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***Antarctica, the Falkland Islands  
& South Georgia Cruise***  
*October 18 - November 10, 2027*



*Gentoo Penguins are the most widespread penguin species in the Antarctic. We're likely to see them at a number of locations, such as the Falklands, where we may see breeding pairs at their nests. Photograph by participant Debby Vogt.*

We include here information for those interested in the 2027 Field Guides Antarctica – Antarctic Peninsula, South Georgia & the Falkland Islands tour:

- a general introduction to the tour
- a description of the birding areas to be visited on the tour
- an abbreviated daily itinerary with some indication of the nature of each day's birding outings

*These additional materials will be made available to those who register for the tour:*

- an annotated list of the birds recorded on a previous year's Field Guides trip to the area, with comments by guide(s) on notable species or sightings
- a detailed information bulletin with important logistical information and answers to questions regarding accommodations, air arrangements, clothing, currency, customs and immigration, documents, health precautions, and personal items
- a Field Guides checklist for preparing and keeping track of the birds we see on the tour
- after the conclusion of the tour, a list of birds seen on the tour

**A**ntarctica remains the ultimate, most glorious frontier for exploration and discovery on our planet. Almost alien in immensity, it is a continent of volcanoes, glaciers, islands, and oceans. It is the most elemental wilderness, where the naked might of Nature assaults the senses as in no other place on Earth.

Any trip to Antarctica is a mind-blowing experience due to the incredible wildlife spectacles, the scenery, and simply the realization that you're actually heading to one of the most remote parts of the world. Whether you're interested in pelagic birding, seeing penguins up close, watching whales and dolphins slip through the water, or simply exploring a new and mysterious continent, there will be something special waiting for you aboard the ship. We invite you to join us for this

exploration of the Antarctic Peninsula and the distinctive island destinations of South Georgia and the Falklands, both remarkable wildlife havens, aboard a stable expedition cruise ship outfitted for comfortable living as well as rugged zodiac landings.

Field Guides offers this tour as a partnership with Oceanwide Expeditions, a Dutch company that specializes in oceanic voyages to polar regions. Your Field Guides leader will work with the Oceanwide staff to tailor this experience to maximize your birding and wildlife-watching opportunities. Oceanwide's details about our cruise can be found online here: <https://oceanwide-expeditions.com/antarctica/cruises/otl21-27-falkland-islands-south-georgia-antarctic-peninsula>

*We want to be sure you are on the right tour! Below is a description of the physical requirements of the tour. If you are concerned about the difficulty, please contact us about this and be sure to fully explain your concerns. We want to make sure you have a wonderful time with us, so if you are uncomfortable with the requirements, just let us know and we can help you find a better fitting tour! Field Guides will not charge you a change or cancellation fee if you opt out within 10 days of depositing.*



*We use small inflatables called "zodiacs" for transport to landings, and for more intimate experiences with the Antarctic fauna. You'll need to be able to get in and out of these small craft. Photograph by participant Anne Ardillo.*

## About the Physical Requirements & Pace

While this tour is not extremely physically intensive, it is important for you to be in relatively good shape and health.

- **TRAILS:** We will be walking on uneven terrain, sometimes with a considerable incline. All hiking during shore landings is optional; when given the option by the expedition staff, we often opt for the shorter hikes and less rigorous physical activities because they allow more time for birding and enjoying wildlife, though you are always free to opt into whatever shore excursions are offered by the expedition staff.
- **POTENTIAL CHALLENGES:** it is important for you to be in relatively good shape and health. There is a doctor on the ship, however, once at sea, medical issues take on heightened significance due to the difficulty in transporting passengers to medical facilities.
- **PACE:** Most days on board the boat will begin about 7:30 a.m.; ship-provided activities for the day will depend upon where we are, and whether landings are planned. There will also be possibilities to bird from ship before the ship's wake-up call, and after ship activities finish for the day. Your guide will offer ship-based group pelagic birding opportunities outside of the ship-provided activities, but these are always, of course, optional.
- **ELEVATION:** Elevation is not an issue, however, rough seas are to be expected. Seasickness is a real possibility as the Southern Ocean is a windy place with occasional high seas. Seasickness can be managed with medication including Bonine, Scopolamine, and others (some useful remedies require a prescription). Please contact your physician for detailed information.

