

# South America Cruises & Shore Excursions

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Your trusted Destination Management  
Company in South America

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## WHO WE ARE

# Your Local DMC Partner in South America

**Calaio Viajes y Turismo** is a **Destination Management Company (DMC)** specializing in high-quality ground services, expedition cruises and shore excursions **across South America**.

We operate primarily in **Argentina, Chile and Uruguay**, providing reliable on-the-ground support for **international tour operators, cruise lines, travel agencies and incentive houses**.

Our strength lies in combining **deep regional expertise**, strong local partnerships and flexible operations to ensure smooth logistics, consistent service standards and memorable travel experiences.

From **Antarctic expedition cruises** to **Patagonian landscapes, vibrant cities and authentic cultural encounters**, Calaio acts as your trusted local partner at every destination.





## OUR SERVICES

# What We Do

**Calaio offers a comprehensive portfolio of travel services, including:**

-  **Expedition Cruises** (Antarctica & Sub-Antarctic regions)
-  **Cruise Shore Excursions** at major South American ports
-  Inland Tours & Overland Programs
-  FIT & Group Handling
-  Tailor-Made Itineraries
-  Pre & Post Cruise Programs
-  Multilingual Guides & On-site Assistance





SOUTH AMERICA CRUISES

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ANTARCTICA

CRUISE | DURATION 10 DAYS

# CLASSIC ANTARCTICA – EXPEDITION CRUISE

ANTARCTIC PENINSULA & SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS

## OVERVIEW

Classic Antarctica is a 10-day expedition cruise designed for travelers seeking an authentic Antarctic experience. The program combines daily Zodiac landings, wildlife encounters, scenic navigation through iconic Antarctic waterways, and expert-led lectures. The itinerary is flexible and adapted in real time to weather, ice conditions, and wildlife activity, ensuring optimal guest experience.



## OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHT

- At least **two shore landings** per day, conditions permitting
- Expert **expedition team and naturalist guides** on board
- Zodiac operations for landings and coastal exploration
- Educational lecture program throughout the voyage
- Open bridge policy for guest engagement and navigation insights

## KEY SELLING POINTS FOR TRADE

- ✓ Proven classic Antarctic itinerary
- ✓ High landing frequency and strong wildlife focus
- ✓ Ideal for first-time Antarctica travelers
- ✓ Educational and experiential product with strong client satisfaction
- ✓ Flexible routing maximizes operational success in polar conditions



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# CLASSIC ANTARCTICA – EXPEDITION CRUISE

## WILDLIFE & SCENIC VALUE

- Penguin species:** Gentoo, Chinstrap, Adélie
- Marine mammals:** Weddell, crabeater and leopard seals; humpback, minke and orca whales
- Iconic Antarctic landscapes:** glaciers, icebergs, narrow channels, and pristine polar wilderness



## ITINERARY SUMMARY

**Day 1 – Ushuaia:** Afternoon embarkation and departure via the Beagle Channel

**Days 2–3 – Drake Passage:** Crossing the Antarctic Convergence with wildlife viewing and onboard lectures; first landings in the South Shetland Islands when conditions allow

**Days 4–7 – Antarctic Peninsula & South Shetland Islands:** Exploration of key

sites such as Deception Island, King George Island, Livingston Island, Paradise Bay, Neko Harbour, Paulet Island, and Petermann Island (ice permitting). Navigation through Lemaire Channel, Gerlache Strait, and Neumayer Channel

**Days 8–9 – Drake Passage (Northbound):** Return crossing with continued wildlife observation

**Day 10 – Ushuaia:** Early morning arrival and disembarkation



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CRUISE | DURATION 22 DAYS

# CLASSIC SOUTH GEORGIA

FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS), SOUTH GEORGIA, ANTARCTIC  
PENINSULA & SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS

## OVERVIEW

Classic South Georgia is a long-format expedition cruise designed for travelers seeking the richest wildlife experience in the Southern Ocean. This itinerary combines the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and Antarctica, offering dramatic landscapes, legendary wildlife encounters and a strong historical narrative linked to the heroic age of exploration. It is considered one of the most complete and rewarding polar journeys available.



## OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHT

- Small expedition ship with reinforced hull
- Zodiac landings and shore excursions, weather permitting
- Experienced expedition team and onboard lecturers
- Flexible routing based on ice, weather and wildlife conditions
- Daily briefings and educational program onboard

## KEY SELLING POINTS FOR TRADE

- ✓ One of the most comprehensive Southern Ocean itineraries, combining Falkland Islands, South Georgia and Antarctica
- ✓ Exceptional wildlife density, including King Penguin mega-colonies and breeding elephant seals
- ✓ Strong appeal to repeat Antarctica travelers seeking a deeper and more exclusive expedition
- ✓ Rich historical narrative linked to Shackleton and the heroic age of exploration
- ✓ Small expedition ship experience with expert-led landings and lectures
- ✓ Ideal for high-end, nature-focused and adventure-oriented travelers



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CRUISE | DURATION 22 DAYS

# CLASSIC SOUTH GEORGIA

## ITINERARY SUMMARY

**Day 1 – Ushuaia:** Afternoon embarkation in Ushuaia. Welcome drink and introduction to the expedition team. Departure towards the Falkland Islands.

