

ANTARCTICA, SOUTH GEORGIA & FALKLAND ISLANDS

9 MARCH - 2 APRIL 2027

FROM
£18,265
PER PERSON

Tour Leaders: Tom & Libby Owen Edmunds


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On this extraordinary voyage, follow in the wake of courageous explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton to Antarctica and the South Shetlands before heading via Antarctic Sound and Weddell Sea to South Georgia and Falkland Islands, on board M/V Sea Spirit with Poseidon Expeditions.

Departing Ushuaia in Argentina, we cross the mighty Drake Passage en route for the South Shetland Islands. Here we will make Zodiac landings at penguin rookeries, research stations and fascinating lookouts, also getting a chance to get close to magnificent whales. Continuing southward, we will explore the Antarctic Sound with its mighty tabular icebergs and enter the Weddell Sea in search for wildlife.

Sailing onwards between Elephant Island and South Georgia offers a small glimpse into the passage made famous by Shackleton 100 years ago, when he navigated the 1300 km course through open seas of Drake Passage in an effort to save his stranded crew. South Georgia is one of world's greatest natural wonders. Wildlife-packed beaches, active research stations, former whaling stations and a visit to Shackleton's final resting place are on our agenda.

On our last leg towards Buenos Aires, we will pay a visit to the fascinating Falkland Islands. The capital of Port Stanley with its quaint English architecture will be our first call before venturing further west for Zodiac landings and wildlife observations on pristine and sheltered beaches. After leaving the Falklands, the last seadays can be spent bird watching from the top deck and attending lectures, workshops, and photo re-caps in one of the ship's lounges.



25-DAY ITINERARY, DEPARTING 9 MARCH 2027

9 March London / Buenos Aires

Suggested flights (not included in the cost of the tour) with Iberia via Madrid departing London Heathrow at 18.45 hrs.

10 March Buenos Aires / Ushuaia

Arrive in Buenos Aires at 08.40 hrs. Short city tour before lunch in a local restaurant.

Lunch at a local restaurant. Transfer to the domestic airport for an Aerolineas Argentinas flight to Ushuaia. - the world's southernmost town. Transfer to the Arukar Hotel and Spa where one night is spent. Located inside the Reserva Natural Cerro Alarkén, the hotel is just a few minutes from downtown Ushuaia. Dinner under own arrangements.

11 March Ushuaia / Beagle Channel

Morning at leisure to explore Ushuaia. Lunch under own arrangements. This afternoon, you will be transferred to the pier to board the expedition vessel M/V Sea Spirit. After getting underway, a full schedule of events kicks off with informative briefings and introductions from your expedition staff. Step out onto the open decks to admire the scenery and gorgeous evening light as we pass through the Beagle Channel.

12 & 13 March Drake Passage

After passing the islands of Tierra del Fuego, we turn south to begin our crossing of the Drake Passage. The majestic wandering albatross and

other graceful subantarctic seabirds are common in these waters and can readily be viewed from the panoramic open deck. We also cross the Antarctic Convergence, the biological boundary of the Southern Ocean. We hope to arrive in the South Shetland Islands on the evening of our second day at sea.

14 - 17 March South Shetland Islands & Antarctica

Within the next days, we explore the highlights of the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula. This region contains some of the world's most impressive scenery and the best wildlife viewing in Antarctica. Sheltered bays and channels sparkle with ice and reflect towering mountain peaks coated in permanent snow and immense glaciers. Icebergs of every size and description complete an image of incomparable beauty. Waters rich with krill are home to huge numbers of marine mammals and seabirds. The whole area is alive with penguins foraging at sea and forming large rookeries at special places on land. The South Shetland Islands are the northernmost islands in Antarctica and will likely be our first sight of land. This wildly beautiful island chain contains many landing sites with historical significance and abundant wildlife. Among them is Elephant Island, where men from Shackleton's famous Endurance expedition spent the winter of 1916. We will also explore the supremely picturesque Gerlache Strait area of

the Antarctic Peninsula, a pristine wilderness of spectacular white landscapes, colossal icebergs, obliging marine mammals and bustling penguin colonies. Here we have a chance to land on the continent of Antarctica.

