



Antarctic Voyage on a Shackleton Odyssey



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This special variation on our South Georgia and Antarctic Peninsula voyage retraces Shackleton's odyssey from the northern tip of the Peninsula, past Elephant Island and across the Scotia Sea to the south-western side of South Georgia.

A small band of adventurous souls will attempt to repeat Sir Ernest Shackleton crossing with favourable weather.



"South Georgia and the Falklands are home to an astonishing amount of wildlife and untamed wilderness that gets the pulse racing. As always, our family of expedition leaders, guides and lecturers ensure you get the most out of each

day."

Peter Malcolm - Expedition Leader, Aurora Expeditions

Itinerary for Shackleton Odyssey

Day 1

We board our ship *Polar Pioneer* mid-afternoon, then slip away from the dock in the early evening. The cruise down the Beagle Channel provides a fine view of the mountains and beech forests of Tierra del Fuego.

Day 2

While crossing the Drake Passage, accompanied by albatross and petrels, we are busy with lectures and briefings.

Day 3

By mid-afternoon, we should have crossed the Antarctic Convergence cold water boundary to Antarctica, and hope to see our first icebergs near the South Shetland Islands.

Day 4 - 5

We make contact with penguins, seals and whales in the beautiful Gerlache Strait, using our Zodiacs to cruise among the ice or make landings.

Day 6

At the northern end of the Antarctic Peninsula, Antarctic Sound is often choked with icebergs but this waterway provides a wildlife-rich corridor into the Weddell Sea. We begin to retrace Shackleton's path near Paulet Island.

Day 7

If the weather is kind we will land on the steep slopes of Elephant Island, the unexpected home for Shackleton's men for many months.

Day 8

We cruise among the mountainous South Orkney Islands.

Day 9

Cruising the Scotia Sea towards South Georgia.

Day 10

We enter King Haakon Bay on South Georgia, hopefully stopping for a ceremonial landing at Cave Cove where Shackleton made his first landfall after the epic open boat voyage.

Day 11 - 15

Exploring the whaling stations, bays and promontories of South Georgia. These will be busy days as we immerse ourselves in South Georgia's extraordinary wildlife diversity - at places like Salisbury Plain, St Andrews Bay and Gold Harbour, where hundreds of thousands of king penguins line the beach, or Albatross Island, where the lords of the Southern Ocean, the wandering albatross, nest among tussock grasses.

Day 16 - 17

While at sea we have time to reflect on our days on South Georgia and enjoy the delights of birdwatching from the outer decks.

Day 18

We visit the southern islands of the Falklands, bristling with nesting birds.

Day 19

We complete our lecture program during the short hop to the South American coast.

Day 20

We dock in Ushuaia after cruising back along the Beagle Channel in the early morning. Transfer to a city hotel or commence your homeward journey.

Activities for Shackleton Odyssey

South Georgia Traverse



On one of our South Georgia voyages, a small band of adventurous souls will attempt to repeat the epic crossing of Ernest Shackleton and trek for up to three days from King Haakon Bay to Stromness. The crossing distance is 35 to 50 kilometres depending on the route, and involves crossing large, heavily crevassed glaciers and alpine passes. Experience in crevassed alpine terrain is essential.

CABINS

Triple: Two lower bunks and one upper bunk, a desk, a small washbasin, ample storage and hanging space and portholes. Showers and toilets are very close by and are shared with other Main Deck cabins.

SIZE: Total Cabin: 423cm x 241cm = 10.2 sqm

Twin Public: Two lower bunks, a desk, small washbasin, ample storage and hanging space, a couch and a porthole. Showers and toilets are very close by and are shared with other Main Deck cabins.

Total Cabin: 400cm x 245cm = 9.8 sq m

Twin Private: Two lower bunks, a desk, windows and private bathroom with shower, toilet and washbasin. #402 and #403 have upper and lower bunks and a couch.

SIZE:

Deck 4:

Bedroom/Bathroom – 411cm x 260cm = 10.7 sqm

Bathroom – 120cm x 256cm = 3 sqm

Deck 5:

Bedroom/Bathroom – 494cm x 243cm = 12 sqm

Bathroom – 110cm x 170cm = 1.9 sqm

Mini Suite: Double bed in a separate room, foldout couch that can be used as a single bed, TV, video player, windows, desk, table area, fridge, and private bathroom with shower, toilet and washbasin.

SIZE:

Living Room/Bedroom/Bathroom – 453cm x 370cm = 16.8 sqm

Bathroom – 120cm x 160cm = 1.92 sqm

Captain's Suite: Double bed in separate room, plus foldout couch that can be used as a single bed, forward and port windows, lounge and table area, fridge, TV, video player, and private bathroom with shower, toilet and washbasin.

SIZE:

Living Room/Bedroom – 450cm x 500cm = 22.5 sqm

Bathroom – 120cm x 160cm = 1.92 sqm

Deck Plan

