This exciting new expedition is undoubtedly the most comprehensive journey to Antarctica. Only scientists and researchers, who spend many months working at the numerous research stations in Antarctica, can claim to spend more time on the ice. Students gain new perspectives, develop skills, and discover the world through authentic learning experiences.
One Ocean Expeditions is a leader in polar expedition cruising. Based on our expertise we create interactive experiences that allow for the most memorable adventures. Students explore, learn and share their experiences immersed in an environment of expert guides including qualified naturalists, marine biologists, glaciologists, bird experts, photographers, historians and adventurers. With over 20 years of successfully catering to a variety of groups, we are experts in offering unique programming for your dynamic needs.

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The One Ocean Voyager - Akademik Sergey Vavilov, is qualified to carry small and large groups alike. With multiple use rooms and varied meeting spaces there is always the perfect spot to hold a briefing, meeting, class, casual social event or conduct research. This applies both inside the ship and out on deck.

Utilizing intrinsic knowledge of our vessels, destinations and environment, our staff incorporate group requirements with ease. With our exceptional customer service, highly trained staff, and flexible approach, your student group is able to maximize their time onboard. Using your programming requirements, we can easily customize a schedule to suit your needs.

WE OFFER:
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ANTARCTIC PENINSULA EXPLORER & THE FALKLAND ISLAND

FIRST LEG OF EXPEDITION

STANLEY TO KING GEORGE ISLAND

13 February – 23 February 2016

10 NIGHTS / 11 DAYS

The Falkland Islands has a rich and storied history. It also features wild, windswept landscapes and is home to an abundance of unique wildlife. It is also the starting point of this exciting new voyage. This expedition combines a visit to the Falklands and an in-depth exploration of the Antarctic Peninsula. Our journey is complete when we explore the South Shetland Islands.

The major feature of this new itinerary is the extra days we enjoy exploring – meaning more off ship excursions. Walks ashore with naturalist guides, visits to historic huts, cruising in the zodiac boats to view spectacular icebergs, and witnessing an abundance of wildlife species are just some of the highlights you can expect.

Overview

After a short flight from Punta Arenas in southern Chile, we begin the first 10-night leg of our expedition in Port Stanley, the capital of the Falkland Islands. Here, we will find a relatively warm climate where a range of unusual wildlife thrives, including sixty species of migratory birds and the rare rockhopper penguin. Leaving Stanley, we visit the incredible wildlife colonies on Sea Lion Island.

Our journey continues south and we cross the Antarctic convergence, noticing a distinct drop in temperature. Huge icebergs appear on the horizon as we draw ever closer to the Antarctic continent. Having arrived, we spend our days off the ship, exploring by zodiac boat, making several shore landings each and every day in the company of our expert guides. Here we offer the full range of exciting activities – including extended walks ashore, visits to wildlife colonies, historic huts and science stations. Cruising in the zodiaks among towering icebergs in all shades of blue is another favorite option.

A final highlight will be the South Shetland Islands. We aim to visit the flooded volcanic caldera of Deception Island and other nearby landing sites, before ending our journey at King George Island. From here, we fly across the Drake Passage to Punta Arenas, the largest city in southern Chile.

As with all our expeditions, safety is our top priority. For that reason weather, ice or other conditions may require us to change our itinerary and shore excursions as we go but that is half the fun of Polar exploring. Predictability is a word that has no relevance in this environment.
Day By Day Expedition Itinerary

13 February 2016 / Punta Arenas to Stanley, Falkland Islands

Our journey commences this morning in the southern Chilean city of Punta Arenas. We meet at the airport and fly on the scheduled service to Stanley in the Falkland Islands (this flight is included in the price of your voyage). After a short 90-minute flight we arrive in Stanley and will be met on arrival and transferred to the pier, embarking our expedition ship, Akademik Sergey Vavilov. After settling in to 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 dinner and cast off, bound for Antarctica – and the adventure of a lifetime.

