



## Antarctic Peninsula Adventure

**\*\*Booking deadline 31 August, 2019 for special: 2019 departures, receive US\$500 travel credit plus a pre-voyage hotel night. For 2020/2021 departures, receive US\$750 travel credit.\*\*** Hardy adventurers or those with a yen for history can camp out on the Antarctic ice overnight and feel the thrill and audacity of early explorers who attempted to conquer this continent.



YOUR  
ADVENTURE  
AWAITS

11 days/10 nights

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1: Santiago - Stanley, Falkland Islands

We depart Santiago this morning on our private air charter 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.

#### Days 2 & 3: Drake Passage

Giant petrels, albatross and smaller Cape petrels are our companions as we transit the Drake Passage. Join the ship's Captain on the bridge and learn about the operations of our modern research vessel. Throughout the day our onboard experts educate us with a series of presentations about the environment, wildlife and history.

#### Days 4 - 5: Antarctic Sound - Weddell Sea - Northern Gerlache Strait

Navigating into Antarctic Sound we witness for the first time the vastness and majesty of the Antarctic icecap. It is an awe-inspiring sight. We notice a significant increase in the number of huge tabular icebergs entering the Weddell. These massive icebergs break from the huge ice shelves to the south drifting here on the prevailing currents. Adélie penguin rookeries of staggering exist here - some contain more than 100,000 nesting birds. We have several fantastic locations to consider but the ice conditions will likely dictate our landing sites. Gourdin Island and Brown Bluff are two such locations featuring substantial penguin rookeries. The region is also full of history of early exploration and has fascinating geological sites with thousands of fossils strewn over the shoreline. We have a busy day of exploration on shore, in the Zodiacs and on the ship.

#### Day 6-7: Southern Gerlache Strait

Anvers Island is one of the largest of the off-shore 'barrier' islands of the Antarctic Peninsula. There are several outstanding sites here as well as on neighbouring Wiencke Island. These locations provide us with opportunities to venture on shore, breaking into smaller groups. Enjoy a short or longer hike, wander over to observe penguins guarding their precious eggs or newborns on the nest, cruise in the Zodiacs or just sit and soak it all in. The choice is yours. A short transit across the Gerlache Strait brings us along the actual continental landmass of Antarctica. A potential shore landing at Paradise Harbour will be a highlight for many - as you step foot on the continent proper, for the very first time.

#### Day 8: Deception Island - South Shetland Islands

The adventure is not over and if the weather conditions allow, we sail the ship into the flooded volcanic caldera at Deception Island. This is a very dramatic place and history is all around us as we explore the old whaling station. The nearby Aitcho Islands provide some great hiking routes showcasing the colourful mosses and lichens found on the island. Gentoo and chinstrap penguins nest here and on the beaches, and we usually encounter seals coming and going from the surrounding waters. Fort Point situated on Greenwich Island is another possible location for a visit.



### Days 9 – 10: Drake Passage- Stanley

As we make our way back to Stanley and the Falkland Islands, the educational presentations continue, and we enjoy an entertaining and memorable voyage recap by our Expedition Leader.

### Day 11: Stanley - Santiago

This morning we find ourselves back in the port of Stanley. We say goodbye to our crew and after some free time in town, make our way to the airport for our return charter flight to Santiago. On arrival in Santiago, our journey comes to an end.

After spending 11 days exploring Antarctica, you will leave with a completely different perspective than when you arrived.

## Details

**Group Size:** 146 RCGS Resolute

### 2019 Departures:

November: 21

December: 01, 11

### 2019 Pricing:

US\$11,295 - Main Deck Triple

US\$12,995 - Twin Private

US\$14,095 - Superior

US\$14,395 - Superior Plus

US\$15,395 - Shackleton Suite

US\$17,795 - One Ocean Suite

Charter flight: US\$995

### 2020 Departures:

March: 18

### 2020 Pricing:

US\$11,295 - Main Deck Triple

US\$12,995 - Twin Private

US\$14,095 - Superior

US\$14,395 - Superior Plus

US\$15,395 - Shackleton Suite

US\$17,795 - One Ocean Suite

Charter flight: 495

### 2021 Departures:

March: 10, 20

### 2021 Pricing:

US\$11,795 - Main Deck Triple

US\$13,595 - Twin Private

US\$14,695 - Superior

US\$14,995 - Superior Plus

US\$16,095 - Shackleton Suite

US\$18,595 - One Ocean Suite

Kayaking Option US\$795

Prices are shown in US\$, per person, based on three people sharing a triple cabin, two people in a twin or one person in a single cabin. 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.

Availability changes daily so please contact us for the most up to date availability and pricing for the cruise of your choice.

**Trip Code:**

003903 - W20

**INCLUDED**

- Voyage as outlined above with accommodation booked
- For 2020/2021 season, private charter flights and pre-voyage hotel night
- 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
- Overnight camping and all required gear

**NOT INCLUDED**

- Return airfare to Santiago, return
- Taxes, fees and airline surcharges
- 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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**ROUTE MAP**



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