

M/V HONDIUS

FALKLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA & ANTARCTICA

18 NIGHTS | TRIP CODE: HDS25-24

17th DECEMBER 2023 - 4th JANUARY 2024

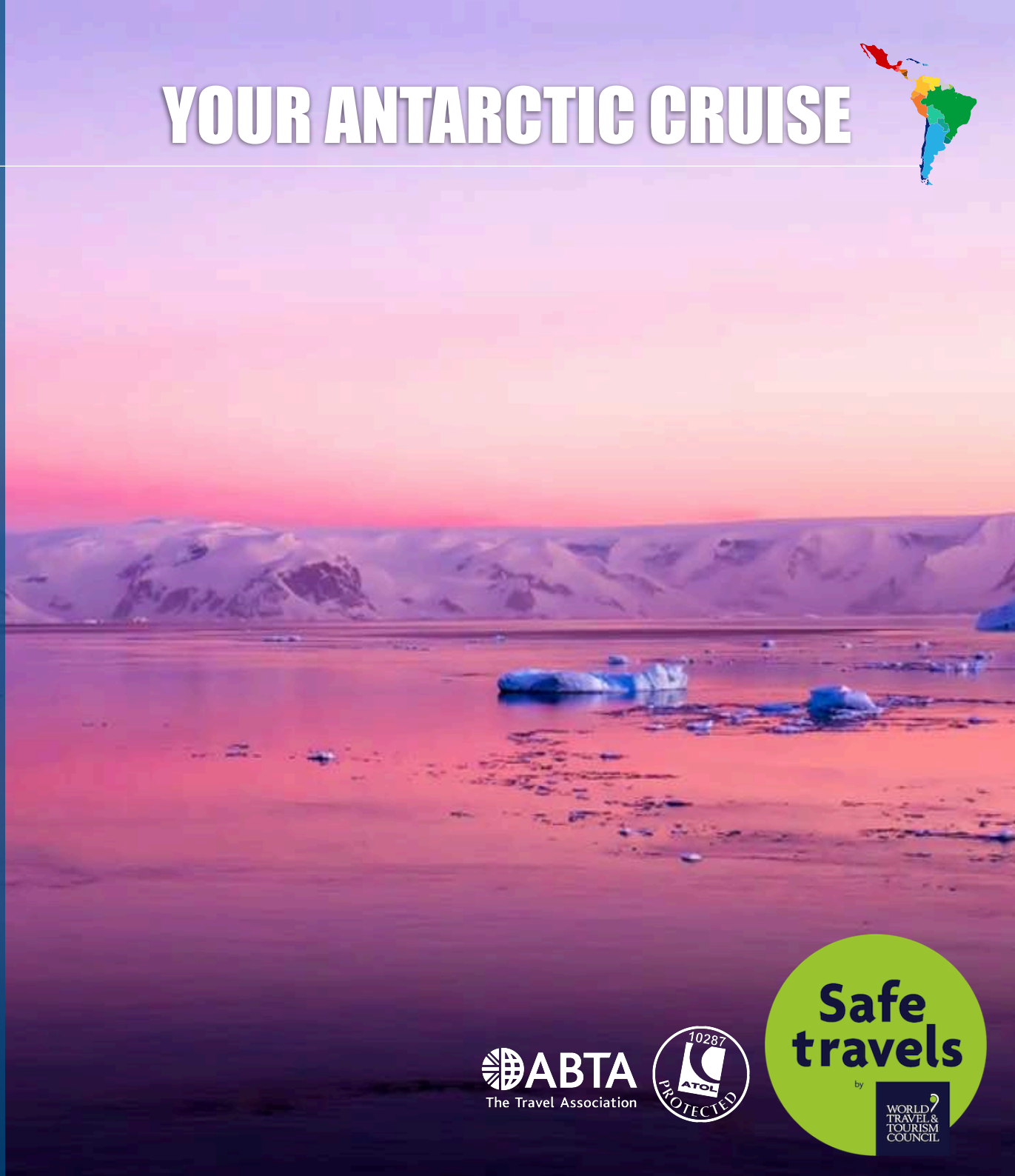
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This Falkland Islands, South Georgia, and Antarctic Peninsula cruise is an animal-lover's dream come true. The expedition explores one of the last untamed areas on Earth – a land of ruggedly beautiful landscapes and amazingly varied wildlife.

