This is our most far-reaching polar expedition and includes visits to three different locations. The sub-Antarctic Falkland Islands and the island of South Georgia are home to a proliferation of unique wildlife and birdlife. There are penguin rookeries with more than 100,000 nesting birds and the beaches are covered in fur seals and elephant seals. Seabirds, including many of the albatross species call these islands home, nesting and raising their young in this wild and remote environment. Both locations feature a fascinating history and stunning scenery.

To the south lies Antarctica – the frozen continent and our final destination on this outstanding voyage. Icebergs in all shapes and sizes fill the waters, and yet more unique wildlife can be found living in sizable colonies. The waters are full of life and we frequently encounter whales including humpback, minke and orca.

On this voyage, our days are spent exploring on shore in the company of expert guides – including naturalists, marine biologists, ornithologists and adventurers as well as our resident photography professional. Cruising in our inflatable Zodiac boats is another memorable activity. For the adventurers, we provide plenty of opportunities to explore on long hikes ashore, or by sea kayak. This enduring itinerary remains one of the most popular voyages we operate and appeals to those who ‘want to see it all!’

EXpedition Highlights

› Fantastic glaciated scenery of the Antarctic Peninsula and South Georgia
› Outstanding wildlife observation on shore, Zodiac cruising and from the ship
› Visits to historic sites and science stations
› Learn about the environment, wildlife, history and ecology from polar experts
ON THIS TRIP

- Private air charter included
- Pre-voyage hotel included
- Zodiac excursions
- Onshore hiking options
- Wildlife observation
- Photographer-in-Residence
- Sea kayaking available
- Whale watching
- Educational presentations
- Active cruising & wellness

IMPORTANT VOYAGE LOGISTICS

This trip commences in Santiago – Chile’s elegant capital city. We have included a pre-voyage night at our signature hotel in Santiago to enhance your travel experience by giving you more time between home and voyage embarkation. From Santiago we fly south to Stanley in the Falkland Islands. Upon arrival, we will provide a transfer that will give you the option of exploring Stanley or enjoying a visit to Gypsy Cove prior to ship embarkation.

At the conclusion of the trip, we fly from Stanley back to Santiago. Your trip concludes here, and a transfer is provided to the airport or to our signature hotel located downtown for those choosing to stay and explore Santiago. This return flight arrives in the late afternoon and onward international flight connections may be possible.

Full joining instructions are provided in your final travel documentation. If you have questions before this time, please ask your booking agent.

YOUR DAY-BY-DAY EXPEDITION ITINERARY

DAY 1 / SANTIAGO (CHILE)
(FRIDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2020)

Once you’ve arrived in Santiago, the cultural centre of Chile, make your way to our signature hotel for an included pre-voyage stay. This evening, we encourage you to visit the welcome desk set up in the lobby of the hotel to check in with the One Ocean Expeditions’ representative and to collect luggage tags for your voyage. By starting your voyage in Santiago, you’ve opened the door to countless pre-voyage excursion opportunities, such as exploring the colourful beach towns of the west coast or wine tasting at renowned vineyards.

DAY 2 / STANLEY (FALKLAND ISLANDS)

We depart Santiago this morning on our private air charter (this flight is included in the price of your voyage) direct to Stanley, the small capital of the Falkland Islands. We are met on arrival and transfer from the airport into town. There is time to explore the town or enjoy a guided visit to nearby Gypsy Cove which provides our first opportunity for observing the local wildlife, including nesting Magellanic penguins and other sea birds. Making our way to the port, we board our expedition ship, RCGS Resolute in the afternoon. After settling into our cabins and exploring the ship, we meet our expedition team and fellow passengers. Excitement is in the air as we enjoy a welcome cocktail and cast off to explore one of the most remote regions on Earth.

DAY 3-4 / AT SEA – TOWARDS SOUTH GEORGIA

This stretch of the South Atlantic is rich in its bio-diversity and showcases an abundance of astonishing wildlife. We are joined by hundreds of seabirds including the wandering albatross. Giant petrels and smaller Cape petrels are also constant companions as make our way to South Georgia. Photographing these magnificent birds takes patience and skill and our photography expert will be on hand to show you the best techniques. Join the ship’s Captain on the bridge and learn about the operations of our modern research vessel. Throughout the day our onboard experts educate us with a series of presentations about the environment, wildlife and history of the locations we hope to visit in the coming days.

