

# South Georgia and Antarctic Peninsula Penguin Safari

Onboard World Voyager



# Expedition Overview

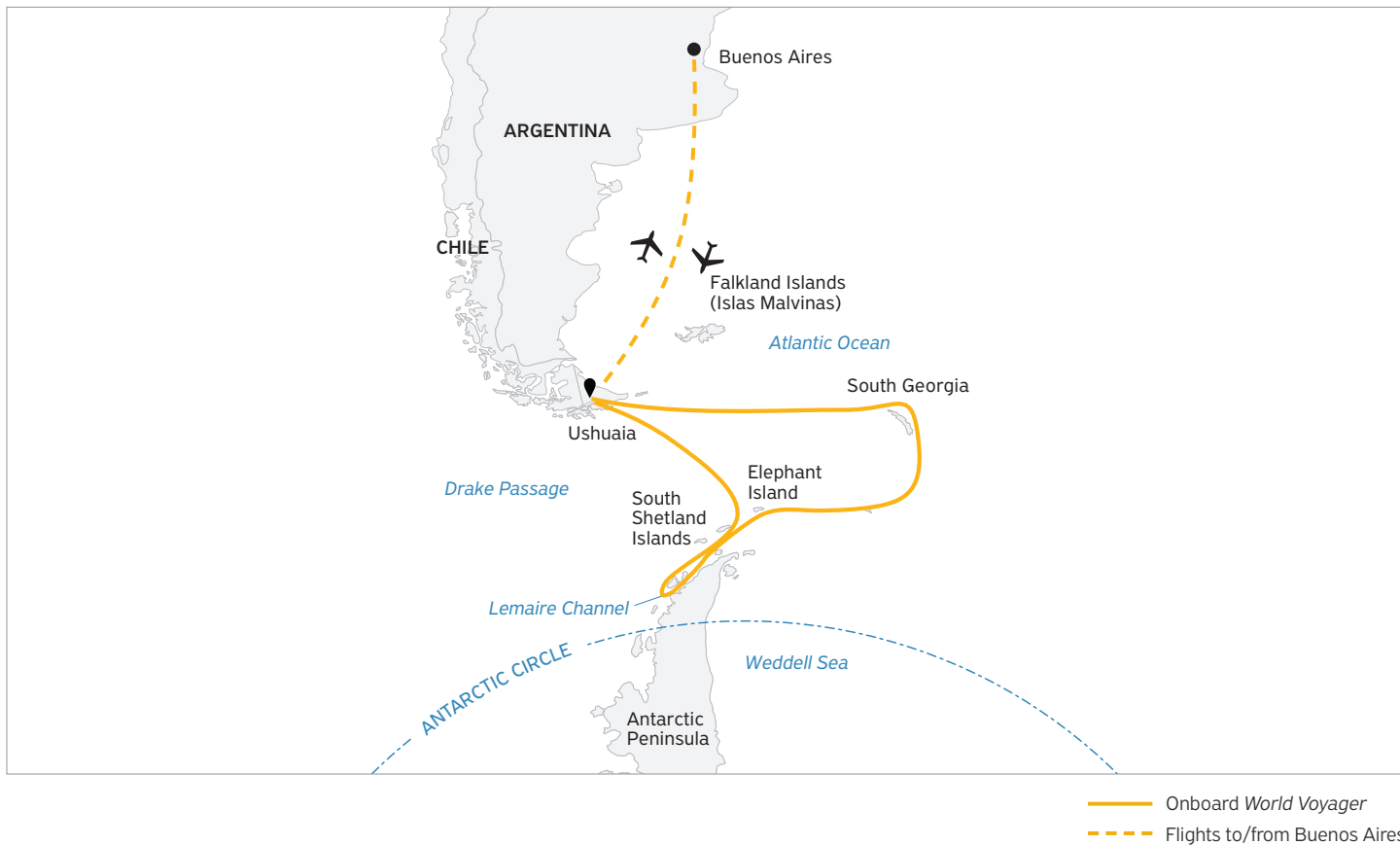


## Hundreds of Thousands of Penguins at a Glance

Our 18-day **South Georgia and Antarctica: Penguin Safari** itinerary is the fastest way to reach remote South Georgia Island—home to vast colonies of penguins—while also setting foot on the 7th Continent. Walk beaches teeming with king penguins and elephant seals, and enjoy the comical antics of gentoo, chinstrap, and Adélie penguins. You can also observe albatross soaring above the ship. Antarctica awaits, with its soaring peaks and overwhelming enormity. Take a Zodiac ride, photograph glistening glaciers, or witness the rugged peninsula from a sea kayak.

