PENGUINS, ICEBERGS & HISTORY AN EXPEDITION TO SOUTH GEORGIA & ANTARCTICA
Escorted by Dr Tom Mulholland

25 January – 13 February 2018
20 days / 19 nights  Priced from NZ$30,493* pp

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Join Dr Tom on the trip of a lifetime

“Having done many expeditions and read about Shackleton since I was a small boy, South Georgia had always seemed mystical and magical. Words and pictures can’t reproduce the feeling of standing on a beach with elephant and fur seals, giant petrels and 10,000 king penguins and their chicks.

I am so excited to be returning to the jewel in the world’s crown, South Georgia. We would love you to join us on what is in my view, the trip of a lifetime. South America, Falklands, South Georgia and the Antarctic through the Beagle channel and across the famed Drake passage is one trip, not to be missed. Of all my global travel this is the one that is most special. Bring your family and friends in January 2018 when I will again be ships doctor with Polar Latitudes and be guided by myself and world class guides and expedition staff in the wake of Shackelton and other Polar explorers.

To see Shackleton’s grave, to have 80 knots of wind drop and to enter Drygalski fjord, the most southern, on a windless day and cruise in a Zodiac with leopard seals and snow petrels, simply takes your breath away.”

Dr Tom Mulholland
Is an Emergency Department doctor at Auckland City Hospital with over 20 years clinical experience. He also has a 1st class honours degree in Zoology, hosts his own radio and TV shows and has worked in remote locations such as Java, Chatham Islands and the Southern Ocean on icebreakers. A keen surfer, free-diver and adventurer he has designed this trip with a strong academic, recreational and philantrophic programme.

Itinerary

Day 1: Ushuaia
Enjoy the Argentinean leather markets and succulent lamb dishes that make Patagonia famous as you explore the southernmost town in the world. Highlights of Ushuaia include an award-winning museum and trips to nearby Tierra del Fuego National Park and its popular “Train at the End of the World”.

Day 2: Embarkation
Arriving at the ship in the afternoon, you will be greeted by our Expedition Team and ship’s officers at a safety and orientation briefing followed by the Captain’s welcome dinner. After dinner, relax and take in the mountainous scenery on our early evening sail down the Beagle Channel past Magellanic Penguin, Rock Cormorant, and Sealion colonies.

Day 3: Southern Ocean
Among the wildlife spotting opportunities as we sail south are the albatrosses, prions, and petrels that frequently follow the ship. Our Expedition Team will be out on deck as well, looking for the whales and dolphins that may also be seen in the area. Our experts will begin the presentations with informative and entertaining talks on the wildlife, history, and geology of the Falkland Islands and Southern Ocean. Helpful briefings on environmental regulations and expedition safety will also be held in the comfortable lounge.

Day 4: West Falklands
The westernmost settled outposts in the Falklands are remote farms that have been family-owned for six and seven generations. The sheep graze alongside albatross colonies and rockhopper, king, and Magellanic penguin rookeries while striated caracaras patrol
overhead and upland geese graze at the water's edge. A visit to one of these homesteads often includes an invitation for cakes and a cup of tea.

Day 5: Stanley, East Falkland
Chosen for its sheltered harbor and access to abundant fresh water and peat for fuel, Stanley is easy to discover on foot as most shops and services are centered on the port. The museum, the post-office featuring first day covers, plenty of shops with locally made wool items and Stanley's lively pubs will all be available. It is possible to experience the wildlife of the Falklands from the town, including sea lions and Peale's and Commerson's dolphins in the harbor or bird life in nearby Gypsy Cove.

Day 6-7: Southern Ocean
There will be plenty of wildlife spotting as we make our way east across the Antarctic Convergence and officially enter Antarctic waters. Shipboard presentations will continue featuring the exciting history and abundant wildlife of South Georgia.

Day 8-11: South Georgia
Its unique position inside the Antarctic Convergence yet outside the limit of the yearly sea ice makes this 3,755 square kilometer island home to tens of millions of breeding penguins, seals and seabirds. Magnificent mountain scenery, glaciers galore, a rugged coastline punctuated with castellated and tabular icebergs, a rich historical tapestry, and an astounding array of wildlife are all available to us as we travel down South Georgia's leeward coast. Landing sites feature huge elephant seals, aggressive fur seals, macaroni penguins, albatross, petrels, skuas, and gulls. King penguins from fuzzy little chicks to fattened adults can be seen in the hundreds of thousands. We plan to visit historic Grytviken whaling station, home of the whaling museum, Norwegian seaman’s church, the active British Antarctic Survey station plus the tiny graveyard where the great Antarctic explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton is buried.

Day 12-13: Scotia Sea
Heading farther south, we continue our informative presentations and wildlife watch as the icebergs become more and more plentiful.

Day 14-17: Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands
The land of superlatives, Antarctic! Our Expedition Leader and Captain will create a flexible itinerary based on weather, ice, and opportunity. Approaching the Antarctic Peninsula from the east we cross the northern boundary of the Weddell Sea; this large cold body of water rotates clockwise driving cold water and ice

north towards South Georgia and the South Orkney Islands. Large tabular icebergs born in the Weddell drift north into our path while the ocean currents drive nutrients from the deep, feeding countless species of marine animals. Large groups of wales are common, along with scores of seabirds thriving off the bounty the Weddell provides. Our route will stress the most scenic bays and channels of the Peninsula with stops at penguin rookeries, seal wallows, bird colonies and whale feeding areas as well as sites of historic and scientific interest. The trip may include picturesque Neko Harbor, sheltered Paradise Harbor, Wilhelmina Bay (a favorite of humpback whales!), or the majestic Neumayer Channel. We may stop at an active scientific base such as Poland’s Arctowski or a historic base such as U.K.’s Port Lockroy or Wordie House. Adelie, chinstrap and gentoo penguins abound, and Weddell, crabeater and elephant seals are often found hauled out to rest along with predatory leopard seals and the aggressive Antarctic fur seal. Minke and humpback whales are frequent visitors in the late season and orca sightings are also common.

Day 18-19: Drake Passage
We will continue our lecture series and wildlife spotting as we sail back to Ushuaia and reflect on beautiful Antarctica and its fragile future.

Day 20: Ushuaia disembarkation
Morning disembarkation lets you catch a flight to Buenos Aires or stay in Ushuaia for more sights and adventure.
Our Expedition Ship: Hebridean Sky

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On board accommodation
On board accommodation comprises of 60 spacious suites. You can select from Porthole, Window, Promenade, Deluxe, Veranda, Penthouse or Owner’s Suite offering a choice of twin or queen bedding. All suites feature a sitting area with sofa and side chair, en-suite facilities, flat screen TV with DVD/CD player, hair dryer and individual air-conditioning control.

On board facilities
- Elevator serving all passenger decks
- Wireless internet available on board
- Library with computers
- Top Deck Observations Platform
- Bar/Lounge with Live Entertainment
- Boot Room
- Lounge with Audiovisual facilities
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Included:
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- All scheduled landings/excursions;
- All meals onboard;
- Coffee/tea/cocoa 24 hours daily;
- Welcome/farewell cocktail;
- House wine/beer/soft drink with dinner;
- Expedition jacket;
- A pair of boots for use during the voyage;
- WiFi from the public computers in the library;
- 100 minute WiFi card (for use on your personal devices);
- Daily international news service;
- All port and landing fees;
- Digital Voyage log.

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Optional Costs:
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