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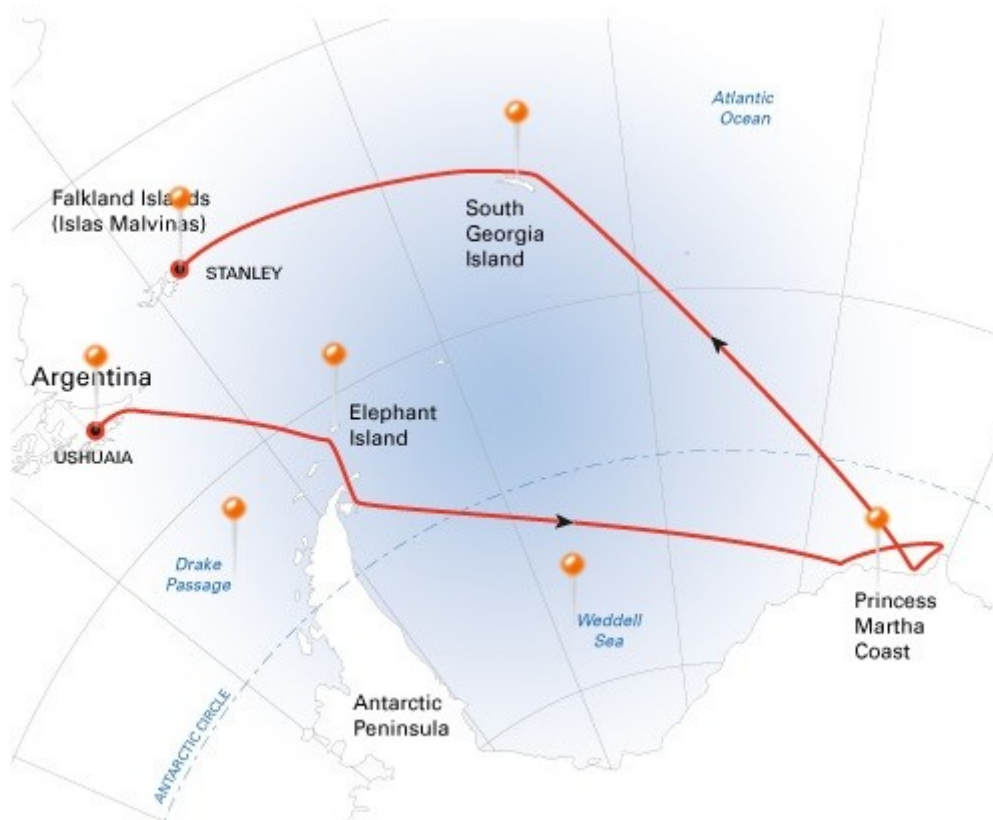


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WEDDELL SEA & SOUTH GEORGIA: Celebrating the Heroes of Endurance

Departure: November 06, 2010

A 31-day expedition to the Weddell Sea and South Georgia marking the 94th anniversary of Ernest Shackleton's Endurance exploration. Cruise the same seas as "The Boss". [John Murray](#), of Crossing the Line Films, will be special guest and be shooting a documentary film during the voyage.



Expedition Summary

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- Day 5 Elephant Island
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- Day 25 Gold Harbour, South Georgia
- Day 26 Grytviken, South Georgia
- Day 27-28 At sea
- Day 29 Fly from Stanley to Santiago, Chile
- Day 30 Santiago, Chile

ITINERARY

Day 1 - Ushuaia, Argentina

Today, 112 stalwart adventurers gather in Ushuaia to spend the night. Only they feel the mounting anticipation as they prepare to track 235 years of Antarctic exploration and mark the 94th anniversary of Shackleton's Endurance expedition.

Day 2 - Embarkation Day

Two of the most miraculous accounts of Antarctic exploration occurred in the Weddell Sea in the early years of the 20th century. This expedition itinerary follows in the wake of Otto Nordenskjold and Ernest Shackleton. The names of these heroes are on the lips of all aboard as the icebreaker cruises the Beagle Channel bound for the open sea.

