

About South Georgia and Falkland Islands/Malvinas trips

Both of these locations exude wildlife. On the Falklands, you will be able to visit black-browed albatross colonies and rockhopper penguin rookeries, whilst in South Georgia you will be blessed with king penguin colonies (up to 300,000 penguins). In South Georgia, you may also visit old whaling stations and the grave of “the Boss,” Sir Ernest Shackleton, who lies buried in the old cemetery of Grytviken.

Most of these trips visit Antarctica, but some itineraries visit only South Georgia and/or the Falkland Islands.

These trips range from 15 to 21 days, and some itineraries also cross the Antarctic Circle.

Highlights of a South Georgia and Falkland Islands/Malvinas trip:

- Wander the Falkland/Malvinas islands’ sandy dunes, and birdwatch at rugged seabird cliffs
- Stroll the quaint English village of Stanley in the Falklands
- Discover the beaches where king penguins breed
- Visit old whaling stations and the grave of Sir Ernest Shackleton in the old cemetery of Grytviken.
- Get to land on the Antarctic Continent
- Experience the abundant wildlife and amazing landscapes of Antarctica
- Learn about the environment and wildlife from on-board presenters

An example of a South Georgia and Falkland Islands/Malvinas trip would be as follows:

Day 1 – Ushuaia, embarkation Day

Day 2 – At Sea

Day 3 and 4 – Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas)

Days 5 and 6 – At Sea

Days 7 to 10 – South Georgia

Days 11 and 12 – At Sea

Days 13 to 16 – South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula

Days 17 and 18 – Crossing the Drake Passage

Day 19 – Disembarkation in Ushuaia

Important note

When choosing an Antarctic Expedition, options can be overwhelming. There are lots of operators running trips to Antarctica at the moment, each of them with their own trip names and descriptions. In our opinion, this results in great confusion at the time of booking.

We really want to help you understand the different options, in the easiest way possible.

Although there are variants, all trips can be filtered according to their objective into the following groups:

- 1 - Classic Antarctica
- 2 - Crossing the Circle
- 3 - Fly over the Drake
- 4 - South Georgia and Falkland Islands / Malvinas
- 5 - Weddell Sea

Regardless the voyage type, during transit days the expedition team will conduct mandatory briefings (safety, IAATO, etc.) but they will also run an educational program. Presentations on different topics such as ornithology, history, marine biology and geology, will be made by experts in those fields.

Except transit days (could be full or half days) there will be two excursions a day, weather permitting. One will be in the morning and the second in the afternoon. During lunch the ship will reposition to a new location.

The offer of [optional activities](#) such as camping, sea kayak, mountaineering, etc, depends on each different operator.

Except on some specific trips, there is never a fixed itinerary. We can tell you in which geographical region your voyage will take place, but we cannot tell you the specific locations that you will be visiting. Locations are subject to change in each individual voyage for various reasons such as weather and other ships in the area for example.

There is no [best time to travel to Antarctica](#), each month of the austral spring and summer is different, and each has its particular charm.