Throughout this area, we find large colonies of gentoo, chinstrap and Adélie penguins, sometimes side by side. This a great time for close encounters with inquisitive penguin chicks, who are now gaining independence as they fledge. This is also the peak of the whale-watching season. Having gorged themselves on krill all summer, humpback and minke whales become more playful and obliging to Zodiacs and kayakers. Crabeater and Weddell seals are joined by Antarctic fur seals and southern elephant seals. The skies are full of newly fledged seabirds.

18 & 19 March Scotia Sea

We now proceed northeast through the wildlife-rich waters of the Scotia Sea. We keep a lookout for abundant humpback and fin whales along the way. Briefings and presentations by our lecture staff prepare you for our arrival in South Georgia.





20 - 23 March South Georgia

The next few days will be devoted to the exploration of the unique and spectacular wilderness of South Georgia, home to some of the greatest concentrations of wildlife on the planet. This isolated subantarctic island is said to host upwards of 100 million seabirds, including numerous species of albatross, penguins, prions, petrels, shags, skuas, gulls and terns. Among these is one of the largest flying birds in the world—the wandering albatross. Here you have a rare opportunity to witness part of their remarkable life cycle. While most seabird chicks are already fledging, wandering albatross chicks are only now hatching in grassy nests overlooking the wild Southern Ocean

On South Georgia's legendary beaches, king penguins are gathered in huge colonies that stretch from sandy shorelines to the foothills of glaciated mountains. Also at this time, hundreds of thousands of macaroni penguin chicks are getting ready to head out to sea. Rare birds such as the endemic South Georgia pipit and yellow-billed pintail round out the list of 78 bird species found across the territory. South Georgia is also home to staggering numbers of elephant seals and fur seals. At this time, thousands of fat elephant seal pups are lounging around on shore while mobs of rambunctious fur seal pups take to the water. Once hunted nearly to extinction, large whales have returned to the bountiful seas

surrounding South Georgia. With the whalers long gone, the historical whaling station of Grytviken is now home to the excellent South Georgia Museum. Here you will also find the grave of Sir Ernest Shackleton, heroic polar explorer and leader of the Endurance expedition.

24 & 25 March Southern Ocean

We sail west toward the Falkland Islands. Presentations and workshops by our expert staff ensure that this day at sea is not idly spent. Pelagic seabirds are our constant companions as we keep a vigilant watch for dolphins and whales in these productive waters.

26 & 27 March Falkland Islands

On these days we intend to come alongside the wharf at Stanley, the historic capital of the Falkland Islands. Visit Gypsy Cove, a national nature reserve where white sand beaches are frequented by numerous bird species, including the endemic Falklands flightless steamer duck. Here you can also see Magellanic penguins, whose chicks have fledged and are making a tentative start to their lives at sea. At this time, you may even find groups of sea lions hauled out on shore.

We continue our exploration of the Falklands in the isolated outlying islands. These bleakly beautiful isles are havens for wildlife. Large colonies of seabirds, perched on windy bluffs overlooking azure seas, are easily

accessible by hiking over lush meadows. At this time, black-browed albatross soar down from above while feisty rockhopper penguins leap up surf-battered cliffs from below to feed their large chicks amongst the tussocks. On nearby beaches, gentoo penguin chicks are starting to fledge while adult king penguins and chicks of all ages are getting ready to brave the austral winter. Just offshore, you may see Peale's dolphins and even killer whales patrolling the coasts. A wide range of land birds, including the endemic Cobb's wren and inquisitive striated caracara, contribute to an abundance of wildlife that will leave nature lovers breathless.

28 - 31 March South Atlantic Ocean

The ocean breezes grow warmer as we sail north through the South Atlantic Ocean. As we enter deeper waters, we keep a keen lookout for killer whales, blue whales, sei whales, and southern right whales gliding through the waves.

1 April Buenos Aires

Disembark the ship and transfer to Buenos Aires International Airport for suggested Iberia flights to London via Madrid departing Buenos Aires at 22.45 hrs.

