



# ANTARCTICA EXPEDITION CRUISE 2006

20 DAYS / 19 NIGHTS (Puerto Madryn – Ushuaia)

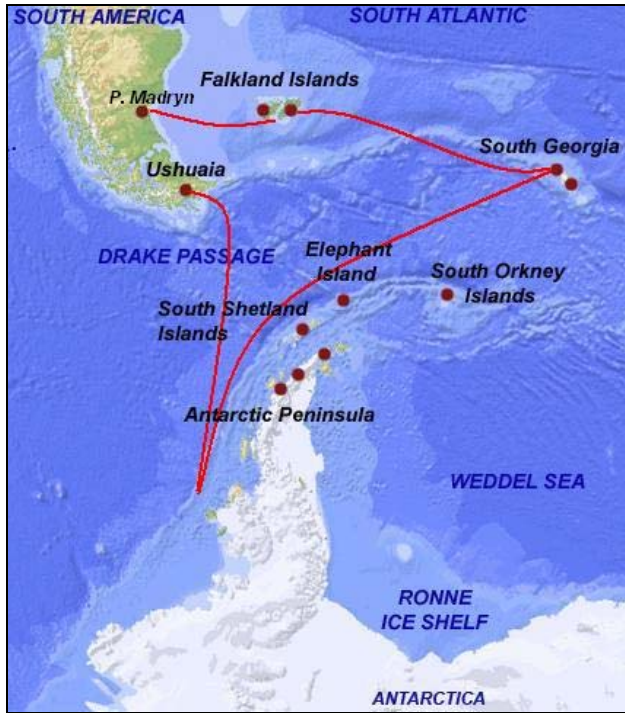
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## ROUTE MAP



## SUMMARY

*“There’s a peculiar fascination about going. I don’t think I can describe it in words, but there’s an excitement, a thrill, a sort of magnetic attraction about polar exploration.”*

-Sir Ernest Shackleton, Polar Explorer.

Come with us and discover the magnetic attraction of Antarctica that worked its magic on Shackleton. Visitors to the seventh continent often describe a longing to return, time after time, for every visit seems to be the first and there is a special wonder in being temporarily united with the magical elements of the Polar wilderness.

This voyage on a small, ice-strengthened expedition vessel takes you from the Southern tip of South America via the wilderness paradises of the Falkland Islands and South Georgia to the stark, icy, mountainous beauty of Antarctica.

Our boat, *‘Aleksy Maryshev’*, has a maximum of 50 passengers, and is manned by a friendly and expert Russian crew; some of the most experienced Polar sailors on Earth. Accommodation and on-board life is warm, cosy and comfortable, with a friendly and intimate atmosphere.

The trip has an exploratory theme and we will spend as much time ashore as possible, wandering amongst the bewitching scenery and wonderful wildlife of the uttermost end of the Earth.



*M/V Aleksy Maryshev passing South Orkney Islands.*

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Pristine and seldom-visited wilderness areas, including the Falkland Islands and South Georgia.
- Rich and varied wildlife, much of it found nowhere else in the world, including vast penguin rookeries, seals and inquisitive whales in spectacular settings.
- Cruise among beautifully-sculpted icebergs and glistening glaciers.
- Travel in safe, convenient ‘go-anywhere’ Zodiac landing craft to remote beaches in otherwise inaccessible areas.
- Learn more about Antarctica with an outstanding team of lecturers and expedition staff.
- Travel onboard our ice-strengthened vessels with comfortable accommodation.
- Experience excellent cuisine prepared by our European chefs
- Explore these wilderness areas in a friendly, casual atmosphere with a group of like-minded travellers.



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## WHAT IS INCLUDED?

- On board accommodation.
- Services of expedition leaders and lecturers.
- All meals including tea/coffee 24 hours a day.
- Access to public viewing areas and the bridge.
- All voyage activities and excursions and education program.
- Resident on-board medical officer.
- Port taxes.
- Comprehensive pre-departure information.

## WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

- Airfares to Puerto Madryn and back from Ushuaia.
- Airport taxes.
- Additional hotel accommodation
- Travel insurance.
- Gratuities to staff and crew.
- Items of a personal nature (laundry, postage, drinks, etc)
- Medical expenses.

*Note: We are very happy to arrange a package including flights, transfers and pre-cruise accommodation. Please call us to enquire.*



## EXCURSIONS

Due to the nature of the Antarctic weather, the itinerary is not firmly fixed. However, you can expect to visit the following; The Falkland Islands (including Stanley,) several sites on South Georgia, South Orkney Islands, Deception Island, Orne Islands, Antarctic Peninsula, (including a visit to a modern research station,) Melchior Islands and Petermann Island.



Lemaire Channel

## TOUR STANDARDS

### Maximum Group Size:

- The *'Aleksy Maryshev'* has a maximum of 46 passengers.

### Transport & accommodation:

- Ice-strengthened expedition vessel with comfortable twin cabins. (Specifications available.)

### Physical Difficulty:

- This trip is suitable for reasonably healthy people of a reasonable standard of fitness. To derive maximum enjoyment, you should be able to walk for a couple of hours and climb the steep gangplank to the Zodiacs.

### Staffing:

- Services of local guides, naturalists and crew on board.