Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falklands

22 days-Ushuaia to Ushuaia (with optional Buenos Aires to Ushuaia charter flight)

DAY 1: Buenos Aires, Argentina/Overnight

Check in to the Caesar Park Hotel (MGallery). This seductive city set along the Rio de La Plata has been the gateway to Argentina for centuries. We have a guided overview, seeing its Beaux Arts palaces, grand boulevards and the famous balcony forever associated with Eva Peron.

Guests travelling aboard National Geographic Orion from November, 2015 through February, 2016 depart this evening on an overnight flight to Santiago, Chile instead of Buenos Aires. Please be sure to confirm departure and arrival cities prior to booking airfare. We check in to our fine 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.
explore the Plaza de Armas, the main square, and nearby Presidential Palace, enjoying wonderful
views from the many hills that dot the city.

**DAY 2: Buenos Aires/Ushuaia, Argentina/Embark Ship**

This morning’s charter flight offers some rare views of Patagonia en route to Ushuaia, the world’s
southernmost city. Take a catamaran cruise through Patagonia’s scenic Beagle Channel before
embarking our ship. (B,L,D)

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2016 will fly by private charter today from Santiago, Chile to Ushuaia, Argentina to embark the
Orion. Please confirm departure and arrival cities prior to booking airfare.

**DAY 3: At Sea**

Awake well into our journey across the Drake Passage—a milestone in any adventurer’s personal
travel history—with time to hear talks preparing you for the exciting days ahead. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4-5: Falkland Islands**

The Falklands boast the largest albatross colony in the world, irresistible Magellanic penguins in their
burrows amid the green tussock grass and herds of enormous elephant seals. Stroll the photogenic
tin-roofed, Victorian-style houses of Port Stanley. Visit the Anglican Cathedral with its organic
archway of whalebones, and the Falkland Islands Museum. (B,L,D)
**DAY 6-7: At Sea**

Whales beneath, birds above, as you head to legendary South Georgia Island. Our naturalists will prepare us for the exciting days ahead with presentations on the wildlife of South Georgia, and, of course, the inspiring story of Ernest Shackleton and the *Endurance*. (B,L,D)

![Image of whales and birds](image1)

**DAY 8-12: South Georgia Island**

This is the final resting place for explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton and we’ll hoist a toast at his gravesite. Teeming wildlife and breathtaking scenery greet our ship. Hundreds of Antarctic fur seals are on hand as our Zodiacs make landfall. And at a vast penguin colony you’ll be surrounded by 200,000 king penguins! (B,L,D)

![Image of Sir Ernest Shackleton's gravestone](image2)

**DAY 13-14: At Sea**

As we voyage south, head up to the Bridge to watch for icebergs and observe expert navigation at work as our skilled Captain and officers sail these historic waters. There’ll also be time to enjoy a massage in the wellness center, workout in the gym, and browse in the library. Each day our naturalists offer talks that add depth to your experience. (B,L,D)

![Image of wildlife](image3)

**DAY 15-19: Antarctica**

With long hours of daylight, we make the most of our days exploring the Antarctic Peninsula and surrounding islands. Our schedule is flexible, allowing us to take advantage of the unexpected. We’ll sail through the incomparable Lemaire Channel and land on the “White Continent,” exploring via Zodiac, kayak and on foot, and using our arsenal of tools for exploration. (B,L,D)

![Image of icebergs](image4)
DAY 20-21: At Sea

As we sail back to Ushuaia, an albatross or two may join the escort of seabirds that cross our bow. There’s time to share photos with the onboard National Geographic photographer, catch up on the book you haven’t had a minute to read, and write emails home, saying “don’t want this to end.” (B,L,D)

DAY 22: Ushuaia/Disembark/Buenos Aires

Disembark in Ushuaia with time to explore before our charter flight to Buenos Aires. (B,L)

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