14 February 2016 / Sea Lion Island

We cruise down the coast of the Falklands and, as we approach Sea Lion Island, we first note the very barren and windswept landscape, exposed to the sometimes wild weather that originates in the Drake Passage. We launch our zodiacs and go ashore to view the remarkable wildlife colonies found here. Three species of penguin including gentoo, magellanic and rockhopper exist in the vicinity. Southern elephant seals and South American sea lions are found hauled out on the beaches. Once ashore we also look for king cormorants and striated caracaras. Weather permitting we may have time to visit neighboring Bleaker Island, another settlement on the exposed southeastern coast of the Falklands. In the evening, we push out into the Scotia Sea, charting a course for the frozen continent.

15 – 16 February / At Sea towards Antarctica

Our days at sea are never dull. Much of our time is spent on the bridge or outer decks, scanning the horizon in search of whales and other marine mammals. A profusion of seabirds delight us as they wheel and spin around the ship. We spend plenty of time with our onboard polar experts as they educate us on the wonders of the South Atlantic Ocean and Antarctic eco-systems. The history of early polar exploration is a popular theme. Perhaps you will pick up some valuable tips from our onboard photographic guide, learning about image composition, the subtle and soft polar light and all the basics of good camera craft. We will also learn about Polar conservation - a theme particularly close to the hearts of our One Ocean Expeditions’ guides and crew.

17 February 2016 / Elephant Island

The dramatic ice cliffs of Elephant Island come into view marking our arrival at the fabled Point Wild on the north coast of this remote outcrop. It is here that Shackleton and his men were encamped under their upturned life boats after their ship, the HMS Endurance sank in the deep Weddell Sea in 1915. Shore landings at Point Wild are notoriously tricky due to the surging ocean currents and pounding surf on the rocky beach. If conditions are right, we will attempt a landing. This is a thrilling location and a major highlight for history buffs.

18 – 21 February 2016 / Gerlache Strait and Antarctic Peninsula

Leaving Elephant Island behind we enter the broad expense of the Bransfield Strait which separates the South Shetland Islands from the Antarctic Peninsula. The magnificent snowy peaks of
continental Antarctica are laid out before us. Even our experienced expedition staff, some with more than 100 journeys south, will take a moment to pause and reflect on the immense power of Antarctica. Take a deep breath – you have arrived.

The waterways of the Antarctic Peninsula are home to deep bays, pristine coves, inlets and numerous small islands. The landscape features heavily glaciated mountains permanently covered in ice and snow. Rocky outcrops are home to gentoo, adelie and chinstrap penguin rookeries and the waters are rich in marine life. We frequently encounter seals, including the powerful leopard seal, often found relaxing on an ice floe. Curious humpback whales and the smaller minke whales are found in sizeable numbers feeding on the rich krill blooms. Sightings of orca are not uncommon.

We enjoy several days of exploration and our activity program is in full swing, allowing guests to choose how their adventure unfolds. Popular activities include guided hikes on shore and visits to wildlife colonies with our expert naturalist guides, while the historic huts and science stations provide a fascinating glimpse into the past and the present. Zodiac cruising among the ice is a memorable activity and our sea kayakers may range several miles from the ship. Our photography guide will be on hand to help you with your camera handling, image composition and the peculiar light found in Antarctica.

Planned excursions could include Cierva Cove, Danco Island, or a cruise through the Errera Channel to visit the penguin rookeries at Cuverville Island. Wilhelmina Bay is another favorite location and one where we frequently encounter playful humpback whales. Paradise Bay is a particular highlight and offers an excellent hiking route providing stunning 360 degree views.

**22 February 2016 / South Shetland Islands**

After several busy days of exploration we head north across the Bransfield Strait, bound for the South Shetland Islands. The adventure is not over and, if the weather conditions allow, we sail the ship into the flooded volcanic caldera at Deception Island. This is a very dramatic place and home to several penguin rookeries along the black sand beaches. History is all around us as we explore the old whaling station, with the rusted old boilers and dilapidated wooden structures. At the far end of the beach is an old aircraft hangar. This is where Australian, Sir Hubert Wilkins made the very first flight in Antarctica in 1928. There is an outstanding hike here, high up onto the rim of the crater.

