

23 DAYS | MS FRAM  
January 29 – February 20, 2027



# In-Depth Antarctica, Falklands & South Georgia Expedition Cruise



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## Day 1: The sights of Santiago de Chile

Welcome to Santiago, Chile's bustling capital. With its colonial-era architecture, award-winning restaurants, and fascinating museums, it's the perfect place to start your expedition cruise. There's a lot to see, from the Mercado Central market to the Plaza de Armas and the Presidential Palace. Check out the Sky Costanera, which offers panoramic views of the city from 1,000 feet up.

We recommend arriving a few days early and joining one of our optional Pre-Programs.

## Day 2: Board your expedition cruise in Punta Arenas

You'll have an early start today, as we depart Santiago and fly to Punta Arenas, Chile's southernmost port. Your expedition ship awaits. Once on board, get settled in, explore the ship, and meet your Expedition Team.

As well as being your guides, hosts, and local experts, they're also your travel companions for the next three weeks. Friendly and welcoming, they'll answer any questions you may have during your Antarctic adventure.

## Day 3: Through the Strait of Magellan

With our course set for the Falkland Islands, soak up the mesmerising views all around you as you cruise through the Strait of Magellan. You can take in the scenery from the deck, the outdoor hot tub or the panoramic Explorer Lounge & Bar.

You can also join your Expedition Team in the onboard Science Center to listen to lectures, participate in Citizen Science projects and more. Whether it's marine biology, Antarctic survival,

oceanography or photography, your Expedition Team offers fascinating insights into the places you'll see on your journey, and you'll feed off their enthusiasm.

## Day 4-6: Enjoy birding and hiking in these green islands

The Falkland archipelago is filled with seamless horizons and white sands teeming with birdlife. Only the occasional farm dots the landscape. You'll find grassy hills and wildflowers, in contrast to the vast whiteness of Antarctica to come. You'll also enjoy a community walk of Stanley, taking in the Jubilee Villas gardens, Christ Church Cathedral and the Historic Dockyard Museum.

Our landings, hikes and excursions are, as always, guided by the conditions. We hope to visit albatross and penguin colonies, which are often found sharing space with seals, and getting as close as we can without disturbing them.



### **Day 7-8: Cruising the South Atlantic**

Sailing from the Falklands, we spend two days cruising towards beautiful South Georgia. You can look forward to seeing an archipelago filled with diverse wildlife.

Meet up with the Expedition Team as they prepare you for what lies ahead. They'll tell you everything they know about South Georgia, including the area's wildlife, polar history, geology, glaciology, and stories of Norwegian whalers.

Learn how to explore safely and responsibly, and take part in Citizen Science projects supporting global research.

### **Day 9-12: Visit a wildlife watcher's paradise**

South Georgia's abundant wildlife has earned it the nickname 'Serengeti of the Southern Ocean'. Its unique position free from sea ice makes the island a breeding site for large colonies of penguins, other seabirds and seals. In fact, it's an Important Bird Area, home to albatrosses, petrels, shags, skuas and terns.

You'll spend four days exploring this remarkable area. We'll also try to reach Grytviken, the final resting place of Antarctic explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton. We're always guided by nature, responding to daily conditions to bring you the best possible experience.

While our itineraries are always flexible, they're even more so during peak breeding seasons when the wildlife is most vulnerable to disturbance. When it'd safe to do so, we'll wildlife watch. When our presence could disturb the animals, we'll choose another place to visit and as always, these decisions are made by your Expedition Team and are based on lifetimes of combined experience in these destinations. Sometimes we'll land, sometimes we'll cruise, it's all part of the adventure!

### **Day 13-15: Time to relax and reflect**

After visiting the Falklands and South Georgia, take some time while we head towards Antarctica to relax and reflect on your journey so far. Antarctica is a symbol of global cooperation, dedicated to peace, science and wildlife conservation. Protected by the Antarctic Treaty, it remains free of military conflict, preserving its pristine environment for future generations. As a hub for scientific research on climate change and ecosystems, it offers unique insights into nature's resilience. Why not join one of our Citizen Science programmes to help collect data for global research projects.