**Day 2 – At Sea** Ocean navigation with open bridge access. Wildlife observation

**Day 3-4:** Western Falkland Islands (Malvinas) and Eastern Falkland Islands (Malvinas) | Stanley

**Days 5-6 – At Sea** Crossing the Scotia Sea with extensive le

**Day 7 – South Georgia** First sighting of South Georgia.

**Days 8-12 – In-depth exploration of South Georgia**

- **Salisbury Plain** major King Penguin colonies
- **St. Andrews Bay** largest King Penguin colony on the island
- **Grytviken** historic whaling station and Shackleton's grave
- **Godthul, Cooper Bay, Willis Islands, Drygalski Fjord**

**Exceptional wildlife encounters:** King and macaroni penguins, elephant seals, fur seals, albatrosses.

### Days 13-14 – At Sea

**Day 15 – Elephant Island (South Shetland Islands)**

**Day 16 – Antarctic Peninsula**  
Arrival at the Antarctic Peninsula | **Hope Bay, Argentine Station Esperanza, or Brown Bluff.**

### Days 17-19 – Antarctic Peninsula & South Shetland Islands

Exploration of iconic Antarctic waterways such as Gerlache Strait and Errera Channel. Possible visits to Cuverville Island, Hydrurga Rocks, Deception Island, and Half Moon Island. Zodiac landings and wildlife observation.

**Days 20-21 – At Sea | Drake Passage** Northbound

**Day 22 – Disembarkation in Ushuaia |**  
Early morning





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CRUISE | DURATION 12 DAYS

# POLAR CIRCLE QUEST

ANTARCTIC PENINSULA, SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS & POLAR CIRCLE

## OVERVIEW

Polar Circle Quest is a premium Antarctic expedition designed for travelers seeking to go beyond the classic Antarctic routes. This voyage not only explores the Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands but also endeavours to cross the Antarctic Circle, a milestone that adds strong symbolic and experiential value. The itinerary combines deep exploration, dramatic ice scenery and rich wildlife encounters in one of the most remote regions on Earth.



## OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHT

- Expedition cruise aboard a reinforced polar vessel
- Flexible routing adapted to ice, weather and navigation conditions
- Zodiac landings and shore excursions, weather permitting
- Expert expedition team, naturalists and onboard lecturers
- Daily briefings and educational program onboard
- Attempt to cross the Antarctic Circle subject to ice conditions

## KEY SELLING POINTS FOR TRADE

- ✓ Endeavour to cross the Antarctic Circle, a highly attractive milestone for experienced travelers
- ✓ Ideal upgrade from Classic Antarctica itineraries
- ✓ Longer time spent deep in the Antarctic Peninsula
- ✓ Strong appeal for adventure-driven and expedition-focused clients
- ✓ Excellent storytelling value for marketing and repeat polar travelers
- ✓ Combines iconic sites with less-visited southern



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CRUISE | DURATION 12 DAYS

# POLAR CIRCLE QUEST

## WILDLIFE & SCENIC VALUE

- Penguin species:** Gentoo, Chinstrap and Adélie penguins
- Marine mammals:** Weddell, crabeater and leopard seals; humpback, minke, fin and orca whales
- Seabirds:** Albatrosses, giant petrels, skuas and Antarctic shags
- Remote polar environments:** Iconic Antarctic landscapes: Towering glaciers, vast ice fields, drifting icebergs and narrow Antarctic channels



## ITINERARY SUMMARY

**Day 1 – Ushuaia:** Afternoon embarkation and departure via the Beagle Channel.

**Days 2–3 – Drake Passage:** Crossing the Antarctic Convergence with wildlife viewing and onboard lectures; first landings in the South Shetland Islands when conditions allow

**Days 4–9 – Antarctic Peninsula, South Shetland Islands & Polar Circle Attempt**

In-depth expedition across the Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands, including an attempt to cross the Antarctic Polar Circle (weather and ice permitting). The itinerary features Zodiac landings, navigation through iconic Antarctic waterways, selected shore landings, and exceptional wildlife viewing with penguins, seals and large whale species.

**Days 10–11 – Drake Passage (Northbound)**

**Day 12 – Ushuaia:**



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# WEDDELL SEA QUEST

ANTARCTIC PENINSULA, SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS  
& THE WEDDELL SEA

## OVERVIEW

Weddell Sea Quest is a true deep-expedition voyage designed for travelers seeking access to one of the most remote and ice-dominated regions of Antarctica. This itinerary explores the Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands while venturing into the Weddell Sea, renowned for its vast ice shelves, tabular icebergs and strong historical connection to Shackleton's legendary expedition.



## OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHT

- Expedition cruise aboard a reinforced polar vessel
- Flexible routing based on ice, weather and navigation conditions
- Zodiac landings and shore excursions, weather permitting
- Experienced expedition team, naturalists and onboard lecturers
- Daily briefings and educational program onboard
- Route and landing sites adapted to maximize safety and wildlife encounters

## KEY SELLING POINTS FOR TRADE

- ✓ Rare opportunity to explore the Weddell Sea, a less-visited Antarctic region
- ✓ Strong storytelling value linked to Shackleton and the Endurance expedition
- ✓ Exceptional ice scenery with massive tabular icebergs
- ✓ High appeal for experienced and repeat Antarctica travelers
- ✓ Expedition-focused itinerary with emphasis on exploration and discovery
- ✓ Combines iconic Antarctic sites with remote, ice-heavy



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# WEDDELL SEA QUEST

## WILDLIFE & SCENIC VALUE

- Penguin species:** Adélie, Gentoo and Chinstrap penguins;
- Marine mammals:** Weddell, crabeater and leopard seals; minke, humpback and orca whales
- Seabirds:** Snow petrels, Antarctic petrels, albatrosses and skuas
- Iconic polar landscapes:** Vast tabular icebergs, pack ice, ice shelves and dramatic glacial fronts. The Weddell Sea, one of the most pristine and ice-dominated regions of Antarctica



## ITINERARY SUMMARY

**Day 1 – Ushuaia:** Afternoon embarkation and departure via the Beagle Channel

**Days 2–3 – Drake Passage:** Crossing the Antarctic Convergence with wildlife viewing and onboard lectures; first landings in the South Shetland Islands when conditions allow

**Days 4–6: Weddell Sea exploration**

Featuring tabular icebergs, ice navigation,

and possible landings at Hope Bay, Brown Bluff, Paulet Island and Antarctic Sound; prime Adélie penguin habitat and strong polar exploration heritage

**Days 7–9:** Antarctic Peninsula & South Shetland Islands, (inc. Gerlache Strait and Neumayer Channel); possible Paradise Bay, Cuverville Island, Port Lockroy, Deception Island and Half Moon Island

**Days 10–11 – Drake Passage (Northbound)**

**Day 12 – Ushuaia:**



AUSTRALIS CRUISE

CRUISE | DURATION 4 NIGHTS / 5 DAYS

# PUNTA ARENAS > USHUAIA

ALSO AVAILABLE: USHUAIA → PUNTA ARENAS

## OVERVIEW

This expedition cruise offers a unique journey through Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego, combining remote landscapes, pristine glaciers and historic sites at the southern edge of the Americas. Sailing from Punta Arenas to Ushuaia, the experience provides privileged access to areas only reachable by sea, with daily zodiac landings, guided walks and outstanding scenic navigation through fjords and channels.



## OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHT

- **Expedition cruise operated by Australis Cruises**
- Small-ship experience with daily zodiac landings
- Guided shore excursions and onboard educational program
- All meals and beverages included, with open bar during set hours
- Flexible routing and landings subject to weather and safety conditions
- Ideal for nature-focused, adventure and premium expedition travelers

## KEY SELLING POINTS FOR TRADE

- One-way expedition cruise linking Chile and Argentina through Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego
- Access to remote fjords, glaciers and historic sites only reachable by sea
- Iconic highlights including Cape Horn, Pia Glacier and the Avenue of the Glaciers
- Daily guided landings combining nature, wildlife and cultural history
- Strong storytelling appeal: "End of the World" expedition experience
- All-inclusive onboard experience (meals, beverages and open bar)
- Ideal for premium, nature-driven and expedition-oriented travelers



AUSTRALIS CRUISE

CRUISE | DURATION 4 NIGHTS / 5 DAYS

# PUNTA ARENAS > USHUAIA



## ITINERARY SUMMARY

**Day 1 – Embarkation in Punta Arenas** Guests check in during the afternoon at Muelle Prat and embark in the early evening. After a welcome toast the ship sets sail south, navigating the Strait of Magellan and entering the channels of Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego.

**Day 2 – Ainsworth Bay & Tuckers Islets.** The ship arrives at Ainsworth Bay near Marinelli Glacier.

Guests explore the subantarctic Magellanic forest and learn about glacial retreat and ecosystem recovery. Zodiac navigation around Tuckers Islets allows observation of Magellanic penguins and seabirds. (In September and April, this excursion is replaced by a glacier walk in Brookes Bay.)

### Day 3 – Pia Glacier & Avenue of the Glaciers

Navigation through the Beagle Channel leads to Pia Fjord, where guests disembark for a guided hike to a viewpoint overlooking Pia Glacier.