- **WEATHER:** It is probably best to be prepared for regular daytime temperatures in the high-30s to the mid-40s Fahrenheit around South Georgia and the Antarctic Peninsula, and warmer temperatures in Puerto Madryn and the Falkland Islands (sometimes up to 70°F!). Antarctic cold-fronts and/or high winds could occur during the tour, dropping temperatures below the 30's, however. It will be windy on some days, and some rain or snow is to be expected.
- **ZODIAC LANDINGS:** It is important for you to be able to get into and out of a zodiac (inflatable boat used as cruising and landing craft for 8-10 people at a time) in occasionally rough sea conditions. This includes occasions when the zodiac is moving up and down in relation to the boarding gangway.
- **OPTING OUT:** All shore landings and zodiac cruises are optional.

If you are uncertain whether this tour is a good match for your abilities, please don't hesitate to contact our office; if they cannot directly answer your queries, they will put you in touch with one of our guides.



## About the Birding Areas

**Falkland Islands** – Our first destination after leaving Puerto Madryn will be the Falkland Islands, where we hope to make multiple landings. These islands are currently considered territory of the United Kingdom following the Falklands War, though Argentina still considers “Las Malvinas” to be part of that country. Planned landings should give us opportunities to look for the specialty birds of the islands including Striated Caracara, Falkland Steamer-Duck, Ruddy-headed Goose, Blackish Cinclodes, Cobb’s Wren, and White-bridled (Black-throated) Finch. We’ll also explore seabird colonies that include Gentoo, Magellanic, and Southern Rockhopper Penguins, Imperial Cormorants (Shags), Black-browed Albatrosses, and “Falklands” Brown Skuas. A planned landing at Port Stanley, capital of the Falklands, will give us time to search for Rufous-chested Dotterel and Two-banded Plover, too (and maybe to tilt a pint at the local pub if we find the birds early).

**South Georgia** – The montane oceanic island of South Georgia is one of the world’s most important breeding areas for seabirds and marine mammals, and we aim to spend several days enjoying it. Massive colonies of hundreds of thousands of King Penguins await us at Salisbury Plain and St. Andrews Bay. In between, we’ll set foot on this impressive island and learn about the impact of humans on this site – the introduction of rats here has led to large declines of some breeding seabirds and one of the world’s most southerly-breeding songbirds, the South Georgia Pipit. Just in the past five years, however, a project spearheaded by the South Georgia Heritage Trust has eradicated rats from the island, and pipits and seabirds are already rebounding dramatically. We’ll visit the whaling station of Grytviken and perhaps drink a toast to the



spirit of Ernest Shackleton, the heroic British explorer who is buried in a small cemetery there. Penguins abound on South Georgia, and we'll likely encounter Gentoo, Macaroni, and King at close range. We will also spend time looking for Gray-headed Albatross, Light-mantled Albatross, Snow Petrel, Fairy Prion (a rarity in the herds of Antarctic Prions), and diving-petrels, including the difficult-to-identify South Georgia Diving-Petrel. Marine mammals are also spectacular here, with huge numbers of Antarctic Fur Seals and Southern Elephant Seals on the beaches and plenty of whales in the waters around the island.

**Antarctic Peninsula/ South Shetland Islands** – Though the wildlife diversity is lower around Antarctica proper as compared with South Georgia and the Falklands, some of the world's most iconic animals live here. We'll get to meet Chinstrap and Adelie Penguins at their colonies, and we'll search for Weddell, Crabeater, and Leopard Seals on floating chunks of ice. With extreme luck and careful scanning, we might even find a rare Emperor Penguin while exploring the edges of this extraordinary place (though this is not likely on any given trip to this area). As on South Georgia, there are many potential landing sites around the Antarctic Peninsula. Many of these are islets with colonies of penguins or other things of interest, but the crew always strives for at least one "continental" landing, on the peninsula itself, though ice conditions dictate what landing sites are possible, and you must always be ready for changes of daily plans during expedition cruising. Some of our prior trips have included landings at Brown Bluff (near the tip of the peninsula), and Portal Point (farther south on the peninsula).