Day 3-4 - At sea

Infectious laughter drifts through the ship's windows. There is nothing dignified about trying on life jackets. Giggles erupt when the Expedition Team explains the first law of penguin watching - you smell them before you see them. Between the mirth and the fine dining anticipation builds when you learn how difficult going ashore on Elephant Island really is.



Day 5 - Elephant Island

The crew of Endurance sheltered on Elephant Island for four and a half months. They, unlike our Expedition Team, did not have helicopters, inflatable landing craft and navigation charts to assist them. Even with modern conveniences, the local conditions challenge our Zodiac drivers. A successful shore landing will inspire a lifetime of conversation.



Day 6 - Brown Bluff

Imagine how you feel setting foot on the Antarctic continent, surrounded by Adelie and Gentoo Penguins, two of the six species of penguins you could encounter on this expedition.



Day 7 - Paulet Island

In 1901, the vessel Antarctic sailed from Sweden with Otto Nordenskjold aboard. He reached Paulet Island in 1902, going ashore unaware that one year later the island would be the backdrop for a dramatic - some say miraculous - meeting. The account of the Swede's adventure, not as well known as Shackleton's, is equally as classic as the Irishman's. During this cruise itinerary, our Expedition Team will relate every suspenseful moment before you go ashore.



Day 8-20 - The Weddell Sea

Onboard helicopters provide aerial views of the pack ice. For five weeks, Shackleton used every ounce of leadership to encourage his men to drag three lifeboats up and over pressure ridges and across treacherous leads. Our Expedition Leader, after examining weather and ice charts may invite you to explore the pack ice on foot. Unlike the crew of Endurance, expedition members return to a warm safe cabin and three square meals a day.



Watch our South Georgia video-guide.

The eastward cruise itinerary will end at 70° 34' 23"S, 8° 10' 45"W. To reach the Princess Martha Coast, the ship will have sailed through 60 degrees of longitude. En route travelers visit three Emperor Penguin rookeries and research stations. You are a world away from all you have ever known. During this portion of the voyage, we mark the 94th anniversary of the Endurance expedition. Jonathan Shackleton, whose kinsman played such a significant role, provides a historian's perspective. Aerial sightseeing aboard the icebreaker's helicopters affords spectacular views of the ship crushing through pack ice. The opportunities to take unique photographs are unparalleled. Travelers are encouraged to pack a camera - and binoculars.

Day 21-22 - South Sandwich Islands

Stretching 305 km (190 miles) from south to north, the volcanic South Sandwich Islands were first charted by the inimitable explorer - Captain James Cook, in 1775. During this portion of the expedition itinerary, explore the largest Chinstrap Penguin rookery in the world. The sound of a million penguins calling to their chicks can be heard from a great distance.

Day 23 - At sea

Continue sailing north. Our destination is South Georgia, which lies south of the Antarctic Convergence, the biological boundary separating Antarctica from the rest of the world. While sailing, take your camera and binoculars on deck. Albatross and petrels should be gliding alongside the ship.



Day 24 - Drygalski Fjord, South Georgia

South Georgia may be the most awe-inspiring island in the Southern Ocean. Abundant wildlife-glaciers tumbling to the sea - vast tussock covered plains - and fjords - ensure there is one unforgettable moment after another. This portion of the expedition itinerary begins on the southeast coast, where a 1.6 km (1 mile) wide fjord slices 11.3 km (7 miles) into the island. The ship cruises through the fjord toward a spectacular glacier. Keep your camera handy as Macaroni and Chinstrap Penguins are found in rookeries in Cooper Bay.



Day 25 - Gold Harbour, South Georgia

The second largest species of penguins, the King, breed all year round at St. Andrew's Bay and Gold Harbour. Travelers photograph chicks, adolescents - so different from their parents that they were



thought to be a different species - and adults. Fur seals loll on the beach against a back drop of a glacier. They share beaches with elephant seals.