2 April London

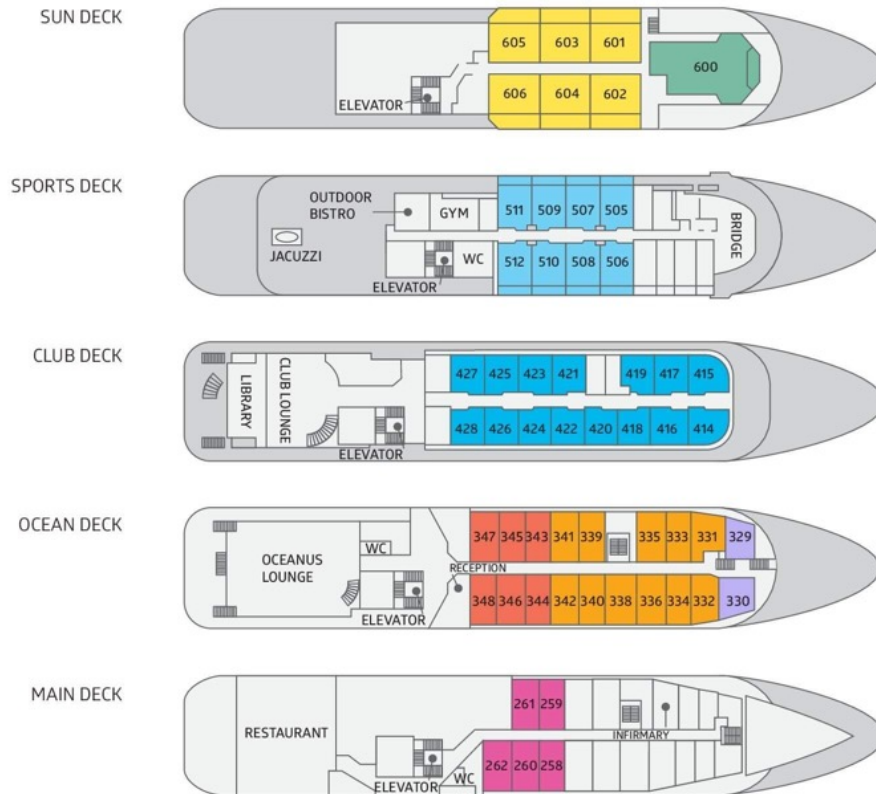
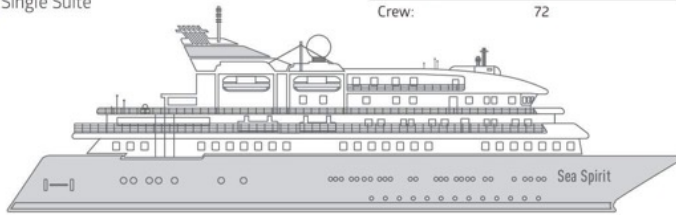
Arrive at London Heathrow at 18.15 hrs.

DECK PLAN M/V SEA SPIRIT

- Owner's
- Premium
- Deluxe
- Superior
- Classic
- Triple
- Main Deck
- Single Suite

Length:	90.6 meters (297 ft.)
Beam:	15.3 meters (50 ft.)
Speed:	15 knots
Passengers:	114
Crew:	72

- SUN DECK
- SPORTS DECK
- CLUB DECK
- OCEAN DECK
- MAIN DECK



TOUR PRICES PER PERSON

Single Suite	£24,950
Main Deck for Single Occupancy	£27,980
Classic Suite	£18,265
Superior Suite	£18,565
Deluxe Suite	£20,865
Premium Suite	£22,565
Owners Suite	£29,065

Please note we have not included the cost of the flights in the tour price. Please contact us for prices should you wish to book them through us.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Domestic flights as shown in the itinerary
- Accommodation throughout as shown in the itinerary
- Full board on board the ship
- 1 lunch in Buenos Aires
- All entrance fees, visits and excursions as per the itinerary
- All transportation as detailed in the itinerary
- Local English-speaking guide/s
- Information briefings and lectures by the expedition team
- Parkas for all guests
- Port fees, IAATO fees, taxes and tariffs
- Boots in assorted sizes, suitable for shore landings
- Shore landings by zodiac
- The services of your tour leader throughout

