

— ANTARCTIC —

ADVENTURES

LUXURY SMALL SHIP VOYAGES ABOARD THE HEBRIDEAN SKY



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Dear Traveler,

For the last twenty years I've had the pleasure of working in this business we've come to call "adventure travel". It's given me the opportunity to explore extraordinary destinations, but it wasn't until 2003, when I visited Antarctica that I came upon the most magical place on earth; the world's last real wilderness. I have spent the ensuing ten years as a polar travel professional, and have returned to Antarctica many times, each time finding it more enchanting and compelling.


Over the years I had many conversations with colleagues about how to combine the best elements of polar travel, and in 2010 a group of like-minded polar professionals and I took these conversations a step further, and set out to create a new kind of company.

We decided early on that our mission would be to provide Antarctic travelers with "best in class" experiences. To that end we sought out the best guides, naturalists, and expedition crew members we had worked with over the years, and began persuading them to join us. At the same time we began an intensive search for the best possible vessel. There are many ways to encounter the Antarctic: From the deck of a small expeditionary ship, in a Zodiac or a kayak, or camping overnight along the shoreline. Our goal was to acquire a ship that would act as a platform for these experiences without sacrificing comfort and ease. Offering some activities, but not all was simply not an option.

I'm thrilled to say that Polar Latitudes has become the company we envisioned. Our vessel, the Hebridean Sky, boasts a level of comfort unmatched in polar waters. Our world-class polar team has developed programs for both first-time visitors and those returning for a deeper exploration, and our on-board staff stands ready to fulfill our mission, to create and lead superior polar expedition cruises with a focus on you, our guest.

On the following pages you'll find the particulars of what makes Polar Latitudes' voyages unique. I hope they will inspire you to join us. Our partners at J & H Tours will be happy to provide you with further details.

Sincerely,



John McKeon
President
Polar Latitudes



HEBRIDEAN SKY

INTRODUCING ONE OF THE FINEST SMALL SHIPS IN THE WORLD

Beginning in March of 2016 our ship Sea Explorer will undergo a multi-million dollar refit. When she emerges from dry dock in June of 2016 she will be re-christened as the Hebridean Sky.

Sea Explorer has always been known for her effortless elegance, impeccable service and atmosphere of charm and camaraderie. Hebridean Sky will continue that tradition, while adding a host of new amenities as well as state of the art stabilization, fuel efficiency, and upgraded communications systems. All accommodations and public spaces will be completely redecorated. The images on the following pages are artist's concepts of new decor; color schemes may vary.

IMPECCABLE SMALL SHIP AMENITIES

SERVICES

- World-Class Cuisine
- Complimentary Wine with Dinner
- Live Entertainment
- Complimentary Coffee/Tea station
- Voyage Photographer
- On-board MD and Facilities
- Dedicated Passenger Service Manager
- Pre-voyage hotel night
- Complimentary Expedition Jacket



Library

FACILITIES

- Elevator serving all passenger decks
- Upgraded WIFI Internet
- Library with computers
- Panoramic Top Deck Observation Platform
- Bar/Lounge with Live Entertainment
- Boot Room
- Lounge with Audiovisual Facilities
- DVD Movie Library



Dining on Deck

WORLD-CLASS CUISINE

Great expeditions require great food!

Our team of world-class chefs offer breakfast, lunch and dinner menus that change daily. They have boat-loads of creativity, so you are sure to experience a variety of remarkable cuisine throughout your voyage.



Main Dining Room

ACCOMMODATIONS



Penthouse



Veranda



Promenade



Deluxe



Window & Triple



Porthole



NEW THIS SEASON

Hebridean Sky features two new accommodation classes: An Owner's Suite located on the Penthouse Deck and Single Accommodations located on the Promenade Deck.

OWNER'S SUITE

Two room suite with sitting room and private bedroom.



Owner's Sitting room



Owner's Bedroom

ALL SUITES FEATURE

- Exterior views
- Your choice of queen or two twin beds
- Sitting area with sofa and side chair
- Flat Screen TV with DVD/CD player
- Telephone
- En-suite temperature controls
- Mini-Bar
- Marble-appointed bathroom with fine toiletries
- Hair dryer
- 225 SQ. FT. or more
- Sofa can be converted to bed for third person

OWNER'S, PENTHOUSE, VERANDA, DELUXE, PROMENADE & SINGLE ACCOMMODATIONS FEATURE

INCLUDE ALL STANDARD FEATURES PLUS:

- En suite Champagne & Chocolates on arrival
 - Complimentary mini-bar (beer, wine & soft drinks)
 - \$100 per person Gift Shop credit
 - En suite Nespresso machine
- Please Note: Veranda & Penthouse Suites include a private balcony; please view the deckplan for details.

SINGLE

With ensuite bath, queen size bed and window.



Single

For detailed specifications and rates see pages 22 & 23.

In The Footsteps of Ernest Shackleton

A CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS EPIC JOURNEY



Ernest Shackleton

What is now known as the “Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration” began in the late 19th century and closed in the early 20th century with Ernest Shackleton’s *Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition*. While many successful Antarctic “firsts” took place during that era, ironically it is Shackleton’s failed expedition, and the ensuing epic journey he embarked on to save his men, that continues to fascinate and inspire us to this day.

