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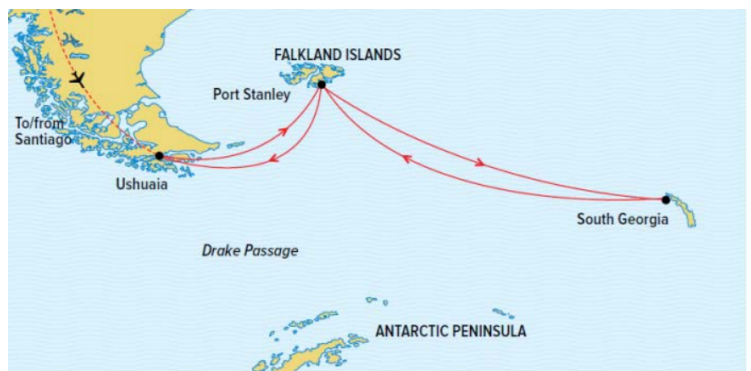
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SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE FALKLANDS (ING ORION)

Steeped in Shackleton and whaling lore, covered mostly in glaciers, South Georgia explodes with life: king, gentoo, and macaroni penguins, enormous elephant seals and a thriving fur seal population. On South Georgia you can observe one of the world's great wildlife spectacles: tens of thousands of stately king penguins on a single beach. See the human face of the region in the Falklands, reminiscent of Great Britain, with grazing sheep, tea and crumpets. And in this privileged place, the albatross reveal the beauty of their mysterious lives. More time for incredible wildlife experiences. This expedition maximizes your time experiences the wildlife spectacle of South Georgia's incredible coastline. Discover penguin colonies that sprawl to the horizon. Wade through tussock grass along a hillside dotted with nesting albatross. Share a beach with 8,000-pound battling elephant seals. Human element of the sub-Antarctic. Meet the welcoming islanders of the Falklands and learn about their unique way of life on this remote region. Explore Stanley, the islands capital, with the quaint feel of a Scottish island. It was once a port for repairing ships after damaging Drake Passage voyages, or refueling steamships going around Cape Horn. It became something of a forgotten outpost once the Panama Canal opened and its residents became largely reliant on sheep farming. Today, fine Falkland wool is still regarded as among the best in the world. Meet some of the 2,500 residents, you'll find most of them travel abroad for their educations and return with new skills to further develop the islands to their true potential in a changing world. Walk in Shackleton's footsteps. Ernest Shackleton's famed Endurance expedition was beset by tragedy when he lost his ship in the Antarctic ice in 1914.

Through extraordinary leadership and dogged, relentless effort, none of his men were lost; all were saved in 1916. We'll visit the site where he landed after sailing across the Drake Passage in a lifeboat, as well as the now ruined whaling station he hiked to for help. Every day is exciting and engaging. You'll get out on adventures every day were in South Georgia and the Falklands. The Falklands are ideal for walking adventures, with some hikes ending in a cream tea served in the parlor of a welcoming farmhouse. In all locations, your expedition leader will enable daily Zodiac cruises and kayak expeditions too, sometimes twice a day - creating the opportunity for you to experience the wonders with all your senses, at water-level or eye-level. Days at sea offer engaging presentations from staff on history, photography, and more - or opt to



relax, too.

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Day 1 - Overnight Hotel in Santiago, Chile

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Arrive in Santiago. We check in to the fine Grand Hyatt Hotel, centrally located in Santiago, and have the morning to relax. Santiago is nearly surrounded by the Andes, which form an inspiring backdrop to our afternoon guided overview of this vibrant city. We explore the Plaza de Armas, the main square, and nearby Presidential Palace, enjoying wonderful views from the many hills that dot the city. (L)

Day 2 - Fly to Ushuaia, Argentina/Embark Ship

Today we fly by private charter flight to Ushuaia, Argentina and embark the Orion. This morning's charter flight will bring us over Patagonia before landing in Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. If the weather is fine, you'll have a chance to view the spectacular mountains rising out of the Beagle Channel as you enjoy lunch on a catamaran cruise. Then, you'll embark the expedition ship and set sail, (B,L,D)

Day 3 - At Sea In The South Atlantic

Settle into shipboard life, listening to informal discussions from our naturalist staff to prepare us for the wildness ahead in the Falklands. Spend time on deck and on the bridge, scanning for seabirds, notably the albatross. (B,L,D)

Day 4 - Falkland Islands

Each Falkland Island is a variation on the theme of topographical beauty with white-sand beaches, vaulting cliffs, windswept moors and the sunlit yellows and sage greens of waving tussock grass. The Falklands boast thousands of irresistible gentoo, rockhopper and Magellanic penguins, as well as herds of fur and elephant seals. (B,L,D)