DAY 5-8 / EXPLORATION OF SOUTH GEORGIA

History is a key theme of this voyage and the epic story of Shackleton is central to our journey.

DAY 9-11 / AT SEA – TOWARDS ANTARCTICA

Weather and ice will dictate our crossing of the Scotia Sea from South Georgia to Antarctica, leading us perhaps to the South Orkney Islands or Elephant Island. As with all of our itinerary planning, our Expedition Leader and Captain will make a decision based on the conditions at the time. The South Orkney Islands represent the peaks of a submarine mountain range called the Scotia Arc, connecting South Georgia to the South Shetland Islands. Often shrouded in fog and surrounded by ice much of the year, a chance to visit these islands doesn’t come often. As we edge ever closer to the frozen continent, large icebergs announce our arrival in Antarctic waters. If conditions
allow, we will hope to see the dark cliffs of Elephant Island appear on the horizon. Shackleton and his men were encamped here for many months, having lost HMS Endurance in the thick sea ice, far to the south in the Weddell Sea in 1915. From the tiny beach at Point Wild, Shackleton and five companions set off on the rescue mission to South Georgia, aboard the tiny lifeboat, James Caird. To this day, the epic ocean crossing is considered one of the greatest in history. If conditions allow, we will attempt a landing at Point Wild on Elephant Island.

DAYS 12-15 / ANTARCTIC SOUND & GERLACHE STRAIT

After so much anticipation, we enter the icy waters of the Antarctic Peninsula in the vicinity of Mikkelson Harbour or Cierva Cove. Snow covered mountains soar from the dark waters. Along the shoreline in the bays and harbors of the Peninsula lives an incredible abundance of wildlife. Large rookeries are home to chinstrap, gentoo and Adelie penguins. Seals live on the ice floes, including the powerful leopard seal that we hope to encounter. Gulls, skuas and cormorants are also found nesting and feeding at many sites along the Antarctic Peninsula.

We explore by Zodiac boat and on shore where a range of exciting activities await. Locations we hope to visit include Wilhelmina Bay, Orne Harbour, Cuverville Island and the Errera Channel. Join the photographic guide taking pictures of stunning icebergs. Or enjoy a hike to the top of a snowy mountain saddle with one of our adventure guides. If the opportunity presents itself, visit a science base or an old historic hut. The sea kayakers may paddle up to several miles from the ship, offering a truly memorable experience.

DAYS 16 - 17 / SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS & ANTARCTICA

Around 60 miles off the coast of the Antarctic mainland we find the South Shetland chain. Possible landing sites could include King George Island, Half Moon Island or Yankee Harbour. Weather conditions permitting we sail the ship into the flooded volcanic caldera of Deception Island. There are some outstanding hikes at these locations and the old whaling station and aircraft hangar at Deception Island beg for further exploration.

DAYS 18-19 / AT SEA – TOWARDS THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

Sailing northeast towards the Falkland Islands we are joined by hundreds of seabirds, including the wandering albatross, who we come to know well on this journey. Giant petrels and smaller Cape petrels are also constant companions. As we make our way back to Stanley, the educational presentations continue, and we enjoy an entertaining and memorable voyage recap by our Expedition Leader. Join our photography experts at the multimedia station and download your precious images. Approaching the coast of the Falkland Islands in the early evening light, we enjoy a special dinner attended by the Captain of the ship.

