

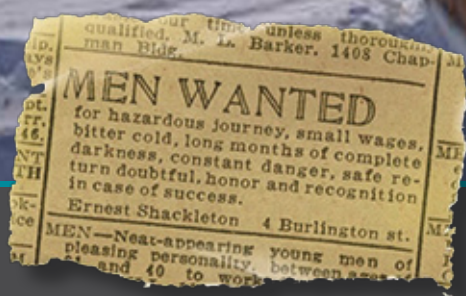
# Ski expedition across

# South Georgia

Exclusive South Georgia (PLA23\_03 - 17 December 2011 (15 days), Port Stanley - Port Stanley  
Including flights from Santiago de Chile



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## In the footsteps of Shackleton

Ski trek across South Georgia: a group of up to 12 ski explorers and 2-3 mountain guides will attempt to traverse, unsupported and self supplied, the island of South Georgia with skis hauling their own pulkas (sledges). The skiers will cover a total distance of 40 – 50 km retracing sections of the historic Shackleton route from 1916.

On arrival day at King Haakon Bay, the expedition members will spend a night close to the shore preparing for the crossing. The expedition will then embark on their ski trek across alpine passes and glaciers aiming for reunion with the ship at Stromness Bay. After both expeditions have rejoined, all passengers will then continue to enjoy the latter part of the South Georgia cruise itinerary. The non skiers (those who follow the sea voyage) will also have plenty of opportunities to walk. All passengers can use snowshoes onboard, that makes walking on deep snow much easier.

The questionnaire and registration form will be forwarded upon request.



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A postcard from South Georgia



## Information and requirements - Shackleton Crossing

At the end of the South polar winter the heavily glaciated interior of South Georgia is covered with deep winter snow. Therefore, the expedition will be carried out with touring skis and lightweight sledges which allow rapid and comfortable progress and easy transport of the expedition equipment (about 30-35 kg per person). The sledge can be carried as a backpack on coastal stretches without snow if necessary. The expedition will move through steep, deep snow-covered, glaciated, crevassed and potentially dangerous alpine terrain. Good physical condition and health is essential for this demanding polar expedition and must be backed up by a medical certificate. Participants must be able to master the basic techniques of alpine skiing (ascent and descent). Each participant is asked to submit a personal tour report (climbing, mountaineering and ski touring log book).

## Exclusive South Georgia voyage, PLA23, 03 - 17 December 2011 (15 days), Port Stanley - Port Stanley

| Voyage PLA23:    | Sea expedition  | Ski expedition                           |
|------------------|---|--|
| 03-12-2011       | Flight from Chile to Falklands. Embarkation, Port Stanley | same program                             |
| 04 to 05-12-2011 | at sea  | same program                             |
| 06-12-2011       | King Haakon Bay, Peggotty Bluff                           | skiers start at King Haakon Bay          |
| 07-12-2011       | Salisbury Plain, Prion Island                             | ski traverse                             |
| 08-12-2011       | Ocean Harbour, Godthul, Cobblers Cove                     | ski traverse                             |
| 09-12-2011       | Fortuna Bay, Stromness Bay, Grytviken                     | skiers may re join the ship (1st option) |
| 10-12-2011       | Gold Harbour, Larsen Harbour, Drygalski Fjord             | same program                             |
| 11-12-2011       | Cooper Bay, St. Andrews                                   | same program                             |
| 12-12-2011       | Fortuna Bay/Whistle Cove, Possession Bay                  | skiers re join the ship (2nd option)     |
| 13-12-2011       | Right Whale Bay, Elsehul                                  | same program                             |
| 14 to 16-12-2011 | at sea  | same program                             |
| 17-12-2011       | disembarkation Port Stanley and flight back to Chile      | same program                             |

The itinerary is for guidance only, and sailing schedule is subject to change. Programs may vary depending on local ice and weather conditions, the availability of landing sites and opportunities to see wildlife. The final itinerary will be determined by the Expedition Leader on board. Flexibility is paramount for expedition cruises.

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## Images of the 2010 South Georgia crossing

First day at King Haakon Bay



Early rise at Murray Snowfield



Approaching Trident Ridge



Ascending the glacier



Ready for glacier travel

Camp at Nunatak



Outside kitchen



Descending to Fortuna Bay



The expedition team 2010

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## South Georgia facts:

**Topography:** South Georgia is a remote and mountainous sub-Antarctic Island, some 170 km long and 40 km wide. It is dominated by two mountain ranges with the island's highest peak, Mount Paget, reaching to 2,934m (9,625 ft). The island's interior is covered with permanent snow and ice cover, large glaciers stretch from the mountain ranges and ice caps into the sea ending in an area of crevasses followed by fragile and unstable ice cliffs that frequently shed tons of ice. In winter, over one metre of snow can accumulate at sea level with much more at higher altitudes, and there can be frosts and snowfalls during the austral summer. The coast is forbidding with steep cliffs and glaciers running into the sea.

