ANTARCTICA EXPLORER'S ANTARCTICA



ANTARCTICA, FALKLAND ISLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA AND ELEPHANT ISLAND Join the world's most illustrious explorers as you set foot on the white continent and embark on 18-exceptional days of excitement. Revel in the photographic opportunities as you become acquainted with the beauty of the Falkland Islands. Encounter penguins, watch for seals, dolphins and whales and identify seabirds during your spectacular trip.



Expedition Highlights

- Follow in the footsteps of the great Antarctic explorers and visit sites that Byrd, Charcot, Fiennes, de Gerlache, Shackleton, and Weddell explored.
- See snow-covered mountains, mighty glaciers and spectacular icebergs
- Encounter Rockhopper, Gentoo, Macaroni, King, Adelie, Magellanic and Chinstrap Penguins
- Watch for seals, dolphins, and whales
- Identify seabirds including albatrosses, shearwaters and petrels
- Visit historic sites of the early explorers and the remains of whaling operations

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Day 1 - Arrive Buenos Aires, Argentina

You will be met and transferred to your deluxe hotel. Remainder of the day is free.

Day 2 - Buenos Aires Tour

Enjoy a full day tour of Buenos Aires, "Paris of South America", arranged exclusively for Explor Cruises' guests. Visit the unique neighborhoods of San Telmo, Recoleta, La Boca, Puerto Madero and Palermo. Lunch is included. This evening, you will be taken to a Dinner & Tango Show at Tango Porteño, Includes round trip transfers and a tango lesson of 1hr before the dinner. Return to your hotel late.

Day 3 - Flight to Ushuaia – Embarkation

Transfer from your hotel to the city airport for your included flight from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia. Meet and transfer to ship. Capital of Argentina's Tierra del Fuego province, Ushuaia lies in a bay opening into the Beagle Channel, at the country's southernmost tip. Embark your ship, settle in and attend a mandatory safety drill before leaving port.

Day 4 – Day at Sea

Day 5 – Falkland Islands - Saunders Island; West Point Island

Saunders Island is the fourth-largest of the Falkland Islands in the western portion of the archipelago. The island's topography is unusual, being made up of three peninsulas linked by narrow necks, and three big upland areas. Today the island is run as a sheep farm, but has historical importance as the location of the first British settlement in the Falklands. Saunders' wildlife is also impressively varied. It is possible to see Gentoo and King Penguins in the open dune and sand-flat area.

Located slightly northwest of West Falkland, West Point Island is used for sheep farming and nature observations. Peale's dolphins and the distinctive black and white markings of the Commerson's dolphin can usually be seen in the waters around West Point Island. Rolling moorland and steep cliffs make for great photographic opportunities, but the main attraction is the Devil's Nose, a cliff-side colony of Black-browed Albatrosses nesting sideby-side with feisty Rockhopper Penguins.



Day 6 – Stanley, Falklands

Tiny Stanley, capital of the Falklands, seems in many ways like a British village fallen out of the sky. Many homes are painted in bright colors, adding visual appeal to this distant outpost. Not far offshore, the wreck of the Lady Elizabeth, is one of the many vessels remaining as a silent testimonial to the region's frequent harsh weather conditions. The islands, also known by their Spanish name of Islas Malvinas, are home to arguably more tuxedoclad inhabitants of the penguin variety than human residents. Various species, such as Gentoo, Magellanic and the more elusive King penguins, either live here permanently or use the Falklands as a stopover on their migration route.

Days 7-8 – Day at Sea

Days 9 - 11 – South Georgia

South Georgia is a breathtaking destination of towering snow-covered mountains, mighty glaciers, and low-lying grasslands that attract an astounding concentration of wildlife. It is possible to find Southern fur seals, Southern elephant seals



and a variety of albatross species including Blackbrowed, Light-mantled Sooty, Grey-headed and the spectacular Wandering Albatross, plus thousands of King and Macaroni Penguins. South Georgia is also linked to the early Antarctic explorers. Captain James Cook first stepped ashore in 1775, but perhaps more famous is Ernest Shackleton's arrival in 1916 following the sinking of his ship Endurance.

Days 12-13 – At Sea

Day 14 - Elephant Island

Awesome glaciers flecked with pink algae can be seen approaching Elephant Island — so named either for its elephant-like appearance or for sightings of elephant seals here. Elephant Island is home to several Chinstrap Penguin rookeries, as well as 2,000-year-old moss colonies. Weddell seals and Macaroni Penguins can also be spotted. In 1916, when Ernest Shackleton's ship Endurance



was crushed in pack ice in the Weddell Sea, the crew was stranded here for more than 4 months finding shelter under two upturned lifeboats on the spit of land Shackleton's men named 'Point Wild'. The bust of the Chilean captain Luis Pardo has been erected here to commemorate the successful rescue in the tug Yelcho.

Day 15 - 18 - Antarctic Peninsula/South Shetlands

Remote and otherworldly, Antarctica is irresistible for its spectacular iceberg sculptures and calving glaciers, and for the possibility of up-close encounters with marine mammals and the iconic penguins. The Antarctic Peninsula – the main peninsula closest to South America – has a human history of almost 200 years, with explorers, sealers, whalers, and scientists who have come to work, and eventually intrepid visitors coming to enjoy this pristine and remote wilderness. It is a region of protected bays, unscaled snow-capped mountains, vast glaciers and a few places where whalers or scientists have worked.



Day 19-20 – Drake Passage

The Drake Passage has a notorious reputation for its turbulent seas due to the westerly winds and the funneling effect of the passage. The Antarctic Convergence, a natural boundary where cold polar water flows northward and warmer equatorial water moves southward, is within the Drake Passage. When these two currents meet, nutrients are pushed to the surface, often attracting a multitude of seabirds and whales.

Day 21 — Ushuaia, Argentina

After breakfast, disembark and transfer to the airport for your included flight to Buenos Aires. a



SILVER EXPLORER - Deck Plans



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Rates 2018-2020 - Per Person, Double - After 10% Early Booking Savings - 6/30/18

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Nov 17, 2018	\$20,190	\$21,270	\$23,340	\$24,330	\$29,910
Dec 15, 2018	\$23,160	\$24,510	\$26,670	\$28,020	\$34,410
Feb 01, 2019	\$23,250	\$24,240	\$26,670	\$27 <i>,</i> 930	\$37,650
Dec 15, 2019	\$19,380	\$20,280	\$22,440	\$23,700	\$30,810
Jan 14, 2020	\$18,570	\$19,470	\$21,540	\$22,800	\$29,550
Feb 01, 2020	\$17,760	\$18,570	\$20,550	\$21,720	\$28,200

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