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# MS HANSEATIC EXPEDITION CRUISES

YOUR PERSONAL EXPEDITION



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Cruises

## Dear Explorers,

Every one of our expeditions is a homage to your curiosity and yearning. And so the HANSEATIC follows the pioneering spirit of famous seafarers and researchers who played a role in world history. In its wake, the compass needle always points towards adventure.

Look forward to thrilling premieres and innovative routes away from the typical destinations. The icy worlds of the Arctic and Antarctic await you, where the expedition ship with the highest ice class for passenger ships can travel further than other vessels. Deep in the green heart of South America on winding side branches of the Amazon, renowned experts will intensify your experiences with their fascinating knowledge.

Board the HANSEATIC, which holds a maximum of 175 guests, and discover the many facets of your very personal expedition.



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**EXPEDITION**



**EXPERTISE**



**EXCLUSIVITY**



**EXPEDITION SHIP**

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**EXPEDITION** Discover the world from a new perspective. Delve deeper into regions than any other traveller. Explore virtually untouched landscapes. Experience the wonder of creation with a small group of like-minded passengers. Inspired by the lure of the unknown and driven by a passion for discovery, you will be in your element on the HANSEATIC.

In today's seemingly fully-developed world, there are still opportunities to make great discoveries and enjoy extraordinary cruises. Where large cruise ships have to turn around or can only sail past, you will experience a renaissance of wonder. Regions that often have no beacons, pilots, harbours, hotels or airports. The expeditionary territory of the HANSEATIC is where your

curiosity sets the course. Rather than a journey from A to B, it offers intensive discoveries from A to Z. The propeller seems to turn back time and bring the pioneering spirit of legendary explorers back to life. Follow in their footsteps, defy the forces of nature, unlock the greatest secrets of the wilderness and uncover unknown treasures hidden in the shadow of famous cultural sites. You will be rewarded with the indescribable feeling of making the unknown your own. Even seemingly familiar destinations become fascinating new territory and the blank spots on your personal map are filled with life.

The HANSEATIC is specially designed for voyages of discovery. On this small ship, you will feel the pioneering spirit and charm of real seafaring. All the

# EXPERIENCE

technical requirements for your intensive expedition moments have been met: the highest ice class for passenger ships, shallow draught, numerous inflatable expedition boats (Zodiacs) for explorations and landings. The small ship size enables spontaneous course changes to follow whales, spot polar bears or land in the most beautiful bays, for example. Each day, the captain, expedition leaders and experienced officers will decide which route or landing will offer you the most impressive experience.

On our expedition ship, you will reach places often inaccessible by other means. For example, the Antarctic: crunching and cracking, the ice gives way to the cast-steel stem post. As the icy wind swirls around you, you will stand at the railing in a warming

parka watching bizarre ice towers pass within touching distance. Traditional cruise ships would have been forced to take a different course at the first sight of an iceberg – not the case for our specially designed expedition ship. Elsewhere, you will travel out in the Zodiacs to palm-lined island gems in the South Seas. In the crystal-clear waters, you will marvel at coral reefs and schools of colourful fish. Suddenly, a native inhabitant appears on the beach, brightly painted with spear in hand, to perform a welcome ceremony – just one example of many unusual encounters with foreign cultures. Your pioneering spirit will know almost no bounds on board the HANSEATIC. In addition, the renowned experts on board will open doors with new knowledge. Experience a very personal expedition – and not just by reading on.

# THE HEART OF THE EXPERIENCE



## **DISCOVER NEW TERRAIN – UP-CLOSE**

Delve deep into the realm of nature with the HANSEATIC. For example here on the Amazon, where you will find yourself in a field of oversized water lilies, the *Victoria amazonica*. In small groups, you will board robust, inflatable expedition boats (Zodiacs) to immerse yourself in hidden paradises and marvel at exotic plants and creatures. Experts travelling with you will draw your attention to particularly remarkable species. New, thrilling perspectives that only our expeditions can offer.

## SET SAIL FOR UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCES

We don't need harbours to start your great expedition moments. Where the wilderness calls – such as near a gigantic colony of king penguins in the Antarctic – our ship will stop for an expedition. And once the Zodiacs are in the water, you will soon reach the beach to watch the wildlife at close quarters. With just as much flexibility, we will cruise off the glaciers of Greenland, cross the deep fjords of Chile or drop anchor along the picturesque beaches of the South Seas. Leave the ordinary behind and enjoy a true expedition feeling.

# SMALL SHIP GREAT MOMENTS





# ADVENTURES IN THE ZODIACS

## GO FURTHER

Where our small, manoeuvrable expedition ship cannot go, your adventure will continue in safe and robust motorised rubber boats. The Zodiacs will often be put to water several times a day for trips and landings. In small groups and with no long waiting times, you will explore the icy worlds of the Arctic and Antarctic in great detail. Your excursions are allocated generous amounts of time with plenty of scope for intensive observations. The HANSEATIC has 14 Zodiacs for a maximum of 175 guests.

**EXPERTISE** For these great seafarers, the waterways of the world's oceans were unpredictable routes filled with unknown perils. Today, the uncertainties and hardships of earlier explorers have given way to the many years of experience of the people on board the HANSEATIC. However, the passion for new destinations has remained and will ensure unforgettable moments during your expeditions.

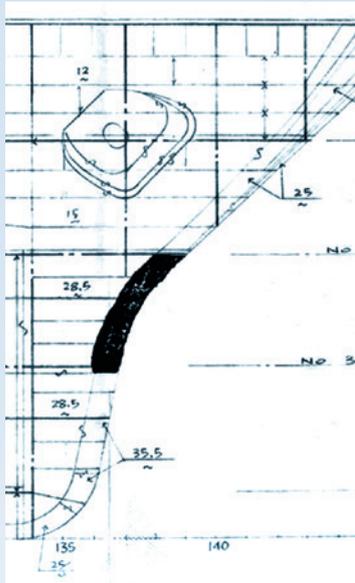
The 85th line of latitude – 480 km/298 mi from the North Pole. Thick fields of pack ice cover the water. There seems no way of getting through this untouched landscape of ice with its bizarre floe shapes. But thanks to the experience of the people on board – the captain, officers, expedition leaders and cruise directors – even spectacular routes like the Northeast Passage will be conquered. The captain, for example, has completed more than 100 cruises in the Arctic and Antarctic. Our captains know where to find the most beautiful places in the polar regions. Accompanied by the sound of ice rumbling at the hull, the ship will carve through these massive obstacles, which most vessels simply cannot manage. The HANSEATIC is one of only two ships certified with the highest ice class for passenger ships and will safely transport you to breathtaking, unspoilt regions. The team on board know where to halt the ship to present you with striking panoramic views – such as the fjords of Greenland. Everyone on board shares a passion for exploration. Even the officers will stand on the bridge, their eyes wide, looking for the blow of a whale. Sightings will be announced immediately over the loudspeakers to ensure that you can enjoy this natural spectacle. For your trips ashore – for example, on

Spitsbergen – a scout boat will be dispatched in advance to find the best landing place for your excursion. Your expedition leader knows where – with a little luck – you will be able to spot some polar bears. In other climate zones, such as the Solomon Islands, they will show you the most beautiful places to snorkel.

The renowned experts who accompany each expedition are also selected based on their expertise. They have visited the destinations many times and conducted in-depth studies and research or written about them in travel guides. Hand-picked experts, each a specialist in their field. Experienced, highly qualified, fascinating, entertaining and passionate about their specialist area. The experts on your cruise will depend on the focus – you may find yourself travelling with biologists, ethnologists, glaciologists, geologists, biophysicists, volcanologists or historians. Rather than taking an overly academic approach, they will impart new knowledge in a clear and vivid manner. In fascinating talks on board, on trips and landings with the Zodiacs and, of course, during personal chats, you will uncover details not printed in any book. During on-board preparation and follow-up sessions for trips ashore, they will get you in the mood for the experiences to come and intensify what you have seen. On selected cruises for young explorers (conducted only in German), they will also inspire guests aged 10 to 17. Anyone aware of the beauty of the planet will naturally become an advocate for sustainability – a philosophy embodied on board. From the code of conduct for the polar regions through to fuel and route management. After all, future generations of explorers should also have the opportunity to embark on spectacular expeditions. Find out more about our expertise on the following pages.

# HIGHEST ICE CLASS





## CONTINUE ON WHERE OTHERS TURN BACK

A ship with an ice class is structured completely differently to a “normal” (cruise) ship. Crucial parameters include higher density of steel plates, smaller frame spacing – which gives the ship extra stability – and the main ice area of the hull, which is significantly expanded. The propellers are made from stainless steel rather than bronze, and a massive cast-steel stem post “cuts through” the ice cover. In Germany, there are five ice classes for passenger ships – E to E4. The HANSEATIC is one of only two cruise ships to offer the highest ice class (E4). It easily shifts broken pack ice to the side and, if necessary, can sail through a solid ice cover of around 50 cm/1.6 ft – the basis for exceptionally intensive and safe experiences in the icy terrains at the edge of the world.



For some picturesque impressions, watch our Antarctic film here or visit [www.more-than-ice.com](http://www.more-than-ice.com)

# WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE



## JOURNEY TOGETHER TO NEW SHORES

The knowledge of the people on board is more valuable than any navigation system. With a steady hand, the captain steers the ship along the winding waterways of the Amazon, for example – even the narrow upper reaches leading to Iquitos (Amazon). The ship's shallow draught allows it to travel particularly close to the lush shores with their traditional stilt buildings and exotic creatures. The expedition leader knows the best places for a landing in the jungle. This enables the team on board to make every corner of the world safe and exciting.



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With expertise, experience and passion, our captains steer through tricky passages and along nautically demanding routes to reach your destination. With a feel for discovery that can only come from experience and a tried-and-tested team, they will show you the most beautiful corners of the earth – with the highest level of safety.



Complex links and scientific findings will be explained even more clearly based on “living” examples – be it the biodiversity of the rainforests and polar regions or the geological secrets of spectacular coastlines. In addition to giving presentations on board, our experts will enrich the numerous shore activities with their knowledge.

A team of renowned experts and well-travelled cosmopolitans who translate the essence of their professions as passionate speakers and expedition guides will enrich every cruise. Here is a selection of their specialist fields:

### **GEOLOGY**

Our experts in geology will show you where nature reveals its own history with great passion.

### **BIOLOGY**

With experts in biology, you can find out how well-equipped plants and animals are able to survive even in extreme regions.

### **ETHNOLOGY**

Let our ethnology experts take you on fascinating expeditions to see how other people live. Come face-to-face with the most fascinating cultures in the world.



### **GLACIOLOGY**

Even though the ice is a permanent part of the landscape, it is constantly changing and lives by its own rules. Expert glaciologists will explain how these bizarre landscapes formed and what it means when a glacier calves.

### **HISTORY**

Travel through the history of the world on your expeditions. Our history experts will breathe new life into ages past before your very eyes. Your routes will frequently intersect with the life stories of famous explorers and places marked by history.

### **VOLCANOLOGY**

Volcanic fascination. What have scientists recently learned about our “steam boiler” planet? Expert geoscientists will stoke your interest as they reveal our planet’s most extreme aspects.

1891: The cruise is born



**The birth of the modern cruise:** In 1891, Albert Ballin, director of the Hamburg-Amerikanische Packetfahrt-Aktien-Gesellschaft (HAPAG) sends the flagship Augusta Viktoria to the Mediterranean with 241 passengers.

**The “ship without seasickness”:** After the First World War, which brought German shipping to a standstill, HAPAG sends another passenger ship on a grand voyage – the Albert Ballin. Innovative anti-rolling tanks provide significant comfort.

**A true premiere on the ice:** In 1996, the BREMEN becomes the first passenger ship to circumnavigate the islands and archipelagos of Spitsbergen. A very special moment for the passengers and crew.

**Uncharted territory ahead!** On an expedition in the Antarctic in 2003, the BREMEN discovers a previously unknown strait of water that leads to an inaccessible island. Since this spectacular discovery, these have been known as the “Bremen Channel” and “Bremen Island”.

1922: Grand voyage of the “Albert Ballin”



**Premieres at the North Pole and South Pole:** In 2012, the HANSEATIC travels to the fascinating icy landscape of the Antarctic for the 100th time.

In August of the same year, the BREMEN passes the 82nd line of latitude in the Arctic Circle for the first time, 887 km/550 mi from the North Pole!

**Pioneering endeavours in the Northeast Passage:** In 2014, the HANSEATIC becomes the first non-Russian cruise ship to negotiate the legendary sea route – 6,032 nautical miles between the Russian Far East and Europe.

The cruise also achieved a new record for passenger ships, as the ship reached the most northerly point at 85° 40.7' north and 135° 39.6' east. This is just 480 km/298 mi from the North Pole.

**All Azores islands on one cruise:** In 2015, the HANSEATIC will make its first trip to all nine of the diverse paradises in the archipelago for breathtaking natural spectacles and whale watching.



1996: A premiere on the ice – circumnavigating Spitsbergen



2003: The discovery of the “Bremen Channel”



2012: Records in the polar regions – the HANSEATIC completes its 100th Antarctic cruise and the BREMEN travels 887 km from the North Pole.



2014: The HANSEATIC successfully completes the legendary Northeast Passage.



2015: In 2015 all nine islands in the Azores are also on the HANSEATIC's route.

# OCEAN MILESTONES

## **WRITE SEAFARING HISTORY**

The “inventor of the cruise”, Albert Ballin, created a very special way to travel. Today, the expeditions on board the HANSEATIC continue this tradition. As here in the spectacular terrain of Franz Josef Land in the Northeast Passage or in the icy world of the Northwest Passage, you will also become part of this unique history this expedition season.



## **WE PROTECT ...**

Experiencing the beauty of our planet on our expeditions creates a new awareness of the importance of environmental protection. At Hapag-Lloyd Cruises, the measures required are therefore given high priority. Modern environmental technology, regular maintenance and modernisation are just some of the aspects employed. All ships have seawater desalination technology for the treatment of water, biological sewage treatment plants and waste incineration facilities. The under-water paint is free from TBT. Our operations are also sustainable: during lay times in European ports, we use fuel with a low sulphur content of a maximum of 0.1 %. Emissions are also reduced through efficient route management. We do not push vessels to go as fast as possible, reducing consumption by around one-third in the process. These examples demonstrate our appreciation for environmental protection, which will allow future generations of explorers to be amazed by the wonders of the world.

# DECLARATION OF LOVE



## ... WHAT WE LOVE

We also consider it important to treat vulnerable ecosystems such as the Arctic and Antarctic with the respect they deserve. For years, we have been replacing crude oil with eco-friendlier diesel and have a strict code of conduct. Hapag-Lloyd Cruises is an active member of IAATO (International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators), a voluntary association of Antarctic tour operators to promote ecologically sustainable tourism while also benefiting from the experiences of all members. This inspires many of our guests to get involved in environmental protection themselves. One option is to offset the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of your cruise. Hapag-Lloyd Cruises offers this in conjunction with the climate protection organisation **atmosfair**. Calculate the amount you would like to donate to non-profit-making climate projects to offset your cruise – and we will cover 25 %. More information at <http://www.hl-cruises.com/environmental-management/climate-calculator>



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**EXCLUSIVITY** At first glance, the HANSEATIC seems a little small. However, its true size becomes apparent when you embark as a guest: with very personal service, true hospitality and special moments, the crew sets new standards. A range of small details have a great impact, making every day special.