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YOUR ANTARCTIC CRUISE



M/V HONDIUS - ABOUT THE SHIP

Hondius is the world's first-registered Polar Class 6 passenger vessel, making her among the most structurally fortified and technologically advanced polar cruise ships on the seas. This vessel fully complies with the mandatory requirements of the Polar Code as adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) for safe and environmentally sound ship operation in the polar regions.

Using some of the latest sustainable technology, Hondius employs LED lighting, steam heat, biodegradable paints and lubricants, and flexible power management systems to keep fuel efficiency high and CO2 emissions low. Hondius is also equipped with stabilisers that make her highly suitable for swift, safe, and nimble exploration of Arctic and Antarctic waters.

Hondius offers comfortable accommodation for 170 passengers in six grand suites with balconies, eight junior suites, eight superior cabins, 11 twin deluxe cabins, 14 twin window cabins, 27 twin porthole cabins, two triple porthole cabins, and four quadruple porthole cabins.

One deck of Hondius is reserved for multi-language lectures and presentations in a large observation lounge as well as in a separate lecture room. But while the ship's interiors are cozy and classically conceived in mid-century modern décor, her tough small-scale design enables her to react quickly to moment-by-moment weather changes and wildlife opportunities.

Oceanwide's main focus is always exploration, wildlife, and outdoor activities. For this reason, Hondius carries a powerful fleet of Zodiac boats to guarantee swift and safe transit from ship to shore. She also has two separate gangways for efficient outings as well as an indoor Zodiac boarding area that can also be used for special outdoor activities such as kayaking.

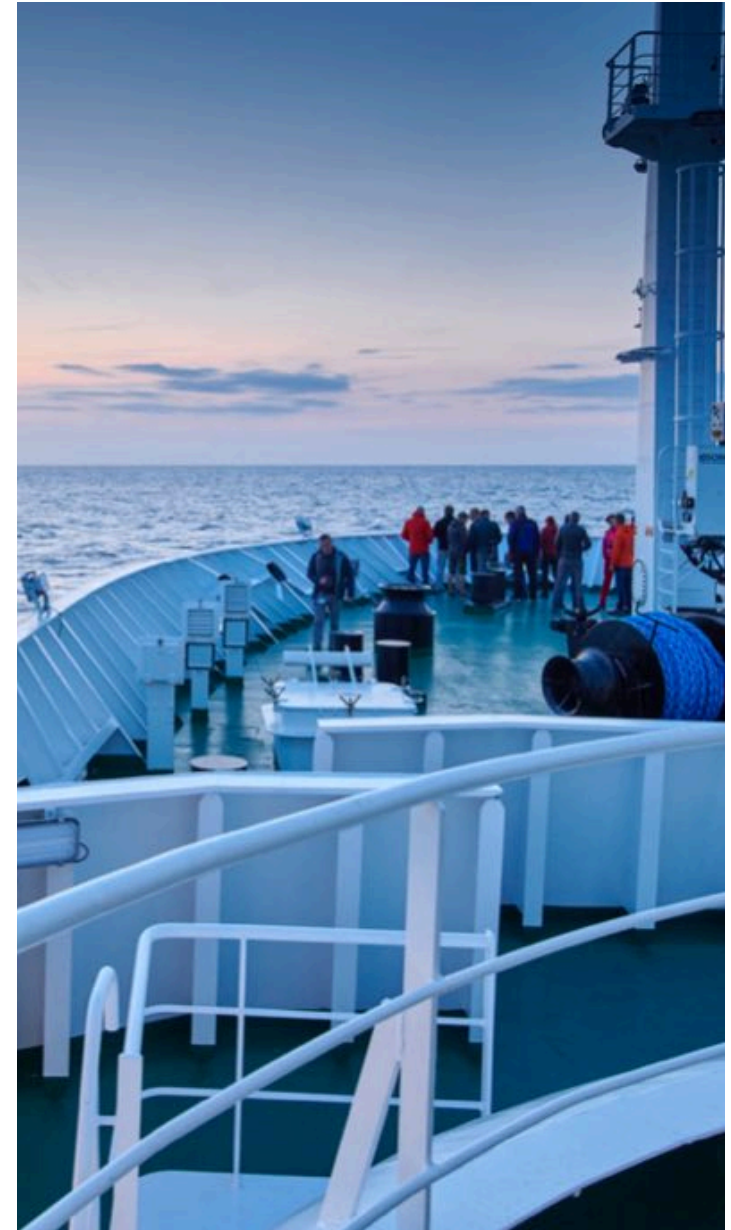
While cruising, Hondius carries 72 crew and staff members, including expedition and hotel staff, all of whom will be at your service during your polar expedition trip. Hondius is equipped with two main engines and can reach a maximum speed of 15 knots.

