



## SOUTH AMERICA CRUISE - SANTIAGO TO CARTAGENA

A wise soul once said: Its not the destination but the journey that counts. Those words certainly ring true with respect to this tour. The moment you board the G Expedition you can expect to sail into a journey youll remember forever. This 25-day voyage is filled with so many highlights, it would be impossible to list them all; but what we can tell you is that youll discover the life-changing beauty of South Americas western coast. Included trips to Machu Picchu, the Darien Jungle, and the Panama Canal will give you plenty to write home about.



### ITINERARY

#### Day 1 Santiago

Arrive at any time. Enjoy the sights and sounds of this unique city. Arrival transfer is included.

#### Day 2 Santiago/Valparaiso (1B, 1D)

It's an early start this morning, as you transfer from Santiago to Valparaiso to join the MS Expedition. Travel by private bus to the colourful port town of Valparaiso. Settle onto the MS Expedition before an afternoon visit to the Casablanca Valley and enjoy a



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guided winery tour with a stroll through the vineyard.

### Day 3 South Pacific Ocean (1B, 1L, 1D)

Opt to spend this time at sea out on deck or join one of the lectures or painting classes.

### Day 4 Caldera (1B, 1L, 1D)

Enjoy a full day of exploring picturesque Caldera. Visit local museums and a local mine. Soak in the desert scenery. Take an tour to the Pan de Azucar National Park to see sealions, Humboldt penguins and spectacular scenery.

### Day 5 South Pacific Ocean (1B, 1L, 1D)

Another day at sea gives you the opportunity to spend some time out on deck. Keep your cameras and binoculars on hand for scenery or wildlife viewing opportunities.

### Day 6 Arica (1B, 1L, 1D)

Enjoy a day in Arica. Opt to relax on the beach or head out on a tour to explore the San Miguel de Azapa Archaeological Museum. With a warm climate year round, Arica is known as the City of Eternal Spring. With some of the best beaches in Chile, spend a relaxing day catching some sun, or opt to explore the San Miguel de Azapa Archeological Museum for some local cultural history.

### Day 7 South Pacific Ocean (1B, 1L, 1D)

Enjoy a day at sea. Grab a book from the library and enjoy some quiet down time.

### Day 8 San Juan de Marcona (1B, 1L, 1D)

Enjoy a guided tour of Nazca desert cemetery and the potter's studio. Opt for a flight over the Nazca Lines (available for

pre-purchase). Travel to Nazca for a guided tour of the Chauchilla desert cemetery and potter's studio. Opt for a flight over the Nazca Lines (available for pre-purchase) before returning to the ship. Along the coast there may be opportunities to spot local wildlife.

### Day 9 San Juan de Marcona (1B, 1L, 1D)

Enjoy getting a closer look at sea lions, penguins and seabirds with a Zodiac cruise to the nearby nature reserve.

### Day 10 Callao/Cusco (1B, 1L, 1D)

Travel from the port in Lima to the airport for a short flight to the colonial city of Cusco set high in the Andes Mountains. Take a tour of the city to learn more about the history, soak in the architecture and the valley's atmosphere. Continue on to a hotel for the night in the Sacred Valley.

### Day 11 Ollantaytambo (1B, 1L, 1D)

Spend the day getting to know the Sacred Valley a little better. Enjoy guided visits to the Incan ruins sites of Pisac and Moray with a visit to a local handicraft market. After, meet the women at the Planeterra-supported Ccaccacollo community and Womens Weaving Co-op. Learn about their ancient traditions. Stop in the indigenous village of Huchuy Qosco for lunch at the Planeterra-supported Parwa Community Restaurant. Enjoy a delicious lunch and know that your visit is helping to support a remote community. Later, visit the pre-Incan salt pans of Las Salineras and learn more about the Incas with a tour of Ollantaytambo ruins.

### Day 12 Machu Picchu (1B, 1L, 1D)

Rise early and journey to the Ollantaytambo station to catch the scenic train to Aguas Calientes, at the base of Machu Picchu.



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Enjoy a guided tour of the Machu Picchu ruins and soak in the famous views. Enjoy free time to explore the ruins on your own before returning to Cusco for the night.

#### Day 13 Cusco/Trujillo (1B, 1L, 1D)

Fly to Trujillo and return to the Expedition. Opt for a guided visit to the ancient Chimu capital of Chan Chan. Wander this UNESCO site and marvel at the carvings and gain unique insight into the ancient history of the region.

#### Day 14 South Pacific Ocean (1B, 1L, 1D)

Spend some time on board with your fellow travellers, while enjoying an optional painting class or photography workshop.

#### Day 15 Guayaquil/Isla de La Plata (1B, 1L, 1D)

Arrive in Salinas and visit downtown Guayaquil. Some travellers may end their cruise here, while others may join this evening.

#### Day 16 Isla de La Plata (1B, 1L, 1D)

Head out on a full-day wildlife tour to experience the best of Isla de la Plata. Similar to the Galapagos, prepare to see blue- and red-footed boobies, Peruvian pelicans, frigatebirds and waved albatrosses. Explore more of the area on easy hikes.