*The beautiful Cape Petrel should be a common pelagic sighting from South Georgia south to the Antarctic Peninsula.  
Photograph by guide Doug Gochfeld.*

**Pelagic birding at sea** – We plan to maximize our time on the ship at sea in between Puerto Madryn, the Falklands, South Georgia, Antarctica, and Ushuaia. This means spending plenty of time on the deck of the ship in search of species that we're only likely to encounter in pelagic waters offshore. These include (but are certainly not limited to) Northern and Southern Royal Albatross, Gray-headed Albatross, Blue Petrel, Prions (Slender-billed, Antarctic, and Fairy), Common, South Georgia, and Magellanic Diving-Petrels, Soft-plumaged Petrel, Kerguelen Petrel, Antarctic Petrel, and Wilson's, Gray-backed, and Black-bellied Storm-Petrels. Some of these are common on our route, while others will be sparsely distributed or absent. Time of year, weather, water temperature, and luck all play a role in determining which of these scarcer species we see and in what numbers. Distinct zones of birdlife will become obvious as we travel along, with the more northerly birds of the Falkland Plateau transitioning to those of the Scotia Arc and then the cold waters south of the Antarctic Convergence. Spending time outside on deck while at sea is essential to have a good chance at finding these seabirds; however, don't worry – you can always nip inside for a cup of tea and some biscuits for a quick break. We'll also spend time watching and identifying marine mammals when the opportunity presents itself.



*We'll spend three days along the Antarctic Peninsula, where we'll have a chance to take Zodiac cruises to see several species of seals, Adelie Penguins, and take in the beauty of this most unspoiled habitat. Photograph by participant Alicia Hulse.*

## Itinerary for Antarctica

**\*\*Important note\*\*** - This itinerary reflects a plan based on our last few trips. Please note that all sites and landings are subject to change due to weather and the discretion of the captain and expedition staff.

**We recommend people arrive at least a day early for this tour, to protect against any delays in transit, since the ship will not wait for anyone who hasn't embarked by the appointed time. If you want to do any sightseeing or birding in the Puerto Madryn area, our ground operator can arrange something for you.**

**Days 1-2, Mon-Tue, 18-19 Oct. Flights from the US to Buenos Aires/Buenos Aires to Puerto Madryn.** Most flights depart the US in the evening and fly overnight to reach Buenos Aires early the next morning in time to make connections to Puerto Madryn (this often entails transferring airports from the international airport to the domestic airport in Buenos Aires. There is a shuttle that runs between the airports). After checking in (and unwinding from the long flight), we'll meet in the hotel lobby of our hotel in Puerto Madryn at 7:00 p.m. for dinner and to discuss the following day's plan. Night in Puerto Madryn.

*Please note: A full buffer day in Puerto Madryn is recommended to mitigate against problems stemming from flight or baggage delays. This will mean departing the US on October 17, arriving in Puerto Madryn on October 18. Our office will be happy to assist you with reservations for extra nights.*

**Day 3, Wed, 20 Oct. Boarding day in Puerto Madryn, Argentina.** Following instructions provided by Oceanwide Expeditions, we'll stage our luggage and arrive at the pier in Puerto Madryn to board the ship. We'll check into our staterooms (just like arriving at a hotel, really!) and explore the ship, becoming acquainted with the various decks, lounges, and dining facilities. Your Field Guides leader will host a welcome meeting to go over our strategy for the tour, and Oceanwide's staff will hold briefings to outline the expedition's plans. Our Field Guides group (capped at 10 with one leader) will represent a subset of the participants of the cruise (up to 108 guests total), and it will be a good idea to start getting to know each other before we're fully underway. Of course, we'll want to keep an eye outside as we begin our eastward transit of the Beagle Channel, and we're sure to see our first Southern Giant-Petrels and Black-browed Albatrosses arcing against the dramatic, forested slopes of Tierra del Fuego. All subsequent nights will be on the *ship*.