The feeling of exclusivity begins when you embark. You will be joined on your expedition by just a small number of like-minded explorers. With every step up the gangway, you will leave the ordinary behind and discover why this will be your own personal expedition – thanks to the crew. By the time your bags are unpacked, they will know your name. And your preferences – for example, in food and drink – will become a matter of course after just a short time. The team will greet you every day with true hospitality that begins with first-class service and includes individual surprises to enrich your expedition days, as well as much more.

The limited number of guests on board makes your well-being a priority: the HANSEATIC has 125 crew members for a maximum of 175 guests. The service, enthusiasm and attention to detail of every single crew member ensure exclusive moments in the most beautiful expedition regions. The extraordinary becomes the focus of your everyday life.

For example, when celebrating your pioneering spirit in the middle of the Arctic, the crew will prepare a spontaneous champagne reception – right next to an enormous ice floe. During an ice cruise, a Zodiac may well be transformed into a floating bar. And if leaping into the cooling, crystal-clear waters of the Pacific in the South Seas provides only temporary refreshment, a mango sorbet could be just what you need. No sooner has the idea occurred to you than the crew will beckon you over to probably the world's most creative ice cream parlour – built from palm leaves in the shallow waters. And after a snorkelling adventure through the colourful schools of fish around the Society Islands, dry towels will naturally be waiting. Demonstrating great awareness, the crew will ensure a constant feast for the senses. True exclusivity also means joining new, spectacular routes as a premiere guest.

Everyone on board knows instinctively how to turn a special experience into a true gem of a memory. A mosaic of exclusive facets lends to every expedition a very personal atmosphere of well-being. The following pages provide some impressions of the forms these may take.

# MAGICAL MOMENTS

## THERE FOR YOU – WITH A PICTURESQUE BACKDROP

Wherever your expedition cruise may lead, our crew's passion for your well-being always travels with you. Creativity, hospitality and a feel for special moments are a matter of course for the people on board. Such as here on Spitsbergen with a camp fire buffet against a marvellous glacial backdrop. Whether surrounded by ice, on an enchanting sandy beach or in the middle of the ocean – your smile becomes the measure of all things.



**EXPEDITION SHIP** Your pioneering spirit will find a home here. The HANSEATIC is exceptional in many respects: the comfortable atmosphere, diverse opportunities to explore and many little details create the perfect setting for your very personal expedition. Look forward to a first-class ship that is much more than just an excellent hotel on water.

From the bow to the stern, portside to starboard – this expedition ship is your own explorer’s refuge, combining adventure with outstanding comfort. The atmosphere is particularly warm with plenty of freedom – be it the comfortable cabins and suites, the culinary delights or the many unforgettable moments on board. The ship is an expedition base and place to retreat as well as an explorer’s terrain and oasis of well-being all rolled into one. Wherever you go, the feeling of being welcomed home will abound. When you travel with this small ship to explore unspoilt regions on spectacular routes far from the familiar, the comfortable atmosphere creates a cosy environment. The small size of the ship means that you will quickly feel part of the little expedition family and share your experiences with like-minded people.

Opportunities to turn every part of the ship into an explorer’s territory will provide constant fascination: in the Arctic, a stroll on the deck becomes a panoramic view of the realm of the polar bears. Your seat in the restaurant will transform into a station for observing the infinite wildlife around you. Your sunlounger on deck allows you to watch migratory birds swooping through the sky over South America’s coastal lagoons.

A drink at the bar will develop into an exciting discussion with an expert about the colossal stone statues on Easter Island. You can also conquer new culinary terrain: the chefs will send your senses on unexpected voyages of delight with excellent creations and variations on recipes. Regular themed dinners will allow you to sample regional specialities and ingredients from the area in question.

Days at sea offer plenty of opportunity to learn new things on board or examine your areas of interest more closely: during enthralling presentations, experts will provide background information on your destinations – which will also be broadcast live to your cabin. Using microscopes together will provide fascinating detailed insights, and the on-board library contains a good selection of specialist books and fiction to launch your literary voyage of discovery. PCs and laptops with Wi-Fi access are also available.

Let your spirit soar on the sun deck or in the pool, or relax while getting active on the treadmill with a view of spectacular natural panoramas. To make individual discoveries, you can borrow snorkelling equipment and Nordic Walking poles, for example. Excitement and relaxation go hand in hand – and it helps that they are never far from one another on board. Awarded 5 stars by the Berlitz Cruise Guide 2015, the HANSEATIC allows you to enjoy your personal expedition with the highest level of comfort.

Enjoy a welcome aboard on the following pages.

# MS HANSEATIC



## FAMILIAR YET FOREIGN

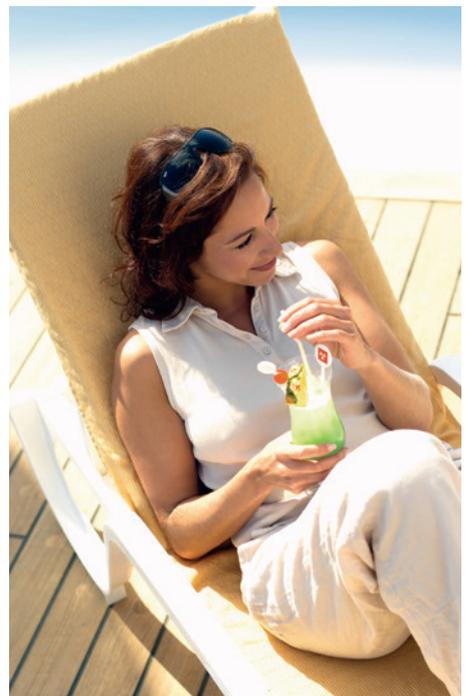
Is there anything better than following your expedition impressions and experiences, as here off Kamchatka, with a spacious and stylish room? The answer lies in the tasteful ambience and amenities of the 88 outside cabins and 4 suites. When you embark, you will be greeted with a bottle of champagne. The special details continue each day, for example, with a refilled fruit bowl and the free mini bar. The adjustable climate control, a bathrobe and the butler service on the Bridge Deck: many details await that will make a huge difference.

A photograph of a spacious and stylish cabin on a ship. The room features a large bed with a patterned yellow and brown coverlet, a brown sofa with striped cushions, and a round table with a fruit bowl and champagne. A large window offers a view of a snow-capped mountain. The room is furnished with a desk, a chair, and a television. The lighting is warm and inviting.

**FEEL AT  
HOME ON THE  
OPEN SEA**



- Outstanding comfort: 5 stars
- Individual space: 22 m<sup>2</sup>/237 ft<sup>2</sup> cabins and 44 m<sup>2</sup>/474 ft<sup>2</sup> suites (non-smoking)
- Beautiful views: all cabins have an ocean view (portholes or panoramic window)
- Modern equipment: communications and information system with Internet, an on-board e-mail address and Wi-Fi
- Entertainment: flat screen and DVD player for viewing films when you want to
- Refreshments included: the mini bar is refilled daily
- The 24-hour cabin service carries out your wishes, large or small
- Exclusive: the butler service on the Bridge Deck provides exclusive amenities





- Top class: main restaurant Marco Polo with sophisticated cuisine
- Variety: Bistro Lemaire, where cruise destinations are reflected in the “Ethno Dinner”
- Al fresco: breakfast and lunch buffets
- For all palates: the kitchen is happy to carry out your individual wishes
- An extensive wine list for connoisseurs
- Perfect service: a 125-strong crew caters for up to 175 guests on board



## EVERY DAY A PLEASURE

A place in the main restaurant, Marco Polo, is already reserved for your journey into delicious culinary worlds. Discover the creative gastronomic variety and discerning gourmet philosophy of our top chefs against the backdrop of the most beautiful expedition regions. Bistro Lemaire offers a variety of culinary treats – from the breakfast and lunch buffets through to the incomparable “Ethno Dinner”, which reinterprets the exotic diversity of various cruise destinations.

A photograph of a restaurant interior. The room features several round tables, each surrounded by four white upholstered chairs. The tables are set with white tablecloths, white napkins, and glassware. Large windows in the background provide a view of the outdoors. The floor is covered with a patterned carpet. The lighting is warm and ambient.

# GOURMETS TOGETHER

## ROOM FOR INSPIRING MOMENTS

The HANSEATIC invites you to live out your exploratory urges and spend your time however you wish. Share your impressions with like-minded guests and experts in the Observation Lounge with a 180° panoramic view and piano music in the evenings, for example. Explorers will meet in the Explorer Lounge, where the experts will prepare for and follow up on the trips ashore. The Darwin Hall presentation room, where specialists share their knowledge, will also be a focal point. Laptops and microscopes are available for loan and will help you to enhance your experiences.

A wide-angle photograph of a cruise ship lounge. The room features a curved wall with large windows on the left, offering a panoramic view. The ceiling is a complex, multi-layered structure with recessed lighting. The floor is covered in a blue carpet with a circular pattern. In the foreground, there are several orange armchairs arranged around a small round table with a white flower. In the background, there is a bar area with a curved counter and stools, and a pool table. The overall atmosphere is warm and sophisticated.

**EXPERIENCES  
AND  
RELAXATION**



- Expedition in the purest sense: precaps and recaps by the experts in order to prepare for and follow up on trips ashore
- Knowledge transferred vividly: numerous expert presentations in the Darwin Hall
- Well stocked: on-board library with specialist literature
- Explorer Lounge meeting point: inspiring conversations, entertainment with music and dancing
- Observation Lounge: enjoy panoramic views and share viewpoints
- Expedition equipment: parkas, rubber boots, Nordic Walking poles, snorkelling equipment and fishing rods (on a loan basis)
- Active relaxation: fitness room with ocean view, sauna, whirlpool and swimming pool



**YOUR PERSONAL EXPEDITION STARTS HERE**

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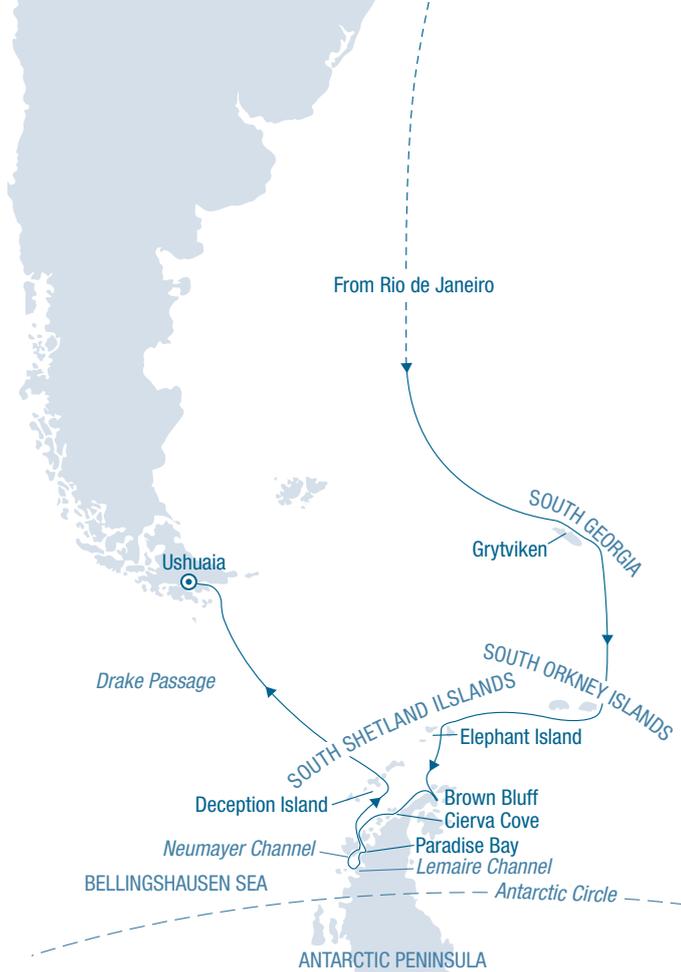


Expedition Antarctica

## The Bizarre Realm of the Ice Giants

Be prepared for a fascinating land of extremes: mighty glaciers and majestic icebergs are interspersed with huge colonies of penguins and the realm of the whales – those massive rulers of the seas. The Zodiacs head for the water time and time again to ensure some truly thrilling expedition moments – intense experiences that go beyond your wildest imagination. Since it has the highest ice class for passenger ships, the HANSEATIC is in its element well away from civilisation and will take you right into the wonderland of the Antarctic.

**SOUTH GEORGIA – A WILDLIFE PARADISE** To prepare you for the realm of the penguins, a captivating experience awaits. Numerous lectures by experts will provide some interesting facts about the wildlife and nature of the polar region. You will then be able to cast a trained eye on the many facets of South Georgia that are just waiting to be discovered. Flexible, spontaneous and impressive: the Zodiacs are used several times a day to enable expeditionary experiences and wildlife sightings that take your breath away. Take standing in front of a gigantic colony of king penguins, for example. Hundreds of thousands of these animals populate the slopes and coasts of the



island. During spectacular landings over three intensive days, including in **Salisbury Plain** and **Gold Harbour**, you will encounter fur seals and sedate elephant seals on the beaches along the craggy coastline, while black-browed albatrosses and giant petrels make their nests in among the rocks. Renowned experts including biologists, geologists and glaciologists will accompany you and add new dimensions to your unique natural experiences by revealing surprising details. Or they will bring to life the pioneering days of Antarctic research: in the former **Grytviken** whaling station, you will visit the grave of Sir Ernest Shackleton and remember the heroic efforts with which this man once rescued his team. If the ice conditions are favourable on your way south towards the Antarctic Peninsula, you will pass by the **South Orkney Islands**.

**WONDERLAND OF THE ANTARCTIC PENINSULA** **Brown Bluff** rises up impressively before you, with its more than 700 m/2,296 ft high brown tuff cliffs standing proud between two mighty glaciers. This panorama is accompanied by the cries of countless kelp gulls as well as cape and snow petrels. The Zodiacs will bring you ashore so that you can get acquainted with the Adelie penguins that live here in a large colony of several thousand animals. A hike along the coast with explanations from the experts on the biology of the colony and the geology of the island promise to provide fascinating insights.

The experienced crew will react flexibly and spontaneously to guarantee you unforgettable moments in the icy paradise of the Antarctic. However, nature will define exactly which overwhelming discoveries you will make – such as on an exciting Zodiac trip through the ice-covered

**Cierva Cove** bay. With a little luck, you will be able to observe leopard seals and minke whales. The wonders of **Paradise Bay** are just as impressive. With the Zodiacs, you will glide past sparkling icebergs to majestic, lofty glacial towers, the crevices of which glow blue. If the ice and weather conditions permit a landing, you will be able to set foot on the Antarctic mainland – an exceptionally moving moment during your expedition. Further south, your journey takes you through the narrow **Lemaire Channel** (depending on ice): spectacular peaks on both sides make this waterway one of the world's most beautiful shipping passages.

