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CLELIA II

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With Special Expedition Leaders Peter Hillary and Dave Hahn

Travel in the wake of the world's greatest explorers, including Magellan, Darwin, Drake, de Gerlache and Shackleton, on this voyage to the far southern reaches of the world. While the itinerary in Antarctica is flexible to account for changing weather and ice conditions, planned destinations include King George Island, Paradise Bay, Deception Island and Lemaire Channel. We also call at Elephant Island, where Sir Ernest Shackleton's men sought refuge; spectacularly scenic South Georgia, Shackleton's final resting place; the South Orkney Islands, with their profusion of penguins and petrels; and the isolated Falkland Islands. Throughout our voyage, we'll benefit from the insight and expertise of our onboard expedition leader, guest lecturers and accompanying naturalists.



Itinerary

Day 1: | USHUAIA | EMBARK

Day 2 – 4. • AT SEA

Day 5-9: SOUTH GEORGIA

Day 10: SAILING THE SCOTIA SEA

Day 11: SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS

Day 12: ELEPHANT ISLAND

Day 13 – 17: ANTARCTIC PENINSULA AND ITS ISLANDS

Day 18 – 19: AT SEA

Day 20: USHUAIA

Itinerary



November 23: **BUENOS AIRES | USHUAIA | EMBARK**

Fly from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia, a Patagonian city set on the Beagle Channel and surrounded by the Darwin Cordillera, glaciers, and forests of southern beech. Upon arrival, transfer to the ship. Enjoy a spectacular vista of glaciers and green-misted mountains as Clelia II navigates the Beagle Channel.

November 24 – 26: **AT SEA**

Attend lectures by naturalists and study leaders as Clelia II sails to South Georgia. Albatross and cape petrels are among the birds that accompany the ship on its passage.

November 27 – December 1: **SOUTH GEORGIA**

Spend six days exploring the rugged, ice-bound islands of South Georgia. Once ravaged by the South Atlantic whaling industry, the waters of South Georgia are now strictly protected and harbor abundant numbers of elephant seals, fur seals, and king penguins. Visit the Bay of Isles, home to a massive rookery of king penguins; Albatross Island, a paradise for gray-headed, black-browed, light-mantled sooty, and wandering albatross; and the town of Grytviken, where Sir Ernest Shackleton is buried in the small cemetery beyond the abandoned whaling station.

December 2: **SAILING THE SCOTIA SEA**

Attend on-board lectures and watch for whales and seabirds as Clelia II cruises the Scotia Sea.

December 3: **SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS**

A vista of enormous grounded icebergs is visible as Clelia II approaches the South Orkney Islands to call at Coronation Island. In the company of British scientists from Signy Station, visit the rookeries of penguins and snow and cape petrels that populate the island.



December 4: **ELEPHANT ISLAND**

Today explore Elephant Island, where in 1916 Sir Ernest Shackleton's Endurance was stranded, forcing Shackleton and five of his men to undertake a thousand-mile rescue mission on a 20-foot whaleboat to secure help.

December 5 – 9: **ANTARCTIC PENINSULA AND ITS ISLANDS**

Enjoy five days exploring the pristine wilderness of the Antarctic Peninsula, a narrow finger of land that separates the ice-choked waters of the Weddell and Bellingshausen Seas. As Clelia II sails through scenic waterways, witness a breathtaking panorama of icebergs, blue glaciers, and jagged, snowcapped mountains. Aboard the ship's fleet of Zodiacs, cruise among ice floes, land at penguin rookeries, and visit with scientists at research stations. Although the itinerary varies according to local ice and wind conditions, we hope to land at such places as Petermann Island, where humpback and minke whales are often sighted offshore; Paradise Bay, the habitat of gentoo and chinstrap penguins and the blubbery Weddell seal; Deception Island, whose waters are often warm enough for swimming; and King George Island, home to several research

stations. Voyages through the magnificent Lemaire, Neumeyer, Errata, and other protected channels are also planned—and never to be forgotten.

December 10 and 11: AT SEA

As *Clelia II* sails northward across the Antarctic Convergence, where the cold waters of the Southern Ocean override the warmer waters to the north. Enjoy three days at sea attending lectures and relaxing aboard ship.

December 12: USHUAIA | DISEMBARK

Clelia II

Ship specifications

Launched in 2009, after extensive refurbishment, redecoration and other improvements, the all-suite *Clelia II* offers the finest in small-ship cruise travel. This private yacht-like cruise ship accommodates only 100 guests in 50 suites, each of which affords ocean views, measures 215 square feet or more and is appointed with a sitting area or separate living room, twin or queen-size beds, spacious closets, air conditioning.