**Days 4-5, Thu-Fri, 21-22 Oct. At sea en route to the Falkland Islands.** We'll leave the Beagle Channel at night and head out into the open ocean toward the northeast, bound for the Falkland Islands. En route, we'll begin to get acquainted with the seabirds of the region, including massive Royal Albatrosses, White-chinned Petrels, Common and hopefully Magellanic Diving-Petrels, and our first Slender-billed Prions. Your guide will be outside as much as possible, helping you to key in on the characteristic flight style and field marks of the wonderful seabirds that we'll encounter. This leg of the journey can also be good for finding dolphins and other marine mammals. The expedition staff will brief us on zodiac safety and we'll receive our ship-provided rubber boots (good quality Muck Boots or similar).



*Cobb's Wren is one of the few land-birds found in the Falklands. It can be found on the off-shore islands such as Carcass Island, where we've seen them well on past tours. Photograph by guide Doug Gochfeld.*

**Days 6-7, Sat-Sun, 23-24 Oct. Falkland Islands.** The British Overseas Territory of the Falkland Islands offers a fascinating window into human history and conflict, with Argentina disputing the British claim to these islands. While not ignoring the human conflict represented by the islands, our time here will focus on the wildlife that this relatively warm and lush landscape has to offer. Due to the islands' isolation from South America, a distinctive set of resident birds exists here, and we'll seek them out - Striated Caracara, Cobb's Wren, Falkland Steamer-Duck, Rufous-chested Dotterel, Two-banded Plover, and more. Our first day will likely be spent visiting the western end of the Falklands, including a site where we might explore a colony with up to 4 species of breeding penguin (Magellanic, Gentoo, Southern Rockhopper, and small numbers of King) as well as Black-browed Albatross and Imperial Cormorants. We'll also stop in the islands' capital city of Port Stanley – during this time, instead of spending our time in museums and souvenir shops, we will arrange transportation to get us out onto the moorlands and beaches near the airport to search for Rufous-chested Dotterel, Two-banded Plover, and more.

**Days 8-9, Mon-Tue, 25-26 Oct. At sea, en route to South Georgia.** As we leave the Falklands, say goodbye to trees for a while, as we're heading to some places with decidedly short vegetation. This stretch of the trip can be rather impressive for pelagic seabird diversity, including prions, diving-petrels, albatrosses, and petrels. We'll want to spend plenty of time on deck in anticipation of finding scarce birds like Kerguelen Petrel, Atlantic Petrel, Soft-plumaged Petrel, and more. As we reach the Antarctic Convergence, where cold Antarctic water meets warmer northern water and creates highly productive zones of upwelling, we'll begin our watch for Blue Petrels and the iconic Snow Petrel (our chances for Snow Petrel extend throughout our time on South Georgia and down to the Antarctic Peninsula). During this crossing, our chances at finding Gray-headed Albatross and Light-mantled Albatross increase as we close in on South Georgia (where both species nest).



*King Penguins will welcome us when we stop at South Georgia Island. These second-largest of the penguins have an enormous breeding colony that we'll visit. Photograph by guide Doug Gochfeld.*

**Days 10-13, Wed-Sat, 27-30 Oct. South Georgia.** Depending on weather, we'll attempt to make landings each day during our stay at South Georgia. This island represents the most awe-inspiring concentrations of animals that we are likely to see on the cruise, including penguins and marine mammals. This part of the trip includes an adventure to a large (100,000+) King Penguin colony, exploration of tussock grass-lined coves for South Georgia Pipit and South Georgia Pintail, time to enjoy big concentrations of scrappy Antarctic Fur Seals and bizarre (and bizarrely sweet) Southern Elephant Seals, and maybe even a visit to a Wandering Albatross colony. We'll plan to land at Grytviken where we can learn about the island's human history (including the legendary exploits of Ernest Shackleton) and the historic role of the island in the whaling industry. A museum and gift shop at Grytviken are also popular attractions.

