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CLELIA II

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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: AT SEA

Days 3 & 4 • THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

Days 5 & 6 • AT SEA

Days 7 – 9 • SOUTH GEORGIA

Day 10 • SAILING THE SCOTIA SEA

Day 11 • SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS

Days 12 – 15 • ANTARCTIC PENINSULA AND ITS ISLANDS

Days 16 & 17 • AT SEA

Day 18 • USHUAIA

Itinerary

Day 1: BUENOS AIRES | USHUAIA | EMBARK

Fly from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia, a Patagonian city set on the Beagle Channel and surrounded by the Darwin Cordillera 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.

Day 2: AT SEA

Enjoy a day at sea, listening to lectures and relaxing as *Clelia II* cruises to the Falkland Islands.

Days 3 & 4: FALKLAND ISLANDS

Reach the windswept Falkland Islands, consisting of two main islands and some 200 small ones, which are mostly rugged, rocky moorlands. Located 450 miles northeast of Cape Horn in the exceptionally rich waters of the southern Atlantic, they boast abundant wildlife, including over 219 bird species (including such endemic species as the Falkland Steamer Duck and the Tussac Bird) and the world's largest numbers of Black-browed Albatross and Rockhopper and Gentoo Penguins. On Westpoint Island, enjoy a walk across the moors to a busy rookery of raucous Rockhopper Penguins. Also explore the dramatic beaches of nearby Saunders Island, which are teeming with Gentoo and Magellanic Penguins, as well as cormorant and Black-browed Albatross colonies. Continue to Stanley, the islands' quaint capital.

Days 5 & 6: AT SEA

Days 7 – 9: SOUTH GEORGIA

Mountainous and magnificent, remote, crescent-shaped South Georgia is renowned for its wildlife, stunning natural beauty, and vital role in the history of Antarctic exploration. First claimed in 1775 by Captain Cook, the island has hosted such explorers as Larsen and Shackleton, as well as a long succession of sealers and whalers. South Georgia's more regular visitors include four species of albatross, eight species of penguin, a million southern fur seals, and hundreds of thousands of elephant seals. Explore the island, searching the grassy slopes for nesting Wandering Albatross with 12-foot wingspans and enjoying the antics of thousands of stately, 3-foot-high King Penguins. We may also visit the abandoned whaling station at Grytviken, now overtaken by fur seals and elephant seals, and the grave of Sir Ernest Shackleton.

Day 10: SAILING THE SCOTIA SEA

Attend onboard lectures and watch for whales and seabirds as *Clelia II* cruises the Scotia Sea.

Day 11: 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 island's rookeries of penguins and Snow and Cape Petrels.

Days 12 – 15: ANTARCTIC PENINSULA AND ITS ISLANDS

Enjoy four 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. Our first day in this incredible region will be at 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. Although the itinerary varies according to local ice and wind conditions, we also 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, Errera, and other protected channels are also planned.

Days 16 & 17: **AT SEA**

Attend lectures by naturalists and study leaders as *Clelia II* crosses the Antarctic Convergence, where the warm waters of the north override the colder waters of the Southern Ocean. Sail through the Drake Passage. Albatross and Cape Petrels are among the birds that accompany the ship on its passage.

Day 18: **USHUAIA | DISEMBARK**

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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

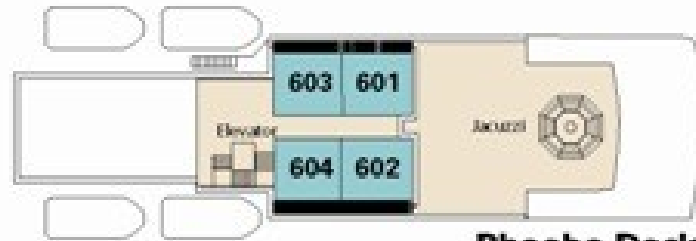
BESPOKE SMALL-SHIP AMENITIES

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

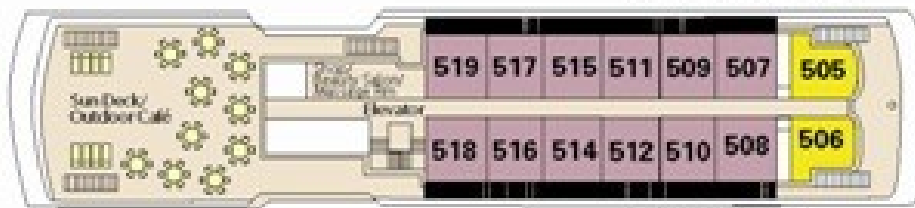
- Library with Internet access
- 2 Lounges with audiovisual facilities
- State-of-the-art gym/spa
- Beauty salon
- Boutique
- Hospital
- Elevator serving all passenger decks
- Dining room
- Two sun decks
- Jacuzzi
- Swimming platform

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.

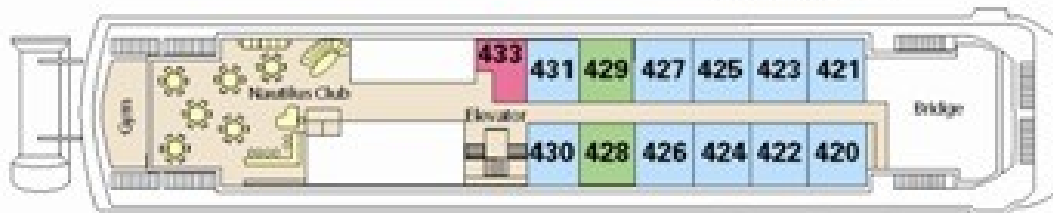
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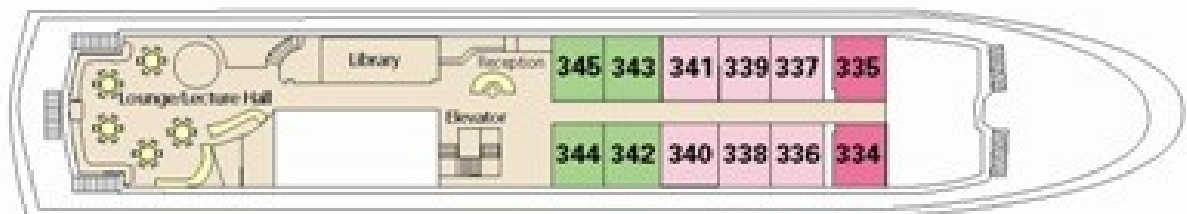
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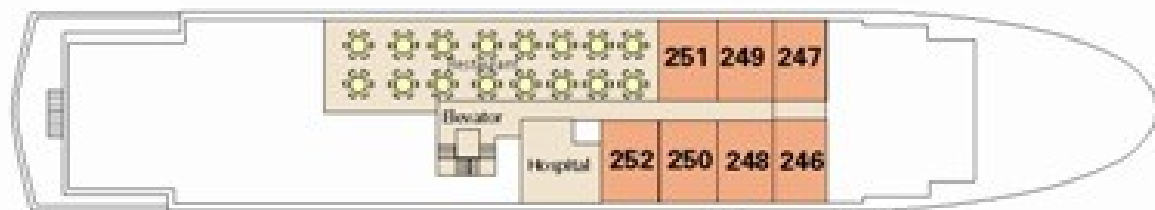
Cleo Deck



Leto Deck



Ariadne Deck



Athena Deck