On a sunny day, cruising along the coast of Livingston Island is a memorable experience. There are several other landing sites in the vicinity including Half Moon Island, and the broad pebbly beach at Yankee Harbour, where we often encounter Weddell seals sunning themselves. This is a great spot for a hike or a zodiac cruise. Tonight we enjoy a special dinner attended by the Captain of the ship.

**23 February 2016 / King George Island –**

This morning we are anchored off King George Island. We say goodbye to our crew and transfer ashore by zodiac. Time permitting we will explore the surrounding area. There are several important science bases here including Chile’s Frei Station and Bellinghausen Station.
ULTIMATE ANTARCTICA

SECOND LEG OF EXPEDITION

AMONGST EMPERORS & KINGS

23 February – 05 March 2016

11 NIGHTS / 12 DAYS

On this second leg of our expedition, we explore the South Shetland Islands and the spectacular waters of the Antarctic Peninsula. We then enter the Weddell Sea, the ice-choked region made famous by the saga of Sir Ernest Shackleton and his men from the *Endurance* Expedition nearly 100 years ago. Images of massive tabular icebergs, abundant wildlife and human hardship come to mind when contemplating the Weddell Sea. Our journey then takes us north to the beautiful Falkland Islands and we enjoy a day exploring the western archipelago discovering several additional penguin species and viewing nesting albatross.

Overview

After leaving King George Island we visit several well known landing sites in the South Shetlands, before crossing the Gerlache Strait and navigating the waters of the Antarctic Peninsula.

Our adventurous itinerary takes us around the northern tip of the Antarctic Peninsula and then south into the icy Weddell Sea. We are hoping to voyage as far south as Snow Hill Island where there is a known colony of emperor penguins. They are tricky to find and there are no guarantees we will see these majestic birds, although we have enjoyed a number of sightings on recent visits. The huge tabular icebergs are also a feature of the Weddell Sea and make for spectacular photographs.

The history of exploration in this region of Antarctica is equally rich. The epic story of Shackleton and the *HMS Endurance* is forever linked to the region. We also hope to visit the old huts built during the time of the Swedish Nordenskjöld expedition of 1901-1904.

Charting a northerly course to the Falkland Islands we spend a final day exploring the stunning western archipelago. We will aim to visit the wildlife-rich Saunders Island, home to gentoo, rockhopper and magellanic penguins plus a colony of the spectacular king penguins! West Point Island, home to an incredible colony of black browed albatross, caps off a remarkable trip.
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Day By Day Expedition Itinerary

24 February / South Shetland Islands

We chart a southwesterly course along this dramatic island chain planning to visit a number of well established chinstrap and gentoo penguin rookeries and southern elephant seal haul outs. Weather permitting, we aim to visit Deception Island with its sizeable chinstrap penguin rookery at Baily Head. Here, inside the sunken volcanic caldera, is a perfect museum of natural and exploration history, with its old buildings and rusting remnants from the whaling era. For those wanting to stretch their legs, a spectacular hike to the crater rim offers a challenge. In the evening we cross the Bransfield Strait and approach the majestic white continent for the first time.

25 – 26 February 2016 / Gerlache Strait and Antarctic Peninsula

Leaving the South Shetlands behind we enter the steely blue waters of the Gerlache Strait. Protected by two large offshore islands, the waterways are home to deep bays, pristine coves and numerous small islands. The landscape features heavily glaciated mountains permanently covered in ice and snow. Rocky outcrops are home to gentoo, Adelie and chinstrap penguin rookeries and the waters are rich in marine life. We enjoy several days of exploration here with guided walks on shore, visits to wildlife colonies and zodiac cruising among the ice. Planned visits could include Cierva Cove, Danco Island, or a cruise through the Errera Channel to visit to the penguin rookeries at Cuverville Island. Wilhelmina Bay is another favorite location and one where we frequently encounter playful humpback whales.