**Day 14, Sun 31 Oct. At sea, en route to the Antarctic Peninsula.** This route will take us from South Georgia past the South Orkney Islands, where we might make a call at the Argentinean base at Orcadas if the weather behaves properly. Otherwise, we'll be at sea, watching the flocks of Cape Petrels around the ship in anticipation of an Antarctic Petrel joining the mob.

**Day 15, Mon, 1 Nov. The Scenic Vistas of South Orkney.** Depending on the conditions, you might visit Orcadas Base, an Argentine scientific station on Laurie Island in the South Orkney archipelago. The personnel here will happily show you their facility, where you can enjoy expansive views of the surrounding glaciers. If a visit isn't possible, you may instead land in Coronation Island's Shingle Cove.

**Day 16-17, Tue-Wed, 2-3 Nov. Last Push to the Antarctic.** Enormous icebergs and a fair chance of fin whale sightings ensure there's never a dull moment on this last sea voyage south. Also, your best chance to spot Antarctic petrels is here.

**Days 18-20, Thu-Sat, 4-6 Nov. Antarctic Peninsula.** This is it! Though the spectacle of South Georgia and the lovely scenes of the Falklands are impressive, there's nothing quite like visiting on "The Continent" for the first time. We'll take the zodiacs ashore and spend time in an Adelie Penguin colony. These curious little penguins often approach humans closely, but they also might ignore us and focus on their nesting responsibilities. Though conditions vary tremendously day-to-day and year-to-year, the ship might also pass through areas with large chunks of ice, which can be very good for searching for seals (Weddell, Crabeater, and Leopard) and perhaps even Emperor Penguin (though this species is rare and not to be expected on our route).



**Days 21-22, Sun-Mon, 7-8 Nov. At sea en route to Ushuaia through the Drake Passage.** Though the 500-mile wide Drake Passage is notorious for its rough seas, the two-day crossing can also be placid. We'll spend time on deck searching through the seabirds following the ship, reacquainting ourselves with some that we left behind earlier in the trip (like Royal Albatrosses) and looking for new ones, too - perhaps a Soft-plumaged Petrel or a Great Shearwater. As we near the continent of South America, we'll return our rubber boots, pay our bar bills, and pack up our things - still smelling a bit like the penguin colonies of the Southern Ocean, I'm sure!

**Day 23, Tue 9 Nov. Disembarkation in Ushuaia and flights home.** After breakfast on the ship Tuesday, November 9, we'll disembark at Ushuaia, commonly referred to as Earth's southernmost city, and take buses to the Ushuaia airport. Flights departing in the early afternoon and evening are available to connect with overnight flights to the US, arriving on the following morning, November 10.

## About Your Guide

**Jesse Fagan** (a.k.a. the Motmot or just "Mot") has been passionate about birds since his teens, when he had an encounter with a flying Pileated Woodpecker. He has birded extensively throughout North America and in 2016 published the published [\*Peterson Field Guide to Birds of Northern Central America\*](#) (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt) with co-author Oliver Komar and illustrators Robert Dean and Peter Burke.

In addition, Mot has experience in many other areas of Central and South America, Europe, and Africa. He likes to think he can bird anywhere at any time and still show you the birds, but most importantly, a good time.

Jesse holds a B.S. and an M.S. in mathematics from Texas Tech University. He is currently living in Lima, Peru with his wife, Rocio.

*"Jesse is a fantastic guide. He really knows calls, infinitely patient in getting everyone on the difficult birds, fun to be with." L.F. Colombia: Bogota, the Magdalena Valley, and Santa Marta.*

Visit <https://fieldguides.com/our-staff/> for Jesse's complete tour schedule; just click on his photo.

