

WHITE KINGS: SOUTH GEORGIA SPECIAL PHOTO TOUR

Early-season in South Georgia offers a side of the island that few travellers ever experience. We'll arrive as winter changes to spring, when frost still clings to the landscape, fresh snow dusts the mountains, and elephant seal bulls are locked in dramatic battles for dominance on the beaches. We'll aim to spend seven full days exploring South Georgia in depth, giving us time to experience its extraordinary wildlife, history, and scenery without rushing. Travelling before the main expedition season also means quieter landing sites, uncrowded beaches, and a genuine sense of exclusivity that's increasingly rare. This trip is a fully immersive photographic expedition, placing photography and wildlife at its very core. Paul's dynamic, hands-on approach ensures you're always learning, refining, and elevating your photography. Through onboard lectures, real-time guidance in the field, and honest, insightful critiques, you'll come away with sharper skills and stronger images. Each day is built around maximising your time behind the lens. You can expect to disembark twice daily (often three times on Paul's trips!), giving you unparalleled access to the wildlife and landscapes without hurry and without fighting for space. Whether you're capturing the vast king penguin colonies, albatross flying overhead, or the stark beauty of glacial ice, every outing is carefully planned to deliver the strongest photographic opportunities. Back onboard, the experience continues. You'll share images, exchange ideas, and review the day's work alongside like-minded photographers who share your passion and drive. It's a collaborative, inspiring environment where every guest is as committed to getting the shot as you are.



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Day 1 Port Stanley

Port Stanley, Falkland Islands

Embarkation day. Most guests fly into Mount Pleasant Airport, where the expedition team will meet you. Luggage is transferred directly to the vessel. We take a charter bus into Stanley together.

If you are already on the Falklands, join us at the Tourist Office from 15:00. The afternoon is yours -- the Maritime Museum, a walk along the waterfront, a pint at the Globe.

Aboard by 18:00 for mandatory safety briefings. That evening, the official start: welcome cocktail, dinner, first introductions.

Days 2-3 Southern Ocean



Southern Ocean

The Scotia Sea passage. Aureum's dynamic fin stabilisers keep the crossing manageable. Paul's photography workshops run alongside polar science lectures and personal accounts from the expedition team.

On day 3, we hope to cross the Antarctic Convergence and pass Shag Rocks - isolated jagged islets with exceptional concentrations of seabirds, seals, and whales. The first land since the Falklands. South Georgia is close.

Days 4 - 11 South Georgia

South Georgia

Eight days on the island, weather and opportunity deciding the order. Salisbury Plain, St Andrews Bay, Gold Harbour, Fortuna Bay, Cooper Bay, Drygalski Fjord among the objectives.

Wildlife meets you at the water's edge before the first landing and the sound of seven million penguins arrives before the sight does.

Stand at Salisbury Plain among 50,000 king penguins, or at St Andrews Bay among 200,000. Our flexible schedule should take us to key colonies at the best times for photography.

Days 12 - 14 At sea

Southern Ocean

The return crossing. Time to work back through the week's images with Paul before landfall.

We hope to reach the Falkland Islands during the second half of day 14. Conditions allowing, a final shore visit before the expedition draws to a close.

Day 15 Port Stanley

Disembarkation after breakfast. A briefing from local airport authorities on timings and procedures. The expedition team will organise the transfer to Mount Pleasant Airport.



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PASSENGER CAPACITY:

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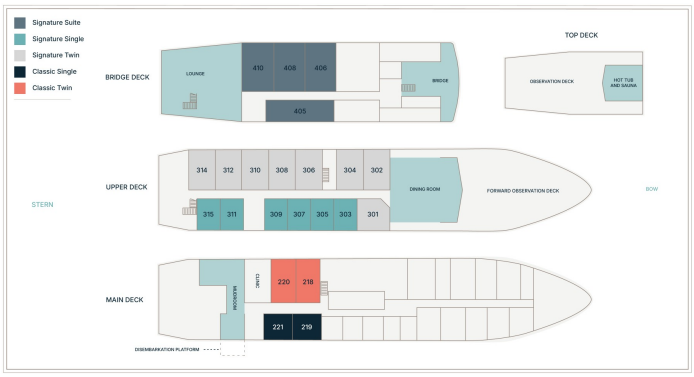
Accommodating just 36 guests, Aureum embodies everything that defines the Secret Atlas experience: small-ship exploration, exceptional flexibility, and a level of immersion that larger expedition vessels simply can't offer. Purpose-built for polar exploration, Aureum features a high ice class, allowing her to navigate through sea ice with confidence, along with wing stabilisers for enhanced comfort in open water. One of the features we're most excited about is her hybrid propulsion system. When conditions allow, we can switch off the engines and glide silently through the polar wilderness, experiencing the extraordinary stillness of the ice while watching whales and wildlife undisturbed. Onboard, you'll enjoy exceptional service alongside thoughtfully designed facilities, including a panoramic observation lounge and wellness centre with gym equipment, sauna, and outdoor hot tub. I particularly love the open bridge policy, so at any time you can watch the captain at work, ask questions, search for wildlife and feel in the heart of the expedition operations. With just 36 passengers onboard, MV Aureum is particularly well suited to solo travellers. You embark as strangers but often disembark as friends. Because the group is so small, you'll have the opportunity to meet everyone onboard, share the experience together and quickly become acquainted as one close



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