- Set foot on the magical 7th Continent
- Witness more penguins than you ever imagined
- Follow in the wake of Sir Ernest Shackleton's perilous voyages to South Georgia
- Explore the Antarctic Peninsula by ship, Zodiac and foot
- Enjoy presentations by our onboard polar experts

# Day by Day Itinerary



## Day 1

### Arrive in Buenos Aires, Argentina

Upon arriving in this splendid city, known for its vibrant Argentinian culture, European architecture and cosmopolitan vibe, you will independently transfer to the designated group hotel, which is included in your Charter Flight & Hotel package.

## Day 2

### Fly to Ushuaia and Embark

After an early breakfast at the hotel, the group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Ushuaia, Argentina. Upon arrival, you will be transferred from the airport to a central downtown location to explore this quaint port town on your own before making your way to the designated meeting spot. After a late afternoon embarkation, you will sail along the historic Beagle Channel, which transects the Tierra del Fuego archipelago in the extreme south of South America. Excitement builds in anticipation of your next stop: Antarctica.

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### Days 3–6

#### At Sea

There are many activities to keep you engaged while you are at sea. Learn to identify seabirds that glide alongside the ship, or attend dynamic presentations by your Expedition Team. You will be prepped on safety procedures for Zodiac cruises and shore landings, and also be given instructions for getting the most out of your optional sea kayaking adventures (extra cost), a truly intimate way to experience Antarctica.

If conditions are right, the first indication that you are approaching South Georgia is the sight of birds around a group of rocky spires called Shag Rocks. Have your binoculars and cameras ready to capture these rocky spires rising out of the icy ocean waters. Shags and prions often rest here, and due to nutrient rich upwellings around the rocks it can be a good place to keep a lookout for whales.

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### Days 7– 9

#### South Georgia

After enjoying South Georgia from a distance, we'll head toward its numerous beaches to find a bay for your first excursion. Landing sites are varied, largely determined by the weather conditions of your voyage. The sites you visit will provide you with wildlife sightings unrivaled anywhere else on Earth.

South Georgia is one of the most fertile breeding grounds in the world for sub-Antarctic wildlife, with beaches blanketed with penguins and seals. It won't take you long to realize that you are in a birder's paradise, as burrowing seabirds, albatross and petrels can be seen in abundance.

You'll find that South Georgia, once a popular base for whalers and sealers, is also scattered with abandoned relics and evidence of human activity from centuries gone by. Your Expedition Team will help bring those days to life while you visit old whaling stations and enjoy presentations on the South Georgia of then and now.

One of the most significant sites you will visit on the island is Grytviken. This settlement is one of the first whaling stations established in sub-Antarctic waters. Grytviken possesses a special appeal largely because it's the site of the grave of Sir Ernest Shackleton, one of the most famous Antarctic explorers.

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### Days 10 & 11

#### At Sea

Say goodbye to the king penguins, as your next destination is Antarctica. Your days at sea are filled with presentations, workshops, and social activities led by your Expedition Team.

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### Days 12–15

#### Antarctic Peninsula

The most common reaction upon reaching the 7th Continent is a sense of reverence and awe. The experience is beyond words, since few places are as untouched as Antarctica. You will begin to appreciate why this region has long captivated the attention of explorers and travelers alike. Every time we visit Antarctica, we witness something new or unexpected, which means your expedition will be unlike any other—creating a unique, personal experience.