## About Your Ship

The *m/v Ortelius* is a 300-foot vessel, perfectly suited to expedition travel in polar regions with good viewing areas from the various decks. With an ice-strengthened hull it is able to navigate waters more comfortably than many other ships of similar size, and in normal conditions average travel speed is about 10-12 kts. The vessel has a high ice-class rating, and is therefore very suitable to navigate in solid one-year sea ice and loose multi-year pack ice. *Ortelius* was built in Poland in 1989, was named *Marina Svetaeva*, and served as a special purpose vessel for the Russian Academy of Science. The vessel was re-flagged and renamed *Ortelius* after the Dutch/Flemish cartographer, Abraham Ortelius (1527-1598) who published the first modern world atlas, the *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum* or *Theatre of the World* in 1570. At that time, the atlas was the most expensive book ever printed.

In addition to the 50 cabins (with a capacity of 108 guests), the ship contains an infirmary, two adjacent dining rooms, a bar/lounge and lecture room. The ship's crew is international, and the expedition staff is variable, but usually largely European. *Ortelius* carries 11 zodiacs, which includes a reserve or two. Announcements, briefings, and lectures will be in English and, in keeping with the spirit of expedition travel, dress is informal. Internet service used to be slow, and for a fee, but as of 2024, these vessels are equipped with Starlink internet, and all guests are given a daily data allowance, before having to pay for more, or wait for the next day for their allowance to re-set. It is pretty good in some patches, but can be rather unreliable in much of our travel area, especially if the weather is bad. For urgent and important communications, the ship is equipped with satellite phone (pricey) and facsimile systems. There is power in all cabins and electricity is of the European 220-volt variety. American travelers will require an adapter for any electronic devices. Laundry service is available on board for a fee. A doctor will travel with us, and the infirmary is well provisioned with medicines and equipment. Those passengers on regular medication should bring with them an adequate personal supply, and participants concerned about seasickness are encouraged to consult with their physicians before departure.

More information about Ortelius can be found on Oceanwide's website at: <https://oceanwide-expeditions.com/our-fleet/m-v-ortelius>



## Financial Information

**CRUISE FEE:** per person from Puerto Madryn to Ushaia

Cabin category:	Double occupancy	Single Supplement	Deposit
• Porthole Twin	\$17850	\$12495	\$3570
• Window Twin	\$20750	\$14525	\$4150
• Deluxe Twin	\$22950	\$16065	\$4590
• Superior	\$36635	\$23545	\$7327

**LAND FEE:** \$875 per person in double occupancy

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** 0.7 x Cruise Fee in double occupancy; \$175 for Land Fee

**DEPOSIT:** 20% of Cruise Fee per person (non-refundable)

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE:** April 21, 2027

**LIMIT:** 10

Note: Single travelers who wish to share their cabin/hotel room should indicate this on the registration form. The published per person twin occupancy fare is guaranteed in this case, whether or not a cabinmate is available. Single travelers who require sole occupancy of cabins will be charged at 1.7 times the published fare.

*\*\*Price Changes—Oceanwide Expeditions (from whom we have an allotment of cabins) reserves the right to impose surcharges (price increases) up to 60 days before departure due to unfavorable changes in exchange rates, increases in airfares or other transportation costs, increases in local operating costs, harbor dues, duties, taxes, or government action.*

*\*\*Insurance—Oceanwide Expeditions requires that travelers obtain insurance that will cover personal injury, medical, repatriation, and evacuation expenses. The cost of emergency evacuation and medical care can be very high. A minimum of \$100,000 is required and it is strongly recommended that coverage be extended to include cancellation and trip interruption. Coverage offered through CSA on the Field Guides Comfort Plan meets these minimums.*

Please review the following link for Oceanwide Expeditions most up-to-date terms and conditions:

<https://oceanwide-expeditions.com/page/terms-and-conditions>

## Other Things You Need to Know

**TOUR MANAGER:** The manager for this tour is Karen Turner. Karen will be happy to assist you in preparing for the tour. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call her!