The day continues with scenic sailing along the renowned Avenue of the Glaciers, offering panoramic views directly from the ship.

### Day 4 – Cape Horn & Wulaia Bay

Weather permitting, guests disembark at Cape Horn National Park, one of the southernmost points on Earth. In the afternoon, the ship visits Wulaia Bay, a historic Yamana settlement site, featuring a guided walk through Magellanic forest to a scenic viewpoint.

### Day 5 – Disembarkation in Ushuaia

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**BUENOS AIRES**



## **BUENOS AIRES CITY TOUR**

DURATION

**4 HOURS**

TYPE

**SHARED OR PRIVATE**

**BUENOS AIRES**



## **TIGRE & DELTA RIVER**

DURATION

**4 HOURS**

TYPE

**SHARED OR PRIVATE**

**BUENOS AIRES**



## **TANGO SHOW & DINNER**

DURATION

**4 HOURS**

TYPE

**SHARED**

**BUENOS AIRES**



## **FULL DAY FIESTA GAUCHA**

DURATION

**8 HOURS**

TYPE

**SHARED**

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COQUIMBO



**COQUIMBO AND LA SERENA –  
CITY TOUR, STORIES OF  
PIRATES AND BELL TOWERS**

DURATION

**5 HOURS**

TYPE

**PRIVATE**

COQUIMBO



**ELQUI VALLEY: LAND OF  
SUN, PISCO AND STARS**

DURATION

**7 HOURS**

TYPE

**PRIVATE**

COQUIMBO



**ENCHANTED VALLEY:  
WITNESSES OF ANCIENT  
MYSTERIES AND FRESH WINE**

DURATION

**7 HOURS**

TYPE

**PRIVATE**



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**MONTEVIDEO**



## MONTEVIDEO CITY TOUR

DURATION

**3,5 HOURS**

TYPE

**PRIVATE**

**MONTEVIDEO**



## CITY TOUR W/ WINERY & LUNCH

DURATION

**5,5 HOURS**

TYPE

**PRIVATE**

**PUNTA ARENAS**



## NAVIGATION TO THE PENGUINS COLONY ( MAGDALENA AND MARTA ISLANDS )

DURATION

**5 HOURS**

TYPE

**PRIVATE**



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**PUERTO MADRYN**



## **PUNTA TOMBO W/BOX LUNCH**

DURATION

**7 HOURS**

TYPE

**PRIVATE OR SHARED**

**PUERTO MADRYN**



## **PENINSULA DE VALDES**

DURATION

**7 HOURS**

TYPE

**PRIVATE OR SHARED**

**PUERTO MONTT**



## **PETROHUE FALLS + CITY TOUR**

DURATION

**7 HOURS**

TYPE

**PRIVATE OR SHARED**

**PUERTO MONTT**



## **VOLCAN OSORNO AND PETROHUE**

DURATION

**7 HOURS**

TYPE

**PRIVATE**



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## CITY TOUR

DURATION

**4 HOURS**

TYPE

**PRIVATE**

[PUNTA DEL ESTE](#)



## CITY TOUR + WINERY

DURATION

**7 HOURS**

TYPE

**PRIVATE**

[VALPARAISO](#)



## SAN ANTONIO, VALPARAISO, VIÑA DEL MAR

DURATION

**8 HOURS**

TYPE

**PRIVATE**

[VALPARAISO](#)



## VALPARAISO, CASA BLANCA VALLEY, FROM/TO SANTIAGO

DURATION

**9 HOURS**

TYPE

**PRIVATE**

[VALPARAISO](#)



## SAN ANTONIO – SANTIAGO DE CHILE (CITY TOUR)

DURATION

**8 HOURS**

TYPE

**PRIVATE**



# SHORE EXCURSIONS

BUENOS AIRES

USHUAIA



COQUIMBO

MONTEVIDEO

PUNTA ARENAS

PUERTO MADRYN

PUERTO MONTT

PUNTA DEL ESTE

VALPARAISO

USHUAIA

## NAVIGATION IN THE BEAGLE CHANNEL WITH MINITREKKING

DURATION

**3 HOURS**

TYPE

**PRIVATE**

USHUAIA



## TIERRA DEL FUEGO NATIONAL PARK, USHUAIA CITY

DURATION

**5 HOURS**

TYPE

**PRIVATE OR SHARED**

USHUAIA



## NAVIGATION TO THE PENGUINS ISLAND

DURATION

**6 HOURS**

TYPE

**PRIVATE**

USHUAIA



## NATIONAL PARK W/ HIKING

DURATION

**5,5 HOURS**

TYPE

**PRIVATE**

USHUAIA



## NATIONAL PARK

DURATION

**4 HOURS**

TYPE

**PRIVATE**