#### Day 17 North Pacific Ocean (1B, 1L, 1D)

Enjoy the on board lecture program with this day at sea.

#### Day 18 Bahia Solano (1B, 1L, 1D)

The Ms Expedition will dock in Bahia Solano just after lunch. Pick one of the four included excursions. Options include hikes through the jungle to see waterfalls, visits to a nearby fishing village, or free time to wander the town and relax on gorgeous beaches.

#### Day 19 Punta Alegre/Darien Jungle Reserve (1B, 1L, 1D)

Leave the ship in Punta Alegre for the day and transfer to a motorized canoe to journey into the lives of the Embera Indian Tribe nestled in the pristine Darien Jungle. Navigate up the Mogue River to this community of the indigenous people of the area. Wander the village and get to know your hosts. Enjoy a presentation of traditional dances.

#### Day 20 Pearl Islands (1B, 1L, 1D)

With over 200 islands, the Pearl Islands offer world-class beaches and postcard perfect landscapes. Explore this remote area, taking advantage of included snorkelling gear. Take the Zodiacs to stunning snorkelling areas, beautiful beaches or opt to spend time in the sleepy town.

#### Day 21 Panama City (1B, 1L, 1D)

The MS Expedition will reach the Panama Canal with the opportunity to explore this marvel of engineering before the transit through the canal begins tomorrow. Enjoy an included visit to the Miraflores Locks Observation Center to learn more. Walk through the old French Quarter of Panama City to the coast, learning about the history of the area along the way.

#### Day 22 Panama Canal (1B, 1L, 1D)

With an understanding of the history of the canal and how it works, see it all first hand as the Expedition navigates her way through the canal. Enjoy your first views of the Caribbean when you reach the other side.

#### Day 23 San Blas Islands (1B, 1L, 1D)

Arrive on the San Blas Islands full of white-sand beaches, palm trees, and crystal-clear blue waters. Spend this free day relaxing on the beach or snorkelling and swimming. Enjoy a visit to a



local market and a small town to learn more about the life of the local Kuna Indians.

**Day 24 Capurgana (1B, 1L, 1D)**

This seldom visited area is a gem in the Caribbean. Take part in excursions to visit the locals, walk through the jungle and enjoy a traditional meal with your new native friends. Enjoy an included walk through the Eco Reserve El Cielo.

**Day 25 Cartagena (1B)**

Arrive in colonial Cartagena. Catch a departure transfer to a centrally located hotel where the tour ends on arrival.





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## YOUR SHIP: EXPEDITION

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**Expedition**

available Gym

**VESSEL TYPE:**

**LENGTH:**

**PASSENGER CAPACITY:**

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:**



The MS Expedition provides an intimate small-ship cruising experience. Completely refurbished in 2009, she boasts spacious cabins, each featuring ocean-facing windows or portholes and private en-suite facilities. Large common areas and observation decks provide panoramic views of the distinctive landscapes of some of the world's most remote regions. The Expedition's spacious confines can hold up to 140 passengers. You will be given a free expedition parka jacket on all Polar voyages on board MS Expedition Fast - spend less time in transit and more time exploring

**Sturdy** - excellent stability and performance in rough weather  
**Safe** - designed with safety in mind  
**Responsible** - environmental policies that meet and exceed industry regulations  
**Facilities and Amenities** 360° Top Observation Deck All cabins with private ensuite and outside views Raised Forward Observation Deck Large fleet of Zodiacs with four stroke engines Complimentary Wellington Boots for duration of your cruise Complimentary destination guides for every passenger Large headed Mud Room Lonely Planet Library Discovery Lounge Fine dining - international cuisine in one sitting Large aft deck with barbeque facilities Polar Bear Pub Gift Shop Medical Clinic Sauna Computer Room with internet where

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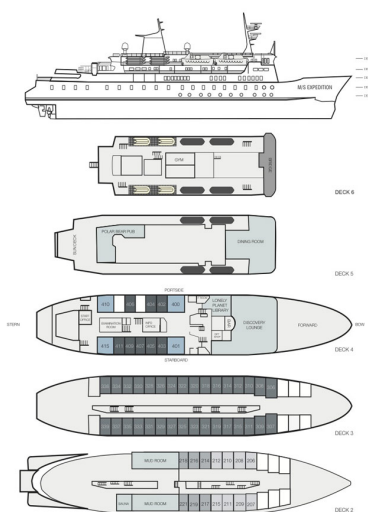
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## INSIDE YOUR SHIP



### Cabin Categories

- \* Category 1: 1 upper berth, 2 lower berths. Full ensuite washroom. Porthole view.
- \* Category 2: 2 lower berths. Full ensuite washroom. Porthole view.
- \* Category 3: 2 lower berths. Full ensuite washroom. Window view.
- \* Category 4: 2 lower berths. Full ensuite washroom. Window view.
- \* Category 5: Queen bed. Lounge area. Full ensuite washroom. Large window views.



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