The expedition set sail for the Antarctic in August of 1914, and their ship the *Endurance* became beset in pack ice in January of 1915. After valiant attempts to free her Shackleton and his crew watched the ice break-up and sink the *Endurance*. After nearly six months of hardship on the ice, awaiting rescue, the crew went to sea in three salvaged lifeboats. One week later, on April 16, 1916, after enduring days and nights of freezing cold, stormy seas, and a debilitating lack of food and water, they landed on remote Elephant Island.

Realizing that no ship would ever find them, Shackleton and five others left Elephant Island aboard

the 23-foot lifeboat *James Caird* and sailed for South Georgia Island, 800 miles away across some of the roughest seas in the world. After 17 days in stormy seas, Shackleton and his crew miraculously arrived on the west coast of South Georgia island.

On May 20, 1916 having trekked continuously for 36 hours over the glacier-clad mountains that run down the center of South Georgia, Shackleton, Frank Worsley, and Second Officer Tom Crean arrived at Stromness whaling station, where they were able to arrange a rescue party, that eventually saved the lives of the entire crew.

SPECIAL GUESTS



Angie Butler

Director of Ice Tracks Expeditions, Angie was born and educated in Johannesburg, South Africa. She moved to London in her mid twenties and earned a degree in sculpture at the City and Guilds of London Art School. Angie became a sports journalist before moving into broader journalism and in particular travel writing and polar history. The highly acclaimed *The Quest for Frank Wild*, a biography of Shackleton’s right-hand man, followed her first book, *Ice Tracks—Today’s Heroic Age of Polar Adventure*.

When not fulfilling her passion for making tracks in the ice, she lives in Warwickshire, England with her husband, the sculptor, James Butler, and their five daughters.



Seb Coulthard

Seb is an award-winning sailor, engineer and explorer. Representing the Royal Navy as a tribute to Sir Ernest Shackleton’s leadership, Seb was appointed expedition engineer for the ‘Shackleton Epic Expedition’ the 2013 recreation of Shackleton’s epic voyage. A documentary of the expedition premiered on the Discovery Channel in the UK under

the title ‘Shackleton: Death or Glory’ and aired later in the US as ‘Chasing Shackleton’ on PBS.

In 2014, Seb founded Shackleton Legacy Ltd, a British registered company specializing in extreme cold weather expedition training, empirical expedition re-enactment, engineering solutions and public relations. Shackleton Legacy owns and operates the world’s most faithful seaworthy replica of Sir Ernest Shackleton’s legendary lifeboat.

SHACKLETON CENTENARY VOYAGE

ABOARD THE HEBRIDEAN SKY

October 30—Nov 20, 2016

DAY 1, BUENOS AIRES:

The capital of Argentina, the birthplace of Tango, the home of Asado, the “Paris of South America”, and the largest concentration of theaters in the world; Buenos Aires. The city is rich in culture and style and a vibrant gateway for our voyage.

DAY 2, EMBARKATION:

Arriving at the ship in the afternoon, you will be greeted by our Expedition Team and ship’s officers at a safety and orientation briefing followed by the Captain’s welcome dinner. Then, watch the city lights fade in the fresh night air as we sail seaward.

DAYS 3-5, SOUTHERN OCEAN:

Among the wildlife spotting opportunities as we sail south are the Albatrosses, Prions, and Petrels that frequently follow the ship. Our Expedition Team will be out on deck as well, looking for the whales and dolphins that may also be seen in the area. Our experts will begin the presentations with informative and entertaining talks on the wildlife, history, and geology of the Falkland Islands and Southern Ocean. Helpful briefings on environmental regulations and expedition safety will also be held in the comfortable lounge.

DAY 6, STANLEY, EAST FALKLANDS:

Chosen for its sheltered harbor and access to abundant fresh water and peat for fuel, Stanley is easy to discover on foot as most shops and services are centered on the port. The museum, the post office featuring first day covers, plenty of

shops with locally made wool items and Stanley’s lively pubs will all be available. It is possible to experience the wildlife of the Falklands from the town including Sea Lions and Peale’s and Commerson’s Dolphins in the harbor or bird life in nearby Gypsy Cove.

DAYS 7-8, SOUTHERN OCEAN:

There will be plenty of wildlife spotting as we make our way east across the Antarctic Convergence and officially enter Antarctic waters. Shipboard presentations will continue featuring the exciting history and abundant wildlife of South Georgia.

DAY 9, KING HAAKON BAY:

We plan to awake this morning in King Haakon Bay, the historic launching point of Shackleton’s treacherous traverse, of what was then an uncharted mountainous island. If weather and the authorities permit our landing, a private group of qualified climbers will go ashore to begin a three-day trek following in Shackleton’s footsteps. Assuming conditions permit, those of us not participating in the climb may enjoy a leisurely walk along the bay or explore the area via zodiac. We may see elephant seals, fur seals and king penguins on the beach as well as burrowing petrels and pipits in the tussock grasslands.

As we leave the island we’ll enter waters rich in Krill, so we’ll spend some time on deck, keeping an eye out for several species of whale that may be feeding here.





DAY 10, SALISBURY PLAIN / PRION ISLAND:

This morning we will visit the Salisbury Plain King Penguin colony. The colony boasts an estimated 60,000 breeding pairs, which swells to 250,000 individuals in total during molting season. The colony has had an extraordinary population increase over the last century; only 350 breeding pairs were counted at this site in 1912.