Days 5 - 6 - At Sea

During our days at sea, we learn about the fascinating history of Antarctic exploration, as well as the flora, fauna and geology of South Georgia. A lookout is kept to identify the seabirds that follow us: wandering albatross, prions and black-browed albatross. (B,L,D)

Days 7 - 12 - South Georgia Island

Explore the spectacular coastline of South Georgia Island. In keeping with the nature of an expedition, our schedule is flexible with opportunities for walking, hiking, kayaking and Zodiac excursions. Leisurely circumnavigating the island, we plan to make stops every day including Grytviken, the final resting place of Shackleton, and Stromness Bay where Shackleton, Tom Crean and Frank Worsley finally reached aid at a whaling station. And, we visit a vast colony of tens of thousands of king penguins! (B,L,D)

Days 13 - 14 - At Sea

With whales beneath and birds above, head out on deck or up to the Bridge to observe expert navigation at work as our skilled Captain and officers sail these waters. There'll also be time to relax and enjoy a massage in the wellness center, work out in the gym, and browse in the library. (B,L,D)

Day 15 - Falkland Islands

Our journey across the South Atlantic Ocean takes us once more to the island archipelago that teems with nature and wildlife. Our visit to Port Stanley offers a chance to meet the hospitable locals, and stroll around this remote Victorian town. Take a last walk along the beautiful white-sand beaches, meander through tussock grass or sit atop a cliff and ponder the views. (B,L,D)

Day 16 - At Sea



One last chance to send emails home saying Dont want this to end. (B,L,D)

Day 17 - Ushuaia, Argentina/ Disembark/Santiago

Disembark in Ushuaia with time to explore before flying to Santiago by private charter. Connect to your flight home. (B,L)

Please Note:

All day-by-day breakdowns are a sampling of the places we intend to visit, conditions permitting.

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YOUR SHIP: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

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VESSEL TYPE:	Luxury Expedition
LENGTH:	103 metres
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	102 (in 53 cabins)
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	2003 / Refurbished 2014

Engineered for maximum comfort and safety, _Orion_ is equipped with the latest technology including large retractable stabilizers, sonar, radar, and an ice-strengthened hull. A shallow draft plus bow and stern thrusters provide the convenience of being able to maneuver close to shore. 14 Zodiacs ensure quick disembarkation and offer the ideal transport for up-close exploration. _National Geographic Orion_ meets strict specifications for environmental protection and the on board waste management systems meet the stringent Antarctic operational standards enabling us to travel to the most pristine environments. A host of advanced design features and technology ensures sustainable marine environmental practices. _National Geographic Orion_ accommodates 102 guests in 53 cabins, including several with balconies. She is spacious and modern, with a variety of public rooms that offer panoramic views of the passing landscape. Friendly and informal, _Orion_ fosters a welcoming atmosphere where like-minded guests share in exceptional experiences and enrichment. Her public rooms include a dramatic window-lined main lounge, as well as an observation lounge and library perched at the very top of the ship, with plentiful observation decks. The spacious lounge is

the heart of our expedition community, and is suited for spirited cocktail hours, informative presentations and our nightly tradition of Recap. In addition, a dedicated theater provides a unique setting for specialist presentations or films and slideshows. Both the main dining room and outside buffet easily accommodate all guests at once for open seating dining. On selected nights, weather permitting, our dining room menu is also available on the outside deck. While _Orion_ interiors are elegant, life aboard is always casual, with no need for formal clothing. And you'll find shipboard services like laundry, in-room cabled internet, and public-area wifi make packing and traveling more



convenient.

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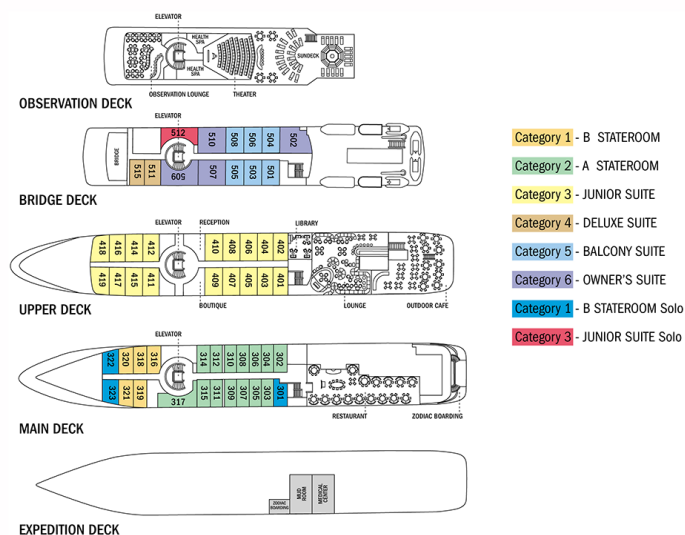
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