**DOCUMENTS:** Be sure to verify the latest entry requirements for each country you will visit or transit.

**Passport:** A current passport is required for international travel. It should be in good condition, valid for at least 6 months beyond your return date, and have at least one blank page for each country on your itinerary.

**Visa:** U.S. and Canadian citizens do not require a tourist visa to enter Argentina. Citizens of other countries should check with the consulates of each destination for current entry requirements.

**AIR ARRANGEMENTS:** This tour begins in Puerto Madryn, Argentina (El Tehuelche Airport, PMY), which requires a connecting flight from Buenos Aires (AEP or EZE), and ends in Ushuaia, Argentina (Ushuaia International Airport, USH).

**Arrival:** We strongly recommend **arriving in Puerto Madryn on October 18** to avoid flight delays that could jeopardize boarding the ship on October 20.

**Departure: Ushuaia,** Tuesday, November 9. We'll disembark the ship at Ushuaia, and take buses to the Ushuaia airport. Flights departing in the early afternoon and evening are available to connect with overnight flights to the US, arriving on the following morning, November 10.

Please wait to purchase airline tickets until we notify you that the tour is confirmed to operate. At that time, we'll be glad to assist with your flight arrangements at no service fee.

**SMOKING:** Please note that cruise ships are generally smoke-free with designated smoking areas outside. Almost all of our clients prefer a smoke-free environment. If you smoke, please be sensitive to the group and refrain from smoking at meals, in vehicles, and in proximity to the group on trails and elsewhere.

**TOUR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS:** The Cruise Fee depends on cabin category (see above) and is per person in double occupancy from Puerto Madryn to Ushuaia. It includes the voyage as indicated in the itinerary, all meals throughout the voyage aboard the ship including snacks, coffee, and tea; all shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage by zodiac; program of lectures by noted naturalists, leadership by experienced expedition staff, and the guide services of your Field Guides leader; all miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program; and comprehensive pre-trip material. Tipping at group meals and for drivers, porters, and local guides is included in your tour fee and will be handled for the group by your Field Guides leader(s). However, if you would like to recognize your Field Guides leader(s) or any local guide(s) for exceptional service, it is entirely appropriate to tip. We emphasize that such tips are optional and not expected.

**The Land Fee of \$875 is per person in double occupancy.** It includes lodging for the night of October 19<sup>th</sup>, dinner on October 19, breakfast and lunch on October 20, luggage transfer from the hotel to the ship and a private bus for the group in the Falklands.

**The above fees do not include** your airfare to Puerto Madryn and from Ushuaia, airport taxes, visa fees, any checked or carry-on baggage charges imposed by the airlines, the customary gratuity at the end of the voyage to the ship's crew (guidelines will be provided), any alcoholic beverages, phone calls, laundry, or other items of a personal nature. The tour fee does not cover bar drinks charged to the cabin, including soft drinks or juices not served at meals. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate are free of charge and available 24 hours in the lounge.

**Single travelers requiring sole occupancy of cabins will be charged 1.7 x the Cruise Fee total.** Single travelers wishing to share should indicate this on the registration form. The double occupancy fare is guaranteed in this case, whether or not a cabinmate is available.

**The single supplement for the Land Fee is \$175.** If you do not have a roommate but wish to share, we will try to pair you with a roommate from the tour; but if none is available, you will be billed for the single supplement. Our tour fees are based on double occupancy; one-half the cost of a double room is priced into the tour fee. The single supplement is calculated by taking the actual cost of a single room and subtracting one-half the cost of a double room (plus any applicable taxes).

**TOUR REGISTRATION:** To register for this tour, please contact us at [fieldguides.com/contact-us/](https://fieldguides.com/contact-us/). *(Please let us know your cabin category preference.)* Our office will be in touch with you by email by the next business day (Mon-Fri) with instructions on how to complete our electronic registration form and medical questionnaire. (We are no longer accepting the paper version.)