While we're lunching the ship will reposition to Prion Island, an important breeding site for the Wandering Albatross and the South Georgia Pipit. This landing requires a special permit, and is highly regulated, but is one of the few places in the world where we can view Wandering Albatross on their nests.

DAY 11, ST. ANDREW'S BAY / GRYTVIKEN:

After breakfast we will explore St. Andrew's Bay on South Georgia's exposed and rugged north coast. If conditions permit we will land and visit the island's largest King Penguin colony. In addition to King Penguins, St. Andrew's Bay is also home to over 6,000 Southern Elephant seal cows during the pupping season, making it one of the largest Elephant seal breeding beaches on the island.

In the afternoon we will arrive at Grytviken, and visit the final resting place of Ernest Shackleton, in the company of special guest, Angie Butler. While researching her recent book on Shackleton's "right-hand man" Frank Wild, Angie discovered Wild's misplaced ashes, and worked with Wild's family to have them brought to Grytviken, where they now rest on the right-hand side of Shackleton's gravesite. Grytviken means 'pot cove' in Norwegian and Swedish, and the site earned its name from the numerous sealers' try-pots (used for rendering seal or whale blubber) that have been found here. The ruins of Grytviken whaling station are at the head of the cove, surrounded by spectacular mountains.

After visiting the cemetery we'll have ample opportunity to explore the remains of the whaling station, as well as a museum that contains whaling photographs and artifacts. A post office, and a full size replica of the *James Caird* are located in a building adjacent to the museum. The Norwegian Church built in 1913 is only a short walk away.

DAY 12, FORTUNA BAY / STROMNESS:

This morning we'll explore Fortuna Bay. In addition to a good sized King Penguin colony, the bay is also home to over 6,000 Southern Elephant Seal cows during the pupping season, making it one of the largest Elephant Seal breeding beaches on the island. If conditions permit we will return to Fortuna after lunch for the "Shackleton Walk", recreating the final leg of Shackleton's historic journey by walking from Fortuna Bay to Stromness Bay. This is a moderately difficult walk, and those who prefer to stay onboard for the quick repositioning to Stromness, will find plenty to enjoy in its scenic beauty, historic buildings, and abundant wildlife. Those who choose not to do the walk may appreciate a stroll to the beautiful Shackleton Waterfall located at the end of the valley.

After reuniting with the traverse team at Stromness, we'll return to the ship to toast them and hear more about their adventures.

DAY 13, GOLD HARBOR / COOPER BAY:

This morning we'll discover Gold Harbor, one of the most stunning sites in all of South Georgia. At the head of the bay is the spectacular Bertrab Glacier, which hangs over vertical cliffs. Gold Harbor is home to both Gentoo and King Penguin colonies. Elephant Seals dominate the beaches while Southern Giant Petrels constantly patrol the site for feeding opportunities.

In the afternoon we'll visit Cooper Bay, home to the only Macaroni Penguin colony that is reasonably accessible by boat. We'll either land on a small beach or cruise in zodiacs to catch a glimpse of this notoriously difficult to view penguin species. If landing is possible access to the Macaroni colony does involve climbing up a steep, tussock covered slope, littered with Fur Seals. Chinstrap Penguins are also prevalent at this site.

DAYS 14-15, AT SEA





DAYS 16-19, ANTARCTICA & SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS:

Early on the morning of Day 16 we will pass by Elephant Island, and if conditions allow, we will zodiac cruise or land on this exposed and remote local. Our focus will be the site where Shackleton's party beached, after *Endurance* sank in the Weddell Sea. Twenty-two men remained here, living under a lifeboat, while Shackleton and two companions took the *James Caird* and sailed for South Georgia.

After four months, on August 30, 1916, Shackleton returned to rescue his men with the vessel *Yelcho*. A bronze bust of the *Yelcho's* Captain, Luis Pardo Villalon, can be seen within the Chinstrap Penguin colony.

In 2013 a group of explorers and filmmakers set out from the same spot, in an effort to replicate Shackleton's journey using only the equipment and gear available to the original group. Our special guest Seb Coulthard, was the expedition engineer on this project and will have many tales to tell, about both the original expedition and the 2013 recreation.

For the rest of the journey our Expedition Leader and Captain will create a flexible itinerary based on weather, ice, and opportunity. The route will stress the most scenic bays and channels of the Peninsula with stops at penguin rookeries, seal wallows, bird colonies and whale feeding areas as well as sites of historic and scientific interest. The trip may include picturesque Neko Harbor, sheltered Paradise Harbor, the

Humpback Whale favored Wilhelmina Bay, the striking Lemaire Channel, the wildlife-filled Penola Channel, or the majestic Neumayer Channel. We may stop at an active scientific base such as Poland's Arctowski or Ukraine's Vernadskiy as well as an historic base such as U.K.'s Port Lockroy or Wordie House. Adelie, Chinstrap and Gentoo Penguins abound, and Weddell, Crabeater and Elephant Seals are often found hauled out to rest along with predatory Leopard Seals and the aggressive Antarctic Fur Seal. Minke and Humpback Whales are frequent visitors in the late season and Orca sightings are also common.

