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Roundtrip Chile
Cruise Departure December 1, 2023
Duration 18 days

Friday - Puerto Williams, Chile
 Saturday - Day at Sea
 Sunday - New Island & West Point Island, Falkland Islands
 Monday - Port Stanley, Falkland Islands
 Tuesday - Day at Sea
 Wednesday - Day at Sea
 Thursday - South Georgia
 Friday - South Georgia
 Saturday - South Georgia
 Sunday - Day at Sea
 Monday - Day at Sea
 Tuesday - Elephant Island, Antarctica
 Wednesday - Antarctic Sound, Antarctica
 Thursday - Antarctic Peninsula, Antarctica
 Friday - Antarctic Peninsula, Antarctica
 Saturday - South Shetland Islands
 Sunday - Drake Passage
 Monday - Cape Horn
 Tuesday - Puerto Williams, Chile



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Itinerary

Port Williams - The question is not how low can you go, but how far south can you go before falling off the planet. Lying across the Beagle Channel from Ushuaia at "the end of the world," this town is a rag-tag collection of colorful tin-roof houses, ice-capped peaks, scenic beaches, and a naval base. Sitting on tiny Navarino Island, no phone lines stretch between earth and sky, which is all the better for the penguins, geese, and albatross. Pristine hikes lead past beech forests, bogs, and hidden streams. Sailors and kayakers ply through quiet waters with snow-covered mountains looming on all sides.

New Island - New Island is one of the finest wildlife areas in the Falklands. This is largely because of the variety and density of bird life which lives there. The island's north and eastern coasts feature majestic cliffs, and some beautiful lower lying sandy bays. The island is a research center as well as a nature reserve and is home to a slew of wildlife including, Rockhopper penguins, South American sea lions and many other creatures for nature lovers and bird watchers to enjoy.

West Point Island - West Point is one of the Falkland Islands in the South Atlantic Ocean. With a more rugged lifestyle than the military school of the same name, this small island has a stark beauty. Soaring tufts of tussock grass - some nearly six feet tall provide a sheltering habitat for rockhopper and Magellanic penguins and a large albatross colony.

Port Stanley - Port Stanley is the only town on the Falkland Islands, and though it has little more than 1,200 residents, it contains half of the islands' population. There are 700,000 sheep, and a wonderful assortment of sea birds and elephant seals.

South Georgia Island - South Georgia holds a special place in Antarctic history. After enduring one of the most harrowing boat journeys of all time, explorer Ernest Shackleton landed on its rocky shores with great relief. He then crossed the island with no more than a compass to seek help for his crew. Today's visitors may share the feeling after crossing the Drake Passage, where they can follow in his footsteps, walking the final leg of the hike he made across the island to reach help. They can also visit his grave and the South Georgia Museum at Grytviken, the first whaling station built on the island (in 1916). Exhibits include displays on the island's natural history, whaling and sealing, exploration and mountaineering expeditions, as well as a lifeboat from the whaling vessel *Southern Star*. The town also has a post office, a gift shop with items made on the island and several king penguin colonies.

Elephant Island - When the Endurance was crushed by the ice of the Weddell Sea, it is on Elephant Island in the South Shetlands that Sir Ernest Shackleton and his crew sought refuge, floating on three small boats through mammoth icebergs and landing between steep cliffs. For 105 days, 22 members of the crew endured hardship as Shackleton pressed forth on a harrowing search for help. Here, expedition photographer, Frank Hurley, took his striking photo of the crew waving at Shackleton as he set off.

Antarctic Sound - Antarctic Sound also know as, Iceberg Alley, is accompanied my views that can only be described as amazing. Huge open skies, enormous icebergs, low clouds, sudden weather changes and constant surprises from the hugely abundant wildlife you see will keep you in a constant state of awe. Travellers will discover colonies of Adelie penguins, and ice floes also provide a floating resting spot for various seals.

The Antarctic Peninsula - The Antarctic Peninsula thrusts out past the Antarctic Circle, lunging vainly towards the Andes, across the infamous Drake Passage. As far as the Antarctic is concerned, the peninsula is the most densely populated location on the continent, sprinkled with vast research bases and minute outposts alike. At the height of the summer season, the human population numbers over 3,000 - not counting tourists. That figure shrinks to less than 1,000 during the intensely chilly winter.

South Shetland Islands - The Shetlands, dependencies of the Falkland Islands, are cold and wet and covered with lichen, peat and moss. It's a climate preferred by seals, penguins and other Antarctic wildlife. These 11 islands, first explored in 1819 and claimed by Great Britain, Chile and Argentina, lie just off the Antarctic Peninsula and are a first or last stop on many Antarctic cruises from South America. King George Island is the largest of the South Shetland Islands and the most populated. In addition to the diverse population of birds and seals, it hosts research stations for Chile, China, South Korea, Poland, Russia and Germany. The Chilean base is one of only two that allows families with children. (At least two children have been born there.) Two areas of the island are off-limits to protect unique fossils, plants and animals.

Drake Passage - The Drake Passage is the body of water between the southern tip of South America at Cape Horn and Antarctica. It forms part of the Southern Ocean. It is named after 16th century English explorer Sir Francis Drake.

Cape Horn - Rounding the extreme southern tip of South America, you'll be awestruck by the rugged beauty and imposing vision of Cape Horn, a craggy, massive rocky point that was the bane of early explorers.