At the end of your cruise, the excitement on board rises yet again. How far to the south can the HANSEATIC actually sail? This is a question that can only be answered on board when you get there. Yet one thing is certain: the landings with the Zodiacs will enable you to enjoy the full beauty of this Antarctic wonderland.

In the clear air on deck, a genuine pioneering spirit prevails, which will also accompany you on the route back north when you cruise through the **Neumayer Channel** with its amazing glaciers. The volcanic **Deception Island** is an unforgettable sight to bring your cruise to a close. The entrance into the caldera is an experience in itself. On the black volcanic beaches, you can relax and look back over the many experiences you have had on this varied expedition.

## From Rio de Janeiro to Ushuaia

15 Nov – 4 Dec 2015

19 days

HAN1522

		Individual travel arrangements to Rio de Janeiro
Sun	15 Nov	Rio de Janeiro/Brazil, departure at 17.00 hrs
Mon	16 – 20 Nov	Relaxation at sea
Sat	21 – 23 Nov	South Georgia ⚓
Tue	24 Nov	Relaxation at sea
Wed	25 Nov – 1 Dec	Passing the South Orkney Islands, South Shetland Islands ⚓, Antarctic Peninsula ⚓
Wed	2 – 3 Dec	Sailing through the Drake Passage
Fri	4 Dec	Ushuaia/Argentina, arrival at 6.00 hrs Charter flight to Buenos Aires Individual travel arrangements from Buenos Aires

⚓ = at anchor

For cruise prices, see the price insert on page 4 – 7.

A change in itinerary may become necessary on this expedition to Antarctica. The captain will decide on the best possible alternatives depending on weather and ice conditions.

**World of Ice:** For more information on the sixth continent, see pages 46 – 51.

### A GEOLOGY SPECIALIST IN THE TEAM OF EXPERTS

Even during her studies, **Heike Fries** was intrigued by the calving glaciers at both of the earth's poles. This geoscientist has been spending summers and winters here since 2001. She is able to convey her passion for the ice formations of the Antarctic in a fascinating way – in presentations on board and as part of excursions ashore.

# White Paradise – Limitless Experiences

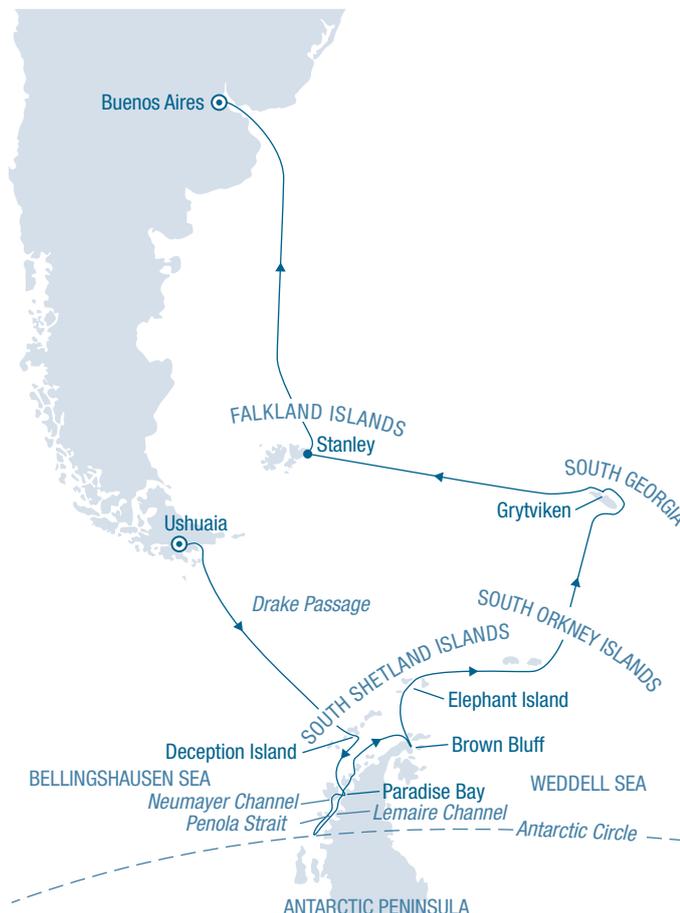
Discover a world in which great natural wonders, fascinating wildlife and pure expedition experiences make your day. Set sail for spectacular icy landscapes in the footsteps of researchers and adventurers. The numerous Zodiac rides will bring you particularly close to this white paradise and its residents, including penguins, seals, seabirds and whales.

**BREATHAKING: SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS AND ANTARCTIC PENINSULA** From the very start, look forward to the caldera of **Deception Island** and the incomparable sight of **Paradise Bay**: glaciers tower hundreds of metres above and snow-covered mountains line the bay in which icebergs as high as houses float. The team of experts accompanying you will open up new fields of knowledge and will visit the Antarctic continent with you if the weather and ice conditions permit landing. The ice crunches and cracks around the ship's reinforced bow, while it becomes ever more apparent just what strains the pioneers of polar exploration had to endure. Where weather and ice conditions dictate the course, the experienced crew will react flexibly and spontaneously to guarantee you unforgettable moments in the wonderland of the Antarctic. The experience will make your day as the HANSEATIC continues on her southerly course.

**IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF LEGENDARY EXPLORERS** The further south your journey takes you, the more impressed you will be by the endless white world surrounding you on all sides. One particularly moving moment during your expedition will be sailing through the **Neumayer Channel**, which serves up panoramic views of amazing glaciers. In the **Penola Strait**, you can expect spectacular landings with the Zodiacs and close encounters with animals such as Adelie and gentoo penguins, fur seals and petrels. With a little luck, majestic whales will take centre stage. Further north, your journey takes you through the narrow **Lemaire Channel**, spectacular peaks on both sides make this waterway one of the world's most beautiful shipping passages.

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between two mighty glaciers. This panorama is accompanied by the cries of countless kelp gulls as well as cape and snow petrels. The Zodiacs will bring you ashore so that you can get acquainted with the Adelie penguins that live here in a large colony. A hike along the coast and explanations from the experts on the biology of the colony and the geology of the island promise to provide fascinating insights. You will learn about the work of modern polar researchers on the **South Orkney Islands**, where, weather permitting, you will visit the oldest permanently inhabited research station in the Antarctic, the Argentinian Orcadas station (subject to authorisation). And with a little luck, you will see majestic icebergs off Signy Island.

**SOUTH GEORGIA – THE REALM OF THE KING PENGUINS** Flexible, spontaneous and impressive: the Zodiacs are used several times a day to enable expeditionary experiences and wildlife sightings that take your breath away. Take standing in front of a gigantic colony of king penguins, for example. Hundreds of thousands of these animals populate the slopes and coasts of the island. During spectacular landings over three intensive days, including in **Salisbury Plain** and **Gold Harbour**, you will encounter fur seals and sedate elephant seals on the beaches along the craggy coastline, while black-browed

albatrosses and giant petrels make their nests in among the rocks. Renowned experts including biologists, geologists and glaciologists will accompany you and add new dimensions to your unique natural experiences by revealing surprising details. Or they will bring to life the pioneering days of Antarctic research: in the former **Grytviken** whaling station, you will visit the grave of Sir Ernest Shackleton and remember the heroic efforts with which this man once rescued his team.

**A LITTLE BIT OF ENGLAND ON THE FALKLAND ISLANDS** Victorian houses in the middle of the South Pacific – visit British territory on a trip to **Stanley**. Take a natural history tour along the coast with the experts or visit the world's southernmost Anglican church. A picturesque final act that emphasises the diverse experiences of this unique expedition. You will look back on these wonderlands with pleasure.

## From Ushuaia to Buenos Aires

15 Feb – 6 Mar 2016

20 days

HAN1603

	Individual travel arrangements to Buenos Aires
Mon 15 Feb	Charter flight to Ushuaia Ushuaia/Argentina, departure 19.00 hrs
Tue 16 – 17 Feb	Sailing through the Drake Passage
Thu 18 – 23 Feb	South Shetland Islands ⚓, Antarctic Peninsula ⚓, South Orkney Islands ⚓
Wed 24 Feb	Relaxation at sea
Thu 25 – 27 Feb	South Georgia ⚓
Sun 28 – 29 Feb	Relaxation at sea
Tue 1 Mar	Stanley/Falkland Islands ⚓
Wed 2 – 4 Mar	Relaxation at sea
Sat 5 Mar	Buenos Aires/Argentina, arrival 18.00 hrs Overnight stay on board
Sun 6 Mar	Individual travel arrangements from Buenos Aires

⚓ = at anchor

For cruise prices, see the price insert on page 4 – 7.

A change in itinerary may become necessary on this expedition to Antarctica. The captain will decide on the best possible alternative depending on weather and ice conditions.

### A BIOLOGY SPECIALIST IN THE TEAM OF EXPERTS

For over 20 years, **Sylvia Stevens**, an animal photographer and conservationist, has been accompanying expeditions to the Antarctic. She will enthuse you with facts about how animals live in these remote regions as she recounts her experiences in presentations and as part of excursions.



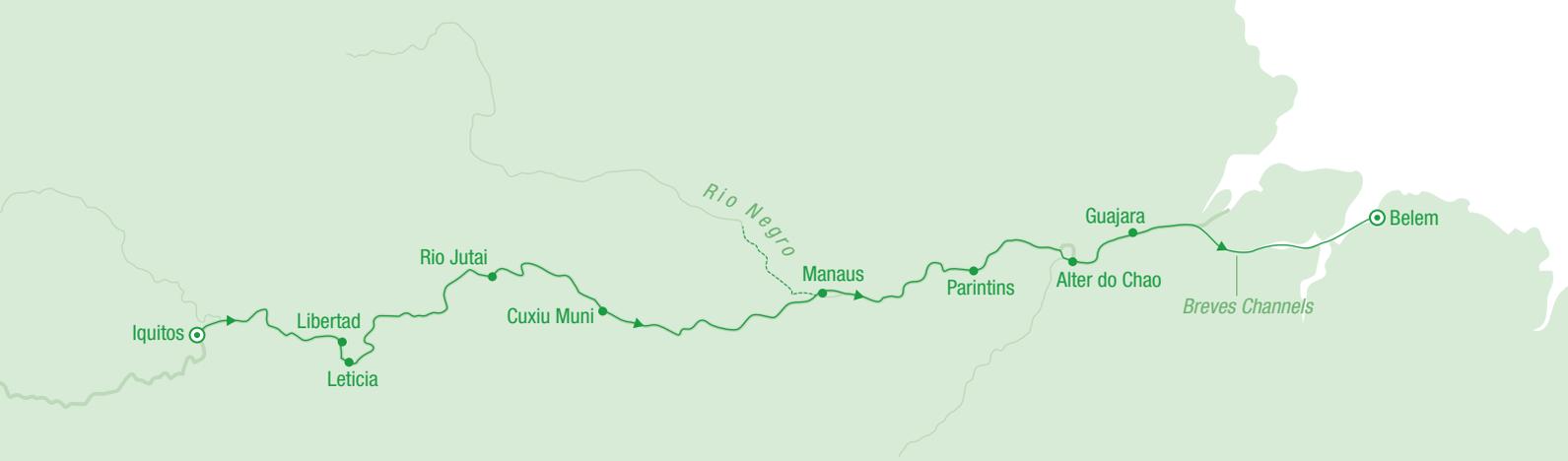
## Expedition Amazon

# On the River of Life

For generations, the Amazon has fuelled the imaginations of researchers and explorers. Great scientists made for its shores to explore a fantastic and hard-to-reach natural paradise. Follow in their footsteps, board the Zodiacs and navigate narrow, winding waterways to discover the power and magic of a gigantic river that sets the rhythm of South America.

**WONDERFUL ENCOUNTERS IN FASCINATING NATURE** Your adventure begins in **Iquitos**, Peru, in the middle of the evergreen jungle more than 4,000 km/13,123 ft from the mouth of the Amazon. Unforgettable impressions await in the overwhelming natural surroundings of the world's largest rainforest. Perfect expeditionary territory for a small ship like the HANSEATIC and its Zodiacs. The weather conditions and currents will determine the itinerary of eventful days in which the robust inflatable boats will be in continuous use, taking you to the settlement of **Libertad**, for example. This is the home of the Yagua, former nomads who once hunted with poisoned arrows and blowpipes and have now settled on the river. The friendly inhabitants offer handicrafts and traditional masks. **Leticia** is an important trade centre in the border triangle of Colombia, Peru and Brazil. At the markets on the riverbank, you cannot fail to be impressed by the variety of tropical fruits and vegetables before the HANSEATIC continues further downstream into a true treasure trove of life. Explore the green

heart of South America on spectacular Zodiac rides and landings and travel ever further into the jungle on side branches and tributaries such as the **Rio Jutai**. While the Zodiacs drift past bromeliads with stunning bright-red flowers, the call of Amazon parrots can be heard above the water. Perhaps you might see a group of blue-and-yellow macaws perched high up in the treetops. **Cuxiu Muni** is not the only place where, with a little luck, you might catch sight of the famous botos, the Amazon's pink river dolphins. Fascinating wildlife is all around you just waiting to be discovered. Here you will see large-billed terns fishing in the water and saffron finches picking seeds out of the floating water grass. And native plants such as the red passion flower explode in fireworks of colour. You will also experience an unforgettable natural spectacle at the Meeting of the Waters, where the "black" Rio Negro joins the clay-yellow Rio Solimoes; the two rivers do not mix immediately, but flow alongside each other for several kilometres/miles. Water level permitting, the HANSEATIC will intensively explore



the untouched scenery along the shore of the **Rio Negro**. In this nature conservation area, you will visit small hidden settlements and relax in the river's wonderful bays.

**CULTURAL TREASURES AND NATURAL RICHES** A bustling city in the middle of the rainforest, **Manaus** has a fascinatingly eventful history and lively present. On an excursion exploring the **city's history and opera house\***, you will get to know the former Portuguese fort and missionary base. Enjoy spectacular views of Brazil's seventh

largest city and the Meeting of the Waters on an **aerial tour above Manaus\*** before being swept away by the rhythm and joie de vivre of South America in **Parintins**. With magnificent costumes and their intoxicating music, the dancers relate the ancient legend of the resurrection of a bull, their exuberance keeping pace with their extravagance. Immerse yourself in the natural riches of the Amazon once again as the HANSEATIC sets sail for the mouth of the mythical river. Butterflies the size of plates dance through the air, tiny humming-birds silently flap their wings over the water and the many-voiced chorus of birds and howler monkeys sounds from the dense green of the jungle. Swim and bathe as though in the Caribbean on the fine white sand of **Alter do Chao**. Enjoy a few hours of doing absolutely nothing, and look forward to spotting various species of bird and mighty water buffalo in **Guajara**. The HANSEATIC will be able to show its advantages to the full when passing through the narrow **Breves Channels** in the Amazon Delta: travel through the dense green of the jungle on winding waterways – a great end to a superb expedition.