PRICE EXCLUDES

- International flights (quoted separately)
- Kayaking and snow-shoeing expeditions
- Extra excursions not mentioned in the itinerary
- Travel insurance
- Tips for the ship crew (approx. \$14 per person per day)
- Items of personal expenditure (e.g. telephone calls / laundry etc.)
- Visa fees
- Government levies or taxes introduced after costing and publication of this programme on 29/10/25





SINGLE SUITE

Averaging 21 square meters/226 square feet, these cabins are located on the Oceanus Deck. They feature a picture window (it may be covered during rough sea crossings), two wardrobes, and a King Size bed. Amenities include: en suite facilities, in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/VCR, individual temperature control, and hair dryer.



MAIN DECK SUITE FOR SINGLE OCCUPANCY

Averaging 23 square metres/248 square feet, Main Deck cabins are equipped with either two twins or a King Size bed. They are located on the Main Deck with a minimum of two portholes for exterior views. Amenities include: en suite facilities, in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/DVD individual temperature control and hair dryer.



CLASSIC SUITE

Averaging 21 square metres/226 square feet, these cabins are located on the Oceanus Deck. They feature a picture window, two wardrobes and a choice of either two twin beds or a King Size bed. Amenities include: en suite facilities, in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/DVD, individual temperature control and hair dryer.



DELUXE SUITE

The Deluxe Suites with balconies are located on the Sports Deck. Averaging 24 square metres/ 258 square feet means plenty of room. Choose from either two twin beds or a King Size bed. A sliding glass door leads to a private balcony. These suites feature a walk-in closet or wardrobe. Amenities include en suite facilities, in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/DVD, individual temperature control, and a hair dryer.



PREMIUM SUITE

The Premium Suites are located on the Sun Deck. Averaging a generous 30 square metres/ 323 square feet, with two twin beds or a King Size bed. Access the private balcony by a sliding glass door. Amenities include: en suite facilities, lounge area, in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/DVD, individual temperature control, and hair dryer.



OWNER'S SUITE

Super-spacious (63 square metres/ 678 square feet) elegant suite on the Sun Deck. Designed for entertaining, the Owner's Suite has a separate living room with game and meeting area. A BOSE stereo system provides background music, or watch videos on the HD plasma TV. Sliding glass doors lead to a private deck. Refresh in the jetted bathtub in en suite facilities. Slumber in the King Size bed.



YOUR TOUR LEADERS

Tom Owen Edmunds is a Senior Adviser on rainforest and conservation with the World Resources Institute (WRI), a Washington-based think tank specialising in climate and environment issues.

Tom started his working life as a photographer specialising in wildlife and travel, including numerous assignments in Latin America. In 1994 he was described by the British Journal of Photography as 'one of the world's leading travel photographers'. He has

shot assignments in over 100 countries, published books on Bhutan and Mexico, and photographed the books that accompanied the BBC Great Journeys series, taking him round the world 14 times, over 24 episodes.

From 1997-2019 Tom moved between aid and diplomatic posts with the UK Foreign Office, his last post as Head of the UK Climate Change Unit in the British Embassy in Jakarta. Previously, he held posts in Pakistan, Sri Lanka and London, and was Private Secretary to the Minister for Film, Broadcasting and Tourism.

Tom sat on the Council of the Royal Geographical Society from 2003-6, and was elected one of the youngest ever Fellows of the Royal Photographic Society aged 24. He read Geography at Oxford University specialising in ecology and sustainable development. Tom has a life-long passion for wildlife and wild places.

Libby Owen Edmunds is a sustainable tourism expert advising governments and multilaterals including The World Bank, USAID, and UK's FCDO. Over the last twenty years she has worked in more than 15 countries, particularly focussing on issues around climate and poverty.