DAYS 20-21, DRAKE PASSAGE:

We will continue our presentation series and wildlife spotting as we sail back to Ushuaia and reflect on beautiful Antarctica and its fragile future. We arrive at Ushuaia in the early hours of Day 22.

DAY 22, USHUAIA DISEMBARKATION:

Morning disembarkation allows you to catch a flight homeward or extend your stay in Ushuaia, for more sights and adventure.



FALKLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA & ANTARCTICA

VIA USHUAIA

DAY 1, USHUAIA:

Enjoy the Argentinean leather markets and succulent lamb dishes that make Patagonia famous as you explore the southernmost town in the world. Highlights of Ushuaia include an award-winning museum and trips to nearby Tierra del Fuego National Park and its popular “Train at the End of the World”.

DAY 2, EMBARKATION:

Arriving at the ship in the afternoon, you will be greeted by our Expedition Team and ship’s officers at a safety and orientation briefing followed by the Captain’s welcome dinner. After dinner, relax and take in the mountainous scenery on our early evening sail down the Beagle Channel past Magellanic penguin, Rock Cormorant, and Sea Lion colonies.

DAY 3, SOUTHERN OCEAN:

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DAY 4, WEST FALKLANDS:

The western most settled outposts in the Falklands are remote farms that have been family-owned for six and seven generations. The sheep graze alongside Albatross colonies and Rockhopper, King, and Macaroni penguin rookeries while striated caracaras patrol overhead and upland geese graze at the water's edge. A visit to one of these homesteads often includes an invitation for cakes and a cup of tea.

DAY 5, STANLEY, EAST FALKLAND:

Chosen for its sheltered harbor and access to abundant fresh water and peat for fuel, Stanley is easy to discover on foot as most shops and services are centered on the port. The museum, the post-office featuring first day covers, plenty of shops with locally made wool items and Stanley's lively pubs will all be available. It is possible to experience the wildlife of the Falklands from the town, including sea lions and Peale's and Commerson's dolphins in the harbor or bird life in nearby Gypsy Cove.

DAY 6-7, SOUTHERN OCEAN:

There will be plenty of wildlife spotting as we make our way east across the Antarctic Convergence and officially enter Antarctic waters. Shipboard presentations will continue featuring the exciting history and abundant wildlife of South Georgia.

DAY 8-11, SOUTH GEORGIA:

Its unique position inside the Antarctic Convergence yet outside the limit of the yearly sea ice makes this 3,755 square kilometer island home to tens of millions of breeding penguins, seals and seabirds. Magnificent mountain scenery, glaciers galore, a rugged coastline punctuated with castellate and tabular icebergs, a rich historical tapestry, and an astounding array of wildlife are all available to us as we travel down South Georgia's leeward coast. Landing sites feature huge Elephant seals, aggressive Fur seals, Macaroni penguins, Albatross, Petrels, Skuas, and gulls. King penguins from fuzzy little chicks to fattened adults can be seen in the hundreds of thousands. We plan to visit historic Grytviken whaling station, home of the whaling museum, Norwegian seaman's church, the active British Antarctic Survey station plus the tiny graveyard where the great Antarctic explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton is buried.

DAY 12-13, SCOTIA SEA:

Heading farther south, we continue our informative presentations and wildlife watch as the icebergs become more and more plentiful.



DAY 14-17, ANTARCTIC PENINSULA AND SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS:

The land of superlatives, Antarctica! Our Expedition Leader and Captain will create a flexible itinerary based on weather, ice, and opportunity. Approaching the Antarctic Peninsula from the east we cross the northern boundary of the Weddell Sea; this large cold body of water rotates clockwise driving cold water and ice north towards South Georgia and the South Orkney Islands. Large tabular icebergs born in the Weddell drift north into our path while the ocean currents drive nutrients from the deep, feeding countless species of marine animals. Large groups of whales are common, along with scores of seabirds thriving off the bounty the Weddell provides. Our route will stress the most scenic bays and channels of the Peninsula with stops at penguin rookeries, seal wallows, bird colonies and whale feeding areas as well as sites of historic and scientific interest. The trip may include picturesque Neko Harbor, sheltered Paradise Harbor, Wilhelmina Bay (a favorite of Humpback whales!), or the majestic Neumayer Channel. We may stop at an active scientific base such as Poland's Arctowski or a historic base such as U.K.'s Port Lockroy or Wordie House. Adelie, Chinstrap and Gentoo penguins abound, and Weddell, Crabeater and Elephant seals are often found hauled out to rest along with predatory Leopard seals and the aggressive Antarctic Fur seal. Minke and Humpback whales are frequent visitors in the late season and Orca sightings are also common.

DAY 18-19, DRAKE PASSAGE:

We will continue our lecture series and wildlife spotting as we sail back to Ushuaia and reflect on beautiful Antarctica and its fragile future.

DAY 20, USHUAIA DISEMBARKATION:

Morning disembarkation lets you catch a flight to Buenos Aires or stay in Ushuaia for more sights and adventure.

Please see pages 22 & 23 for detailed information on rates and dates.



THE ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

All Departures 2016-2017

The shortest of our three itineraries, 12 day Antarctic Peninsula offers an abundance of wildlife viewing opportunities as well as possible stops at active scientific or historic bases.