SPECIFICATIONS

Length: 107.6 meters
Breadth: 17.6 meters
Draft: 5.30 meters
Ice class: Polar Class 6 (equivalent 1A-Super)
Displacement: 5,590 tonnes
Propulsion: 2 x ABC main engines; total 4,200 kW
Speed: 15 knots
Passengers: 170 in 80 cabins
Staff & crew: 72
Registered: The Netherlands
New build 2019

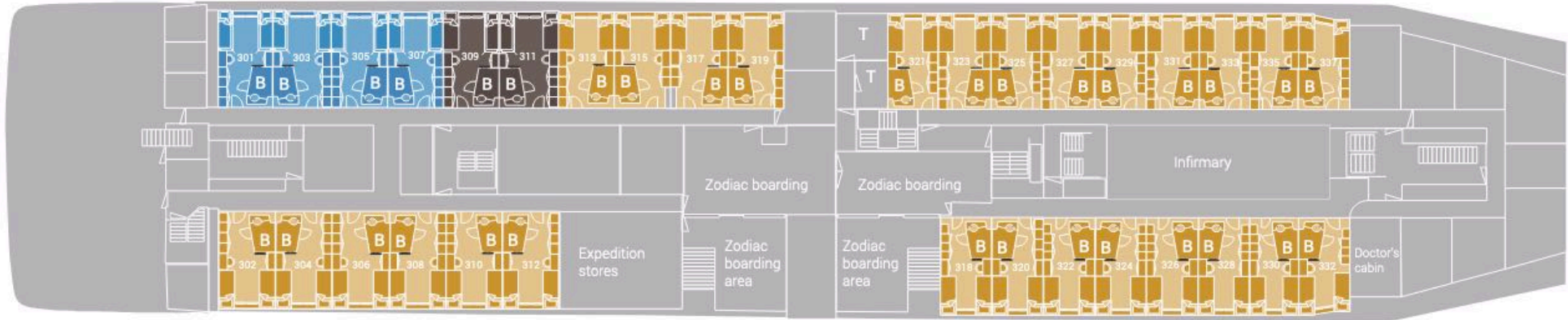


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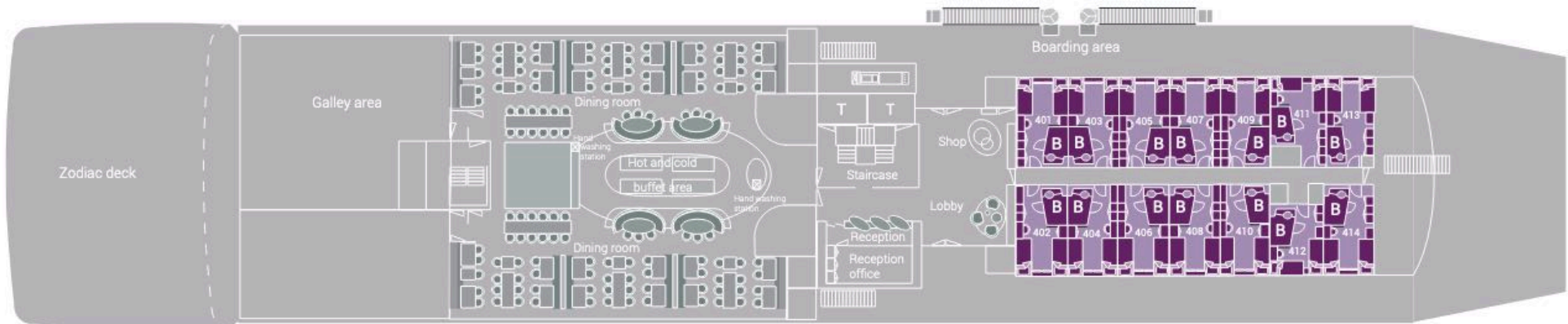