Day 26 - Grytviken, South Georgia

After two days of wildlife viewing, the cruise itinerary returns to the history of Antarctica once again. Grytviken is the location of Sir Ernest Shackleton's final resting place. Pay your respects, before visiting Fortuna Bay.

Day 27-28 - At sea

Recap sessions and identifying seabirds are two of the shipboard activities that engage you at sea.



Day 29 - Fly from Stanley to Santiago, Chile

Upon disembarkation in Stanley, travelers will be transferred to the airport for the group flight to Santiago, Chile, to spend the night.

Day 30 - Santiago, Chile

After breakfast, depart for home.

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A polar-class icebreaker, combining power and technology with creature comforts. Originally designed for the rigors of northern Siberia, *Kapitan Khlebnikov* is one of a few vessels of its kind in the world.



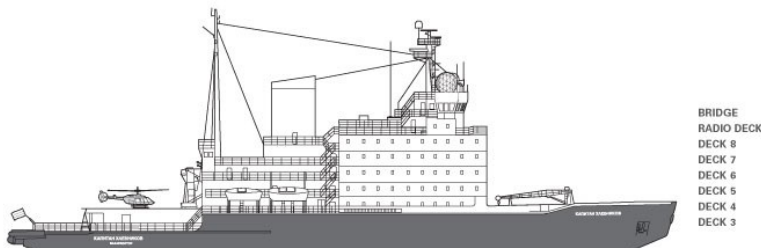
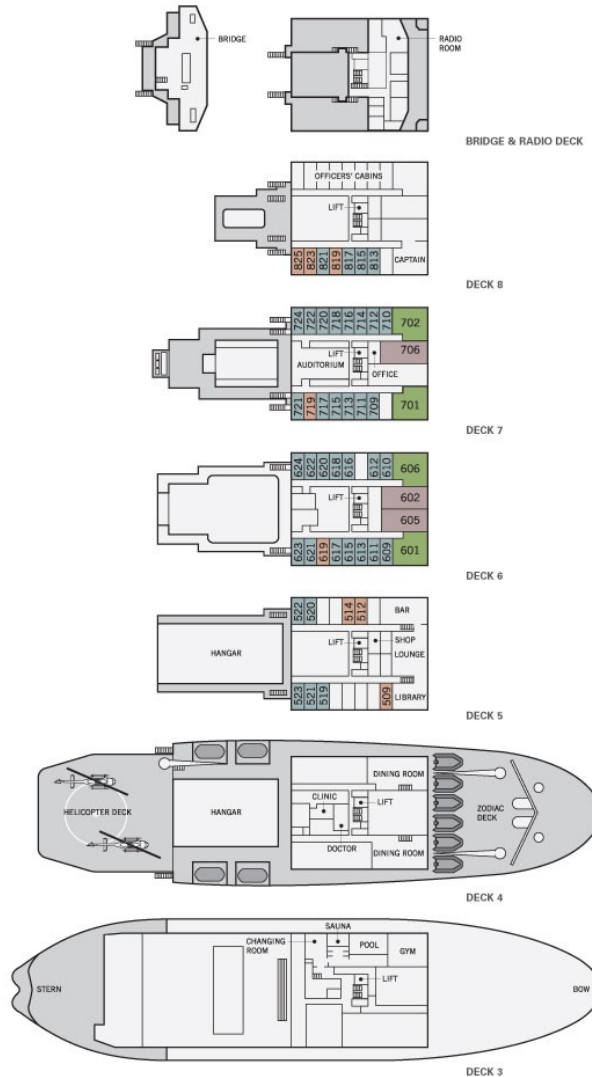
Cabins and Amenities

- 54 first-class outside cabins and suites, all with private facilities, large windows, desk, hair dryer, robes and large closets.
- Twin cabins have one fixed berth and one convertible sofa bed.
- Triple cabins are identical to twin cabins, with a third pull-down berth.
- All suites have a sitting room separate from the bedroom, DVD player and television.
- Dining rooms with unreserved seating where an abundant breakfast is served with a wide choice of hot and cold items; and lunch and dinner with menus that change daily.
- 24-hour coffee, tea and hot chocolate self-service station.
- Lounge and bar staffed by a professional bartender; open late afternoon and evening with a wide selection of wines and spirits.
- Heated indoor swimming pool, exercise room and sauna.
- Theater-style auditorium for Expedition Team presentations.
- Onboard shop and library books and videos.
- Ship-to-shore communications via satellite.
- Passenger elevator.
- Clinic with licensed doctor.

