SOUTHERN OCEAN ODYSSEY - FALKLANDS & ANTARCTIC PENINSULA EXPEDITION

On this extraordinary 15-day voyage, experience the fascinating Falkland Islands and the mind-blowing beauty of Antarctica. Brimming with wildlife, culture and history, experience the majesty of some of Earth's least-visited and most spectacular destinations!

Departing the bustling Uruguayan capital of Montevideo, this thrilling voyage will allow the brave few to experience the wonder of the Falkland Islands and the mind-boggling majesty of Antarctica.

From Montevideo, we will set out southwards towards the Falkland Islands (Malvinas). A British Overseas Territory, the Falklands are a unique blend of British culture (expect tea and red phone boxes) and southern wildness, where penguins cavort alongside sheep on former battlefields. Witness vast penguin colonies, experience the flight of albatross overhead, and marvel at marine mammals playing in the surf. Meet the locals and soak up the lifestyle of Stanley, the islands capital, and one of the most unique cities anywhere in the world - inhabited by over fifty nationalities, despite its tiny size!

Leaving civilisation behind in the Falkland Islands, we next venture out across the infamous Drake Passage, we will delve into the inlets and bays of the Antarctic Peninsula, where glittering ice cliffs and precipitous peaks rise straight out of the frigid water. Icebergs, glaciers, mountains and rugged snowfields characterise this wildly beautiful alien landscape. We always aim to visit locations which showcase the best of Antarctica, and we are always on the lookout for wildlife; feathered friends and jaw-dropping scenery and landscapes are guaranteed! Shore landings and Zodiac safaris will occupy our days, while our knowledgeable onboard Expedition Team will offer a selection of specially crafted lectures to inform your matchless expedition experience.

With only one departure at the start of the season, this unique voyage has to be experienced to be believed!

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DAY 1 EMBARKATION, MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY

The city of Montevideo sits at the mouth of the Rio de la Plata, the vast estuary which holds not one but two capital cities (the vast Argentine capital of Buenos Aires being just across the water). Montevideo is a bustling yet laid back city, where locals sip yerba mate strolling along the sea front, and the smell of asado barbeque drifts on the ocean breezes.

At the heart of the city lies the harbour, where Ocean Albatros awaits. After our mandatory safety drill, our expedition begins as we navigate through the calm waters of the Rio de la Plata. Soak up the sun on the outer decks as we leave South America behind, setting a course towards the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas).

DAY 2-4 AT SEA, EN ROUTE TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

Following the ocean currents of the South Atlantic, we head towards the rarely-visited Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas).

While the indigenous Yaghan people of Tierra del Fuego may have visited the islands, the Falkland Islands had no indigenous population when Europeans arrived in the early 16th Century. The islands' sovereignty has been contested ever since, with historical Spanish, French, British and Argentine claims. Tensions resulted in a conflict over the islands between Britain and Argentina in 1982, which left a lasting impact on the islands. While it spurred much-needed development assistance from the United Kingdom, the conflict also left much of the islands heavily mined. Since the conflict however, the islands have flourished, selling lucrative fishing rights to their rich waters. The de-mining operation was completed in 2020, celebrated by a football match on the last patch of de-mined ground between the islands' Governer and the Zimbabwean de-mining team who have made the Falklands their home.

The waters around the Falklands are some of the richest in the world, with huge whale, seal and penguin populations feeding where cold Antarctic waters meet the warmer waters of the South Atlantic, so keep binoculars at the ready! Otherwise, join your Expedition Team lecturers to hear about these islands' fascinating history, biology and unique 'Kelper' (as the locals call themselves) culture.