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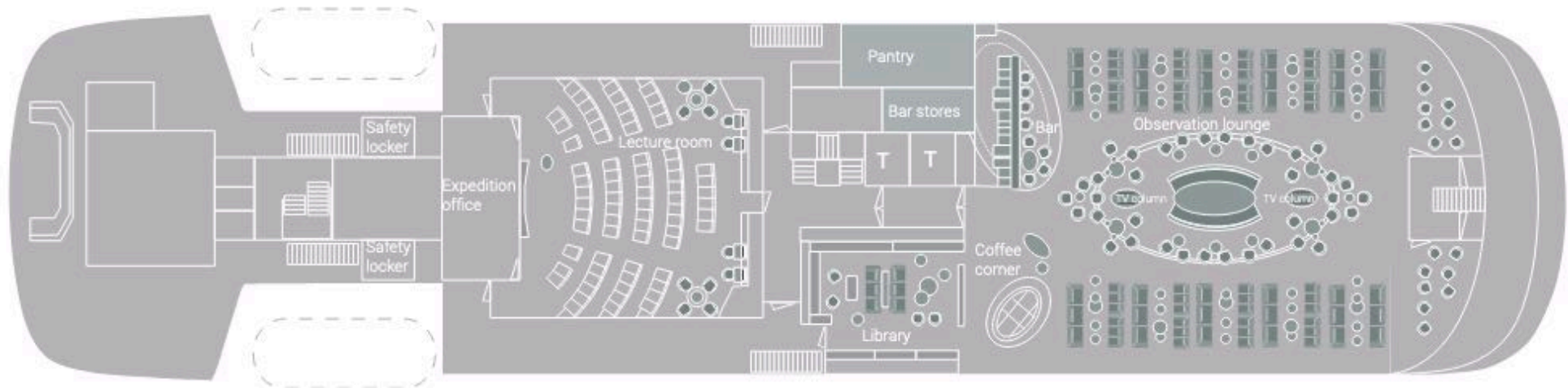


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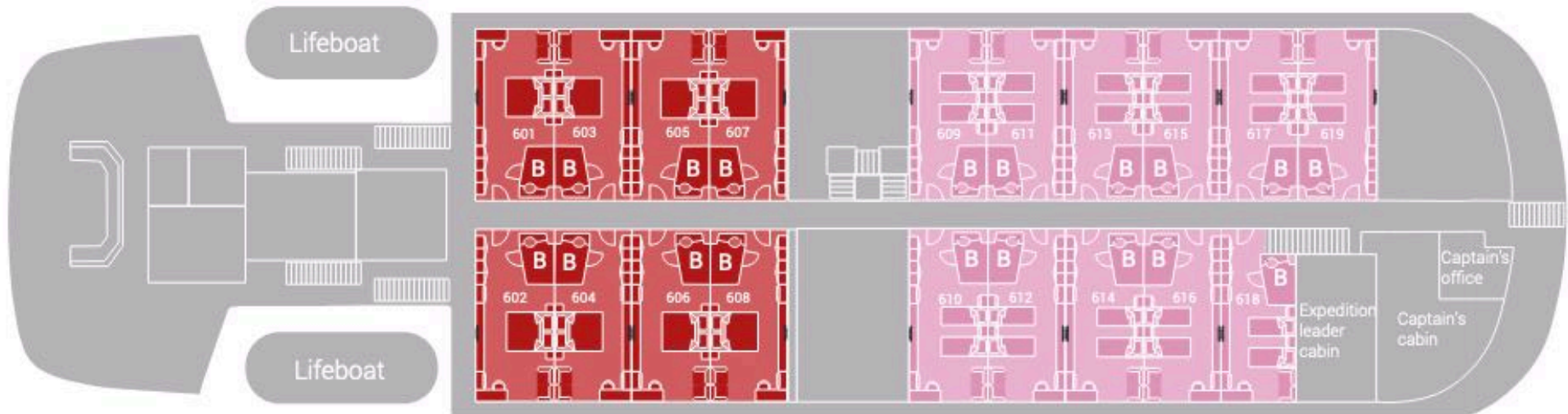