## From Iquitos to Belem

10 Apr – 26 Apr 2016

16 days

HAN1606

Sun 10 Apr	Individual travel arrangements to Lima Charter flight to Iquitos Iquitos/Peru, departure 18.00 hrs ⚓
Mon 11 – 19 Apr	Downstream on the Upper Amazon with Zodiac landings (including Libertad, Leticia, Rio Jutai, Cuxiu Muni, Rio Negro)
Wed 20 Apr	Manaus/Brazil
Thu 21 – 24 Apr	Downstream on the Lower Amazon with Zodiac landings (including Parintins, Alter do Chao, Guajara)
Mon 25 Apr	Day trip through the Breves Channels
Tue 26 Apr	Belem/Brazil, arrival 5.00 hrs (subject to the tides) Individual travel arrangements from Belem

⚓ = at anchor

For prices, see the price insert on page 4 – 7.

A change in itinerary may become necessary on this expedition to the Amazon. The captain will decide on the best possible alternative depending on local conditions.

### A BIOLOGY SPECIALIST IN THE TEAM OF EXPERTS

The biologist **Claudia Roedel** will fascinate you with her extensive experience of the Amazon region. As an experienced expedition guide, she specialised in tropical ecology, completed jungle survival training and now focuses on the native tribes of the Amazon.



Expedition Orinoco, South and Central America

## Shades of Green – the Diversity of South America

An adventure through the riches of tropical worlds: from Brazil to Costa Rica via French Guiana, Venezuela and Panama – all combined into one cruise. Through the labyrinth of the Orinoco with the Zodiacs. Along rainforest trails to exotic wildlife. Encounters with the natives. Discover wonderful islands. A natural kaleidoscope awaits you.

**IN HUMBOLDT'S FOOTSTEPS** The start of the cruise could hardly be more thrilling: the HANSEATIC takes two days for your nature adventure on the narrow **Breves Channels** and the Amazon Delta. The ship will also set sail for **Ilha de Marajo** for the first time. The world's largest river island in the Amazon Delta promises an expedition in the purest sense. Will we be able to make a landing? Depending on local conditions, the Zodiacs will wind their way through the channels. As you get particularly close to the flora and fauna, the experts will explain to you the many wonders of the Amazon. French Guiana will show you the thrilling side of life surrounded by tropical vegetation. Be swept away by the fascinating **Ile Royale** and enjoy the freedom to explore the one-time penal colony at your own pace.

The HANSEATIC also takes plenty of time to explore the unique ecosystem of the **Orinoco**. Take repeated trips in the Zodiacs and follow in the footsteps of famous explorers such as Christopher Columbus and Alexander von Humboldt. Thanks to the experts, you will know where to cast your eye to see toucans, parrots, flamingos and hummingbirds, hear the cry of howler monkeys, and – with a little luck – maybe even catch a glimpse of the rare Orinoco crocodile. Concealed villages also give you the opportunity to immerse yourself in the remote lives of their inhabitants. Look forward to flexible days full of expeditionary experiences.



**NATURAL WONDERS IN ABUNDANCE** Experience a true nature adventure on Isla Margarita\*, travelling by jeep and boat through Laguna de La Restinga Natural Park to the desert-like Macanao Peninsula. Another particular highlight is a flight to Canaima National Park and the famous Angel Falls\* – above and beyond the green carpet of the jungle and the Orinoco. In addition to high table mountains and tropical rainforest, you will be intoxicated by Salto Angel, the world's highest free-falling waterfall. The element of water also shapes Islas Los Roques, a national park made up of little islands and coral reefs in a turquoise sea. This is home to around 90 species of seabird, some of which are certain to make an appearance during an individual shore excursion. In La Vela de Coro, the many colours of the tropical underwater world seem to have been transferred to historic Coro\* with its vibrant facades. Regional tradition and colonial architecture seem to merge in the townscape during a tour of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Fossilised bones of gigantic mammoths and giant armadillos and mystical sand worlds make for a true experience at the excavation sites of Taima-taima and the isthmus of Paraguana\*. Alternatively, you can track the old Spanish trading route through the fantastic Juan Crisostomo Falcon National Park\* with its rainforest, limestone caves and waterfalls. In Panama, the magic of a famed masterpiece pervades. The city of Colon on the Atlantic side has the construction of the Panama Canal to thank for its size; today, it is the world's second largest free-trade zone. A cable car ride above the rainforest\* of Gamboa Rainforest National Park offers magnificent views. The "jungle choir" of birds and monkeys provides musical accompaniment as you float through the treetops. On Barro Colorado Island in the middle of the Panama Canal, you will see how vegetation and wildlife evolve in isolation: Science in action – a glimpse behind the scenes of the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute\*. A visit to the research facilities and an expert-led walk will provide insights into the artificial nature reserve set up in 1914 for monkeys, sloths and agoutis. Infused with the thrill of the Caribbean, your vibrant cruise will come to a delightful close in Costa Rica.

## From Belem to Puerto Limon

26 Apr – 13 May 2016

17 days

HAN1607

		Individual travel arrangements to Belem
Tue	26 Apr	Belem/Brazil, departure 18.00 hrs ⚓ (subject to the tides)
Wed	27 – 28 Apr	Expedition to the Breves Channels and Amazon Delta
Fri	29 – 30 Apr	Relaxation at sea
Sun	1 May	Ile Royale/French Guiana ⚓
Mon	2 May	Relaxation at sea
Tue	3 – 4 May	Port of Spain/Trinidad, from 15.00 to 20.00 hrs Scarborough/Tobago, from 7.00 to 18.00 hrs
Thu	5 May	Isla Margarita/Venezuela ⚓, from 7.00 to 20.00 hrs
Fri	6 May	Islas Los Roques ⚓ (subject to official approval)
Sat	7 May	Bonaire/Netherlands Antilles, from 8.00 to 18.00 hrs
Sun	8 May	Relaxation at sea
Mon	9 May	Cartagena/Colombia, from 7.00 hrs to 17.00 hrs
Tue	10 May	San Blas/Panama ⚓
Wed	11 May	Colon, from 6.00 hrs to 20.00 hrs
Thu	12 May	Bocas del Toro ⚓
Fri	13 May	Puerto Limon/Costa Rica, arrival 6.00 hrs Individual travel arrangements from Puerto Limon

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For prices, see the price insert on page 4 – 7.

A change in itinerary may become necessary on this expedition to South America. The captain will decide on the best possible alternative depending on local conditions.

\*The shore activities are not included in the cruise price and are in the planning stage. Subject to change without notice.

Approximately three months prior to the start of the cruise you will receive information about the shore excursions which will be conducted in English.



## Expedition Spitsbergen

# Myths and Adventure in Equal Measure

Where glistening icebergs and deep fjords shape the pioneering spirit into unusual forms, *Ursus maritimus* rules the wilderness and glaciers keep watch over the tracks of legendary pioneers – wonderful experiences that emerge from the ice. Few ships brave the circumnavigation of spectacular Spitsbergen. But the HANSEATIC, with the highest ice class for passenger ships and experienced experts on board, forges its way through this wonderland. Nature determines the flexible itinerary. You choose the date.

**LEGENDARY, ICE-COVERED DISCOVERIES** The compass needle is pointing towards adventure. Creaking, the ice tells of great pioneering acts. An audience with the kings of the Arctic, the polar bears, awaits you. Welcome to Spitsbergen – wild, raw island beauty and home to a fascinating animal world. The archipelago was discovered by Willem Barents in 1596 as he was searching for a northeast passage to Asia. He was so impressed by the peaked mountains, climbing up to 1,700 m/5,577 ft from the waters of the North Atlantic, that he named the archipelago after them.

Over 400 years later, the HANSEATIC is setting aside lots of time on four expeditions to explore Spitsbergen with one clear objective: circumnavigation! On board is a small group of explorers wanting to fulfil this lifelong dream. Every route is determined by nature, weather and ice. And every day is packed with experiences which bring together the pioneering spirit of the past and present. For example, when you set foot on historic soil and the present territory of researchers in [Ny-Alesund](#), one of the northernmost settlements in the world. In 1926, it was the starting point for the airship *Norge*, in which the polar researcher Roald Amundsen and airship pioneer Umberto Nobile became the first people to reach the North Pole. Today, researchers live in this small “academic settlement” and study climate change and its

effects on the flora and fauna. Likewise, the town of [Longyearbyen](#) is of significance to the future of our planet. Here, scientists from around the world do research in the “laboratory of the Arctic”. In [Moellerhafen](#), you can visit the small “Lloyd’s Hotel”, a former refuge for explorers surrounded by a grand landscape, with an experienced polar bear lookout. These are just some of the many historical aspects and island perspectives waiting to be discovered.

### FRONT-ROW SEATS FOR MONUMENTAL NATURAL SPECTACLES

It is no wonder that glaciologists are drawn to Spitsbergen. The glacial masses in the Svalbard archipelago actively freeze and melt, with cycles often taking just a few years. The same happens in [Hornsund](#), where powerful glaciers shape the panorama. *Samarinbreen* will forge lasting memories framed by imposing mountains on an impressive Zodiac ride with a view of the glacial cliff. In [Liefdefjord](#), the calving of the majestic blue Monaco Glacier might ring in your ears. It is an unforgettable experience to travel past drifting ice floes close to the cliff, up to 40 m/131 ft in height, with the sound of tumbling ice crashing in your ears. The colour play of [Raudfjord](#) will also trigger a wave of enthusiasm with its red-tinged mountain slopes. In this overwhelming panorama, you will feel the power and sensitivity of a raw natural beauty that also shapes the [Magdalenefjord](#). Its glacier



backdrop invites you to explore the historic graves of whalers. Cruising here, the HANSEATIC will open up fantastic perspectives. Too beautiful to be true? Far from it: every day you can seize the fascination of nature around the archipelago on many Zodiac rides and landings.

**A TRULY SPECIAL, THRILLING HABITAT** There is a good chance of spotting polar bears throughout your Spitsbergen expedition. *Ursus maritimus* prefers to hunt in protected fjords and ice floes. The sudden call of “Polar bear spotted!” will fill the deck or Zodiac with whispers. The experienced crew is able to react spontaneously and bring the ship about to ensure some unforgettable animal observations. Spitsbergen provides food and protection to a variety of colourful species. This is underlined in an impressive way in **Mushamna**, where Arctic terns and eider ducks breed and where Arctic foxes can be seen. The highly protected island of **Moffen**, for example, is known for impressive walrus which gather on the even coasts in great herds. The HANSEATIC is always on the lookout for impressive settings. Thick-billed murre, kittiwakes and glaucous gulls inhabit the cliffs of **Alkefjellet**, the “bird mountain”, in their thousands. With a little luck, you can enjoy particularly weighty observations from the Zodiac off **Cape Lee**, the original territory of the walrus. Male walrus can weigh over 1,000 kg and grow to 3.5 m/11.48 ft in length. These impressions can only be outdone by the whales which happily follow ships in the waters of protected biotopes from time to time.

**IN THEIR ELEMENT IN THE ICE: SHIP AND CREW** Small, flexible and with the highest ice class for passenger ships: this is the only way the HANSEATIC can circumnavigate Spitsbergen. Every day is an adventure



in these nautically demanding waters. Between drifting ice floes, the crew members can bring their years of polar experience to bear to give you the best possible experience. Such as when you join the small group of explorers who have pressed on to **Nordauslandet**. This uninhabited island, the second largest in the Spitsbergen archipelago, boasts an atmospheric landscape featuring glaciers, ice caps and vast expanses of flatness. Depending on the ice conditions, you can land in **Palanderbukta** with the Zodiacs and, with a little luck, spot reindeer and Arctic foxes on a walk through the sparse tundra. In the **Hinlopen Strait**, the steel-reinforced hull of the HANSEATIC will come into its own as the ship forges its path through the pack ice with certainty. Your reward: spectacular views of Hinlopenbreen, the largest outlet glacier in Spitsbergen. Weather and ice permitting, you will cruise through the narrow **Freeman Sound** accompanied by the fascinating play of colour and light on the landscape – it makes for a crowning conclusion to your expedition. Here you can reflect on an experience granted to but a few people: the circumnavigation of Spitsbergen.

No matter when you experience this great adventure – each of the four expeditions on the HANSEATIC brings together the wonders of Spitsbergen in its own fascinating way. Spectacular all round!

## From Longyearbyen to Tromsø

6 Aug – 16 Aug 2016

10 days

HAN1615

	Individual travel arrangements to Longyearbyen
Sat 6 Aug	Longyearbyen/Spitsbergen/Norway, departure 19.00 hrs ⚓
Sun 7 – 12 Aug	Adventure in Spitsbergen: highlights and circumnavigation depending on the circumstances ⚓ (among other Ny-Alesund, Moellerhafen, Magdalenefjord, Raudfjord, Liefdefjord, Mushamna, Moffen, cruise through Hinlopen Strait, Alkefjellet, Palanderbukta, cruise through Freeman Sound, Cape Lee, Hornsund)
Sat 13 Aug	Relaxation at sea
Sun 14 Aug	Relaxation at sea, passing Bear Island
Mon 15 Aug	Honningsvåg, cruising off North Cape
Tue 16 Aug	Tromsø/Norway, arrival 5.00 hrs Individual travel arrangements from Tromsø

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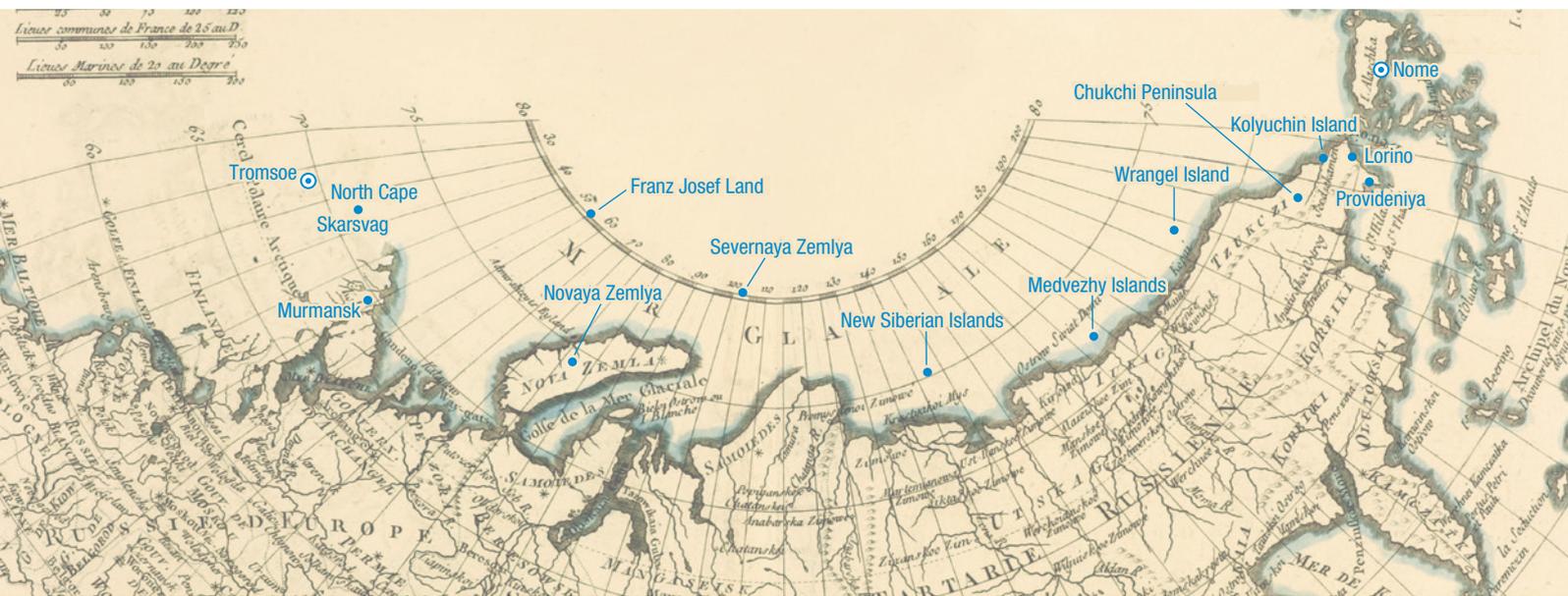
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**Important note on this expedition:** This expedition is characterised by a great natural experience in a remote region of the planet. All of our experience and careful preparation notwithstanding, the actual itinerary therefore depends on the local conditions. A change in itinerary may become necessary, primarily due to the weather and ice but also perhaps due to official guidelines. The number of advertised days at sea, the landings and the ice conditions can vary from cruise to cruise. The captain will decide on the best possible alternative depending on local conditions.



