes to an end after breakfast.

## OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Hot air ballooning is an optional extra and must be arranged before travel.

## SHIP DETAILS

**50 YEARS OF VICTORY** Visit page 50 of this brochure to see a list of features and amenities on board this vessel.



**Inclusions** All voyage activities and excursions (except those listed as optional), helicopter sightseeing, education program, two nights' hotel accommodation, meals and expedition parka. For details of any included transfers, refer to the Essential Trip Information on our website.

**Flights** Need to be booked in and out of Helsinki.

**PRICE** See inside front cover

## DEPARTURE DATES – GUARANTEED DEPARTURES





# Best of the Western Arctic: Canada & Greenland

**20 DAYS** | Reykjavik to Reykjavik | TRIP CODE: **BQMWA**

Experience some of the most uninhabited parts of the world on this Arctic exploration in Northern Canada and Greenland. From mesmerising ice fjords to colourful tundra there are endless unspoiled habitats to explore at the top end of the earth. Meet some of the local Inuit people and learn about their culture and traditions, as well as keeping watch for another kind of local – the elusive polar bear.

**Day 1 Reykjavik** Welcome to Iceland! Make your own way to our included hotel for the evening.

**Day 2 Kangerlussuaq – Embarkation** In the morning, transfer to the airport and board your private charter flight to Kangerlussuaq, a small town at the eastern head of Sondre Stromfjord. Board your ship in the afternoon and set sail on your Arctic expedition.

**Day 3 At Sea** Today you'll cruise across the Davis Strait as your expedition team prepare you for the adventures that await. Staff will also keep a lookout for seabirds soaring above your ship, as well as whales that frequent the waters here.

**Days 4–6 Baffin Island** Exploration of the eastern coast of Baffin Island will be guided by weather and ice conditions, with each day and each landing presenting new adventures. Some of our favourite destinations include Qikiqtarjuaq, Isabella Bay and Sam Ford Fjord. Towering mountains, deep fjords, colourful tundra, and Inuit settlements await.

**Day 7 At Sea** Perhaps join your expedition team on the bridge as they scan for wildlife.

**Days 8–11 Lancaster Sound** The gateway to the Northwest Passage, Lancaster Sound is one of the richest marine habitats in the Arctic.

With openwater areas staying ice-free all year, it's an important summer feeding area for whales and other marine wildlife. Your days here will be spent exploring several of the sound's beautiful bays and inlets, discovering historical sites, enjoying Zodiac cruises and searching for such iconic wildlife as walrus, seals and, of course, whales. Polar bear sightings are a distinct possibility.

**Day 12 Smith Sound** Discover both sides of Smith Sound, the uninhabited passage between Ellesmere Island and Greenland.

**Days 13–14 Northwest Greenland** Your return to Greenland will have you sailing along the remote northwest coast, a land of impressive icebergs and massive glaciers. Learn about Inuit culture in Qaanaaq, formerly known as Thule, one of the northernmost towns in the world.

**Day 15 At Sea** Continue south along the west coast of Greenland and enjoy presentations by the onboard experts along the way.

**Days 16–18 Western Greenland** Boasting spectacular glaciers, mountainous landscapes, dramatic fjords and vibrant communities, the west coast of Greenland will leave you breathless. If conditions are favourable, explore the Inuit town of Uummannaq, Itilleq and the impressive Ilulissat Icefjord.

**Day 19 Kangerlussuaq – Reykjavik** Enjoy a final Zodiac ride to the shore of Kangerlussuaq. Board your charter flight back to Reykjavik and transfer to your included hotel.

**Day 20 Reykjavik** Today marks the end of your Arctic journey.

## OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Kayaking and day kayaking are optional extras and must be arranged before travel.

## SHIP DETAILS

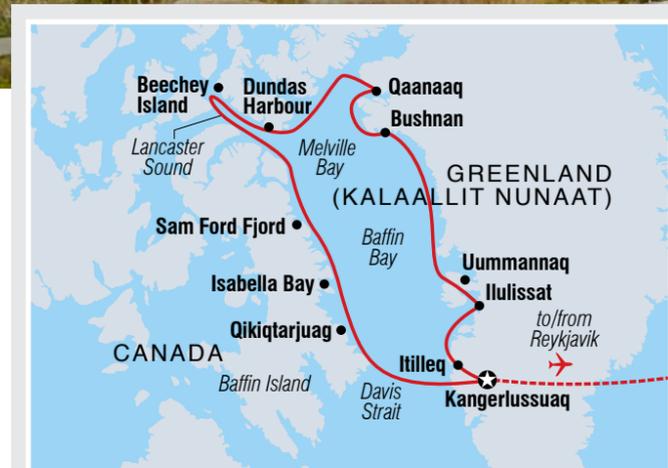
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## YOU MAY ALSO LIKE

**Essential Greenland: Southern Coasts & Disko Bay – 15 days (BQMGD)**

Go deeper in enigmatic Greenland, from ghost towns to mountains.

See inside front cover for prices and visit [intrepidtravel.com](http://intrepidtravel.com) for more information.



**Inclusions** All voyage activities and excursions (except those listed as optional), education program, two nights' hotel accommodation, meals and expedition parka. For details of any included transfers, refer to the Essential Trip Information on our website.