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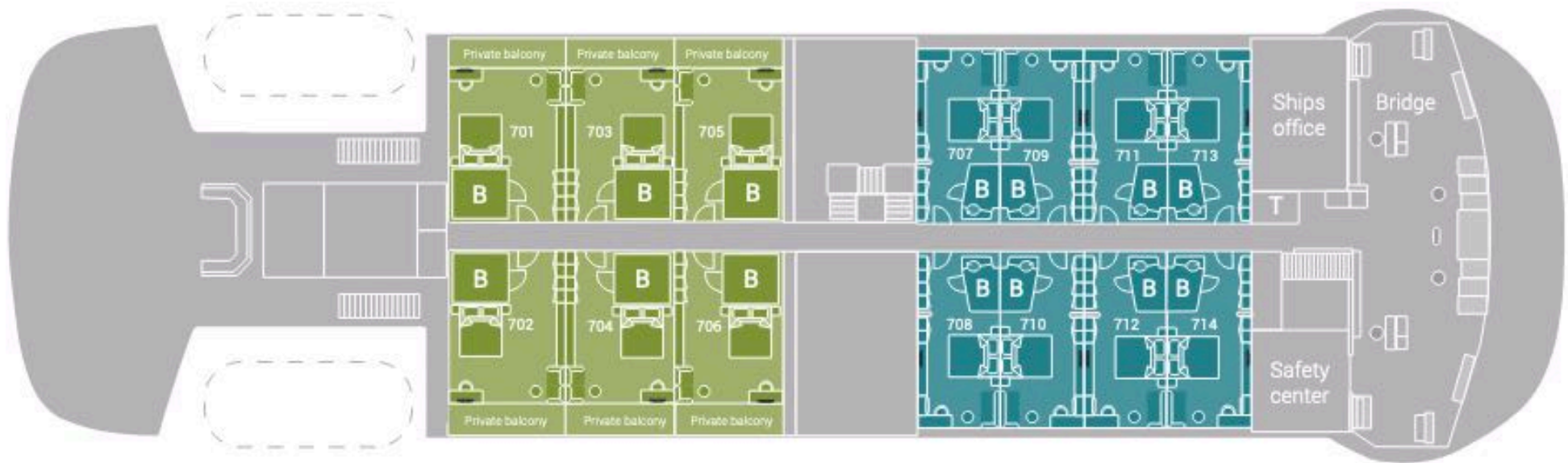


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









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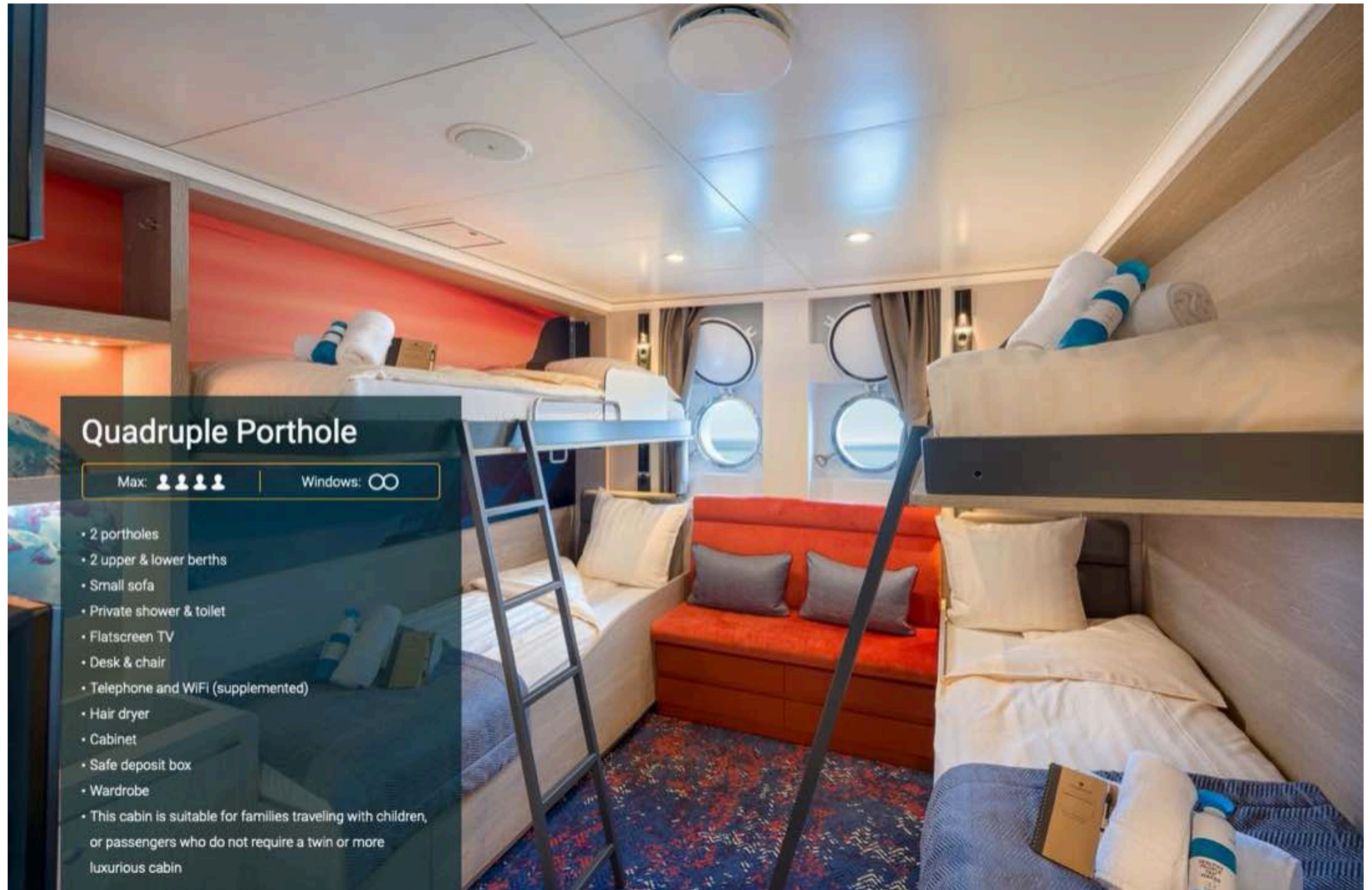
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KEY