DAY 5-6 WESTERN ISLANDS AND PORT STANLEY

On our first day in the Falklands we will venture to some of the outer islands in the West Falklands - 'Camp', as the locals call the area outside Stanley. The outer islands of the Falklands are much wilder and more remote than the mainland, and host the majority of the islands' wildlife. Islands such as West Point, Carcass and Saunders are well known for their spectacular wildlife. Southern Rockhopper Penguins, Black-Browed Albatross and King Cormorants commonly nest together in vast cliffside colonies; penguins nurture their eggs and chicks in clefts between large cylindrical nests where cormorants and albatross nest. Be sure to look out above to see the vast albatross coming in to land (often less than gracefully)! The islands are home to a vast number of other bird species such as the endearingly cheeky Striated Caracara (watch all unattended possessions), and in the water Commerson's dolphins and South American sealions can be seen playing.

During the following morning we will cast anchor in the sheltered natural harbor of Port Stanley in the early afternoon. Utilizing our Zodiacs, we will land in the centre of this small city. Stanley is the only settlement on the islands of any size, with a population of around two thousand people. Behind the colourful buildings in neat rows, look closer and you will notice a very distinctly British feel to Stanley - Victorian houses which could be on any swanky London terrace line the harbourfront; red telephone and post boxes stand by the jetty; whitewashed pubs serve fish and chips alongside foaming pints of ale. The Falkland Islanders are proud of their unique homeland and capital, and Stanley is a great place to explore and soak up the local vibe. Highlights in the city include Christchurch Cathedral, the southernmost Anglican cathedral on Earth, as well as excellent shops selling local products (watch out for high quality woollen good in particular!), cafes and pubs offering a warm welcome, and several excellent museums; visitors are spoiled for choice! A short drive or a pleasant walk from the city are several stunning beaches; formerly heavily mined, these are now open, and locals and foreigners alike often visit to see the abundant penguins and spectacular gold-white sands.

DAY 7-8 AT SEA - CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE SOUTHBOUND

Sailing onward from Stanley, we cross the infamous Drake Passage - the body of water separating Patagonia and the Antarctic Peninsula. The Drake Passage is known for rollicking conditions and strong westerly winds, nicknamed the Furious Fifties. While this passage may be challenging, you can rest comfortably aboard our expedition vessels, which are purpose-built with stabilizers, powerful engines and manned by a highly-qualified crew. The most spirited sailors consider Drake Passage a lifetime achievement - and you will complete the crossing twice!

Our days in the Drake Passage will be put to good use preparing for our arrival in Antarctica - your Expedition Leader will brief you comprehensively on how to stay safe and minimise your impact on this precious wilderness, as well as briefing you thoroughly on our plans for our time spent exploring, including hints and tips for wildlife watching. Our dedicated Expedition Team will assist you to biosecure your clothing and equipment (a vital process to protect Antarctica's delicate ecology), as well as sharing tailored lectures on Antarctic exploration history, wildlife, geology, glaciology and more!

We will cross into the Antarctic Convergence on our second day at sea from the Falkland Islands - watch the mercury plummet as we sail southwards into Antarctic waters, an abrupt cooling that marks the intersection of Antarctic waters with the warmer waters of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. As the sea cools, wildlife multiplies; these are some of the most biologically productive water on Earth, so expect to see petrels, albatrosses and potentially penguins, seals and whales in abundance.

DAY 9-11 THE ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

We will awake on the ninth day of our expedition to the glittering ice cliffs and drifitng icebergs of the Antarctic Peninsula. Our exact route will be subject to careful planning by the Expedition Leader and Captain, and explained to our guests through regular evening briefings. However we will aim to visit a range of sites which showcase the best of this staggeringly beautiful region.

Consisting of the 'spine' of the Antarctic Peninsula and a large number of mountainous glaciated islands, the Gerlache Strait is what comes to mind when most people think of Antarctica, and will likely be the setting for our time in Antarctica. Marvel at the massive icebergs and vast glaciers on a Zodiac cruise in Paradise Bay. Be moved by penguins tenderly caring for their precious eggs, and fiercely defending their nests on Cuverville Island. Watch cataracts of ice tumble into clear blue ocean on a hike over the active glaciers of Neko Harbour. Experience the Antarctica of old at historic huts such as Damoy Point, lovingly restored and open to all. Feel the spray of water from the blow of a humpback whale on a Zodiac safari in Wilhelmina Bay. Wonder at awe-inspiring scenery on a ship cruise through the Lemaire Channel. Wherever we go on the Antarctic Peninsula, endemic wildlife, tantalising history and breathtaking natural beauty abound.