Ship Specifications

Staff & Crew: 70
Guests: 112
Lifeboats: 4, fully enclosed, capacity of 184
Length: 122.50 m
Breadth: 26.50 m
Draft: 8.50 m
Propulsion: Diesel-electric engines - 24,000 total horsepower
Ice Class: LL3
Cruising Speed: 15 knots in open water
Registered: In Russia by Far Eastern Shipping Company

DECK PLANS



Triple 1 lower berth, 1 sofa bed, 1 pull-down upper berth, private facilities, opening window, desk and chair

Twin 1 lower berth, 1 sofa bed, private facilities, opening window, desk and chair

Suite 1 wider bed and sofa bed, private facilities, separate sitting room, 2 opening windows, 2 desks/chairs, table, TV/DVD

Corner Suite 1 wider bed, 1 sofa bed, private facilities, separate sitting room, 4 opening windows, 2 desks/chairs, table, refrigerator, TV/DVD

RATES INCLUDE

Inclusions for Antarctic Icebreaker Adventures 2010-2011:

- One night pre-expedition hotel accommodation with breakfast, as indicated in the itinerary. (The number of guests per room is the same as cabin occupancy on the ship. Due to limited availability, travelers who reserve a suite on board are accommodated in standard rooms at the hotel.)
- All helicopter transfers and aerial sightseeing according to each day's program.
- Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping.
- All breakfasts, lunches and dinners on board throughout your voyage. (Please inform us of any dietary requirements as far in advance as possible. Unfortunately, the ships' galleys cannot prepare kosher meals.)
- All shore landings per the daily program.
- Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Leader, including shore landings and other activities.
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising per the daily program.
- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled.
- Photographic Album on DVD, documenting the voyage.
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for shore landings.
- A Quark Expeditions parka – yours to keep.
- Coffee, tea, cocoa available around the clock.
- Hair dryer and bathrobe in every cabin.
- Comprehensive pre-departure materials, including a map and an informative Antarctic Reader.
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program.
- All luggage handling aboard ship.
- Emergency Evacuation Insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of \$100,000 per person.

FAQ

If I book this expedition, what additional major expenses will I incur?

1. Transportation to Santiago, Chile and from Lyttelton, New Zealand is not included in the cost of the expedition. The charter flight from Santiago to Stanley, Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas) is available at an additional cost.
2. Wearing the right clothes is essential. Mean coastal temperatures are seldom far below freezing. However sunny conditions may swiftly shift to storms with very cold winds and snow flurries. A complimentary parka is provided and we loan you a pair of boots for the duration of the expedition. Once you have booked, we will provide you with a complete list of what to pack.

3. Of course gratuities are always at your discretion, but we recommend \$10-15 per person day if you were pleased with the service level on board. This will be anonymously collected at the end of the voyage and distributed amongst staff and crew. You can make this payment in cash or charge to your shipboard account.

What is the average age and nationalities of travelers on this expedition?

Icebreaker travelers range in age from 45 to 80 - with the majority between 55 and 75. Most members of Icebreaker Expeditions are sophisticated, independent-minded travelers from around the world.

Must I understand English to participate?

Our voyages appeal to an international audience. About 40% of the travelers who join our voyages come from countries where English is not the first language. English is the language used for all documents, communications, shipboard announcements and education program presentations. While most of our travelers have a working knowledge of English, their level of proficiency with the language varies greatly. If you have questions on how your knowledge of English may impact your experience, please contact our office and one of our Sales Representatives will be happy to discuss this with you.