# Privilege and Pioneering: the Extraordinary Every Day

The passage from Europe to Asia through the Arctic – for centuries, an inconceivable notion – remains a great seafaring challenge to this day. The HANSEATIC will set out on an adventure as part of this spectacular expedition, shaped by dramatic, bizarre landscapes and encounters with polar bears, seals and whales. The extraordinary awaits you every day when local conditions make spontaneous course changes necessary and when the Zodiacs press on to untouched coastlines. Far from civilisation, discover the Russian Arctic, which was an exclusion zone for decades and thus unreachable. A sea route with a legendary history as a present-day adventure. The HANSEATIC – the first non-Russian passenger ship ever to sail through the Northeast Passage – will once again brave this great pioneering endeavour. Write your own maritime history on board ...



**PRELUDE AT THE EDGE OF THE ARCTIC OCEAN** An unreachable enterprise for most cruise ships: the Northeast Passage. Look forward to adventure on this sea route – the exciting cruise through the ice, animal sightings in the pure wildness and going in the footsteps of the polar pioneers. Even **Tromsøe**, the “gateway to the Arctic Ocean”, is steeped in the pioneering spirit of the many historic expeditions that set out from here. People once believed that the North Cape marked the end of the world. Today it marks the beginning – of your great adventure. First, the HANSEATIC will cruise past the cliffs, whilst the picturesque fishing village of **Skarsvag** is the starting point for your **journey to North Cape\***. **Murmansk** stands in true contrast, as the largest city north of the Arctic Circle and the headquarters of Russia’s Northern Fleet. Whether you enjoy **impressions of Murmansk\*** or trace the legacy of the Sami in the heart of the tundra on the

**Kola Peninsula\***, you will probably be eagerly waiting for the departure of the HANSEATIC. For it will lie stretching off into the distance before you: the Northeast Passage ...

**AN ADVENTURE EN ROUTE TO THE DESTINATION** For centuries, the Northeast Passage has fired the imagination of pioneering spirits – from the early explorations by the naval powers England and Holland in the 16th century to the first successful passage by the Swede Adolf Erik Nordenskjöld between 1878 and 1879. Your days at sea on board the HANSEATIC will be in the shadow of the golden age of Arctic explorers thanks to the exciting expert presentations and because the route intersects their moving life lines. The endeavours of Willem Barents will be brought to life as you cruise through the Barents Sea.

\*The shore activities are not included in the cruise price and are in the planning stage. Subject to change without notice.

Approximately three months prior to the start of the cruise you will receive information about the shore excursions which will be conducted in English.



As he circumnavigated [Novaya Zemlya](#) in 1596 on his search for the Northeast Passage, his ship became trapped in the pack ice and the crew was forced to spend the winter there. Following in his wake, the HANSEATIC will dare to call at the deep bays of this savage and primeval island. In geological terms, it is almost identical to the Urals, as it is a northern continuation of this ancient mountain range which was formed when Europe and Siberia collided.

Subject to weather conditions, you can take the Zodiacs and explore on land whilst thousands of sea birds brood on the steep cliffs. The captain and crew can react flexibly, allowing you to experience intense natural spectacles. They are always seeking the most incredible experiences – and all with consideration for the ice and weather. Thanks to this, you will feel even closer to the pioneers of the Austro-Hungarian Polar Expedition. Whilst exploring the Arctic Ocean on almost the very same date 143 years ago, they happened upon new land which they named after their emperor: [Franz Josef Land](#).

Their first sight was today's Cape Tegetthoff on Hall Island, whose rocky peaks may also have pointed them towards adventure. The explorers first set foot on Wilczek Island, which is now home to the grave of their engineer Otto Krisch. Hooker Island also promises intense expedition experiences. Enjoy an unforgettable visit to an abandoned Russian Arctic station from the 1930s or view the bird-inhabited cliff known as Rubini Rock up close. Besides the imposing cliffs and basalt columns, the island is also home to the largest sea bird colony in the archipelago. Enjoy other spontaneously arranged highlights in this region, made possible by the flexibility of the HANSEATIC and the Zodiacs. Only a few people have seen these coasts – the same goes for the almost semi-glacial islands of [Severnaya Zemlya](#). Polar bears, Arctic foxes, Arctic hares, walrus and seals inhabit these islands. Surrounded by majestic glaciers and as your eyes scan the ice, one question arises: what challenges will the HANSEATIC face next and will it overcome them?





**RUSSIA'S UNTAMED SPIRIT** Along the Siberian coast, the HANSEATIC can take full advantage of its status as a small expedition ship with the highest ice class. Only in this way can it manage to pass through the eye of the needle in the Northeast Passage: Cape Chelyuskin, located between Bolshevik Island and the mainland, is known for frequently being blocked by ice. The course thereafter will be determined by the weather and ice. The **New Siberian Islands** offer lots of possibilities for Zodiac explorations and for spotting numerous rare seabirds, snow grouse, reindeer and lemmings. In 1893, the researcher Fridtjof Nansen allowed his ship to freeze in order reach the geographic North Pole by using the natural ice drifts of the Arctic Ocean. These little-researched islands give exciting insights into the “adolescence” of polar exploration.

The **Medvezhy Islands** in the East Siberian Sea are famous as a polar bear nursery. They are a frozen habitat where the kings of the Arctic bring their cubs into the world. But an even more impressive conservation area for polar bears lies before you, as well as the secrets of a legendary island ...

**AN ANIMAL PARADISE FAR FROM THE FAMILIAR** The cracking ice will cause excitement to grow on board: will the ship manage to traverse the often thick belt of drifting ice around **Wrangel Island**? Here you can uncover the most beautiful aspects of nature on a grand scale. On rides and landings with the Zodiacs, you can really experience this raw natural beauty. Numerous species of birds nest on steep cliffs, and long tundra hikes will give you the chance to observe polar bears and reindeer in the vast, silent landscape.

**Kolyuchin Island** on the edge of the **Chukchi Peninsula** also offers overwhelming animal observations. The Zodiacs can take you to large bird-infested cliffs with thousands of thick-billed murres, black guillemots, kittiwakes, horned puffins and glaucous gulls. With a little luck, you will see lots of walrus gathering on the cliffs. The Chukchi Peninsula is a natural paradise for whales, seabirds, walrus and seals – whereas on Cape Dezhnev, the most north-easterly point of the Eurasian landmass, Russian history speaks for itself. A walk will lead you to a monument to the pioneer Semyon Dezhnev, the first to traverse the cape in 1648. In **Lorino**, you can gain fascinating insights into the

everyday life and nomadic traditions of the Chukchi people who survive by hunting and breeding reindeer. Fascinating encounters also await you on seldom-visited **Provideniya**, located in the extreme east of Russia, when you go ashore with the experts and visit the small museum.

It will be time to celebrate when the HANSEATIC sets sail for Alaska: you have succeeded in traversing the Northeast Passage. On passing the International Date Line, you can turn back the clock to rave about your many unforgettable expedition moments.

## From Tromsø to Nome

16 Aug – 10 Sep 2016

26 days

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	Individual travel arrangements to Tromsø
Tue 16 Aug	Tromsø/Norway, departure 18.00 hrs
Wed 17 Aug	Cruising off North Cape, Skarsvag
Thu 18 Aug	Murmansk/Russia Beginning of the Northeast Passage adventure – from Murmansk to the Bering Strait
Fri 19 – 20 Aug	Cruise through the Barents Sea/Arctic Ocean
Sun 21 – 23 Aug	Novaya Zemlya ⚓, Franz Josef Land ⚓
Wed 24 – 25 Aug	Cruise through the Kara Sea
Fri 26 – 27 Aug	Severnaya Zemlya ⚓
Sun 28 Aug – 3 Sep	Siberia (including Cape Chelyuskin ⚓, New Siberian Islands ⚓, Medvezhy Islands ⚓), cruising through the Laptev Sea and the East Siberian Sea/Arctic Ocean
Sun 4 – 7 Sep	Chukchi Sea ⚓ (including Wrangel Island, Kolyuchin Island)
Thu 8 – 10 Sep	Chukchi Peninsula/Bering Strait (including Cape Dezhnev, Lorino ⚓, Provideniya)
Sat 10 Sep	Crossing the International Date Line (day counts twice) Nome/Alaska/USA, arrival 16.00 hrs Individual travel arrangements from Nome

⚓ = at anchor

For prices, see the price insert on page 4 – 7.

**Important note on this expedition:** This expedition is one of the most difficult cruises to plan, organise and sail in our range of expeditions. This cruise adventure was carefully planned based on average ice and weather data and closely coordinated with the local Russian authorities. All our experience and careful preparation notwithstanding, the actual itinerary therefore depends on the local conditions. Besides ice and weather, these include decisions taken by the Russian authorities, who reserve the right to issue the necessary authorisations only shortly prior to departure and, if necessary, to withhold them entirely. We will, of course, do everything in our power to ensure that this cruise can take place as advertised, but wish to take this early opportunity to inform you of these unusual circumstances and to raise your awareness as to the expeditionary nature of this cruise. Should the authorities, weather or ice have a significant impact on the route, we plan to sail through the Northwest Passage instead. If this should happen, we will inform you as quickly as possible. We wish you an unforgettable time on a truly legendary expedition on board the HANSEATIC!

### A SPECIALIST IN ETHNOLOGY IN THE TEAM OF EXPERTS

After studying historical ethnology, **Dr Gudrun Bucher** focused her academic work on Siberia and the North Pacific. She specialises in the material culture of the peoples of Kamchatka, Chukotka and Alaska. She regularly accompanies tours to the Arctic and Antarctic.



Expedition to the South Seas and Easter Island

## The Magic of Motus and Moai

Fantasy and reality become intertwined when you explore the untouched islands of the South Pacific. Inspired by the magic of the South Seas, silent turquoise lagoons, coral gardens and magical relicts will make your dreams a reality – complemented by relaxed days at sea on board the HANSEATIC.

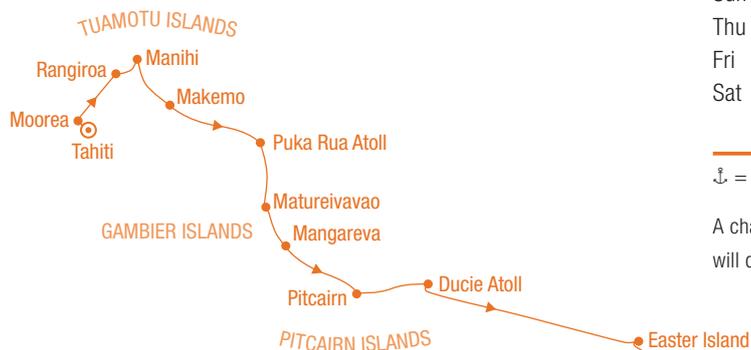
**DREAM DESTINATIONS IN THE FORM OF ART** The paintings of Paul Gauguin will be brought to life when the HANSEATIC calls at Tahiti's "little sister" **Moorea**. Here, nature itself paints the most beautiful portraits comprising the pure romanticism of the South Seas – from the azure blue of the sky and the emerald green of shallow lagoons to the snowy white of the beaches. Take a **jeep tour across Moorea\*** and discover the tropical island landscape, old stone temples and views of bays and the ocean from the Magic Mountain. Take a different approach and experience the peculiarities of the island's flora and fauna on a walk through lush mountain scenery **on the trail known as the Three Coconut Trees Pass\***. It is a paradisiacal prelude to your expedition.

**ISLAND JEWELS OF THE GRANDE NATION** In the heart of French Polynesia lies the world's largest archipelago, the Tuamotu Islands. Who would expect a wine-growing region here? In the same archipelago as **Rangiroa**, the vines of fruity red and white wines thrive under the gleaming blue sky and on the chalky soil formed from dead coral. Surrounded



by small motus – islets – and pearl farms, dive into the breathtaking underwater world of the atoll’s natural “aquarium” on a **snorkelling adventure on Rangiroa\***. The coral gardens are no less colourful on a **trip on the glass-bottom boat\*** – keep an eye out for parrotfish, humphead wrasse, moray eels and whitetip reef sharks. In the treasure chest of the South Seas, the atoll **Manihi** hides a truly special gem: black pearls which are cultivated there in floating farms. The beauty of the pastel-coloured idyll of **Makemo** unfolds from every angle: from the lofty heights of the new island lighthouse as well as in the protected, untouched underwater world of its whale sanctuary. **Puka Rua Atoll** consists of numerous little motus and is surrounded by a biodiverse coral reef. It is a miniature paradise with all the more giant mussels in the turquoise lagoon. **Matureivavao** protrudes just a few centimetres above sea level, revealing just how sensitive the ecosystem of the flat South Seas islands really is. Here, life is to be found underwater and it can be observed in an impressive style when snorkelling at the edge of the reef. You can also find rare natural treasures on **Mangareva**. The extraordinarily clear water of its lagoons is traditionally used in pearl farming. Ashore, feast your eyes on St Michael’s Cathedral, built in 1848, of which the altar is decorated with pearls and mother of pearl. This and numerous other churches on your tour of the village attest to the rule of the French missionaries, who were very active in this region in the 19th century. **Pitcairn**, the now-uninhabited island in the eponymous archipelago, is considered a paradisiacal hideaway. If the tides permit a Zodiac landing at Bounty Bay, you will have the chance to meet the descendants of the Bounty mutineers in person. Both the Bible and the anchor of this legendary ship have been preserved. The language of the island’s inhabitants is a remarkable mixture of the English and Tahitian languages of the 18th century. Be ready to take some beautiful photos when, weather permitting, you discover the breathtaking coastline of the untouched atoll **Ducie Island**. Stunning impressions of the lagoon that will stay with you forever.

**ANCIENT MYSTICISM IN THE KINGDOM OF THE MOAI** Easter Island has been guarded by the moai for over a millennium. Thanks to these stone giants, Rapa Nui National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



**AN ETHNOLOGY SPECIALIST IN THE TEAM OF EXPERTS**

Easter Island’s resident ethnology expert **Christian Walther** will give you insights into the myths of Polynesia. He specialises in tribal art, the art of the various peoples of Polynesia and European expeditionary voyages from the 16th to the 18th centuries.