### **Day 16-19: Experience Antarctica in all its majesty**

Nothing prepares you for your first sight of Antarctica's immense, frozen beauty. Icebergs, sculpted by nature, float in the straits. Gentoo, Chinstrap and Adélie Penguins watch erect from the shores. Countless seabirds wheel overhead. Nature is in charge.

You'll spend four exciting days exploring several possible landing sites, on and around the Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands. Wherever we go and whatever we do, each day will offer something different and thrilling.

We might sail into a flooded volcanic caldera or land in icy bays, where remnants of whaling paraphernalia lie abandoned. You may also get a chance to go kayaking among icebergs and seals, or snowshoe to a stunning viewpoint.

Bird enthusiasts should look skywards for Antarctic seabirds such as skuas, petrels and terns. Through onboard lectures and onshore talks, you'll learn more about this precious habitat and how we can all protect it for the future

### **Day 20-22: Looking for land ahead**

As we say goodbye to the frozen continent, MS Fram turns to take you north over the Drake Passage and towards Punta Arenas.

This is the perfect time to go through your pictures and relive your experiences in the Falklands, South Georgia, and Antarctica. Enjoy the onboard comforts. Relax in the hot tubs or panoramic sauna or unwind in our Explorer Lounge & Bar.

When the Drake Passage is behind us, we'll enter the scenic Beagle Channel, surrounded by mountains plunging straight into the icy water. Watch for Patagonian wildlife as we sail through this wild and remote area.

### **Day 23: Onward from Punta Arenas**

Your Antarctica and Patagonia expedition cruise comes to an end in Punta Arenas. From here, you'll catch a flight to Santiago de Chile and then your connecting flight home, taking with you a wealth of fantastic memories.

If you're not ready to end your adventures just yet, we recommend extending your trip and joining our optional Post-Program.

#### **For more information:**

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# What's Included

## Flights

- Flights in economy class between Santiago de Chile and Punta Arenas

## Hotel

- Overnight in Santiago de Chile before the expedition cruise, including breakfast

## Transfers

- Transfer from the hotel to the airport in Santiago de Chile before the expedition cruise
- Transfers between the Punta Arenas airport and the ship

## Expedition Cruise

- A stay in a cabin of your choice
- Daily breakfast, lunch, and dinner
- Wine, beer, and spirits available at meals and throughout the day and evening (subject to licensing laws; excludes premium drinks)
- All day coffee, tea, and soft drinks
- Fine dining in restaurant Lindstrøm included for suite guests
- A complimentary Ocean Bottle water bottle to refill on board and take home
- A wind and waterproof expedition jacket

- Professional photos from your trip taken by our onboard photographer
- Complimentary Wi-Fi. Please note, streaming is not supported.
- Use of sauna, hot tubs, fitness room, lounges, and more
- Gratuities included. Fantastic service is standard at HX – though if you'd like to leave something extra, it's always appreciated
- Range of included activities

## Onboard Activities

- In-depth lectures and discussions hosted by our knowledgeable Expedition Team
- Use of our Science Center, including the library and advanced biological and geological equipment
- Citizen Science Program allows guests to assist with ongoing scientific research
- Professional onboard photographer gives tips and tricks for the best landscape and wildlife photos
- Daily briefing with the Expedition Team about the plans for the next day

## Landing Activities

- Escorted landing with small expedition boats

- Necessary equipment for activities, such as walking poles, will be provided on board on loan. Rubber boots are mandatory for biosecurity per IAATO guidelines. Your HX travel documents will have a recommended packing list.
- Expedition photographer on hand to assist you

## Not included

- South Georgia Passenger Entry Visa: For sailings departing before April 1st, 2026, guests must apply and pay for this visa themselves. For sailings departing from October 1st, 2026 onwards, HX will manage and cover the cost.
- International flights
- Additional overnight(s) if required due to international flight timings
- Travel insurance
- Luggage handling
- Optional shore excursions with our local partners
- Optional small-group activities with our Expedition Team
- Optional treatments in the onboard wellness and spa area



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