DAY 1, USHUAIA:

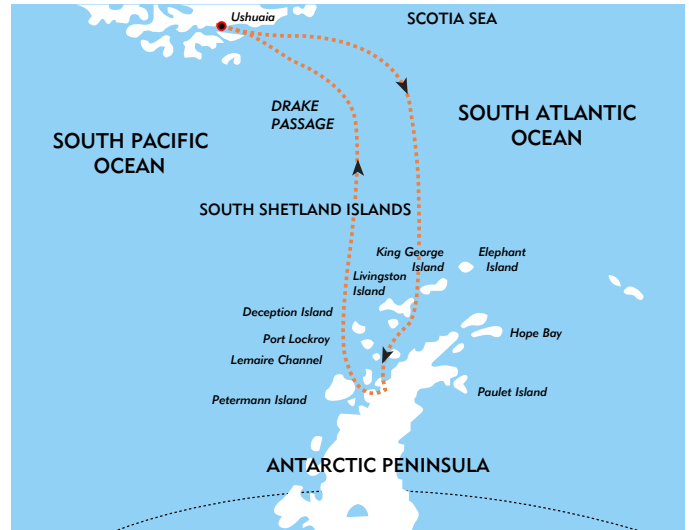
Arrive in Ushuaia anytime today. Your day is free to relax, or enjoy the Argentinean leather markets and succulent lamb dishes that make Patagonia famous as you explore the southernmost town in the world. Our optional evening briefing is a great opportunity for you to ask questions and to meet some of your fellow travelers.

DAY 2, EMBARKATION:

Morning free to explore Ushuaia until our mid-afternoon transfer to the ship, where you will be greeted by our Expedition Team and ship's officers at a safety and orientation briefing followed by the Captain's welcome dinner. After dinner, relax and take in the mountainous scenery on our early evening sail down the Beagle Channel past Magellanic penguin, Rock Cormorant, and Sea Lion colonies.

DAYS 3-4, DRAKE PASSAGE:

Among the wildlife spotting opportunities as we sail south are the Albatrosses, Prions, and Petrels that frequently follow the ship. Our Expedition Team will be out on deck as well, looking for the whales and dolphins that may also be seen in the area. Our experts will begin the presentation series with informative and entertaining presentations on the wildlife, history, and geology of Antarctica. Helpful briefings on environmental regulations and expedition safety will also be held in the comfortable presentation hall. The length of our journey depends on sea conditions, but we should approach the South Shetland Islands of the Antarctic Peninsula in the evening of Day 4.



DAYS 5-9, ANTARCTICA:

The land of superlatives, Antarctica! Our Expedition Leader and Captain will create a flexible itinerary based on weather, ice, and opportunity. The route will stress the most scenic bays and channels of the Peninsula with stops at penguin rookeries, seal wallows, bird colonies and whale feeding areas as well as sites of historic and scientific interest. The trip may include picturesque Neko Harbor, sheltered Paradise Harbor, the Humpback whale favored Wilhelmina Bay, the striking Lemaire Channel, the wildlife-filled Penola Channel, or the majestic Neumayer Channel. We may stop at an active scientific base such as Poland's Arctowski or Ukraine's Vernadskiy as well as an historic base such as U.K.'s Port Lockroy or Wordie House. Adelie, Chinstrap and Gentoo penguins abound, and Weddell, Crabeater and Elephant seals are often found hauled out to rest along with predatory Leopard seals and the aggressive Antarctic Fur seal. Minke and Humpback whales are frequent visitors in the late season and Orca sightings are also common.



DAYS 10-11, DRAKE PASSAGE:

We will continue our presentation series and wildlife spotting as we sail back to Ushuaia and reflect on beautiful Antarctica and its fragile future. We arrive at Ushuaia in the early hours of Day 12.

DAY 12, USHUAIA DISEMBARKATION:

Morning disembarkation lets you catch a flight to Buenos Aires or stay in Ushuaia for more sights and adventure.

Please see pages 22 & 23 for detailed information on rates and dates.

ADVENTURE OPTIONS

ENRICH YOUR EXPERIENCE, GLIDE AMONGST THE ICEBERGS, SLEEP UNDER THE STARS.

KAYAKING

If you've savored the peaceful feeling of floating through nature that can only be found in a kayak, you're going to love kayaking in Antarctica. As in all activities on the peninsula, we take advantage of good weather, and put our kayaks into calm protected waters, in what are indisputably some of the most beautiful settings on earth.

You won't need to bring any special gear. You supply the passion and a bit of basic kayaking competency and we'll provide everything else, including kayaks, dry suits and pogies. The number of kayaking opportunities will vary based on the length of your itinerary and the weather. Our Expedition Leader and kayaking guide team will evaluate the opportunities at each landing site, and put-in as often as they determine is safely possible. Complete details are available from your travel agent.

Who Can Participate?

Any passenger age 12 or over, in good health and with basic paddling experience is welcome to participate in the kayaking option.

What Experience Level Is Required?

Basic paddling experience is highly recommended. Participants should be capable of getting in and out of a kayak, doing a wet exit (not that we ever expect to need this), and performing forward and back strokes. Prior to each excursion the kayak guides will clearly explain the upcoming outing and expected conditions so paddlers can make informed decisions as to participation.