Get close to these testaments to Polynesian culture, the **moai statues\***, on an island tour and discover their “birthplace” at the foot of the volcano Rano Raraku. Another puzzle of Rapa Nui is the **mystery of the “birdman”\***. Shed some light on it when you visit the impressive crater lake Rano Kau and the holy site Orongo, which in 1866 was the setting of the last birdman ritual in which the natives of the island competed for dominance every year.

**Robinson Crusoe Island**, on which Alexander Selkirk – the inspiration for the eponymous fictional character – was marooned in 1705 is remote and wildly romantic. The island is home to jagged cliffs and lush, green mountain landscapes with a dense mantle of vegetation consisting of trees, giant ferns and grasses. More than 100 endemic species of plants grow in this UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Hike to the viewpoint of Alexander Selkirk – the perfect spot to reflect on the many impressions of your cruise.

Together with exciting and unforgettable impressions, enjoy relaxing days at sea to round off this expedition. The perfect opportunity to enjoy the comfort of the HANSEATIC with all your senses, hone your knowledge at expert presentations and simply keep your South Seas spirit burning.

**From Tahiti to Puerto Montt**

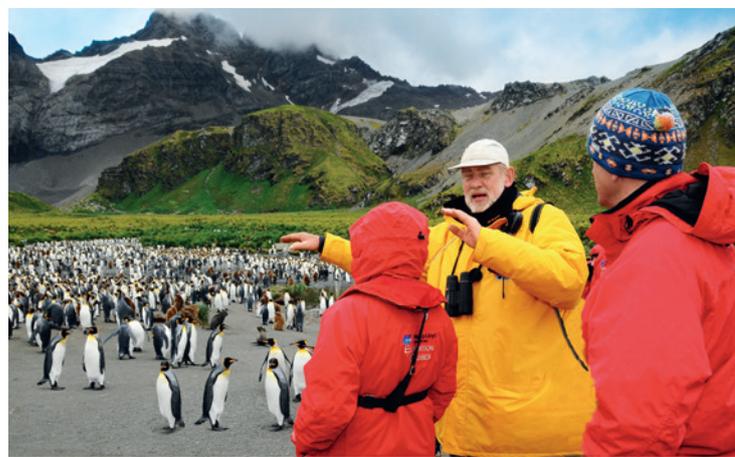
**26 Nov – 17 Dec 2016**      **21 days**      **HAN1622**

	Individual travel arrangements to Tahiti
Sat 26 Nov	Papeete/Tahiti, overnight stay on board
Sun 27 Nov	Papeete/Tahiti/Society Islands/French Polynesia, departure 6.00 hrs, Moorea ⚓
Mon 28 – 30 Nov	Tuamotu Islands ⚓ (Rangiroa, Manihi, Makemo)
Thu 1 Dec	Relaxation at sea
Fri 2 – 4 Dec	Puka Rua Atoll ⚓, Gambier Islands ⚓ (Matureivavao, Mangareva)
Mon 5 Dec	Relaxation at sea
Tue 6 – 7 Dec	Pitcairn Islands ⚓ (Pitcairn, cruising off Ducie Atoll)
Thu 8 – 9 Dec	Relaxation at sea
Sat 10 Dec	Hanga Roa/Easter Island/Chile ⚓
Sun 11 – 14 Dec	Relaxation at sea
Thu 15 Dec	Robinson Crusoe Island ⚓
Fri 16 Dec	Relaxation at sea
Sat 17 Dec	Puerto Montt/Chile, arrival 8.30 hrs
	Individual travel arrangements from Puerto Montt

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A change in itinerary may become necessary on this expedition. The captain will decide on the best possible alternative depending on local conditions.

\*The shore activities are not included in the cruise price and are in the planning stage. Subject to change without notice. Approximately three months prior to the start of the cruise you will receive information about the shore excursions which will be conducted in English.



# An Adventure between Ice and Awe

Simply breathtaking. Marvel in a whole new way. Discover the unique emotions and most fascinating aspects of the sixth continent on expeditions on the HANSEATIC. Majestic, lofty glaciers spread out between steep, jagged mountain chains all the way to the sea. The magnificent spectacle of enormous tabular icebergs. A diverse animal kingdom that will leave nature lovers astounded. Wherever possible, the Zodiacs will take you to the heart of this glittering wonderland – even several times a day. This is much more than an exploration of the Antarctic: this is the cruise of your life.

**PIONEERING SPIRIT IN THE REALM OF SUPERLATIVES** Your exploration of the sixth continent will be shaped by moving life stories and heroic ventures. In 1772, as he sailed towards the South Pole, James Cook still had no idea that he would become the very first forerunner of expeditions to the Antarctic. The search for a southern continent and the concept of a warm climate came to an icy end in 1820 when the Russian officer Thaddeus von Bellingshausen spotted terra incognita for the first time. Around 100 years later, a race took place between the Norwegian polar researcher Roald Amundsen and the British explorer Robert Falcon Scott. After the Norwegian became the first to reach the South Pole in 1911, Scott's compatriot Ernest Shackleton wanted to restore the honour of the British by crossing the Antarctic. His ship, the *Endurance*, became trapped in ice. The trapped explorers only escaped thanks to his legendary escape plan.

The many attempts at exploration and research have since filled libraries with history books and expert literature. And in spite of this – or perhaps because of it – the continent of superlatives remains so appealing to adventurer and researcher seeker. Roughly 89 % of the total ice mass of our planet is to be found there. At an average of 2,250 m/7,381 ft above sea level, it is the highest continent, not to mention the driest and coldest. But if you take on these extremes, you will be rewarded with unique experiences – and the HANSEATIC will get you there safely.

**ENDLESS ICE – UNBROKEN FASCINATION** The ice will be the defining element of your expedition. Thanks to the highest ice class for passenger ships, the HANSEATIC can even navigate through thick ice fields. The ship easily shifts broken pack ice to the side and, if necessary, can sail through a solid ice cover of around half a metre thick. The otherwise infinite silence is broken by the crunching and cracking of the ice – an explorer's symphony composed by nature. The enormous tabular icebergs which float close enough to touch also seem carved by a master sculptor.

The further south you travel, the more bizarre the ice formations become. Light and shadows play with the strange ice architecture, bathing it in deep blue, transparent turquoise and infinite nuances of white. Rugged bays, intricate channels and narrow waterways with imposing rock faces on both sides also hold the promise of spectacular passages. For example, the ship might sail slowly up to

within safe distance of a calving glacier. A house-sized chunk of the gleaming blue ice edge breaks off impressively and causes a wave of excitement to travel through all the spectators. These are all impressions for eternity.

**EXHILARATING EXPERIENCES IN THE ZODIAC** Where no ports are available, these robust motorised inflatable rubber boats are the only way to reach the shore. Altogether 14 of the Zodiacs are available to take a maximum of 175 guests to the most beautiful parts of the Antarctic. With their 36 h.p. engines, they are not just a means of transport but also floating observation decks. The specially trained Zodiac drivers are familiar with variable ice conditions and will allow you to thoroughly explore the secrets of this isolated natural paradise. Circumnavigating gigantic icebergs, you will enjoy unique perspectives of rugged glacial cliffs with deep-blue crevices. At other times, the engine will be switched off so that you can watch seals and whales appear right before your eyes.

**ANTARCTIC SECRETS BRIGHTLY LIT** Illuminated by knowledge, the Antarctic seems even more impressive. Each expedition will therefore be accompanied by up to five experts with different specialisations. Skilled lecturers and discussion partners on board, they are also informative guides when ashore. Biologists and geologists, glaciologists and historians, they will inspire you with their fascinating talks and background knowledge – be it the story of the Antarctic's origins, the physical wonder of the ice, the breeding behaviour of the penguins or how whales breathe. Our experts' inexhaustible wealth of knowledge will allow you to delve even deeper into the wildlife and the various regions you will encounter on your expedition.

**SETTING THE COURSE FOR FLEXIBILITY** In this spectacular icy frontier, all itineraries for the HANSEATIC focus on spontaneity. Each day, the course is reset depending on the local conditions. The captains and their team have a wealth of experience in the Antarctic. Together with their feel for great expedition moments, they will provide you with unforgettable impressions. If, for example, whales should suddenly appear and begin to circle in the stunning polar light, the ship will follow them for a while. After all, natural spectacles cannot be postponed until the next day – and yet they become almost a daily feature when on board.

# A Lifetime Dream: Encounters with the Polar Animal Kingdom

Over the course of their evolution, millions of seabirds, thousands of penguins and seals have adapted perfectly to the Antarctic – thanks to an immense supply of krill in this region. Your expeditions with the HANSEATIC will bring you particularly close to these fascinating creatures.

**PARADISE FOR ORNITHOLOGISTS** You will have many close encounters with polar birds on every expedition – from the Falkland Islands and South Georgia to the Antarctic Peninsula. Almost all of the species are true seabirds which spend most of the year at sea, where the water almost always serves as a source of food. Standing on the deck, you will always have the best chance of spotting these animals. In the short Antarctic summer – the time of your expedition – the birds head for land to breed on the few ice-free areas. You can reach these otherwise inaccessible breeding areas on a Zodiac.



For example, **PETRELS** nest on hills or cliff faces. With a wingspan in excess of two metres, many resemble the **ALBATROSS**. This bird has undoubtedly appointed itself the king of the polar skies: with a wingspan of up to 3.5 m/10 ft, they are one of the largest birds that are able to fly. **CORMORANTS** have developed a perfect method of hunting underwater: they propel themselves with their feet and steer with their tails. The experts on board will soon enlighten you as to which of the almost 20 species of birds that breed in the Antarctic is currently circling above the ship or escorting the HANSEATIC for a stretch.

**PENGUINS – HALLMARK RESIDENTS OF THE ANTARCTIC** With their wings remodelled as fins, penguins are ideally suited to life in water. Their “underwater flight”, the streamlined form of their body and their

manoeuvrability when swimming and diving make it possible for them to hunt their main prey – krill, fish and octopus. This manoeuvrability also allows them to quickly escape their main predators, leopard seals and killer whales. They only come ashore or onto the ice to reproduce, raise their chicks and moult.



An impressive spectacle awaits you when you land on one of the shore areas of South Georgia on a Zodiac: several hundred thousand **KING PENGUINS** stand there, packed closely together. A closely knit tapestry of colourful heads with the typical orange stripes. Many have an egg nestled under the feathery bulge of their stomach folds, which the penguins will incubate for 54 days until the chick emerges. Stray



chicks which have already hatched pester their parents for food. In contrast, **ADELIE PENGUINS**, which can be identified by the white ring around their eyes, can be seen holding a feeding race for their young: at the end of the 100-metre race, one chick will be fed whilst the chick in second place and any others will be turned away.



Their “neighbours” also make life difficult for them: other penguins tirelessly steal stones from neighbouring pebble nests in order to make their own homes more comfortable. There are estimated to be around 7.5 million **CHINSTRAP PENGUINS** on the Antarctic Peninsula and the islands off the coast. They breed on cliffs and hillsides as well as on the coast. The breeding sites of **GENTOO PENGUINS**, whose cries will make their presence known from afar, are no less animated. Their cries sound like those of donkeys. Their chicks emerge after just five weeks, leave their parents after almost three months and disappear into the sea.

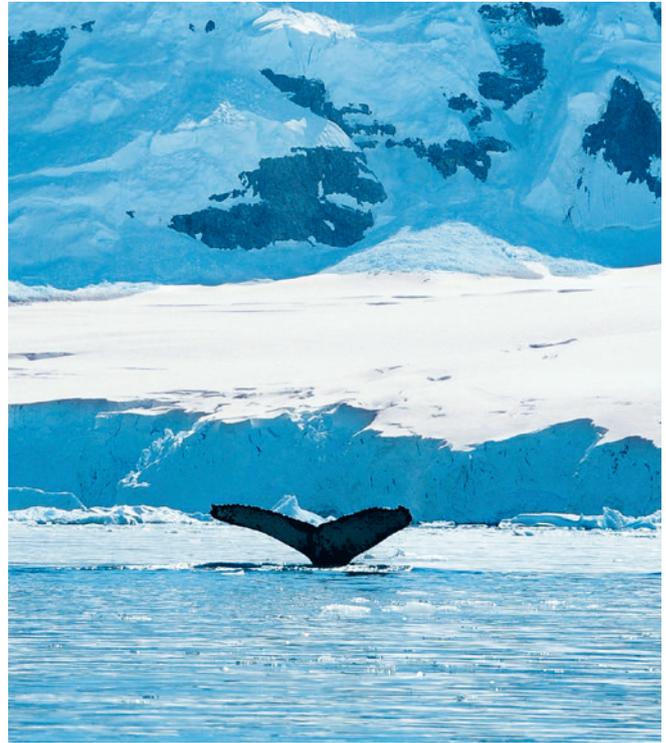


**THE HUNTERS OF THE SEA: SEALS** These diverse marine mammals will practically escort the expedition. These animals can be seen swimming in the open water and resting on ice floes and beaches: fur seals, Weddell seals, leopard seals and crabeater seals, to name but a few. **ELEPHANT SEALS**, in particular, will play a significant role



in your sightings. Closely packed, they lie next to each other on the beaches. Ashore, their size – up to five metres long and four tonnes in weight – makes it difficult for them to move. But in the sea, these colossal creatures are true record holders: they can dive to a depth of up to 1,400 m/4,593 ft in search of food and remain underwater for almost two hours.

**WHALES – LARGE-SCALE FASCINATION** During your expedition, whales will often make their presence felt with spouts of water. Some species can even be identified by the direction of the water clouds they spout: for example, the **SPERM WHALE** blows to the front and left, while the **BLUE WHALE** blows particularly high into the air. A dorsal or tail fin breaking the surface is often the precursor to an encounter with a whale. The **HUMPBACK WHALE** makes an impressive



entrance when it leaps out of the water. At up to 15 m/49 ft in length and 45 tonnes in weight, spectators can expect a wave of excitement in the literal sense. These “marine acrobats” are surpassed in weight by the **FIN WHALE**: these hermits of the ocean can reach 100 years of age, 25 m/82 ft in length and over 70 tonnes in weight. They consume up to two tonnes of krill per day. In addition to baleen whales, you will also witness toothed whales such as the orca, also known as the **KILLER WHALE**, in the waters of the Antarctic.

Be it in the water, on the ice or in the air, in this ecosystem you can marvel at the poignant circle of life from a respectful distance. Can there be any more fascinating chances of unforgettable animal observations than on an Antarctic expedition on the HANSEATIC? See for yourself – on board, ashore or in a Zodiac on any of our cruises.

#### ANIMAL CALENDAR

The expeditions have been arranged at times when the circle of life promises particularly fascinating sightings.

##### JANUARY

- Cubbing and upbringing season of the leopard seal
- Upbringing season of the Antarctic fur seal
- Breeding season of the wandering albatross and king penguin
- Breeding and upbringing season of the adelia, chinstrap, macaroni and gentoo penguins
- Upbringing season of the blue-eyed cormorant and giant petrel

##### FEBRUARY

- Breeding season of the wandering albatross
- Breeding and upbringing season of the king, adelia, chinstrap and macaroni penguins
- Upbringing season of the Antarctic fur seal

These monthly lists are based on past experience and may vary from year to year.