27 – 29 February 2016 / Antarctic Sound and the Weddell Sea

At about 25 nautical miles long and about 10 nautical miles wide, the Antarctic Sound separates Joinville Island from the northern tip of the Antarctic Peninsula. As we sail into the sound, we witness, for the first time, the vastness and majesty of the Antarctic icecap. Entering the Weddell Sea we notice a significant increase in the number of huge tabular icebergs and the presence of sea ice. These massive icebergs break from the huge ice shelves to the south and drift north on the currents. This always makes for exciting navigation.
This region is home to Adelie penguin rookeries of astonishing size. We maximize our time onshore as well as in our zodiac boats, absorbing as much of the wilderness as possible. Weather permitting, excursions may include Paulet Island, Brown Bluff and even the southerly Snow Hill Island, where we observe Weddell and elephant seals, skuas and other seabirds as well as a staggering abundance of penguins.

We plan to set foot on the continent in this vicinity and, if the weather allows, some may choose to camp ashore overnight. Sailing among the islands of the Weddell Sea, we are in the realm of the emperor penguin, the largest of the penguins, and everyone will be on deck keeping a lookout. Juvenile emperors are sometimes sighted riding the ice floes.

The region features a rich exploration history. We hope to visit Nordenskjöld’s winter hut on Snow Hill Island. It was built in 1902 and remains intact. The Shackleton story also features strongly and it was here that he and his men drifted north on the ice after their ship had been lost in the ice months earlier. As we head north and out of the Weddell Sea leaving Antarctica behind, the lavender pink sunset off the port quarter of the ship will make some of us pause to consider the bravery and/or foolhardiness of those early explorers who traveled these waters a hundred years before us.

**01 March 2016 / Elephant Island**

We approach Elephant Island from the south. Point Lookout, on the southern tip of the island, is home to an impressive macaroni penguin colony. Gentoo penguins are also known to nest here and there are often sizeable numbers of Antarctic fur seals hauled out on the beaches. Shore landings at the fabled Point Wild on the north coast of Elephant Island, where Shackleton and his men were encamped under their upturned life boats, are notoriously tricky due to the surging ocean currents and pounding surf on the rocky beach. If conditions are right, we will attempt a landing. This is a thrilling location and a major highlight for history buffs.

**02 – 03 January 2016 / At Sea**

While sailing across to the Falkland Islands our onboard polar experts will recap on our Weddell Sea adventures and prepare us for the day ahead. Our days at sea are never dull. Much of our time is spent scanning the horizon in search of whales and other marine mammals. The spectacular seabirds including several albatross and petrel species are our constant companions as they soar above the ship. Our onboard educational program continues and our experts entertain us with interactive presentations.

**04 March 2016 / West Point & Saunders**

Arriving into the Falkland Islands overnight, we explore the islands of West Point and Saunders, both in the West Falklands archipelago. West Point is known for its sizeable rookeries of rockhopper penguins and nesting black banded albatross. While nearby Saunders Island, with its white sand beaches, features no less than four penguin species, including gentoo, magellanic, and rockhopper - and our ultimate goal for the Falkland Island visit, the impressive king penguin.
05 March 2016 / Port Stanley, Falkland Islands

In the early morning, we navigate through the narrows and into the harbor of Port Stanley. A transfer will take us to the airport for our return flight to Punta Arenas in southern Chile (this flight is included in the price of your voyage). It will be possible to connect to flights through to Santiago or other destinations in Chile. Otherwise enjoy a night in this delightful city, or venture further afield to explore the highlights of Patagonia.

Please note – Specific sites visited will depend on ice and weather conditions, the planned itinerary will be updated at the time of final preparations as well as throughout the voyage in order to take advantage of favorable conditions.

Proof of our Polar Commitment – When travelling with One Ocean Expeditions, you will discover how much we care about the places and people we visit. We demonstrate this by finding ways to give back as well as taking away so many incredible memories. For more information on our commitment to responsible tourism, please review our document entitled, “Our Environmental Commitment”.

Before you Book – Important Voyage Details

Itinerary Changes – We put safety first and that means weather, ice, wildlife, political or other conditions may require us to modify the itinerary as we go. However we aim to maximize your overall experience. We consider this half the intrigue of Polar exploring. In every expedition our undertaking is a little different and subject to modification. It may mean we have to cancel certain shore excursions if conditions are not suitable but we always find other fun things to do. Polar exploring is not predictable which is one of the many reasons we think it is so special.