DAYS 20 / WEST POINT ISLAND & SAUNDERS ISLAND - (FALKLAND ISLANDS)

Arriving into the Falkland Islands overnight, we explore the island of West Point and nearby Saunders Island – in the West Falkland archipelago. West Point is known for its rockhopper penguin rookeries and substantial nesting black-browed albatross colony. The opportunity to observe these spectacular birds in close proximity on the nest is an immense privilege and an experience not easily forgotten. One final highlight awaits – a visit to the wildlife-rich Saunders Island. Along the white sand beaches and in the surrounding tussock grass we hope to encounter no less than four penguin species living in close quarters including gentoo, Magellanic and rockhopper - and our ultimate goal during the Falkland Island visit, observing the impressive king penguin. Saunders Island is a fitting end to our epic Antarctic adventure. Charting a course for the port of Stanley in early evening, we enjoy a special dinner attended by the Captain of the ship and reflect on one of life’s great travel experiences.

DAYS 21 / ARRIVE STANLEY (FALKLAND ISLANDS) – VOYAGE CONCLUDES – FLY BACK TO SANTIAGO (CHILE) (THURSDAY, 17 DECEMBER, 2020)

This morning we find ourselves back in the port of Stanley. We say goodbye to our crew and after some free time in town, make our way to the airport for our return private air charter to Santiago (included in the price of your voyage). On arrival in Santiago our journey comes to an end. Onward regional and international flight connections may be possible this evening. Discuss the options with your booking agent. A transfer is provided to a downtown location for those choosing to stay and explore Santiago and the delights of Chile.

ABOUT OUR ITINERARY: Polar exploration can be unpredictable. Specific sites visited will depend on prevailing weather and ice conditions at the time of sailing. The above itinerary should be read as a ‘guide only’ and may change. The ship’s Captain in conjunction with the Expedition Leader continually review the sailing plan throughout the voyage, making adjustments to the itinerary along the way to take advantage of optimal weather and ice conditions or to maximize our encounters with wildlife. Decades of experience spent exploring these waterways mean we have a large number of outstanding landing sites and Zodiac cruising locations to consider, even when the weather conditions may not be ideal or when heavy ice may hinder our planned route. A flexible approach is something we encourage you to bring to the ship.
YOUR EXPEDITION INCLUDES:

✓ Comprehensive pre-voyage information package including details to help you prepare for your trip
✓ A pre-voyage night in our signature hotel in Santiago the night before the voyage commences
✓ Transfer from the hotel to the airport on embarkation day and from the ship to the airport on disembarkation day
✓ Private air charter from Santiago (Chile) to Stanley (Falkland Islands) and from Stanley (Falkland Islands) back to Santiago (Chile)
✓ Shipboard accommodation in your selected cabin category with daily housekeeping. Cabins feature outside views with windows or portholes
✓ All breakfasts, lunches and dinners onboard throughout your voyage with daily afternoon tea
✓ 24-hour tea, coffee, hot chocolate in bar/lounge plus in-cabin tea and coffee making facilities
✓ Experienced Expedition Leader and professional expedition team of marine biologists, naturalists, historians, adventure guides and photographers
✓ Daily off-ship excursions by Zodiac boat breaking into small groups for shore landings
✓ Guided hikes and walks onshore of various durations for guests of all abilities
✓ Visits to wildlife colonies, historic sites, places of outstanding natural beauty and science stations
✓ Educational presentations and talks by polar experts in their field (i.e. marine biologists, naturalists, historians etc). Onboard or onshore
✓ Resident photography guide available to assist all guests plus access to computers in the multimedia lab for image downloads, file back up and management
✓ An emergency trained medical physician onboard every voyage
✓ Dedicated hospitality team including Hotel Manager, chefs, professional bar staff and Adventure Concierge staff
✓ Onboard sauna, plunge pool, Jacuzzi and fitness centre including massage options (charge applies for massage and treatments)
✓ Sea Kayaking program available (additional charge of US$795pp) – must be reserved at the time of booking your voyage and you must have some prior paddling experience
✓ Access to well-stocked library full of polar reference books
✓ End of voyage slideshow, photos and take-home USB
✓ Port fees and all permits to access visited areas

EXPEDITION GEAR INCLUDED

When you travel with One Ocean Expeditions, you have the use of an expedition gear package free of charge. Containing approximately US$900 worth of essential equipment, this kit includes a quality waterproof/windproof jacket and bib-pants plus insulated rubber boots designed for extended walking. We also include a set of binoculars and a Nordic trekking pole for use when on shore. A waterproof backpack completes your package. This kit saves you buying expensive clothing and equipment you may only ever use once. It also eliminates the need to carry such cumbersome gear to the ship (total weight around 8kg/17lbs).