Is There A Participant Limit?

We can accommodate 16 participants per voyage.
Sign up early — the kayak option fills quickly!



How Often Will We Paddle?

At each landing site that offers appropriate conditions we will offer the activity after a short briefing by the kayak team. We will make every effort to paddle as often as possible, but weather, sea, ice, and other conditions may preclude this. The Expedition Leader and kayak guides are the ultimate authorities on this.

What Is Included?

- Kayaks — we offer a mix of tandems and singles
- Dry suits
- Paddles
- Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs)
- Pogies (neoprene gloves)
- Booties.

What Do Passengers Need To Supply?

Very little beyond enthusiasm, basic skills, flexibility, and an honest appraisal of experience and health conditions.

Participants will need to bring proper personal clothing as noted in our supplied preparation notes.

You might also want to bring a waterproof camera or a dry bag.





CAMPING

After a full day and delicious dinner onboard, jump back in the Zodiacs and head ashore for a night of camping in Antarctica! Enjoy the sounds of the waves and brash ice on the beach, the creaking of the glaciers, maybe even the blow of a passing whale. Warm and cozy in your sleeping bag under the midnight sun, you will be breathing the cleanest air in the most beautiful place on the planet.

Get a taste of Antarctica as it was experienced by the early explorers, knowing that in the morning a hot shower and a hearty breakfast, await you on board the luxurious Hebridean Sky. Camping is available on all Antarctic Peninsula Voyages. No special skills are required and all equipment is provided by Polar Latitudes. Complete details are available from your travel agent.

Who Can Participate?

Anyone with an adventurous spirit and a willingness to rough-it for a night. Sleeping on the ice in Antarctica is the ultimate camping experience!

How Often Will We Camp?

Camping is limited to one night per voyage and is only available on Antarctic Peninsula Voyages.

What Is Included?

We provide the following camping equipment:

- Insulated sleeping bag, rated to -20° F (-29° C). We do not expect temperatures below 10° F, but warmer bags ensure your comfort overnight.
- Sleeping bag liner

- One dry-bag for pillow and change of dry clothes
- 4-season mountaineering tents
- A limited number of mountaineering bivy sacks (optional, if a few individuals wish to sleep out)
- Insulated sleeping pads

We will also provide one portable toilet for the group. True darkness during the polar summer is limited or absent, so a headlamp or flashlight is not required equipment; though you may wish to bring a light on trips departing after February 1, when the night sun is less powerful.

What Do Passengers Need To Supply?

To take part in the camping program, you must be appropriately dressed. Details of the recommended clothing are listed in our preparatory material.

For detailed rate and date information on all activities please see page 22.

Note: Space on Adventure Activities is limited, and typically sells-out prior to departure.

A DAY IN ANTARCTICA ABOARD THE HEBRIDEAN SKY

In Antarctica there is no such thing as a “typical” day, so we’ve done our best to give you a taste of life onboard the Hebridean Sky.

5:00 AM

Our Captain has positioned the ship overnight and we awake to a breathtaking panorama. The sun has already been up for several hours, but early-risers are just beginning to stir, some are headed to the club, where a fresh pot of pre-breakfast coffee and sweet rolls are waiting. Meanwhile the Expedition Staff is readying the Zodiacs and equipment for the morning’s adventure.

7:30 - 9:00

Buffet breakfast service in the main dining room includes a sumptuous assortment of cooked and continental items, including crispy bacon, eggs to your liking, oatmeal, fresh rolls, toast, cold cuts, condiments, fresh fruits and a selection of juices. Coffee and a variety of teas are served at your table. The hour and a half long service allows everyone to arrive and dine at his or her own pace. Soon after breakfast most are eager and ready to participate in the day’s activities.

9:30 - 12:30

Life in Antarctica is dynamic and daily programs are, of course, adapted to fit the weather conditions. Today the conditions are perfect, and it’s time to don outdoor gear and partake in a shore landing. Some of us go directly to shore to visit a Chinstrap penguin rookery, others take a more casual route; “Zodiac cruising” in search of Leopard seals and whales which abound in this area. Antarctica is a photographer’s dream location and many of us are furiously filling our cameras with once in a lifetime shots and wishing we had brought spare memory cards!



12:30 - 14:00

Full lunch service commences in the main dining room and a light buffet is offered in the bar. In the dining room the choices are extensive; a selection of salads and condiments along with hot appetizer dishes are available buffet style.



A daily changing set menu is also offered which includes a soup and selection of four entrees, including vegetarian and healthy dining options. The energy expended on our shore excursion offers a ready excuse to indulge in the tempting confections prepared by our onboard pastry chef, and many take full advantage.

14:30 - 17:30

While lunch was being served our captain has positioned us at our next landing site. Back to shore we go to visit an historic British research base, now preserved as it was decades ago. Here we can get an authentic Antarctic stamp in our passports.

Upon return to the ship many of us gather in the lounge to share stories and pictures. But this is interrupted by announcements over the P.A. system that a pod of Orcas has been spotted. The outside decks quickly fill with onlookers and the photographers are once again snapping away. The decision is made to lower the Zodiacs and gain a closer look. All this is done with streamlined precision from the expedition staff and ship’s crew. The Zodiacs are on the water and before long boat loads of guests are in awe of the Orcas a short distance away. Strangely all is quiet as if this wonder of nature has left the guests speechless.