Do I have to be fit to join one of these expeditions?

Travelers must be able to make their way down a steep, narrow gangway, on the side of the ship to the Zodiac for shore landings. You should be able to walk steadily about the ship, keeping one hand free for the railing, and be able to negotiate through a heavy steel sea door. This expedition is not appropriate for people with restricted mobility as none of our ships offer handicap facilities. Shore landings usually offer a choice of a shorter hike and longer hikes. Of course, if you wish to remain back at the landing site with some of the staff, you are welcome!

May my children accompany me on the expedition?

On this expedition we welcome children that are at least 12 years of age. All children must be accompanied by at least one adult willing to supervise them at all times. Note that the shipboard education programs are designed for adults.

How long will it be light during my trip?

The time of year you travel to Antarctica will determine the amount of daylight. October, November are typically the month where the night falls around 9 or 10pm with sunrise in the early morning. This is the beginning of the Summer Season. Peak daylight is Mid December through early February with nearly 24 hours of sunlight, depending on how far south your voyage travels.

What about seasickness?

In general, the roughest seas encountered are during the open ocean crossings to and from Ushuaia through the Drake Passage; it takes roughly 2 and one half days to get to/from the peninsula and 2 days to/from the Falkland Islands. Everyone reacts

differently to the seas, so our Medical Director suggests you consult your physician for a recommendation for your specific circumstances.

Do your ships have stabilizers?

Yes, all our ships have stabilizers.

What is the food like on your ships?

Our passengers rave about the food and the food service offered on our ships. We have standardized our Catering operations on all our ships, so regardless of which ship you travel on, you will receive the same variety of food and excellent service. We offer breakfast, lunch and dinner, and can accommodate most dietary requests and restrictions provided you notify us at time of booking. Afternoon tea with desserts is served each afternoon, and coffee/tea/water service is available in the lounge areas around the clock.

BOOK AIR TRANSPORTATION AT THE SAME TIME AS YOUR EXPEDITION.

Q: What are the benefits of reserving my air arrangements through Quark Expeditions?

A: When you reserve your cruise with Quark Expeditions we can also handle your air arrangements. Our air arrangements offer a seamless, worry-free way to get from your home airport to the cruise ship and back again. You will be speaking with individuals who have been to the airports you will be traveling through, and know and understand the unique logistics of the departure city. Arrangements include round-trip air transportation to and from the port of departure and arrival.

Air arrangements via Quark will also allow you to choose a preferred airline, specific times and/or premium-class seats.

Q: What do air arrangements include?

A: Air arrangements include round-trip air transportation to and from the port of departure and arrival, all airlines taxes and fees.

Q: When do I receive my airline flight schedules?

A: Air reservations receive immediate confirmation of the itinerary.

Q: Can I get airline seat assignments through Quark Expeditions?

A: We will attempt to secure seat assignments (Based on availability as the airlines have ultimate control over all seat selection).

Q: Can I use frequent flyer miles to upgrade my seat?

A: Some of our air carrier contracts restrict you from using any additional incentives, coupons or discounts. However, most carriers allow guests to accrue frequent traveler miles. Please provide your Frequent Flyer information at the time of booking and you will be advised if your purchase qualifies for frequent flyer points.

Q: Can I get one-way air transportation?

A: Yes, our Air Department can assist you with your request. Additional costs may apply. Round trip air add-on will apply.

Q: How does Quark Expeditions notify guests/travel agents of schedule changes?

A: Quark Expeditions will attempt to notify guests/travel agents of schedule changes. However it is the guest's and travel agent's responsibility to reconfirm flights prior to departure. Once tickets have been issued it is the airlines responsibility to protect schedule changes resulting in missed connecting flights.

Q: What if I'm trying to travel with a group?

A: We love groups. Guests from the same departure city that are booked at the same time will be placed on the same flights. We cannot guarantee all other guests from departure cities other than your own will be on the exact same flights. Additional air costs may apply.