m/v Hondius deck plan Oceanwide Expeditions			
 Grand Suite with private balcony	 Twin Window	 Upper / lower berths	 Double bed
 Junior Suite	 Twin Porthole	 Lower berths	 Toilet
 Superior	 Triple Porthole	 2 separate lower berths	 Bathroom
 Twin deluxe	 Quadruple Porthole		





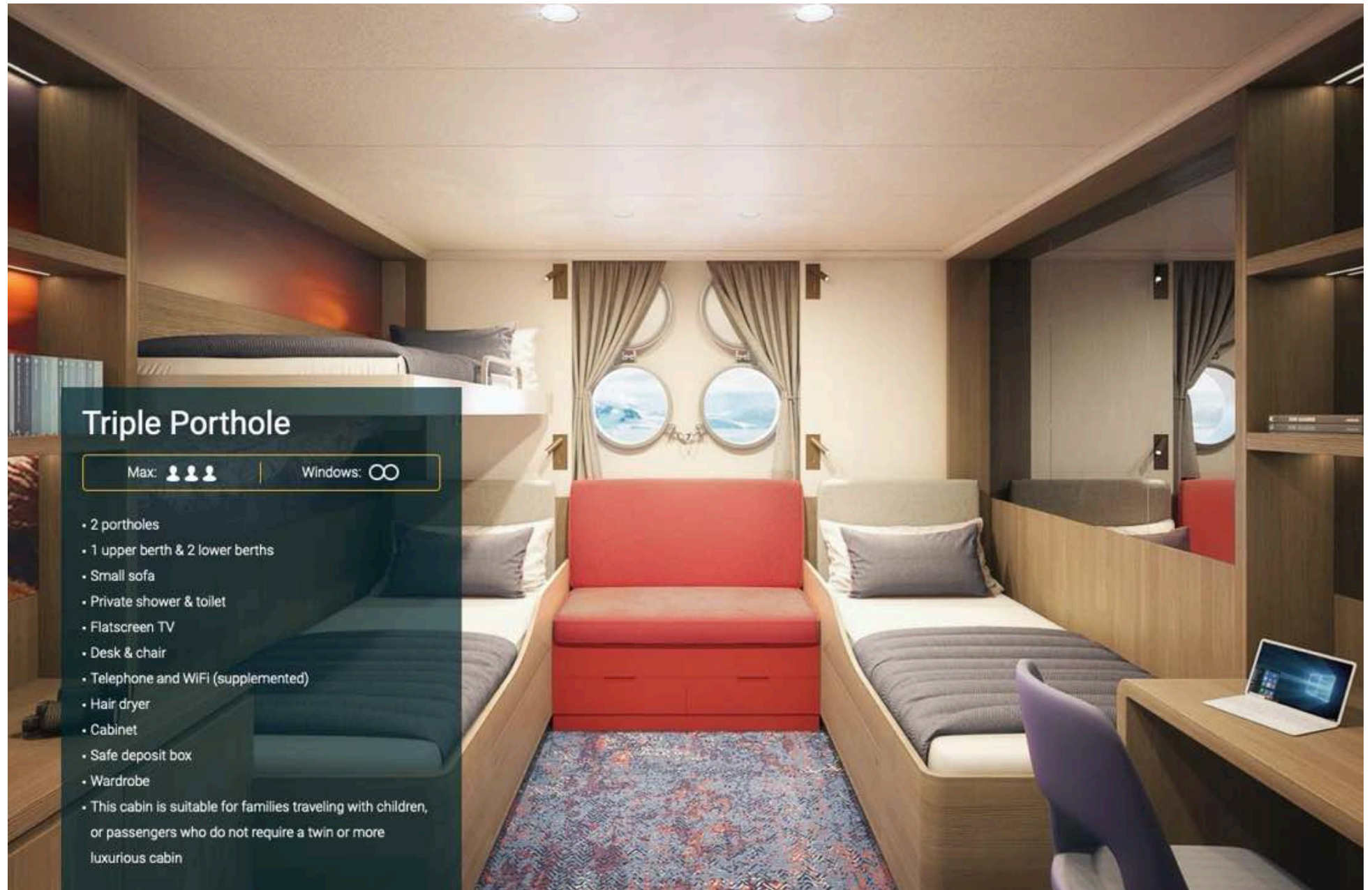
Quadruple Porthole

Max: 

Windows: 

- 2 portholes
- 2 upper & lower berths
- Small sofa
- Private shower & toilet
- Flatscreen TV
- Desk & chair
- Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
- Hair dryer
- Cabinet
- Safe deposit box
- Wardrobe
- This cabin is suitable for families traveling with children, or passengers who do not require a twin or more luxurious cabin