**Flights** Need to be booked in and out of Reykjavik.

**PRICE** See inside front cover

## DEPARTURE DATES – GUARANTEED DEPARTURES





# East Greenland & Iceland Northern Lights

**14 DAYS** | Reykjavik to Reykjavik | TRIP CODE: **BQMIN**

Inspiring vistas aplenty, a voyage through East Greenland and Iceland will satisfy all your Arctic dreams. Make your way through the lesser-visited Westfjords and see Europe's largest bird cliff brimming with puffins, razorbills, guillemots and more. When it comes to natural wonders, it's hard to go past the chance of seeing the Northern Lights – and if conditions and weather are favourable, you'll be well placed to see this emerald phenomena in East Greenland's most northerly community, Ittoqqortoormiit.

**Day 1 Reykjavik** Welcome to Iceland! Make your own way to our included hotel for the evening.

**Day 2 Reykjavik – Embarkation** Board your vessel in the afternoon and set sail.

**Day 3 Westfjords** Explore the Westfjords (or Vestfjords as they're known in Iceland), a lesser-visited haven for nature, bird and history lovers. The country's remote northwestern tip offers awe-inspiring vistas of mountains and towering cliffs. If you're lucky and conditions allow, we might cruise along Latrabjarg, Europe's largest bird cliff, teeming with puffins, razorbills, guillemots and more.

**Day 4 At Sea** As you cruise north across the Denmark Strait, your Expedition Team will prepare you for the adventures that await. Learn about the storied history and politics of the Arctic, its fascinating wildlife, geology, ecology and climate, and the incredible sights you will soon explore.

**Days 5–12 Northeast Greenland National Park** The next week will be spent voyaging around Greenland's remote southeast coast in your vessel and on excursions by Zodiac. It's worth keeping an eye out for grazing muskoxen, as 40 per cent of the world's muskoxen population lives in Northeast Greenland National Park. Sailing through spectacular

Scoresbysund, the birthplace of many icebergs, you'll immediately see why some say it's the most beautiful fjord system on the planet. Sites such as Frederiksdal and Sydkap offer opportunities to explore the colourful tundra and the remains of ancient Thule settlements. At the entrance of the sound is East Greenland's most northerly community, Ittoqqortoormiit, where you may spend time interacting with the Inuit people and learning about their way of life. If the skies cooperate, this is known as one of the best places to have a chance of seeing the mysterious aurora borealis. Rode Oya offers a picturesque locale for admiring the beauty of sky-blue bergs set against striking red sandstone cliffs. Magnificent vistas also await at King Oscar Fjord, with possible landings at Ella Oya, renowned for its rugged cliffs and ice-choked waters, and flower-rich Botanikerbugt, on Ymer Oya.

**Day 13 At Sea** As your Arctic adventure winds down, take in a few final presentations by your onboard experts, share your photos with fellow travellers and relax as you return to the city.

**Day 14 Reykjavik** Your journey comes to an end today in Reykjavik, where you'll disembark from the ship. If you have booked post-expedition accommodation, you'll be transferred to a central downtown location, otherwise you can make your way onward.

## OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Kayaking and day kayaking are optional extras and must be arranged before travel.

## SHIP DETAILS

**WORLD EXPLORER** Visit page 48 of this brochure to see a list of features and amenities on board this vessel.

## YOU MAY ALSO LIKE

**Exploring Spitsbergen via the Faroes & Jan Mayen – 14 days (BQMFJ)**

Include the unspoilt Faroe Islands and mysterious Jan Myen in your Arctic exploration.

See inside front cover for prices and visit [intrepidtravel.com](http://intrepidtravel.com) for more information.



**Inclusions** All voyage activities and excursions (except those listed as optional), education program, one nights' hotel accommodation, meals and expedition parka.

For details of any included transfers, refer to the Essential Trip Information on our website.

**Flights** Need to be booked in and out of Helsinki.

**PRICE** See inside front cover

## DEPARTURE DATES – GUARANTEED DEPARTURES



# Tailor-Made TRAVEL

We understand that some travellers would prefer to see the world with a group of family or friends. That's why we can help you create a tailor-made trip to suit any group, whether it's large or small.

Planning a romantic getaway with your significant other, or a family reunion to one of our non-polar destinations? Our Tailor-Made Experiences team love to design itineraries around our travellers' specifications. Select one of our existing itineraries and you and your travel companions can book your own departure at a time that suits you, or talk to our destination specialists about creating a Tailor-Made itinerary from scratch. We can add activities, choose accommodation to suit your taste, or even tailor the itinerary to a particular interest, like photography or food. It's the perfect add-on to any polar adventure.

Visit our website to find out more:  
[intrepidtravel.com/tailor-made-experiences](https://intrepidtravel.com/tailor-made-experiences)

# THE POLAR People

In addition to our diverse range of voyages, we have a dedicated Polar team who have themselves travelled to the ends of the earth numerous times and have over 30 years' experience helping others find their own adventure. With our 24-hour sales team, who are available to answer any of your questions and help find the voyage for you, you can rest assured that you're in safe hands. See the back of this brochure for details on how to get in touch and visit [intrepidtravel.com/polar](https://intrepidtravel.com/polar) to find out more.



## EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE

Why not make a once-in-a-life time experience even more unforgettable by combining your polar adventure with one of our classic small-group tours. From an **Iceland Discovery** to the **Best of Galapagos**, you can experience more and make the most of your journey. Speak to our team or visit [intrepidtravel.com](https://intrepidtravel.com) for more options.



## WELCOME TO INTREPID

Our small-group style of travel means you'll stay under the radar, and travel, eat and sleep the local way. You'll have the unsurpassed knowledge of a local leader, taking you out of the guidebooks and into a world you're waiting to discover.

Whether you're looking for thrills on one of our hundreds of tours or looking for a tailor-made journey just for you, we can make it happen. Just get in touch with our friendly travel team.



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