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## Quest for the Antarctic Circle

**\*\*Book by 30 August, 2019 and receive a US\$750 travel credit.\*\*** This exciting Antarctic journey provides a modern twist on a much loved classic, combining flights and an expedition cruise to the Antarctic Circle. For a relatively short voyage, this trip packs a serious punch and offers fantastic scenery, wildlife, historic and scientific interest.



YOUR  
ADVENTURE  
AWAITS

13 days/12 nights

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1: Santiago, Chile

Once you've arrived in Santiago, the cultural centre of Chile, make your way to our signature hotel for an included pre-voyage stay. This evening, we encourage you to visit the welcome desk set up in the lobby of the hotel to check in with the One Ocean Expeditions' representative and to collect luggage tags for your voyage.

#### Day 2: Santiago, Chile - Stanley, Falkland Islands

We depart Santiago this morning on our special charter flight direct to Stanley, the small capital of the Falkland Islands. We are met on arrival and transfer from the airport into town. There is time to explore the town or enjoy a guided visit to nearby Gypsy Cove which provides our first opportunity for observing the local wildlife, including nesting Magellanic penguins and other sea birds. Making our way to the port, we board our expedition ship, RCGS Resolute in the afternoon.

#### Days 3 & 4: At Sea

We chart a southerly course for Antarctica. This stretch of the South Atlantic is rich in its bio-diversity and showcases an abundance of wildlife. We will be joined by hundreds of seabirds including the wandering albatross. Giant petrels and smaller Cape petrels are also constant companions as we make our way south. Photographing these magnificent birds takes patience and skill and our photography expert will be on hand to show you the best techniques. Join the ship's Captain on the bridge and learn about the operations of our modern research vessel.

#### Days 5 & 6: King George Island and the Antarctic Peninsula

This morning we are in position at King George Island – the largest in the South Shetlands group. There are two landing sites here and a visit depends on the prevailing weather conditions. Penguin Island and nearby Turret Point offer good opportunities for shore landings to view Adelie, chinstrap and gentoo penguins. Southern giant petrels, kelp gulls and Antarctic terns are also known to nest here. This afternoon we continue our journey south, navigating into the broad expanse of the Bransfield Strait – making our way ever closer to the Antarctic coastline.



#### **Days 7-9: At Sea Sailing Towards the Antarctic Circle**

We encourage you to spend time on the outer decks soaking up the scenery as we navigate further south. We pass through the ice-strewn waters making our way towards our ultimate objective, the Antarctic Circle. Given favorable ice conditions our first goal will be to sail south of the Antarctic Circle and into Crystal Sound.

#### **Days 10 & 11: Antarctic Peninsula & South Shetland Islands**

We aim to transit the Lemaire Channel on our way north towards Paradise Harbour. For an opportunity to step foot on the continent of Antarctica itself. Nearby Neko Harbour offers another continental landing. Both locations offer terrific hiking opportunities up to panoramic viewpoints. For the sea kayakers, the paddling opportunities here are endless. Expect to be in full sensory overload by this time of the voyage. This itinerary includes a complimentary hotel night in Punta Arenas for all guests returning from King George Island at the end of the voyage. This evening is at your leisure.

#### **Day 12 - King George Island - Punta Arenas**

This morning we say goodbye to our expedition team and transfer ashore by Zodiac. We walk from the shore landing site past the Chilean research station and up towards the airstrip where we board our special charter flight. This flight takes a little over two hours and is included in the price of your voyage. This itinerary includes a complimentary hotel night in Punta Arenas for all guests returning from King George Island at the end of the voyage. This evening is at your leisure.

#### **Day 13: Punta Arenas**

After breakfast and check-out, make your own way to the airport for your onward journey. (We recommend you book flights after midday). Otherwise, why not continue your exploration of Patagonia? Ask us for options to extend your time in this beautiful place.

### **Details**

#### **2021 Departures:**

January: 06

#### **2021 Pricing:**

US\$15,095 - Triple  
US\$15,995 - Twin Private  
US\$17,195 - Superior  
US\$17,695 - Superior Plus  
US\$18,595 - Shackelton Suite  
US\$20,895 - One Ocean Suite

Kayaking Option US\$795

Prices are shown in US\$, per person, based on three people sharing a triple cabin, two people sharing a twin cabin and one person in a single. Single Prices: Single-use of cabin rates are 1.5X the per person twin rate for cabins (not available in the Triple category or suites); 2X the per person twin rate for single occupancy in a suite.

#### **Trip Code:**

003903 - W20

### **INCLUDED**

- Charter flights from Santiago, Chile to Stanley, Falkland Islands and from King George Island to Punta Arenas
- One night of hotel accommodation pre-voyage
- Voyage aboard either the Akademik Sergey Vavilov as indicated in the itinerary



- All meals throughout the voyage aboard the ship including snacks, coffee and tea
- All shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage by Zodiac
- Program of lectures by noted naturalists and leadership by experienced expedition staff
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- Comprehensive pre-departure material

## NOT INCLUDED

- Return airfare to Santiago and from Punta Arenas, Chile
- Taxes, fees and airline surcharges
- Sea kayaking - US\$795
- Gratuities to ship personnel
- Items of a personal nature
- Travel insurance (mandatory emergency evacuation coverage)

## TOUR NOTES

### Itinerary changes:

Safety always comes first and that means weather, ice, wildlife, political or other conditions may require us to modify the itinerary as we go. We consider this half the intrigue of Polar exploring. Every expedition we undertake is a little different. It may mean we have to cancel certain landings and shore excursions if conditions are not suitable, but we always find other fun things to do! Polar exploring is not predictable which is one of the many reasons we think it is so special.

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