- Satellite TV, DVD/CD player
- Telephone
- Mini-refrigerator
- Marble-appointed bathroom with fine toiletries and teak floor
- Plush terry robes and slippers
- Fresh flowers and fruit basket
- 24-hour room service

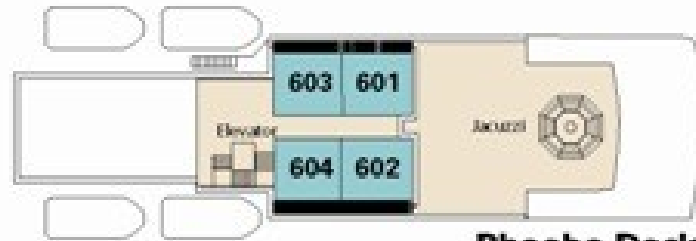
BESPOKE SMALL-SHIP AMENITIES

Decorated with rich fabrics, handsome wood, polished brass, rare antiquities and fine works of art, the yacht's public spaces are warm and inviting. These include:

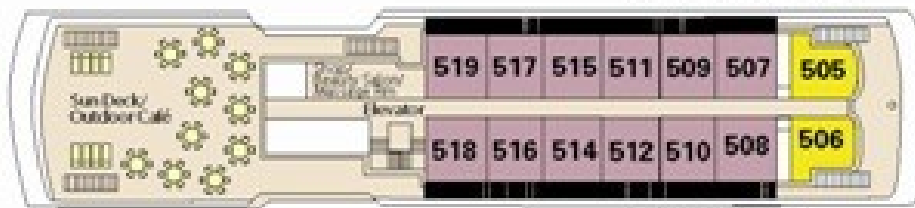
- Library with Internet access
- 2 Lounges with audiovisual facilities
- State-of-the-art gym/spa
- Beauty salon
- Boutique
- Hospital
- Elevator serving all passenger decks
- Dining room
- Two sun decks
- Jacuzzi
- Swimming platform

Clelia II complies with the latest international and U.S. Coast Guard safety regulations and is outfitted with the most current navigational and communications technology as well as with retractable fin stabilizers for smooth sailing, an ice-strengthened hull and a fleet of Zodiacs. *Clelia II* is staffed by 60 European officers and crew. Taken together with her limited guest capacity, excellence of design, craftsmanship and material, *Clelia II's* spaciousness and intimate ambience combine to make her ideal for distinctive cultural and expedition voyages.

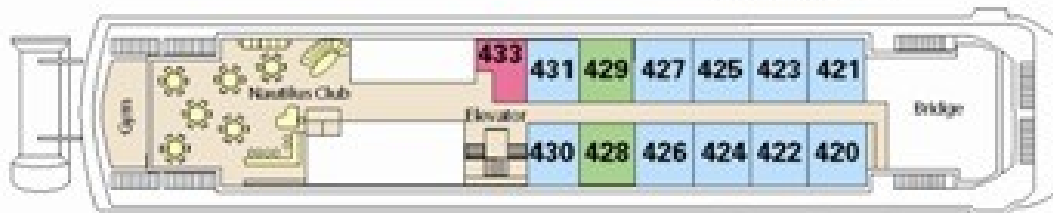
Deck Plan



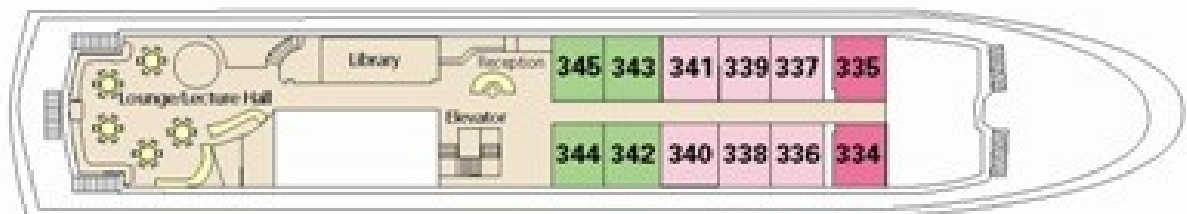
Phoebe Deck



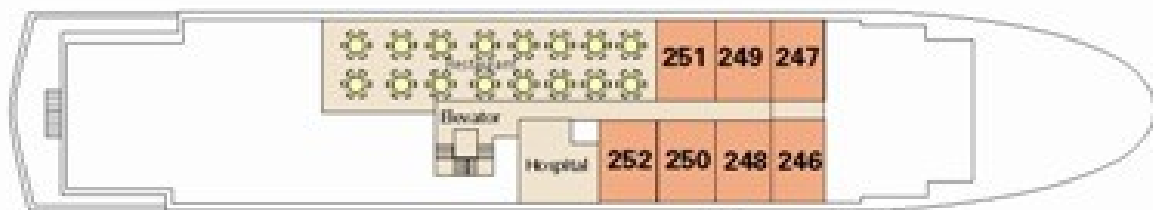
Cleo Deck



Leto Deck



Ariadne Deck



Athena Deck