22D21N : Scott & Shackleton’s Antarctic – Ross Sea Expedition



Trip Overview

Embark on an extraordinary adventure to the seldom visited **Ross Sea** from New Zealand and walk in the footsteps of legendary polar explorers on this exciting expedition. Sailing from Dunedin in New Zealand, start in Enderby Island, part of New Zealand’s Subantarctic Islands, and discover the island’s spectacular flora and fauna. While you enjoy some time at sea and take advantage of talks and lectures on board by your team of expedition guides, be prepared to reach the Ross Sea, **the Southernmost sea on Earth**. Alongside your expedition team, you will have the privilege of exploring this fascinating region and learn all about its history and natural environment, all in one of the most pristine, spectacular settings. Observe the **largest Adelie penguin rookeries in the world**, sail pass gigantic icebergs and thundering glaciers during a zodiac excursion, or spot Weddell Seals as they relax or hunt on ice floes. Sailing from Dunedin in New Zealand, start in Enderby Island, part of New Zealand’s Subantarctic Islands, and discover the island’s spectacular flora and fauna. While you enjoy some time at sea and take advantage of talks and lectures on board by your team of expedition guides, be prepared to reach the Ross Sea, **the Southernmost sea on Earth**. Alongside your expedition team, you will have the privilege of exploring this fascinating region and learn all about its history and natural environment, all in one of the most pristine, spectacular settings. Observe the **largest Adelie penguin rookeries in the world**, sail pass gigantic icebergs and thundering glaciers during a zodiac excursion, or spot Weddell Seals as they relax or hunt on ice floes.

Trip Highlights

- Explore the South West World Heritage Area home to majestic and spectacular Milford, Dusky and Doubtful sounds.
- Experience a zodiac cruise in the fiords and try to spot the rare Fiordland crested penguin.
- View breeding populations of New Zealand, Antarctic and Subantarctic fur seals, New Zealand sea lions and Southern elephant seals.
- Explore Snares Island, home to more nesting seabirds than the entire realm of the British Isles.
- Undertake a guided walk on the predator-free sanctuary of Ulva Island (Te Wharawhara).
- Gain an insight into the history and the diversity of flora and fauna from your expert expedition team on board and while exploring by zodiac.
- UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Te W?hipounamu and its majestic Milford Sound, Dusky Sound and Doubful Sound, Macquarie Island* and New Zealand's Subantarctic Islands (Snares, Auckland and and Campbell islands).

Trip Itinerary

Destination:	Ross Sea Region
Departure Location:	Dunedin, New Zealand
Return Location:	Dunedin, New Zealand
Tour Validity:	25 Jan - 15 Feb 2027

Day 01: Dunedin (25 Jan 2027)

Dunedin is New Zealand's oldest city and is often referred to as the Edinburgh of New Zealand. This city of the south, wears its Scottish heritage with pride. The city contains some of the best preserved Victorian and Edwardian architecture in the Southern Hemisphere. The Silverpeaks hinterland to the North West provides a picturesque backdrop and **The Otago Peninsula**, which lies within the city boundaries, has internationally renowned wildlife reserves, including the only mainland breeding colony of Northern Royal Albatross.

Day 02: At sea (26 Jan 2027)

During your journey at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This journey without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, depending on the activities offered, or to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship’s upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

Day 03: Enderby Island, Auckland Islands (27 Jan 2027)

Enderby Island is situated off the North Eastern tip of Auckland Island and is the second largest Island in the group. The eradication of introduced species in 1994 has seen a significant increase in the abundance of the native flora and fauna compared to the main Auckland Island. It has become a stronghold for the rare **yellow-eyed penguin** and the primary breeding location of the New Zealand Sea Lion. You will head ashore and have the opportunity to undertake a guided walk on the **Northern Cliffs** track as well as spend time viewing the New Zealand Sea Lion colony. There is also the opportunity to undertake a zodiac tour around the coastline of Enderby Island in search of the Auckland Island Teal and other endemic species.

Day 04: At sea (28 Jan 2027)

Enjoy a relaxing and enriching day at sea with a variety of onboard experiences. Unwind at the spa, stay active in the fitness centre, or soak up the sun by the pool. Take advantage of onboard entertainment such as talks, shows, and boutique shopping, or connect with PONANT photographers. Head to the upper deck to enjoy ocean views and possibly spot marine life—creating a perfect balance of comfort, leisure, and discovery.

Day 05: At sea (29 Jan 2027)

Enjoy a relaxing and enriching day at sea with a variety of onboard experiences. Unwind at the spa, stay active in the fitness centre, or soak up the sun by the pool. Take advantage of onboard entertainment such as talks, shows, and boutique shopping, or connect with PONANT photographers. Head to the upper deck to enjoy ocean views and possibly spot marine life—creating a perfect balance of comfort, leisure, and discovery.

Day 06: At sea (30 Jan 2027)

Enjoy a relaxing and enriching day at sea with a variety of onboard experiences. Unwind at the spa, stay active in the fitness centre, or soak up the sun by the pool. Take advantage of onboard entertainment such as talks, shows, and boutique shopping, or connect with PONANT photographers. Head to the upper deck to enjoy ocean views and possibly spot marine life—creating a perfect balance of comfort, leisure, and discovery.

