



## Cruise Details

Name:	Antarctica, South Georgia & Falkland Islands
Reference:	SCENIC201S080127-1
Operator:	Scenic Ocean Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Scenic Eclipse
Regions:	Antarctica
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Departs On:	08 Jan 27
Departs From:	Buenos Aires
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Arrives On:	27 Jan 27
Arrives At:	Ushuaia
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Cruise Nights:	19
Total Vacation Days:	20

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Buenos Aires (Argentina)

Welcome to Buenos Aires, where you'll have an overnight hotel stay. Perhaps plan to spend some time in the city, nicknamed the 'Paris of South America'. Resplendent with Belle Epoque buildings, sidewalk cafes and green spaces, there's the fiery passion of Latin America – a collective love for football, flame-cooked meats (asado) and the tango.

Some of the highlights are La Boca, a colourful, creative mecca with a must-do art walk, and San Telmo, a former aristocratic neighbourhood that was abandoned during a 19th-century epidemic. Mansions were turned into conventillos (shared housing), boutique hotels, antique shops, and tango clubs, exuding a captivating bohemian vibe.

Arrives On: 08 Jan 27

### Day 2: Buenos Aires (Argentina)

Fly from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia, the main island of Tierra del Fuego and the southernmost city in the world. The Captain and crew will warmly greet you as you board your ultra-luxury Discovery Yacht, Scenic Eclipse.

Toast the start of your once-in-a-lifetime expedition as you depart South America and cruise through the calm and scenic Beagle Channel, named so for the ship that carried Charles Darwin on his five-year discovery journey. Admire the dramatic views of the Andean mountains from the comfort of your private verandah or from the Observation Deck with its commanding view of the bow.

Arrives On: 09 Jan 27

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#### Day 4: Falkland Islands (Falkland Islands (Malvinas))

Remote and sparsely populated, the Falkland Islands are a wildlife lover's paradise. The world's largest population of Gentoo penguins is found here, in addition to King, Magellanic and rockhopper penguins. Watch as they waddle along, interacting with each other.

You can also find black-browed albatross, plus Cobb's wren and Falkland's flightless steamer duck, which are both endemic bird species. Make sure to ask for some wildlife insights from the expert Polar Discovery Team – comprised of up to 20 members, this team of geologists, historians, ornithologists, marine biologists, and glaciologists is at the heart of your Antarctic Voyage.

**Discovery:** Daily experiences during your expedition voyage may include cruising on Zodiacs, stepping ashore to view vast penguin rookeries or historic huts, and kayaking around icebergs. Wherever your voyage takes you, you will have countless "pinch me" moments.

Arrives On: 11 Jan 27

#### Day 5: Falkland Islands (Falkland Islands (Malvinas))

While in the Falkland Islands, you will likely visit Stanley, the capital of the archipelago. Since its colonisation in the 18th century, the ownership of the Falkland Islands has been clouded in controversy between France, Britain, Spain and Argentina. This town offers a unique British outpost feel. Visit an array of local shops, see the Christ Church Cathedral with its whalebone arch, or share a pint with friendly locals at an English pub.

Tonight could be the night you meet your new friends at Sushi @ Koko's for dinner. Enjoy entertainment in the state-of-the-art theatre and unwind with a nightcap at the Scenic Lounge Bar.

Arrives On: 12 Jan 27

#### Day 8: South Georgia Island (South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands)

Between the 3000-metre mountain range that forms the spine of South Georgia Island, shattered glaciers carve their way through tussock grass to the deeply indented coastline. A possible landing site is Fortuna Bay<sup>^^</sup>, which has panoramic views of jagged summit peaks and remarkable Konig Glacier. You may also visit Salisbury Plain<sup>^^</sup>, home to the world's second largest King penguin of more than 250,000. Stand in an amphitheatre of snow-capped mountains to watch the colonies. Elephant and fur seals also frequent the three-kilometre-long pebble beach. Once on the brink of extinction, populations have rebounded since hunting was banned in the 1960s.

**Discovery:** Today you may have the chance to explore this fascinating landscape on the fleet of custom-built Zodiacs and kayaks. Your expert Discovery Team will take you on enlightening excursions that put you close to South Georgia's stunning wildlife and nature.

Arrives On: 15 Jan 27

#### Day 9: South Georgia Island (South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands)

You may land in the deserted whaling village of Stromness<sup>^^</sup>, where after a gruelling 36-hour hike through the South Georgia Mountains, Sir Ernest Shackleton was helped by the Norwegian whaling station manager.

You may get the chance to pay your respects to the renowned explorer at his final resting place in the settlement of Grytviken<sup>^^</sup>. Here, you can also see the remnants of old whaling stations, with some ships left rusting around the bay.

Arrives On: 16 Jan 27

#### Day 10: South Georgia Island (South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands)

At South Georgia's southern tip, Cooper Bay<sup>^^</sup>, watch for giant petrels and brown skuas as they soar above and playful fur seals in underwater kelp forests. Climb a short but steep hill to find a macaroni penguin colony hidden among tussock grasses.