**Weather:** The Island is exposed to a persistent stream of deep depressions moving east from Drake Passage across the Scotia Sea. The south side of the island bears the brunt of the prevailing weather. The north side of the island does provide some sheltered bays and clearer weather. However, katabatic winds are frequent and can reach gale force; moderate synoptic winds can be accelerated up to over 100 mph on the Island's north side. The average summer temperature is plus 4.8 degrees centigrade and in winter the average is minus 1.2 degrees centigrade at sea level. Extreme wind chill factors, increasing with altitude, are frequent throughout the year. The mean lowest annual temperature is minus 11 degrees centigrade and the lowest recorded temperature at Grytviken is minus 14 degrees centigrade.

**Local population and visitors:** Very few people live on South Georgia. The Government Officer, who is responsible for all the Government administrative duties on the island, is based at King Edward Point (KEP). The Government Officer is supported in this task by the BAS staff from the applied fisheries science research station at KEP. During the summer months a few museum curators also live at Grytviken.

**Self sufficiency, insurance and resources ashore:** Given the harsh environment, limited resources ashore (in particular the lack of search and rescue SAR and medical facilities and remote location, the expedition must be totally self sufficient. M/v Plancius as a support vessel will be reasonably close proximity and able to respond at all times. Expedition members accept that there is an inherent risk associated with expeditions in such a remote and potentially hostile environment. Participants must have adequate personal insurance that covers medical evacuation and repatriation. The nearest Search and Rescue facilities and hospital are located in the Falkland Islands some 850 miles to the west. There is no guarantee that the authorities in the Falkland Islands would be capable of initiating a SAR operation to South Georgia on any given day. A rescue mounted from the Falkland Islands would be wholly dependent on a suitable vessel(s) or aircraft being operational, on station, and in a position to respond. Mobilisation and passage to South Georgia could take many days and would involve immense effort and expense.

**Environmental protection:** Many areas of South Georgia are still pristine or particularly vulnerable to environmental damage. The island is an extremely important natural breeding site for numerous marine species, including 4 species of penguin, 4 species of albatross, 11 species of petrel, the only Antarctic Songbird and many other birds, some of which are threatened and others are in decline. Elephant seals and fur seals breed on the beaches and two large herds of reindeer range over the hinterland. Oceanwide Expeditions includes a full environmental plan including thorough biosecurity measures before embarkation.



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## Expedition Tick List



### Oceanwide Expeditions provides:

#### Travel

- Sledges (pulkas)
- Waterproof duffel bags
- MSR Denali Ascent lightweight snowshoes
- Warm, insulated waterproof rubber boots

#### Mountaineering essentials

- Harnesses
- Crampons
- Screw gate carabiners, snap link carabiners, ice axes
- Ropes, tape slings slings, prussic loops

#### Field camp essentials

- 3 person North Face V25 tents
- Carinthia polar sleeping bags (2 in one) with inner cotton liner
- Thermarest mattresses and foam mattress
- 2 person Gore Tex bivouac bags
- MSR stoves, fuel bottles, pots and pans
- Snow shovels
- Thermos flasks

#### Communication and Safety

- Marine VHF's
- PLBs - Personal Locator Beacon
- Iridium satellite telephones
- GPS, satellite maps
- Avalanche probe
- Solar panel
- Advanced first aid kit

#### Food

- Expedition lightweight and dehydrated food rations packed in Man-day rations
- Food containers/bags

### Important personal clothing and gear to bring (required):

#### Travel

- Trekking rucksack (65 liter female, 80 liter male)

#### Ski mountaineering

- Ski equipment (randonées skis or telemark skis, skiing boots with crampons)
- Telescopic ski poles
- Avalanche receivers
- Skins + spares
- Harscheisen
- Ski waxes/skin adhesive

#### Clothing - Outer layer

- Windproof, waterproof, breathable jacket with hood
- Windproof, waterproof, breathable pants/salopettes
- Down jacket (lightweight)
- Down trousers (not entirely necessary)
- Insulated long trouser with side zip

#### Thermal Layer (underwear)

- Synthetic/wool fleece/pile jacket/pull-on
- Synthetic/wool fleece/pile pants/salopettes
- Fleece vest or jacket

#### Base Layer (underwear)

- Synthetic/wool thin top (long/short sleeves/zipped)
- Synthetic/wool thin pants/long jons
- Synthetic/wool balaclava
- 3 - 4 synthetic/wool hats
- Windproof cap with peak/ear protectors
- Sun hat
- Headband
- Facemask
- Neck gaitor/scarf