**Please send the deposit of 20% of the cabin fee per person** (see the Financial Information above), or see our Payment Options at <https://fieldguides.com/payment-options/>. **Full payment of the tour fee is due 180 days prior to departure, or by April 21, 2027.** We will bill you for the final payment at either 180 days or when the tour has reached sufficient subscription to operate, whichever date comes later. Since the cost of your trip insurance and airline tickets is generally non-refundable, please do not finalize these purchases until you have received final billing for the tour or have been advised that the tour is sufficiently subscribed to operate by your tour manager.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Due to the cancellation policy of our supplier, Oceanwide Expeditions, we must amend our usual cancellation policy as follows: **If cancellation is received up to 180 days before departure, Field Guides will refund 10% of your deposit (20% of the cruise fee).** If cancellation occurs between 179 and 90 days before the departure date, 50% of the tour fee is refundable. Thereafter, all deposits and payments are not refundable.

Our cancellation policy only applies to payments made to Field Guides for tour (and any services included in those fees). Airline tickets not included in the tour fee and purchased separately often carry penalties for cancellation or change, or are sometimes totally non-refundable. Additionally, if you take out trip insurance the cost of that insurance is not refundable, so it is best to purchase the policy just prior to making full payment for the tour or at the time you purchase airline tickets, depending upon the airline's restrictions.

The right is reserved to cancel any tour prior to departure. In most such cases, full refund will constitute full settlement to the passenger. Note this exception, however: If you have been advised pre-tour that there is a non-refundable portion of your tour fee no matter the reason for Field Guides cancellation of the tour, that portion will not be refunded. The right is reserved to substitute in case of emergency another guide for the original one.

## TRIP CANCELLATION & MEDICAL EMERGENCY INSURANCE:

### **Required at \$100,000 minimum.**

We strongly recommend purchasing trip cancellation (including medical emergency) insurance to protect your investment in case of injury or illness to you or an immediate family member before or during a trip. Because we must remit early and substantial deposits to our suppliers, we cannot offer refunds for cancellations outside of our Cancellation Policy. If a participant is unable to join or continue a tour due to illness, all related expenses will be their responsibility, and no refunds can be issued for missed days. Please wait to purchase insurance until we notify you that the tour is confirmed to operate, as most policies are non-refundable.

For full details, visit our Trip Cancellation Insurance page at <https://fieldguides.com/trip-cancellation-insurance/>.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** For and in consideration of the opportunity to participate in the tour, each tour participant and each parent or legal guardian of a tour participant who is under 18 agrees to release, indemnify, and hold harmless Field Guides Incorporated, its agents, servants, employees, shareholders, officers, directors, attorneys, and contractors as more fully set forth in the Release and Indemnity Agreement on the registration form. Field Guides Incorporated acts only as an agent for the passenger in regard to travel, whether by railroad, motorcar, motorcoach, boat, airplane, or other means, and assumes no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity caused by defect in such vehicles or for any reason whatsoever, including the acts, defaults, or bankruptcies of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour. You acknowledge and agree that Field Guides Incorporated is not responsible for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, or other causes. The tour participant shall bear all such losses and expenses. Field Guides Incorporated reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category for those indicated and to make any changes in the itinerary where deemed necessary or caused by changes in air schedules. Field Guides Incorporated reserves the right to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of any tour. Baggage is at owner's risk entirely.

Participants should be in good health and should consult a physician before undertaking a tour. If you have questions about the physical requirements of a tour, please contact our office for further information. Participants should prepare for the tour by reading the detailed itinerary, the information bulletin, and other pertinent matter provided by Field Guides. Each participant is responsible for bringing appropriate clothing and equipment as recommended in our bulletins.

THE RECEIPT OF YOUR TOUR DEPOSIT SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE CONSENT TO THE ABOVE CONDITIONS. EACH TOUR PARTICIPANT AND EACH PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF A TOUR PARTICIPANT WHO IS UNDER 18 SHALL SIGN AND DELIVER THE RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION.

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