Each day, you will take Zodiac excursions from the ship to explore glaciated bays, channels and landing sites. Your Expedition Team will take care of you at each landing, whether you are hiking the Antarctic landscape, visiting a research station or observing chinstrap, Adélie and gentoo penguins, all of which can be found here. Keep an eye out for Weddell, fur, crabeater and leopard seals, as well as curious whales, such as

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humpbacks, minke, or perhaps orcas while on a Zodiac cruise. Each excursion will present a new array of creatures to fascinate you and keep your camera busy.

Amid the serene silence of Antarctica, noisy interludes become indelible memories, such as penguins squabbling over prized pebbles, or the boom and crack of a calving glacier.

Every day will be different, having been carefully crafted by your Expedition Team to inspire and educate you about this wonderful part of the world.

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### **Days 16 & 17** **Crossing The Drake Passage**

After more than a dozen days of unique wildlife sightings and remarkable landscapes, your journey home begins. Crossing the Drake is your unofficial rite of passage. Spend time on deck watching for seabirds and whales, enjoy presentations by your Expedition Team, or simply relax.

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### **Day 18** **Disembark in Ushuaia and Fly to Buenos Aires**

You will arrive in Ushuaia in the morning and disembark after breakfast, then make your way to your group charter flight to Buenos Aires.

# Arrival & Departure Details



\* Arrive anytime on Day 1 or earlier. Day 1 includes an optional briefing.  
\*\* Consider booking your international flight home after the Final Day as charter flight times may vary.  
✈ International flights are not included in the cost of the voyage.

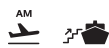


## Arrival Day and Embarkation

### Day 1 Arriving in Buenos Aires and Hotel Night

- Make your own way from the airport to the designated hotel
- Weigh and tag your luggage in the presentation room

Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, you will make your way to the designated group hotel, which is included in your Charter Flight & Hotel Package. A presentation room will be open from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. for luggage weighing and tagging. A Quark Expeditions representative will be available to answer your questions and provide information about the next day's flight and ship embarkation.



### Day 2 Ushuaia and Embarkation

- After breakfast, transfer with the group to the airport
- Board your charter flight to Ushuaia
- Enjoy free time to explore Ushuaia
- Around 4 p.m., transfer with the group to the ship

You will arrive in Ushuaia in the morning and disembark after breakfast before transferring to your group charter flight to Buenos Aires. In Ushuaia, your Charter Flight & Hotel Package will allow for some free time to explore this quaint port town. We will transfer the group to the ship for embarkation around 4 p.m.



### Final Day

- Ship arrives at the pier in Ushuaia between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m.
- Disembark after breakfast
- If flying home from EZE, we recommend booking flights departing after 9 p.m.
- If flying from Aeroparque/Jorge Newbery Airport (AEP), we recommend booking flights departing after 10 p.m.

#### Disembarkation in Ushuaia

The ship is scheduled to arrive back at the pier in Ushuaia between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. After breakfast you will bid farewell to your Expedition Team before completing your disembarkation. This process takes approximately one hour. There will be a group transfer to the airport for the charter flight to Buenos Aires.

#### Departing from Buenos Aires

Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, you may be able to connect directly with your homeward flight. Our charter flight lands at Buenos Aires international airport (Ministro Pistarini International — EZE). The included flight lands at approximately 5 p.m. We recommend you only select flights departing after 9 p.m. Check your itinerary carefully before booking. Some South America-bound flights originate at Jorge Newbery Airport (IATA code: AEP), which is also known as Aeroparque (IATA airport code: AEP). Due to unpredictable traffic in Buenos Aires, we recommend you only select flights departing Jorge Newbery Airport after 10 p.m.

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For the absolute safest travel plans, we recommend that you book an extra hotel night in Buenos Aires between flights. Expedition travel is occasionally unpredictable. We also strongly recommend booking flexible international air tickets. Quark Expeditions is not responsible for any air ticket change costs you may incur.

### Airport Transfers

Arrival transfers from your international flights in Buenos Aires are not included.

### Luggage Restrictions

- Travel with one checked bag and one carry-on bag

#### Charter Flight Luggage Limit

This expedition includes charter flights. Your package includes one checked bag and one carry-on bag. Luggage weight restrictions on these flights are typically lower than those on international carriers. There is no option to pay for additional luggage. Specific weight limits will be confirmed in your final travel documents.



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