The Expedition does not include:

› Any international or local airfare unless otherwise specified in the voyage itinerary
› Visa and passport expenses
› Pre or post-cruise hotel accommodation unless otherwise specified in the itinerary (or pre-arranged)
› Pre or post-cruise transfers unless otherwise specified in the itinerary (or pre-arranged)
› Personal expenses onboard such as alcoholic beverages, bar charges or laundry expenses
› Telecommunication charges (i.e. email, satellite phone)
› Baggage, cancellation or medical travel insurance related expenses (travel insurance is mandatory on all voyages)
› A voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for expedition staff and ship crew (suggested amount – US$15-20 per day)

IMPORTANT: We utilize a private air charter where strict weight restrictions apply. Please observe a limit of 20kg. Ask your booking agent for further details, or contact our office should you have any questions.
COMPREHENSIVE PRE-VOYAGE INFORMATION
Upon receipt of your deposit and booking forms, a detailed booklet will be sent to you providing additional information to help you prepare for your voyage. This resource is full of useful facts and covers practicalities such as suggested clothing, life on board the ship, wildlife, geography and history as well as details about the activities available throughout your voyage. Information regarding passports and visas, budgeting, as well as travel insurance requirements are also found in this helpful document.

TRAVEL INSURANCE
On all One Ocean Expeditions’ voyages, you must have comprehensive travel insurance. Your booking agent can recommend a policy designed to cover participants on these voyages. Your policy must provide coverage for your medical costs in case of hospitalization, emergency travel and repatriation.

Please check the terms of your policy carefully, particularly with regard to limits of cover. Also ensure you are familiar with the procedure for making claims. Once you have paid your deposit or full payment, certain fees will apply if you have to cancel your holiday (see the cancellation provisions in our booking terms and conditions). For this reason you should take out travel insurance at the time of paying your deposit, which should then protect you in such a situation. You will be required to send us travel insurance policy details prior to your voyage.

PASSPORTS & VISAS
You will need a valid passport with you throughout the journey. Some nationalities will be required to pay a ‘reciprocity fee’ for entering Argentina and/or Chile. It is important that your passport is valid for at least six months AFTER the expected finish date of your voyage.

SEA KAYAKING
The sea kayaking program is directed at any guest with an adventurous spirit and some prior paddling experience. This option MUST be reserved at the time of booking and attracts an additional charge of US$795 per participant. You can not book sea kayaking on board the ship. You will need to complete a special questionnaire outlining your previous kayaking experience. Ask your agent, or our office for a copy of this document if you are interested in joining the sea kayaking program.

THE ONE CLUB – EXPEDITION ALUMNI
Come as a passenger, leave as a friend. Once you have experienced one voyage with us, it’s likely you will want to experience another. Your commitment to travel with us is rewarded with our commitment to you, our valued guest. As members of the One Club Expedition Alumni, your loyalty is rewarded with a range of great travel benefits when you return for your next voyage — no matter the destination. Ask your booking agent for details.

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INTERESTED IN THIS EXPERIENCE?

When choosing to travel with One Ocean Expeditions we ensure your experience from start to finish is straightforward and well organized. Start by customizing your journey and mapping out the voyage ahead.

If this sounds like the right trip for you, please discuss your ideas and plans with your preferred booking agent. They will reserve a cabin for you on your chosen voyage. This provides time to book flights to the embarkation points of this voyage and to plan other pre or post-voyage travel requirements. Please remember that you will require comprehensive travel insurance to join our voyages. This is best arranged at the time of booking. Following confirmation of your reservation, you will need to complete a detailed One Ocean Expeditions Booking Package plus other pre-voyage documentation to accompany your deposit. At this point your voyage of discovery is underway.

Take advantage of our experience, which spans decades of expedition travel in the Polar Regions. Should you have any questions, we are here to help at any time.