All this has been going on under the watchful eye of a small group that have stayed on board to view the Orcas from the comfort of the ship’s lounge. The lounge opens in the late morning and provides an ideal space to relax, enjoy live music, and meet new friends.

18:30

The Expedition Team and the passengers now meet for the daily re-cap. We will review the day’s activities; confirm wildlife sightings, and exchange stories and adventures. We will also review the proposed landings and activities for tomorrow.

19:30 - 21:00

Entering the main dining room on Magellan Deck you can instantly tell the chefs have been busy. A pleasant aroma of fresh herbs and smiling wait-staff greet our expeditioners.

A subtle transformation has taken place and what had been a group of guests onboard a polar cruise, has become a band of expeditioners, who have braved the elements together, and have begun unraveling the mysteries of Antarctica. Easy smiles and laughter abound, heralding their new-found camaraderie.

A complimentary selection of wines and beer are being offered, and here and there the festive sound of champagne corks popping marks celebratory splurges taking place around the room. The happy hubbub begins to die down as everyone settles into the serious business of deciding which entrée they will select to follow their appetizer and soup courses. Tonight's offerings of seafood, meat, and vegetarian main course dishes all sound delicious, so the decision will not be an easy one. On top of that the Pastry Chef will soon be tempting them with something decadent. Hand-made chocolates and a selection of cheeses accompanied by dessert wine will follow.

After dinner many will retire to their cabins or to the lounge to upload and edit photos on their laptops. Some will meet in the bar to share stories over a nightcap, or gather round the piano, and others will head out to the deck to enjoy the passing scenery before heading off to bed.

It's been another great day in Antarctica.





ANTARCTICA THROUGH THE SEASON

Expedition Ships begin visiting Antarctica in late October or early November (the Antarctic spring) and continue through late February or early March (the Antarctic Fall). While there is an abundance of wildlife and natural beauty throughout the season, changes in the weather and the currents affect the both the landscape and the wildlife.



EARLY SEASON

In October and November, the pack ice begins to break up, and the landscape is pristine with plenty of fresh snow. It's mating season for the penguins and other birds. Adélie, Chinstrap and Gentoo penguins and other seabirds return to their breeding sites. You're likely to witness courtship displays, nest building and egg tending.

In South Georgia Elephant seals and Fur seals are mating, and King penguins are laying their eggs. Parents can be seen "carrying" eggs on their feet so that one parent can shuffle around the colony while the other adult goes out to sea to feed.



The early season, Antarctica is at its most pristine.

HIGH SEASON

In December and January, the height of the Austral Summer the Sun is up 18 to 20 hours a day so photo opportunities and sightings of all sorts abound. Penguin chicks are hatching, and you'll likely see them chasing after any adult penguin that is carrying food. Whale sightings of baleen and toothed whales along the Antarctic Peninsula increase and seal pups can be sighted on the beaches in South Georgia.

Some 30 days after hatching, penguin chicks can be found in "crèches," resembling a nursery of sorts, which leaves both of their tired and hungry parents free to rest and hunt for food.



LATE SEASON

February and March: Sightings of whales are at their peak in the Peninsula. An increasing number of Fur seals can be found along the Peninsula and offshore islands; young Fur seals are also quite playful in South Georgia.

Penguin colonies are very active. The penguin chicks begin their molt, losing their fuzzy down and developing their adult plumage. By now, the parents have abandoned their chicks, and have gone out to sea to feed and fatten up for their own molting stage. Most colonies (Adélie, Chinstrap and Gentoo) are nearly vacated by early March.



HEBRIDEAN SKY RATES & DATES 2016–2017

THE ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

DEPART	DISEMBARK	TRIPLE	PORTHOLE	WINDOW	PROMENADE	SINGLE	DELUXE	VERANDA	PENTHOUSE	OWNER'S
November 19, 2016	November 30, 2016	\$6,995	\$8,495	\$9,995	\$10,395	\$12,595	\$10,695	\$11,795	\$12,995	\$14,995
January 15, 2017	January 26, 2017	\$9,495	\$10,995	\$12,495	\$12,995	\$16,295	\$13,395	\$15,295	\$17,295	\$19,995
February 12, 2017	February 23, 2017	\$9,495	\$10,995	\$12,495	\$12,995	\$16,295	\$13,395	\$15,295	\$17,295	\$19,995

THE FALKLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA & ANTARCTICA

DEPART	DISEMBARK	TRIPLE	PORTHOLE	WINDOW	PROMENADE	SINGLE	DELUXE	VERANDA	PENTHOUSE	OWNER'S
October 30, 2016	November 20, 2016	\$13,995	\$16,195	\$17,995	\$18,495	\$22,595	\$18,895	\$20,995	\$23,995	\$26,995
November 30, 2016	December 18, 2016	<i>Confirmed Charter</i>								
December 18, 2016	January 16, 2017	<i>Confirmed Charter</i>								
January 25, 2017	February 13, 2017	\$15,595	\$17,995	\$19,995	\$20,595	\$24,995	\$20,995	\$22,995	\$25,995	\$28,995
February 22, 2017	March 13, 2017	\$13,995	\$16,195	\$17,995	\$18,495	\$22,595	\$18,895	\$20,995	\$23,995	\$26,995

Please Note:

The October 30th, 2016 departure embarks from Buenos Aires and disembarks in Ushuaia. All other departures embark and disembark in Ushuaia.

