



SOUTH GEORGIA MICRO CRUISE

Sail into South Georgia 's untamed wilderness--a place of towering beauty, abundant wildlife, and ever-shifting light. We've crafted our longest-ever South Georgia expedition--a 15-day journey that takes you deep into one of the planet's most extraordinary and remote environments. Often called the Serengeti of the Southern Ocean, South Georgia teems with life in every season. Vast colonies of king penguins fill the shores, while elephant seals sprawl across the beaches and leopard seals prowl the icy shallows. Albatrosses soar effortlessly overhead, their immense wings cutting through the wind as glaciers glint in the distance. Whether it's the fresh vibrancy of summer, the golden calm of autumn, the stark drama of winter, or the crisp renewal of spring, South Georgia offers a raw, ever-changing spectacle of nature--wild, powerful, and unforgettable.



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Day 1 Port Stanley, Falkland Islands

Depart Port Stanley, Falkland Islands in the afternoon and set sail across the Scotia Sea toward South Georgia. Keep your eyes peeled high and low for wandering albatrosses that tend to glide alongside the ship and dolphins playing in the wake.

Days 2 - 3 Scotia Sea

Crossing the Scotia Sea is all part of the adventure. A time to spend time on deck with your camera and between these photographic moments, you'll have the chance to take in expert-led talks and workshops on photography and South Georgia's wildlife, history and geology.

By day 3, the first dramatic snow-covered peaks of South Georgia start to appear on the horizon.

Days 4 - 7 Dramatic coastlines and penguin colonies



We'll aim to explore South Georgia's rugged coastline, making daily Zodiac landings to discover its most spectacular wildlife.

With 450,000 king penguins, it's home to some of the planet's greatest concentrations. Our flexible schedule should take us to key colonies at St Andrew's Bay, Salisbury Plain, and Gold Harbour -- at the best times to capture these awe-inspiring moments.

[Days 8 - 12 Exploring sights others can't](#)

We aim to Zodiac cruise into South Georgia's wildest corners and photograph nesting albatrosses on Prion Island from the water.

At Cooper Bay, you might find macaroni penguins nestled in tussock grass, and also visit Grytviken, a historic whaling station and the final resting place of legendary explorer Ernest Shackleton. All while the remote, towering glaciers of Drygalski Fjord surround you in breathtaking, untamed beauty.

[Days 13 - 15 Reflecting, relaxing and connecting](#)

As we sail back to the Falkland Islands, you'll enjoy insightful lectures from our expert guides reflecting on the wildlife, history, and landscapes you've experienced in South Georgia. As well as keeping an eye out for wildlife in the open waters, this is a good time to unwind in the sauna, share stories, and connect with fellow photographers.

Upon arrival in Port Stanley, you'll disembark after breakfast, concluding an unforgettable expedition.

Please note:

We prefer to embrace spontaneity and make the most of every opportunity nature presents to us. This is how we believe a true, authentic expedition should run. After all, the thrill of adventuring into the unknown is more rewarding than a journey that runs on tracks!

So all our listed itineraries are for guidance only. The day-to-day activities may vary depending on the ice, the weather, and the wildlife. Landings are subject to site availability and permissions, and always in line with IAATO regulations.



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