#### Feet/Legs

- Ski boots with gaitors
- Down/synthetic fill boots (camp/tent wear)
- Spare laces
- Synthetic/wool thin/thick long socks
- Thin synthetic under socks (against blisters)
- Sleep : woollen clothes and socks

#### Hands

- Ski/mountain gloves
- Windproof overmitts
- Synthetic/wool thermal mitts/ finger gloves
- Down mitts
- Thin (base layer) synthetic/wool mitts/gloves
- Mitt/glove support (around neck)

#### Eyes

- Ski goggles (substantially windproof)
- Facial protection. We advise to us bring a neoprene face mask or similar
- Sun glasses/glacier glasses with sides
- Spare glasses/lenses

#### Skin and hygiene

- Sun block, sun screen, fatty lip salve (no water)
- Eyeshield/earplugs
- Toilet/hygiene kit, towel
- P – bottle.

#### Miscellaneous

- Head torch with lithium batteries
- Personal medication
- 25 liter day pack rucksack
- 1 liter water bottle
- Waterproof bag (for camera equipment)
- Film or memory cards

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## Prices and Services



### Date and prices per person

Saturday - Saturday 03 - 17 December, 2011

All cabins have own shower and toilet;

Berth in quadruple cabin : € 6.950

Berth in twin with porthole cabin : € 7.990

Berth in twin with window cabin : € 8.350

Berth in twin deluxe cabin : € 8.850

Berth in superior cabin : € 9.650

Supplement for single cabin, 1.7 x the shared price

Shackleton Crossing : € 4.270

### Please note:

It is agreed that if world fuel prices will reach or exceed US Dollar 80 per Barrel Brent 90 days prior to departure Oceanwide Expeditions reserves the right to levy a fuel surcharge of Euro 18 per passenger per night, to be paid by the contracting party of Oceanwide Expeditions.

Single travellers: It is possible to book 1 berth in shared cabin, solo travellers can share a double cabin with another person.

### Services included in cruise price:

- Voyage aboard m/v Plancius as indicated
- Return flight with LAN Chile from Santiago de Chile via Punta Arenas to Falkland Islands
- All meals throughout the voyage aboard the ship including snacks, coffee and tea
- Free use of rubber boots and snowshoes
- Guidance and supervision by an international expedition team: ship's expedition leader and guides during the days at sea
- Supervision by a doctor during the days at sea
- All zodiac and shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage
- Program on board: Lectures and shore excursions led by experienced guide lecturers
- Pre scheduled group transfer on the Falkland Islands
- All other service and port charges throughout the cruise program
- Comprehensive pre-departure material

### Services included in ski expedition:

- Voyage aboard m/v Plancius as indicated
- minimum of 4 days, 3 nights in expedition tents
- Free use of equipment according to expedition equipment list (sleeping bag, mat, tent, sledges, snowshoes, climbing equipment etc)
- Management and supervision of the ski traverse through certified ski and mountain guide
- Accompany of at least two mountain guides in a group of 6 to 8, three guides in a group of 9 to 12
- Accompany of a medically qualified person (expedition doctor)
- Full board with expedition rations throughout the expedition
- All excursions and activities throughout the ski traverse
- Vessel Plancius on standby call
- Special transfers with zodiac craft
- Administrative fees and taxes

### Not included:

Passport and visa expenses; Government arrival and departure taxes; meals ashore; baggage, cancellation and personal insurance (which is strongly recommended); excess baggage charges and all items of a personal nature such as laundry, bar, beverage charges and telecommunication charges; and the customary gratuity at the end of the voyages for stewards and other service personnel aboard (guidelines will be provided).

### Participants

Ski Expedition: Min 6, Max 12 participants on the expedition

Voyage: Min 70 participants on the ship

### Flight

Roundtrip flights from Santiago de Chile to Port Stanley are included in the price. Any extra charges for excess baggage / luggage are not included.

Please contact us for the flight schedule and if needed we can assist you in booking connecting flights to and from Santiago de Chile.

### Terms and conditions

All travel elements which relate to the stay on board of the vessel and/or excursions or programmes off ship (such as but not limited to excursions or programmes on land, including zodiac) are for 100 % the own risk of the passenger. Oceanwide Expeditions is therefore not liable for any damage, such as but not limited to (bodily) injury, illness and death except for gross negligence. On all our transactions the general terms and conditions of Oceanwide Expeditions b.v. apply, registered at the Chamber of Commerce, Middelburg, the Netherlands. File nr.: 992249. Upon request, a free copy will be provided.

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