EARLY BOOKING INCENTIVE

Bookings on Window Suite and higher suite categories are eligible for a \$1,500 per person incentive. Booking must be confirmed with deposit by Dec 31, 2015.

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Have three people in your party? Each suite has a sofa, which converts to a bed suitable for persons up to 5'10" in height. *Rates vary by category, please enquire.*

ADVENTURE OPTIONS

KAYAKING

Available on all Voyages: \$695
Please sign up at time of booking.
Adventure Option space is limited.

CAMPING

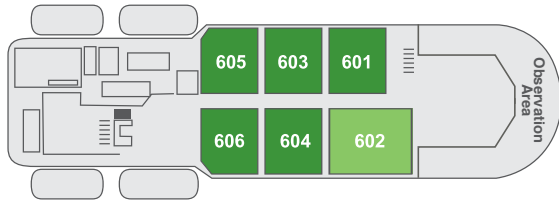
Available on all *Antarctic Peninsula* Voyages: \$125

IMPORTANT DETAILS

The dates & prices, for all of the itineraries listed above, include a pre-departure hotel night at the port of embarkation. Trip lengths include the day you arrive and the day on which you disembark. Prices quoted are per-person based on double/triple occupancy. Please note that the third berth in a triple suite is suitable for passengers up to 5'10" in height.

MS HEBRIDEAN SKY DECK PLAN

PENTHOUSE DECK



■ **Owner's Suite** 385 SQ. FT. (35.7 m²)

(INCLUDING A 110 SQ. FT. (10.2 m²) BALCONY)

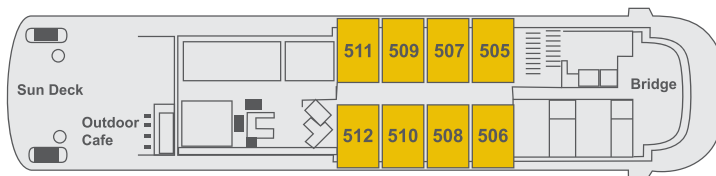
Two room suite with sitting room and private bedroom.

■ **Penthouse Suites** 325 SQ. FT. (30 m²)

(INCLUDING AN 80 SQ. FT. (7.4 m²) BALCONY)

Suites with private balcony and sitting area.

VERANDA DECK

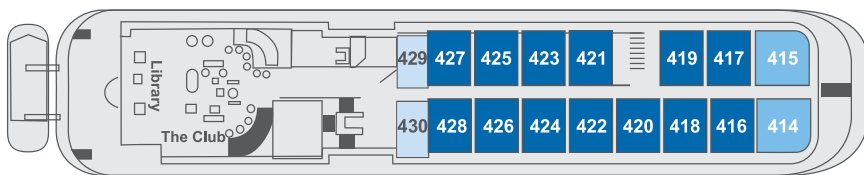


■ **Veranda Suites** 260 SQ. FT. (24 m²)

(INCLUDING A 40 SQ. FT. (3.7 m²) BALCONY)

Suites with private balcony and sitting area.

PROMENADE DECK



■ **Deluxe Suites** 240 SQ. FT. (22 m²)

Suites with forward and side windows and sitting area.

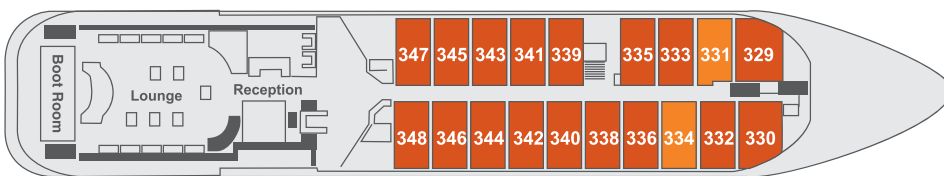
■ **Promenade Suites** 220 SQ. FT. (20.4 m²)

Suites with window and sitting area.

■ **Single Accommodations** 118 SQ. FT. (11 m²)

With ensuite bath, queen size bed and window.

DECK 3



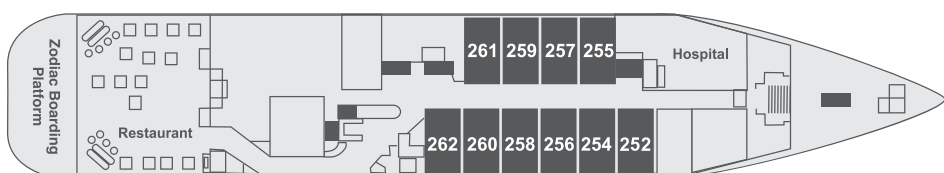
■ **Window Suites** 225 SQ. FT. (21 m²)

Suites with window and sitting area.

■ **Triple Suites** 225 SQ. FT. (21 m²)

Suites with window and sitting area. Please note that the third berth in the triple suite is suitable for passengers up to 5'10" in height.

DECK 2



■ **Porthole Suites** 240 SQ. FT. (22 m²)

Suites with porthole and sitting area.

As of October 6th, 2015



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