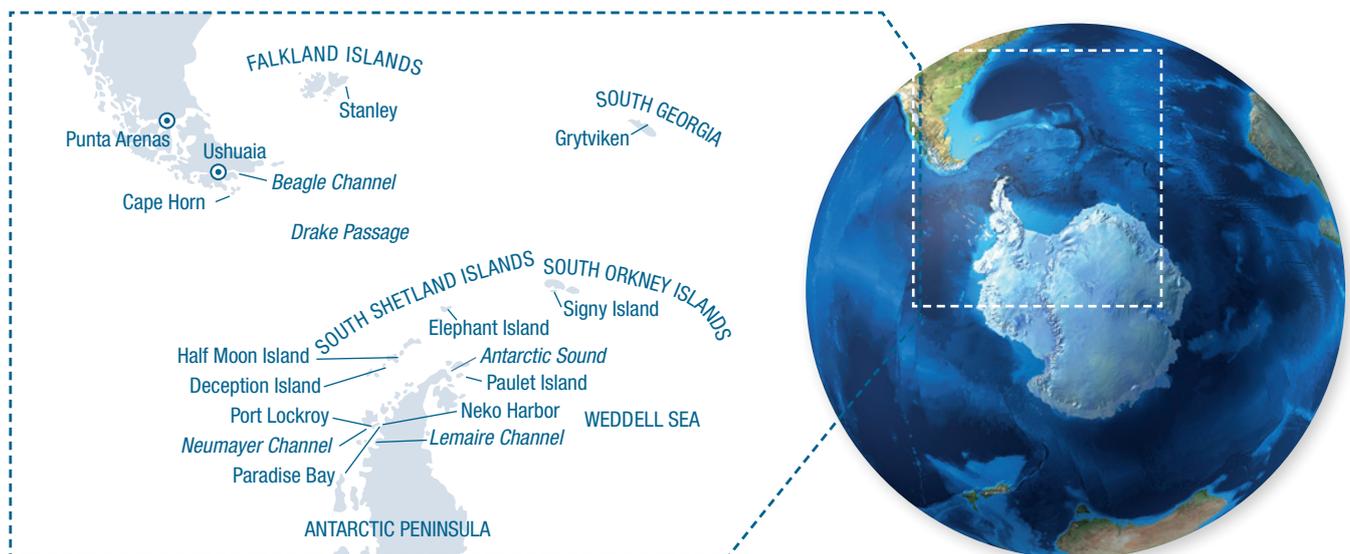
## Set a Course for Ice-Blue Fascination

The experience is the destination, and each one opens up a new chapter of the Antarctic: Islands covered by glaciers, deep fjords, gigantic wildlife colonies, towering icebergs and ice-covered waterways – the wondrous spectacles visited by the HANSEATIC will be determined by the weather and ice, with such decisions only being made on the day.



**FALKLAND ISLANDS** Just as moving as the history of the British overseas territory, the abundant bird life becomes apparent as soon as the Zodiac takes you to the coastline. With more than 60 different species including rockhopper penguins, magellanic penguins and albatrosses, the island is a paradise for ornithologists. During natural history walks along the coast, your experts will provide fascinating information about the head-high tussock grass and the Victorian houses in **Stanley**.

**SOUTH GEORGIA** Days of breathtaking expedition experiences lie ahead when glaciated mountain summits and deep fjords on the horizon signal your approach to this unique animal paradise. Flexible, spontaneous and impressive: the Zodiacs are used several times a day to provide you with truly extraordinary wildlife spectacles. For example, standing with the experts in front of a gigantic colony of king



penguins. The island is home to almost 200,000 animals inhabiting the steep slopes and coasts – such as Salisbury Plain, which is covered by birds begging for food, or the Gold Harbour beach where fur seals and elephant seals sleep through your visit. The biologists, geologists or glaciologists accompanying you will intensify your unique natural experiences with surprising details about the masses of animals. In the former **Grytviken** whaling station, the grave of Sir Ernest Shackleton recalls the bravery and adventure of times gone by. Making a heroic effort, he once saved his team after the ship was forced to spend winter in the pack ice. It is an example of the lifelines of the polar explorers you will cross on every expedition.



**SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS** For researchers, the Antarctic is an enormous natural laboratory – and that includes this largely glaciated island group. You will also gain an insight into the everyday lives of polar researchers when, weather permitting, you will be taken in the Zodiacs to visit the Argentinian Orcadas research station (subject to authorisation). Enjoy the pure fascination of the drifting icebergs which, with any luck, you will see off **Signy Island**, for example. The bizarre blocks that have broken off the shelf ice and their huge archways shimmer a mystical shade of blue in the icy polar light. And the HANSEATIC will pass close by – simply breathtaking.



**ANTARCTIC SOUND AND THE WEDDELL SEA** Unforgettable moments are guaranteed when crossing the **Antarctic Sound** and the water is suddenly parted by the fluke of a majestic whale. The deck becomes your box seat for unique natural spectacles in one of the Antarctic's most impressive passages. Every day on board passes in the spirit of daring pioneers such as Otto Nordenskjöld, who once endured great

hardship to explore this remote region. You will feel how impressive complete silence can be in the **Weddell Sea**. It is home to breathtaking icebergs, some of which are as tall as a house and covered by adelic penguins, and dense pack ice. The ice crunches and cracks around the ship's reinforced bow. How far into this region can the HANSEATIC actually make it? For example, in 1903, the Nordenskjöld expedition was forced to wait ten months to be rescued on the volcanic **Paulet Island**. Today, the island is home to countless penguins and, like **Devil Island**, makes for a very lively spectacle.

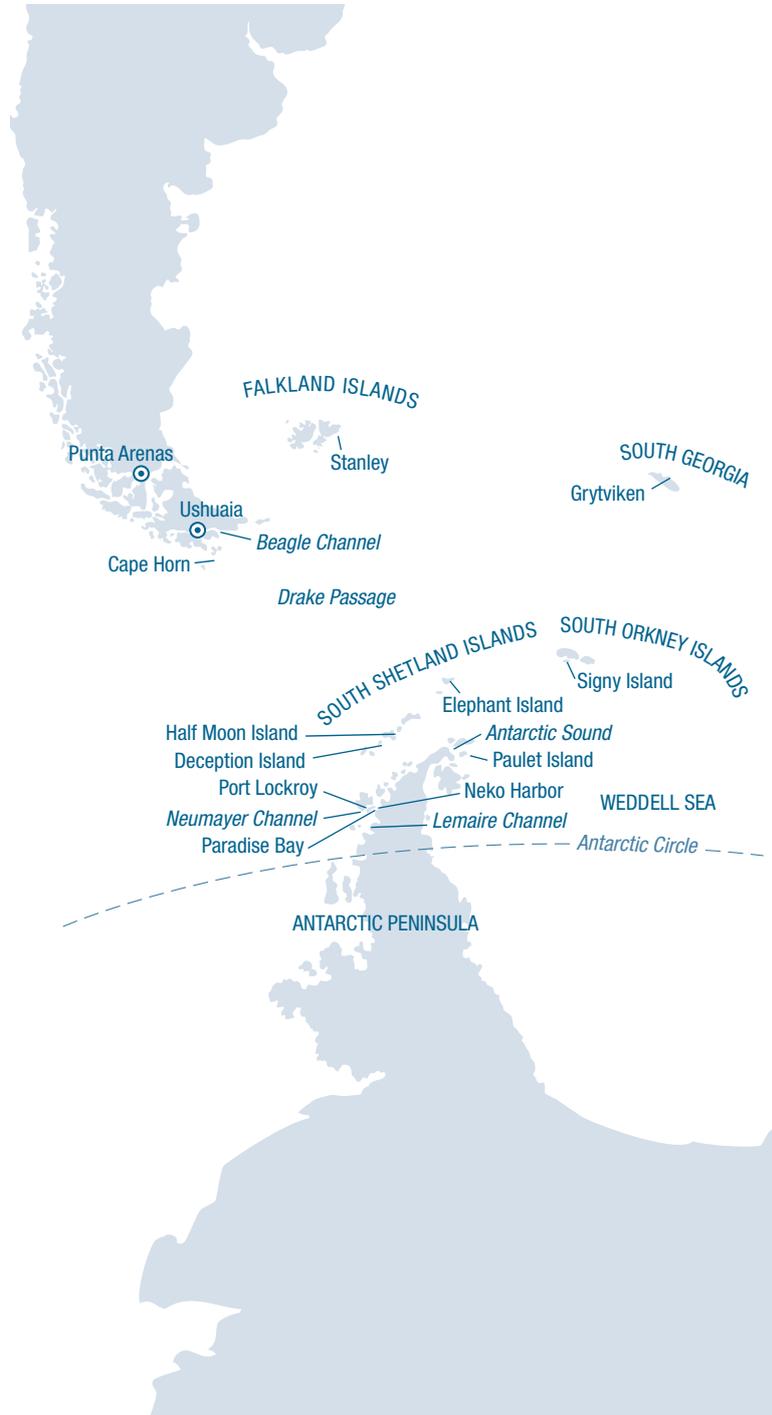
**SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS** Towering basalt rocks, bizarre volcanic rock, black volcanic beaches and fossils up to 150 million years old: the archaic beauty of the Antarctic's largest island group is also a history book of geology – and Antarctic exploration. After being forced to abandon their ship in the ice, Shackleton's men spent the winter on the rocky **Elephant Island**. In good weather, we can set out in smaller boats to reach destinations such as **Half Moon Island**. Walk across vast fields of snow and enjoy beautiful views of the rugged neighbouring Livingston Island, the home of majestic elephant seals. Your impressions will be just as unforgettable when the HANSEATIC calls at **Deception Island**. Thanks to its shallow draught, the ship can sail directly into the flooded caldera of the extinct volcano. Flanked by rock faces up to 50 m/164 ft in height, the black sand in front of you gives off steam in testament to a past eruption – and you in the heart of the scenery.



**ANTARCTIC PENINSULA AND OUTLYING ISLANDS** Where weather and ice dictate the route, only a genuine expedition ship such as the HANSEATIC can guarantee you the full Antarctic experience: enjoy unforgettable moments when, for example, you first set foot on the Antarctic mainland near to **Paradise Bay**. Snow-capped summits surround the bay, where icebergs the size of houses drift and glaciers tower hundreds of metres above. The imposing glacier cliffs, such as those of **Neko Harbor**, generate a sublime soundscape. And gentoo penguins stretch as far as the eye can see – including on Cuverville Island, for example, surrounded by drifting icebergs. One of the most impressive shipping passages in the world is the **Lemaire Channel**: mountains up to 1,000 m/3,280 ft high line the strait of water and seem to be almost within reach. The **Neumayer Channel** and **Port Lockroy** provide panoramic views of glaciers that are no less breathtaking. The former British research station is one of the historical sites of the Antarctic and has been transformed into a museum – only a handful of people live here to record first-hand observations of hundreds of birds and numerous penguins.



For some picturesque impressions, watch our Antarctic film here or visit [www.more-than-ice.com](http://www.more-than-ice.com)



All expeditions take you to the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, the South Orkney Islands, South Shetland Islands and to the Antarctic Peninsula. A change in itinerary may become necessary on all expeditions. The captain will decide on the best possible alternative depending on weather and ice conditions.

**Want to travel at a different time?** Would you like to book a cruise for the winter 2015/2016 season? Further Antarctic expeditions with the HANSEATIC can be found starting on page 30.



# The Arrival and Departure Dates are Fixed – Everything Else is Expedition in its Purest Sense

Every expedition on the HANSEATIC lets you experience the highlights of the ice world first-hand and is in itself something truly special. The itinerary is defined by flexibility, the day is shaped by the spirit of adventure and the ice world is an invitation to be awed. The brief summer in the Antarctic promises wondrous days of discovery filled with spectacular expeditionary moments where every experience leaves you speechless.

**The Antarctic lives – new life in the ice** Your first sight of the thousands of penguins, mighty elephant seals and countless bird species will take your breath away. Keep setting off in the Zodiacs to marvel first-hand as the diverse fauna of the Antarctic rears its young – an exciting adventure. **From Ushuaia to Ushuaia**

**In the realm of the king penguin** Surrounded by gigantic icebergs and majestic glaciers, follow in the footsteps of legendary polar researchers and explorers. Set a course in their wake for the spectacular regions of the Antarctic. Numerous Zodiac rides in these fascinating regions will bring you face-to-face with the biodiverse animal kingdom there. **From Ushuaia to Punta Arenas**

**23 Jan – 10 Feb 2017      18 days      HAN1702**

Mon 23 Jan	Individual travel arrangements to Buenos Aires Charter flight to Ushuaia/Argentina, departure 22.00 hrs
Tue 24 Jan	Relaxation at sea
Wed 25 – 26 Jan	Falkland Islands ⚓
Fri 27 – 28 Jan	Relaxation at sea
Sun 29 – 31 Jan	South Georgia ⚓
Wed 1 Feb	Relaxation at sea
Thu 2 – 7 Feb	South Orkney Islands ⚓, Weddell Sea ⚓, South Shetland Islands ⚓, Antarctic Peninsula ⚓
Wed 8 – 9 Feb	Sailing through the Drake Passage
Fri 10 Feb	Ushuaia/Argentina, arrival 6.00 hrs Charter flight to Buenos Aires Individual travel arrangements from Buenos Aires

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**10 Feb – 28 Feb 2017      18 days      HAN1703**

Fri 10 Feb	Individual travel arrangements to Buenos Aires Charter flight to Ushuaia/Argentina, departure 19.00 hrs
Sat 11 – 12 Feb	Sailing through the Drake Passage
Mon 13 – 18 Feb	South Shetland Islands ⚓, Antarctic Peninsula ⚓, South Orkney Islands ⚓
Sun 19 Feb	Relaxation at sea
Mon 20 – 22 Feb	South Georgia ⚓
Thu 23 – 24 Feb	Relaxation at sea
Sat 25 – 26 Feb	Falkland Islands ⚓
Mon 27 Feb	Relaxation at sea
Tue 28 Feb	Punta Arenas/Chile, arrival 6.00 hrs Individual travel arrangements from Punta Arenas

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**Experts on board:** On every expedition, you will be accompanied by renowned experts in various fields. Biologists, glaciologists, geologists and historians will make you experience the wonders of the sixth continent even more intensely. In-depth on-board preparation and follow-up sessions for trips ashore, interesting pointers during Zodiac rides and compelling expert knowledge on your natural history excursions ashore will broaden the horizons of your knowledge.



## Expedition to Chilean Fjords

# Drama of Nature

Welcome to the land of 1,000 contrasts: Chile. Interplay of labyrinthine fjord scenery, lush green forests, diverse fauna, snow-covered volcanic cones and relics of ancient civilisations. On this fascinating expedition, discover a route shaped by outstanding experiences.