Day 07: Ross Sea Region (31 Jan 2027)

Begin your journey into the legendary Ross Sea, a remote and pristine marine sanctuary first explored by Sir James Clark Ross. Take in the vast icy landscapes and learn about the region's rich exploration history.

Day 08: Ross Sea Region (01 Feb 2027)

Arrive at Cape Adare, home to the world's largest colony of Adélie penguins. Witness thousands of penguins in their natural habitat—an unforgettable wildlife spectacle.

Day 09: Ross Sea Region (02 Feb 2027)

Explore Terra Nova Bay, where international research stations from Italy and South Korea are located. Gain insight into modern Antarctic scientific exploration.

Day 10: Ross Sea Region (03 Feb 2027)

Sail alongside the impressive Drygalski Ice Tongue, a massive ??? formation extending from the David Glacier. Marvel at its sheer size and dramatic icy formations.

Day 11: Ross Sea Region (04 Feb 2027)

Visit Inexpressible Island, where six men from Robert Falcon Scott's expedition survived a brutal winter in an ice cave. Discover this powerful story of endurance and survival.

Day 12: Ross Sea Region (05 Feb 2027)

Step onto Ross Island and explore Cape Royds. Visit Sir Ernest Shackleton's historic hut from the Nimrod Expedition, set against the dramatic backdrop of Mount Erebus.

Day 13: Ross Sea Region (06 Feb 2027)

Discover Franklin Island, named after Sir John Franklin. Observe Adélie penguins and Weddell seals resting along the shoreline.

Day 14: Ross Sea Region (07 Feb 2027)

Enjoy a final day cruising through the Ross Sea. Take in the breathtaking scenery, reflect on your expedition, and keep watch for marine wildlife in this untouched polar wilderness.

Day 15: At sea (08 Feb 2027)

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Day 16: At sea (09 Feb 2027)

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Day 17: At sea (10 Feb 2027)

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Day 18: Macquarie Island At sea (11 Feb 2027)

Long celebrated as one of the wonder spots of the world, **Macquarie Island** is an island of great beauty and outstanding natural diversity, a breeding place for more than 3.5 million seabirds, most of which are penguins. There are **four species breeding** on Macquarie Island: **Royals, Kings, Gentoos and Rock Hoppers**. There are also three types of **fur seals** and one seventh of the world's population of **elephant seals** breeding on the Island. In 1948 The Australian National Antarctic Research Expeditions (ANARE) established its expedition headquarters on Macquarie Island. If time and weather permit, guests will have the opportunity to land ashore and view the prolific wildlife that resides here.

Day 19: At sea (12 Feb 2027)

Enjoy a relaxing and enriching day at sea with a variety of onboard experiences. Unwind at the spa, stay active in the fitness centre, or soak up the sun by the pool. Take advantage of onboard entertainment such as talks, shows, and boutique shopping, or connect with PONANT photographers. Head to the upper deck to enjoy ocean views and possibly spot marine life—creating a perfect balance of comfort, leisure, and discovery.

Day 20: The Snares (13 Feb 2027)

Amongst the **Subantarctic Islands of New Zealand**, the **Snares** have the distinction of being the only forested group without introduced mammals, not even mice. Consequently, it is a remarkable haven for wildlife. The island boasts more nesting seabirds than the entire realm of the British Isles. Over 2 million Sooty Shearwaters breed here in the summer months. Four species of Albatross are listed as breeding on the Snares along with 35,000 endemic **Snares crested penguins**. There are also approximately 1,000 New Zealand fur seals and 500 New Zealand sea lions. Landing on the Snares is prohibited. If time and weather permit, you will have the opportunity to explore the coastal environments and view the prolific wildlife from our fleet of zodiac.

Day 21: At sea (14 Feb 2027)

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Day 22: Dunedin (15 Feb 2027)

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What's included

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Full board from arrival to departure day
- High-end gastronomy in all restaurants
- All beverages in restaurants, bars, and minibars. All drinks are included[2] (a selection of champagnes, wines and spirits, beers, cocktails, water, soft drinks, hot beverages)
- 24-hour room service
- Butler service for certain suites[3]
- Unlimited internet access onboard
- Evening events, shows, and other entertainment
- Access to the fitness area and hammam or sauna, depending on the ship
- All port and security charges
- Lectures by our naturalist guides or destination experts (excluding Sea Voyages)
- Non-motorized water sports (excluding diving), such as kayaking on the Le Commandant Charcot or stand-up paddle boarding depending on the ship, subject to weather and safety conditions, local authorizations, and the Captain's approval
- National park and protected area fees
- Accompaniment by a team of naturalist guides only on Expedition and Discovery cruises; on land or, depending on the destination, during Zodiac outings and/or landings

PACKAGE EXCLUDE

- International air ticket
- Airport transfer
- Gratuities

Price & Cost

Date	Price	Ship
25 Jan - 15 Feb 2027	**FULLY BOOKED**	**Le Soléal**
Deluxe Stateroom	FULLY BOOKED	Available
Prestige Stateroom	RM 139,374	Available
Deluxe Suite	FULLY BOOKED	Available
Prestige Deck 5 Suite	RM 221,444	Available