On Antarctica, all human activity is subject to the whims of Mother Nature. While we will make every possible effort to maximise opportunities for exploration off the vessel, the safety of our guests and crew is our top priority. We therefore ask all our guests to join the expedition spirit and be flexible - harsh weather offers the opportunity to expand your knowledge of Antarctica with lectures from our expert Expedition Team, or to enjoy the superlative comfort of our vessels, be it wine-tasting, relaxing in the hot tubs, or recharging with a relaxing massage in our Polar Spa.

DAY 12 THE SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS

Our time in Antarctica concludes in the South Shetland Islands. This chain of rugged rocks marks the northernmost point of Antarctica, and the most exposed to the fury of the Southern Ocean. Because of this, it is also one of the richest in terms of wildlife, with large Gentoo and Chinstrap Penguin colonies, and an abundance of large seabirds such as predatory Giant Petrels. The epic ice-clad mountains of Livingstone, Greenwich and King George Islands form a spectacular backdrop to an otherwise stark landscape.

Sites which may be visited in the South Shetland Islands include the black steaming sands and rusting ruins of Deception Island (an active volcanic crater), the bustling penguin colonies of Aitcho and Half Moon Islands, or the old sealers' anchorage of Yankee Harbour.

From the South Shetland Islands, we will venture back into the Drake Passage, setting a course for Uhsuaia, Argentina.

DAY 13-14 AT SEA - CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE NORTHBOUND

After departing Antarctica, we will spend two days at sea on our way northwards, back across the infamous Drake Passage towards the more

welcoming shores of the Beagle Channel and Ushuaia, Argentina. During our time at sea, a variety of activities will be arranged on board to provide our guests with the chance to reflect on their voyage. Relax with an expertly crafted cocktail in the Nordic Bar in the company of new friends, soak up the knowledge and passion of our Expedition Team during lectures in the Shackleton Lounge, or simply enjoy the flight of the albatross which accompany us northwards.

During your last evening onboard, join the Captain and Officers for the Farewell Cocktail Party, followed by a presentation of photos and video by our onboard photographer - the ideal opportunity to re-live your Antarctic adventure. Skal!

DAY 15 USHUAIA, ARGENTINA - DISEMBARKATION

On the morning of the final day of our voyage, we will arrive back at the pier of Ushuaia, Argentina. Trees, grass and a busy city may seem strange to you after the white wilderness of Antarctica! After a hearty breakfast, it is time to bid a fond farewell to the Crew and Albatros Expedition Team, and descend the gangway back to dry land with memories of the voyage of a lifetime.

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Please note:

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YOUR SHIP: OCEAN VICTORY

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	Luxury X-Bow®-Infinity Class
VESSEL TYPE:	**Vessel**
LENGTH:	
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	**174 passengers in 93 cabins**
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	**2021**

With a total of 93 comfortable cabins for our guests, all with a view of the ocean, (and 90% with their own balcony), several restaurants, a wellness area, an Albatros Nordic Bar, an open deck dining facility, a modern lecture lounge, and other amenities, the vessel will also be environmentally-friendly onboard, with an implementation of the Green Initiative Program, ensuring both absolute comfort and sustainability for our guests.

Now, for the technical details:

With the highest Polar code 6 and Ice class 1A, Ocean Victory is the ideal vessel for small-ship cruising due to her sturdy construction and X-Bow®-Infinity class, which provides high stability in rough weather and allows for the smoothest movements on high waves, and a Solas 2012 classification which facilitates a safe return to port.

The vessel is part of a brand new generation of low-energy vessels, with 4 diesel engines and 2 electro engines, all controlled electronically to optimize speed and fuel consumption.

Beagle Restaurant

Dinner always starts with delicious hot soups, cold cuts and crisp, fresh salads. Several choices of entrees are offered each evening, to accommodate different tastes and dietary requirements; always including a meat choice, fish choice and vegetarian choice.