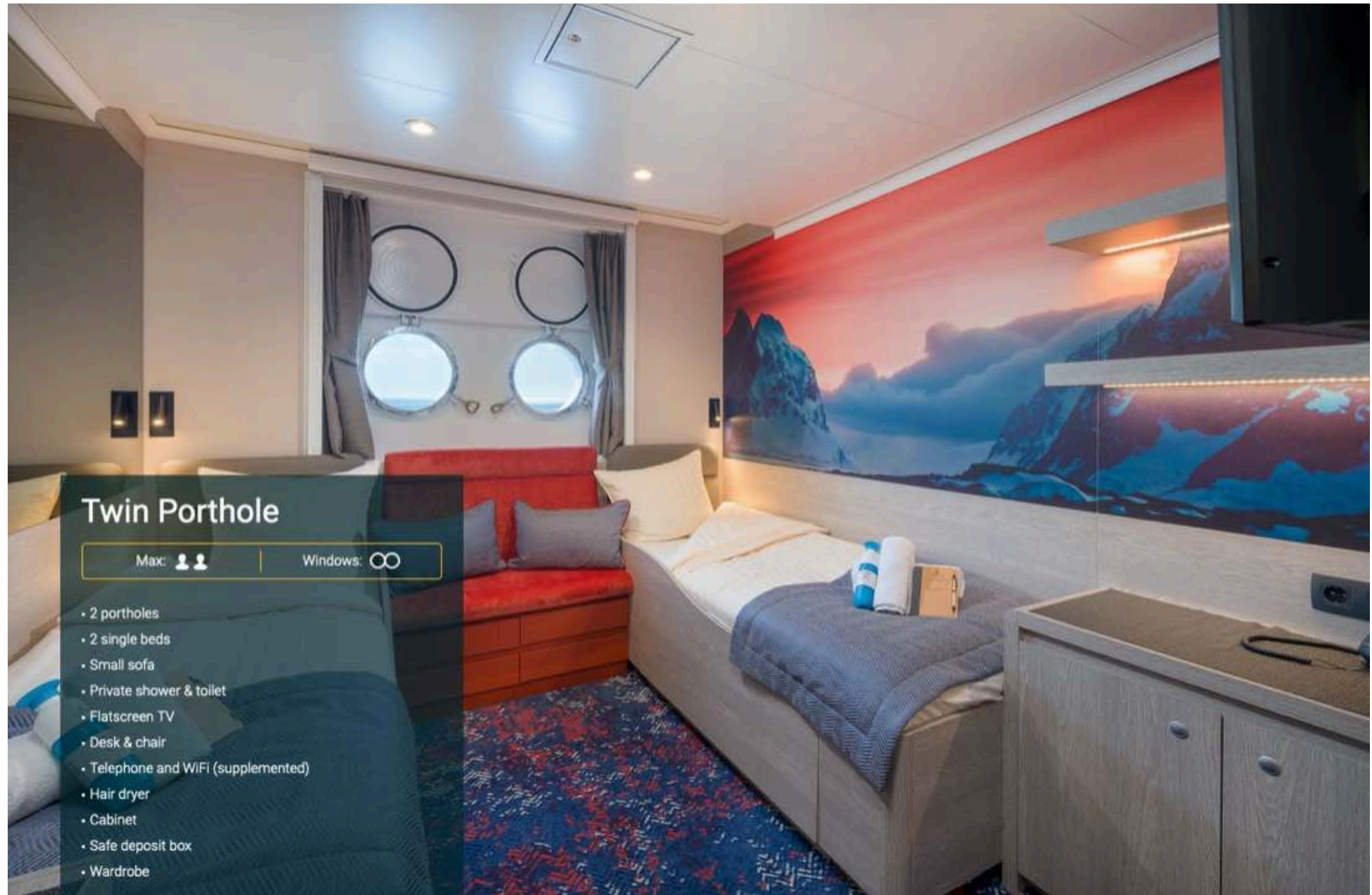
Triple Porthole