Stand on the Observation Terrace as Scenic Eclipse cruises through the sheer, snow-covered walls of Drygalski Fjord<sup>^^</sup> towards Risting Glacier, which looms at the end. This is the main breeding area for snow petrels – use your complimentary binoculars to find these as they blend into the white cliffs.

Arrives On: 17 Jan 27

#### Day 13: Antarctic Peninsula (Antarctica)

Slide open the floor-to-ceiling doors of your verandah suite to see icebergs sculpted by nature and glacial mountains rising thousands of metres from the ocean. True magic awaits as you witness the incredible wildlife spectacle: from the graceful seals to majestic whales and delightful colonies of penguins that dot the landscape.

Antarctica is also a

birdwatcher's paradise, with more than 40 different species. Keep your eyes peeled for wandering albatrosses, which has the largest wingspan of any flying bird, as well as shearwaters, giant petrels and more.

**Discovery:** Partake in daily Scenic Discovery excursions. Cruise on the Zodiacs around ice formations, step onto islands to view vast penguin rookeries and seals. Kayak or stand-up paddleboard around icebergs and hear the ice cracking and whales feeding below.

Arrives On: 20 Jan 27

#### Day 14: Antarctic Peninsula (Antarctica)

Portal Point<sup>^</sup> – a former British refuge hut – may be a potential landing site during your voyage.

Or you may visit Deception Island<sup>^</sup> as part of your itinerary. Nestled in the South Shetland Islands archipelago, it is one of the only places in the world that ships can sail directly into the centre of a submerged caldera of an active volcano. With her world-class design and state-of-the-art technology, Scenic Eclipse can sail through a rocky gap into the horseshoe-shaped harbour. The island is also home to a few small scientific outposts and hundreds of thousands of chinstrap penguins.

Arrives On: 21 Jan 27

#### Day 15: Antarctic Peninsula (Antarctica)

Various species of penguins can be found in Antarctic and the sub-Antarctic region, with around 12 million penguins living on the Peninsula, including Adélie, Chinstrap, Gentoo, and the very rare Emperor penguins. Guided by the expert Discovery Team, you'll witness colonies up close; hear their mighty calls and watch as they clumsily waddle along and interact with each other.

Whales are another majestic creature you may encounter, whether a minke, a humpback or an Orca. Watch them from the comfort of your ultra-luxury Discovery Yacht, in a Zodiac with an experienced Polar Discovery Team member, or from their level in a kayak or stand-up paddleboard – a breathtaking experience.

**Discovery:** When enjoying daily Scenic Discovery excursions, ask for your expert Discovery Leader for photography tips and guidance on how to spot the wildlife around you. They will help you immortalise these incredible moments while cruising on the Zodiacs, kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding around impressive ice formations.

Arrives On: 22 Jan 27

#### Day 16: Antarctic Peninsula (Antarctica)

Lemaire Channel<sup>^</sup>, renowned for its picturesque views and often referred to as 'Kodak Alley', could be our next exiting destination. If during your voyage the Scenic Eclipse weaves through this channel, make sure you set your alarm and embrace the cool air from the Observation

Terrace. Pass through the 11-kilometre-long channel, just 700 metres wide at its narrowest point, and be amazed at the dramatic rocky mountains and glowing blue icebergs so close to the ship.

In between Scenic Discovery experiences, enjoy a specialty tea or coffee in the Observation Lounge and watch the world float by through Swarovski telescopes.

Arrives On: 23 Jan 27

#### Day 17: Antarctic Peninsula (Antarctica)

Be sure to pack your swimming suit because you could be going for a swim today. For many, the polar plunge is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and a rite of passage on an expedition to Antarctica. Once throughout your voyage, Scenic Eclipse will stop, and the team will set up the marina ready for the brave people who want to jump into the freezing Antarctic waters.

Excitement will spread through the Discovery Yacht, and you will start hearing the contagious nervous laughter. As you stand on the edge, ready to jump, you will feel the adrenaline rush while you second-guess whether this is a good idea. When you jump, the moment before you hit the water will feel like it goes forever, but soon, an invigorating, exciting, and surprisingly refreshing sensation will take over.

If you choose to skip the polar plunge, make sure you find a good viewing location as you feel the chills of everyone coming out of the water. Join them for a cup of hot chocolate or toast with a glass of whiskey.

Arrives On: 24 Jan 27

#### Day 19: Ushuaia (Argentina)

Arrives On: 26 Jan 27

#### Day 20: Ushuaia (Argentina)

Your voyage ends this morning as you farewell the crew and fellow guests. Disembark after breakfast to fly to Buenos Aires, taking away memories of a truly unforgettable experience.

Please book your flight to depart out of Buenos Aires after 08:00 PM.

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Reservation Required

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and vintage wines, Champagnes and spirits.</span></p>

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