**UNTOUCHED AND ELEMENTAL** The Chilean fjords are one of the world's most spectacular landscapes. The narrow waterways allow the HANSEATIC to take full advantage of its status as an expedition ship – for example, when it follows the route of the first person to circumnavigate the globe through the **Strait of Magellan** to **Puerto Natales**. A magnificent world opens up: **Torres del Paine National Park\***, shaped by aquamarine-blue lakes, thundering rivers, sprawling forests and bizarre rock towers – the torres – rising steeply to 3,000 m/9,842 ft. With a little luck, you will see rheas, flamingos, Magellan geese and more than 100 other species of bird. Off the beaten track, a **horse ride through the pampas of Patagonia\*** will provide a very special natural experience. The HANSEATIC will take plenty of time to explore the labyrinth of canals with breathtaking panoramas. One highlight of your Patagonian impressions will be the **Pio XI Glacier**, one of the largest in the southern hemisphere. Enjoy impressive views of the blue-white foot of the glacier, which is several kilometres wide. The journey is also the destination on an expedition route that few other ships can take: the picturesque interior route to **Caleta Tortel** is new for the HANSEATIC and will take you to the city of bridges – connected by walkways made of cypress wood that are 7.5 km/24.6 ft high. Seemingly endless fjords with towering cliffs surround **Puerto**

**Chacabuco**. Go ashore to discover untouched forests and crystal-clear lakes on a **visit to Aiken del Sur Park\*** or from the air on a **flight to the San Rafael Glacier lagoon\***. The island of **Chiloe** is famous for the living mythology of its indigenous people, the Huilliche. The wooden churches in the city of Castro have been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, as have the typical houses on stilts, which you can view on an **island tour\***. The snow-topped Osorno Volcano, not far from **Puerto Montt**, is truly outstanding. You can admire this during a scenic journey through **Chile's lake district\*** to Vicente Perez Rosales National Park with its magical “emerald lake” and the Petrohue waterfalls. A **thrilling white-water-rafting trip on Petrohue River\*** will send you even deeper into this world of pristine forests and majestic mountains. Home to diving petrels, albatrosses, skuas and many other species, **Niebla** is a heaven on earth for ornithologists. The **hike in Oncol National Park\*** will show you the riches of the forests with canelo and olivillo trees – crowned by views of the ocean and the Andes. German immigrants have left their mark in **Valdivia and the surrounding area\*** – both in the street names and in the coastal city's European feel.

**MYSTERIOUS RELICS IN A MAGICAL LANDSCAPE** Valparaíso, Chile's cultural capital, is spread across 40 hills. Take a city tour and



enjoy impressions of the bay of **Valparaiso and Vina del Mar\***, where sea lions often join the sunbathers and swimmers. From here, you can also explore **Santiago de Chile\***, a melting pot of cultures. Explore the home of Humboldt penguins, cormorants and turkey vultures following the Zodiac landing on the small **Isla Damas** (subject to official approval). Your wildlife sightings will continue on a Zodiac ride off **Isla Chanaral**, where you can keep a lookout for seabirds and seals. In **Paracas**, Peru, one of South America's largest marine nature reserves, there will be a particularly fascinating feeling in the air on a **boat trip to the Islas Ballestas\*** – quite literally, in the form of gannets and Inca terns, which share the islands with seals. A bird's-eye view will show you the full magic of geometric figures and monumental animal images on the desert floor: explore the mystery on a **flight over the Nazca Lines\***. There are various theories as to the origins of this UNESCO World Heritage Site, which is over 2,000 years old. From **Callao**, you will discover the secrets of ancient cultures in

Peru's capital on a **visit to Huaca Huallamarca and Huaca Pucllana\***. Churches and squares tell of the golden age of Spain's colonial history on a **city tour of Lima\***. The propeller of the HANSEATIC seems to turn back time and revive the Chimu civilisation as you near **Salaverry**. Explore the **Huaca el Dragon temple and Chan Chan\***, built around 1300 and possibly the continent's largest archaeological site. Even older relics can be found in the **Moche Valley and the Pyramids of the Sun and Moon\***, constructed using millions of adobe bricks and decorated with detailed friezes. Cultural treasures compete with natural riches on a Zodiac landing on the small **Islas Lobos de Afuera**. The "island of sea lions" will provide a great conclusion to your spectacular expedition.

## From Punta Arenas to Guayaquil

28 Feb – 21 Mar 2017

21 days

HAN1704

	Individual travel arrangements to Punta Arenas
Tue 28 Feb	Punta Arenas/Chile, departure 18.00 hrs
Wed 1 – 6 Mar	Chile's fjords (journey through the Strait of Magellan, Puerto Natales, cruise through the Chilean fjord scenery, cruise past the Pio XI Glacier, Caleta Tortel ⚓, Puerto Chacabuco [Aisen] Chile ⚓)
Tue 7 Mar	Chiloé ⚓
Wed 8 Mar	Puerto Montt ⚓
Thu 9 Mar	Niebla ⚓
Fri 10 Mar	Relaxation at sea
Sat 11 Mar	Valparaiso
Sun 12 Mar	Isla Damas ⚓, cruising off Isla Chanaral
Mon 13 – 15 Mar	Relaxation at sea
Thu 16 Mar	Paracas (Pisco)/Peru ⚓
Fri 17 Mar	Callao (Lima)
Sat 18 Mar	Salaverry
Sun 19 Mar	Islas Lobos de Afuera ⚓
Mon 20 Mar	Relaxation at sea
Tue 21 Mar	Guayaquil/Ecuador, arrival 7.00 hrs
	Individual travel arrangements from Guayaquil

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### YOUR TOURIST GUIDE ON BOARD

**Ulrike Schleifenbaum** was trained in hotel management at a notable hotel in her home town of Hamburg. She has travelled the world and discovered a passion for seafaring: on board the HANSEATIC, she will be your expert in all tourism matters and will be by your side on thrilling Zodiac rides, too.



# The Amazon – Travel the River of 1,000 Wonders



South America's lifeline remains one of the world's greatest secrets, with a new adventure around every bend. Take our intensive expeditions to new shores abundant with the wonders of creation.

**WINDING WATERWAYS IN WILD TERRITORY** Travelling close to the shore with the HANSEATIC never ceases to offer fascinating panoramas. In the Breves Channels, you will pass close by the huts of Caboclos and the green jungle with its exotic sounds and secrets. It is estimated that just 10 % of all resident species have been classified.

**TALENTED MARINE LIFE** Many myths and legends surround the pink river dolphin. What is true is that they flexibly twist to avoid obstacles. Water buffalos also have hidden skills, and the police even use them as mounts.



**THE JOURNEY IS THE DESTINATION** There is no more intensive way to discover the Amazon than to travel in the manoeuvrable Zodiacs. Tiny, winding tributaries lead to secluded places deep in the rainforest where the treetops form a canopy over your head, so tightly packed that only every fifth drop of rain reaches the ground.

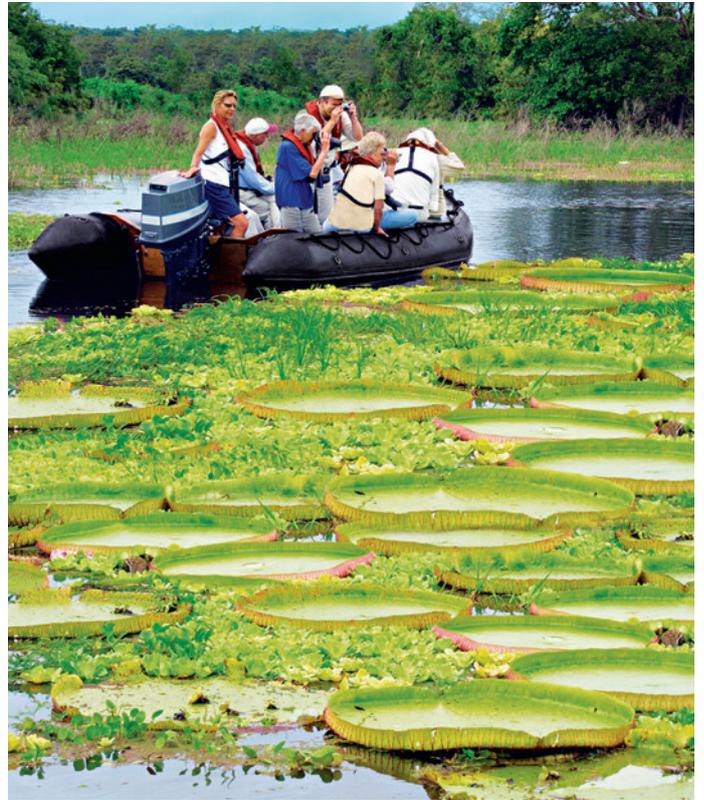
## PARADISE FOR BIRDWATCHERS

In addition to numerous parrots, buzzards and species of heron that catch the eye, there will also be some unusual treats for your sense of hearing. For example, the song of the musician wren sounds amazingly like the works of Bach and Haydn.

**UNDER THE COVER OF DARKNESS** When night falls, the rain-forest comes to life in a completely new way. Accompanied by frogs and cicadas, night monkeys become active and caymans leave the water to hunt. And in the places the sun cannot penetrate, at the deepest points of the Amazon, electric eels use electrical impulses to find their way.



**EXTRAORDINARY NATURAL WONDERS** Your enthusiasm will know no bounds upon sighting the world's largest water lily, with leaves up to two metres in diameter. The "excesses" of modern civilisation seem to have reached the Amazon, too: researchers have discovered a species of vegetarian piranha. This leaves the predatory arapaima cold – even piranhas lose their teeth on its special scales.



**LIFE IN THE TREETOPS** Moving in slow motion and sleeping for 15 hours a day, sloths are calmness personified, a great contrast to the nimble iguanas and frogs and the screeching monkeys. Only ants are more industrious: 95 species can sometimes be found on a single tree.

**NATIVE TRADITIONS LIVE ON** Many of Amazonia's indigenous peoples have preserved the knowledge passed down through the generations – be it hunting with blowpipes, fishing from a dugout canoe or weaving baskets. Even today, their children watch and learn to "read" the jungle, by interpreting animal tracks and sounds.



## Expedition Amazon

# The Source of Life in a Green Paradise

Journey into the heart of the Amazon on an adventure: travel along winding waterways to unique experiences deep in the jungle. A natural treasure chest of exotic creatures, lush plants and untouched native villages awaits you. With the HANSEATIC and its Zodiacs, you will explore South America's lifeline up-close – diverse, captivating, unforgettable.

**NATURAL SPECTACLES IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN** The Amazon's legendary reputation precedes it as one of our planet's last, yet threatened, paradises. Its wonderful diversity, which must be protected, is far more overwhelming than any description can convey. How far will your impressive expedition take you? To be exact, 4,000 km/ 13,123 ft – from **Iquitos** in Peru to the mouth of the river at the Atlantic. The small HANSEATIC is perfect for exploring this incomparable ecosystem. Its shallow draught allows you to explore even the upper reaches of the Amazon, which could not be more diverse: over 40,000 identified plant species flourish in the Amazon and form the planet's largest rainforest – we can only guess at the number of species yet to be discovered. Depending on the weather conditions and currents, the Zodiacs will be constantly in use, taking you down beautiful side branches to discover pristine natural beauty and hidden villages. Pay a visit to **Libertad** and the Yagua natives to gain fascinating insights while surrounded by manioc and pepper trees. The markets of **Leticia** also show life in harmony with nature – the scents and colours of spices and tropical fruits enchant the senses. Away from the hustle and bustle, some people are still said to live in complete isolation. Much more visible is the diverse animal kingdom, for example, in **Panelas**. Whether on deck or in a Zodiac – this cruise constantly presents you with marvellous sights, for example, on the **Rio Jutai**. Here, the cries of parrots echo over the water from the

orchid-covered jungle trees, providing musical accompaniment to the dance of countless butterfly species. On a night-time Zodiac ride through the rainforest of **Cuxiu Muni**, the flitting fireflies seem almost like stars fallen from the tropical night sky. The bright eyes of the caimans, which you might be lucky enough to spot in the darkness, provide another very special natural spectacle.

**AN ELDORADO OF FASCINATING CONTRADICTIONS** The jungle metropolis of **Manaus** will show you the close relationship between nature and culture on the shores of the Amazon. This is where the past and present meet. The **city's history and opera house\*** bear witness to the time when this former centre of rubber made its fortune. On an **aerial tour above Manaus\***, these impressions will intensify as the jungle and city merge. The famous Meeting of the Waters is a natural paintbox: the clay-yellow Rio Solimoes mixes with the "black" **Rio Negro** – water level permitting, the HANSEATIC will explore its riverbanks in particular detail. In this designated conservation area, you will ride out in the Zodiacs to get up-close to the wealth of flora and fauna. This continues in Pagodao, where the wildlife chorus heralds natural diversity. **Canacari** will take your natural experiences to a very special level. With the Zodiacs, you will travel through floating water grass and past the world's largest water lilies with leaves 3 m/ 9.8 ft in diameter. At the middle point of the Amazon, **Parintins** is the



epitome of flourishing city life. During the “Bumba-meu-boi”, dancers in colourful costumes are accompanied by intoxicating music as they tell the legend of the resurrection of a bull.

**WONDERS OF CREATION** Around every bend, the Amazon seems to have something to surpass your previous experiences: for example, swim and bathe as though in the Caribbean on the fine white beach of **Alter do Chao**. Spend a few hours here doing absolutely nothing, and look forward to the diversity yet to be discovered. More than 400 mammals call the Amazon home, including sloths, giant otters and water buffalo. One exotic example is the pink dolphins, which

might pop up around the Zodiac when you reach **Guajara**. Toucans, hummingbirds, macaws and hoatzins are just some of the more than 1,000 species of birds that will cause a real sensation. Your on-board experts will be happy to tell you which of the over 3,000 different species of fish live in the **Breves Channels**. They will draw your attention to the wonders of the nearby shores on this impressive daytime passage – from the art of the stilt buildings in the hidden settlements to the natural discoveries of Alexander von Humboldt. You will reach **Belem** wishing this cruise would never end. And even if this is where you disembark, your memories of this paradise will stay with you forever.



## From Iquitos to Belem

27 Apr – 13 May 2017

16 days

HAN1707

	Individual travel arrangements to Lima
Thu 27 Apr	Charter flight to Iquitos/Peru, departure 18.00 hrs ⚓
Fri 28 Apr – 3 May	Downstream on the Amazon with Zodiac landings (including Libertad, Leticia, Panelas, Rio Jutai, Cuxiu Muni)
Thu 4 May	Manaus (Amazon)/Brazil
Fri 5 – 7 May	Ride and Zodiac landings on the Rio Negro
Mon 8 – 11 May	Further downstream on the Amazon with Zodiac landings (including Canacari, Parintins, Alter do Chao, Guajara)
Fri 12 May	Day trip through the Breves Channels
Sat 13 May	Belem/Brazil, arrival 5.00 hrs (subject to the tides) Individual travel arrangements from Belem

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A change in itinerary may become necessary on this expedition. The captain will decide on the best possible alternative depending on local conditions.

### A BIOLOGY SPECIALIST IN THE TEAM OF EXPERTS

The plants and animals of South America are biologist **Claudia Roedel's** passion. She also knows all about the native tribes of the Amazon. The licensed tour guide will bring you closer to the tropical ecology, both on board and in the Zodiacs.

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