Medical Documentation – Once you have booked your voyage to the Polar Regions, you will be required to complete a Medical Information Form. This form must be completed, signed and returned to One Ocean Expeditions no later than 90 days prior to departure.

Passport – Well before traveling, please ensure you have a current passport with an accurate photo, valid for at least six months after your scheduled return flight home. Also check that your airline tickets are in exactly the same name as your passport. Some countries may require you to have a return air ticket or sufficient funds to purchase such a ticket.

Budgeting – It is a good idea to bring along some $US cash. There are some onboard expenses such as those incurred at the bar, in our gift shop and for satellite communication via email or phone. There are also several souvenir shopping opportunities throughout the voyage including Stanley and at some of the science bases in Antarctica.

Clothes – We do not need to tell you it is cold in the polar regions. So make sure you come prepared with clothes that will adequately protect you from the weather and wet conditions (sea spray is common onboard Zodiacs). Expensive specialty gear is not required, but you should have warm, waterproof clothing available upon your arrival in Punta Arenas. Please read the One Ocean
Expeditions Pre-departure Information for more details about what to bring on the journey. Windproof and waterproof outer weather gear as well as expedition gumboots are included in the price of your voyage. This saves you from having to bring heavy clothing and boots from home. Details of this gear can be found in your pre-departure information.

Onboard – Like the weather, sea conditions can also be unpredictable. Rough waters are not uncommon in this part of the world. You will be safe and comfortable aboard with your experienced crew in control of our ship, but you may suffer the effects of motion sickness, unless you have taken precautions. We recommend visiting your doctor prior to departure for medication that can help you avoid this easily treated condition.

Gratuities – We suggest you allow the equivalent of $US10 - $US15 a day for gratuities for the crew and expedition staff. This is usually collected just prior to the end of the cruise. Gratuities are at your discretion.

Sea Kayaking – If you have some experience sea kayaking and are interested in doing this activity during the expedition, you will need to book this option prior to departure from home. We cannot book this activity once onboard. There is a separate document for sea kayakers that you will need to review beforehand. It’s important you have some prior paddling experience. If you are unsure, speak to your booking agent or contact us to discuss.

Embarkation Protocol – Guests will meet in Punta Arenas and join our charter flight across the Drake Passage to King George Island. On arrival we transfer to the ship. Full details of embarkation/disembarkation procedures will be supplied with your final documentation. Once onboard, you will be participating in an obligatory lifeboat drill. We will also conduct important briefings on landing procedures and Zodiac operations.

Travel Insurance – On all One Ocean Expeditions’ voyages, you must have comprehensive travel insurance. Your own domestic government medical insurance and private health care plans will not cover you in most overseas countries. Your travel agent can recommend a policy designed to cover participants on these cruises. Your policy must provide coverage for your medical costs in case of hospitalization, emergency travel and repatriation. We require that you obtain adequate insurance before joining the voyage. Cancellation insurance is also recommended.

Please check the terms of your policy carefully, particularly with regard to limits of cover (i.e. replacement of photographic equipment, baggage loss, claims procedure, costs due to airline delays etc). Also ensure you are familiar with the procedure for making claims (for example, most policies stipulate that claims must be made within a certain time after completion of your journey).

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 terms and conditions). For this reason you should take out insurance at the time of paying your deposit, which should then protect you in such a situation.

Visas – You will need a valid passport with you throughout the journey. Some nationalities will be required to pay a visitor fee for entering Chile – the starting point of this voyage. Cruise passengers do not need a visa for the Falkland Islands, regardless of nationality, unless planning to spend additional time in the Falkland Islands before or after the cruise.
If you plan any side trips to other countries you will need to investigate visa requirements as it is your responsibility to ensure you have all required visas for your trip. Rules and regulations governing the issuance of visas are constantly changing and vary for different nationalities. You should check visa requirements with your travel agent or relevant consular authority well before traveling.

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