After dinner, freshly prepared desserts, including ship-made ice cream or cakes are a great way to end a meal and satisfy any sweet tooth.

A selection of wines and beers is available to perfectly compliment your visit to our restaurant... and if you're interested in relaxing during your time off from activities and landings, delight onboard Ocean Atlantic by raising your glass to the experience of a lifetime!

Our bar is fully equipped with a variety of cocktails, beers, non-alcoholic beverages and more, to quench your thirst and reward the explorer in you.

Knud Rasmussen Library

Honoring the great explorers, the lecture room allows for an adventure within an adventure. Here you can find sagas, narratives and practical information on the polar regions, in various languages and subjects. From encyclopedias of the polar wildlife and fauna to narrations of the many challenges faced by the first expeditions, this is the perfect location for entertaining your brain while we sail.

Albatros Nordic Bar Lounge

The Albatros Nordic Bar Lounge provides a bit of warm Nordic hospitality to the Antarctic. Offering a large choice of drinks, including wine tasting menus from Gerard Bertrand, this is the

perfect place to relax after an unforgettable day and make new international friends.

Albatros Observation Lounge

Celebrate your dream polar adventure, engage in conversation and relax while admiring the icy landscape of the polar regions. At our Nordic Bar Lounge we aim to create a fun and enjoyable atmosphere with varied cocktails and drinks, appetizers and smaller events. Or try one of our unique wine-tasting menus from Gerard Bertrand.

Shackleton Lecture Lounge

What makes a good expedition? It is a combination of its landings and the experiences onboard the ship. At Albatros Expeditions we are honored to have an amalgam of experts in our expedition team, from climatologists and geologists to renown photographers, all eager to share their adventures and knowledge with our guests.

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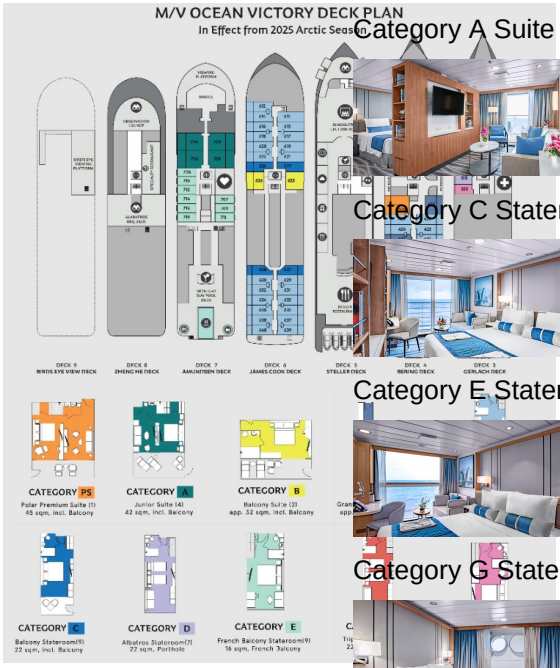
INSIDE YOUR SHIP



Category A Suite - Junior suite

Category B Suite - Balcony Suite

Category C Stateroom - Balcony State Stateroom

Category D Stateroom - Albatros State S

Category E Stateroom - French Balcony Stateroom

Category F Stateroom - Triple Stateroom

Category G Stateroom - Single Stateroom (Porthole)

Premium Suite

PRICING

03-Nov-2025 to 17-Nov-2025

Category F Stateroom - Triple Stateroom (Porthole)	12495 USD pp
Category D Stateroom - Albatros State Stateroom (Porthole)	14595 USD pp
Category E Stateroom - French Balcony Stateroom	15395 USD pp
Category C Stateroom - Balcony State Stateroom	15795 USD pp
Category B Suite - Balcony Suite	18295 USD pp
Category G Stateroom - Single Stateroom (Porthole)	18295 USD pp
Category A Suite - Junior suite	26595 USD pp
Premium Suite	29995 USD pp

Optional extras & upgrades

Kayaking 345 USD