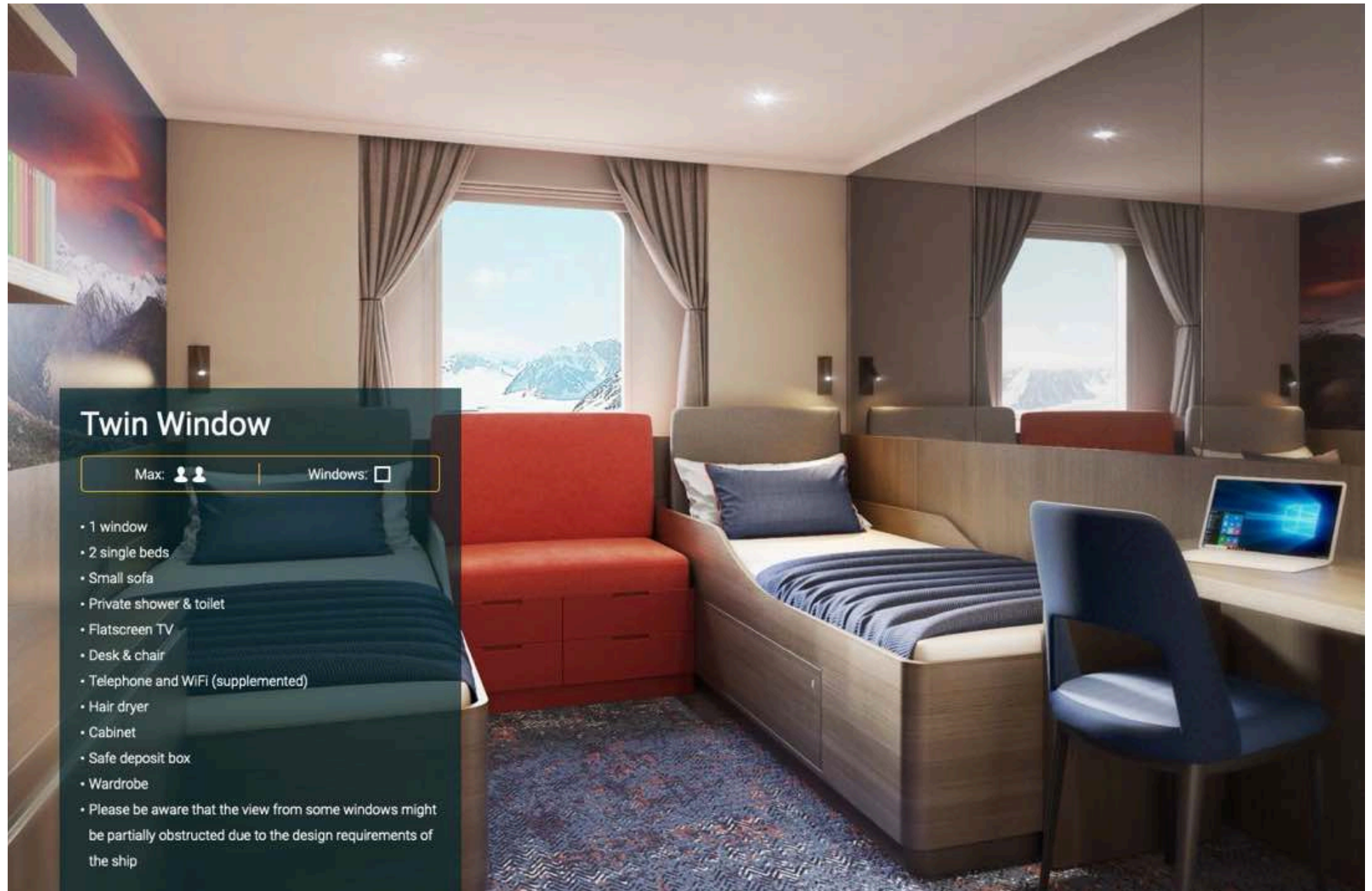
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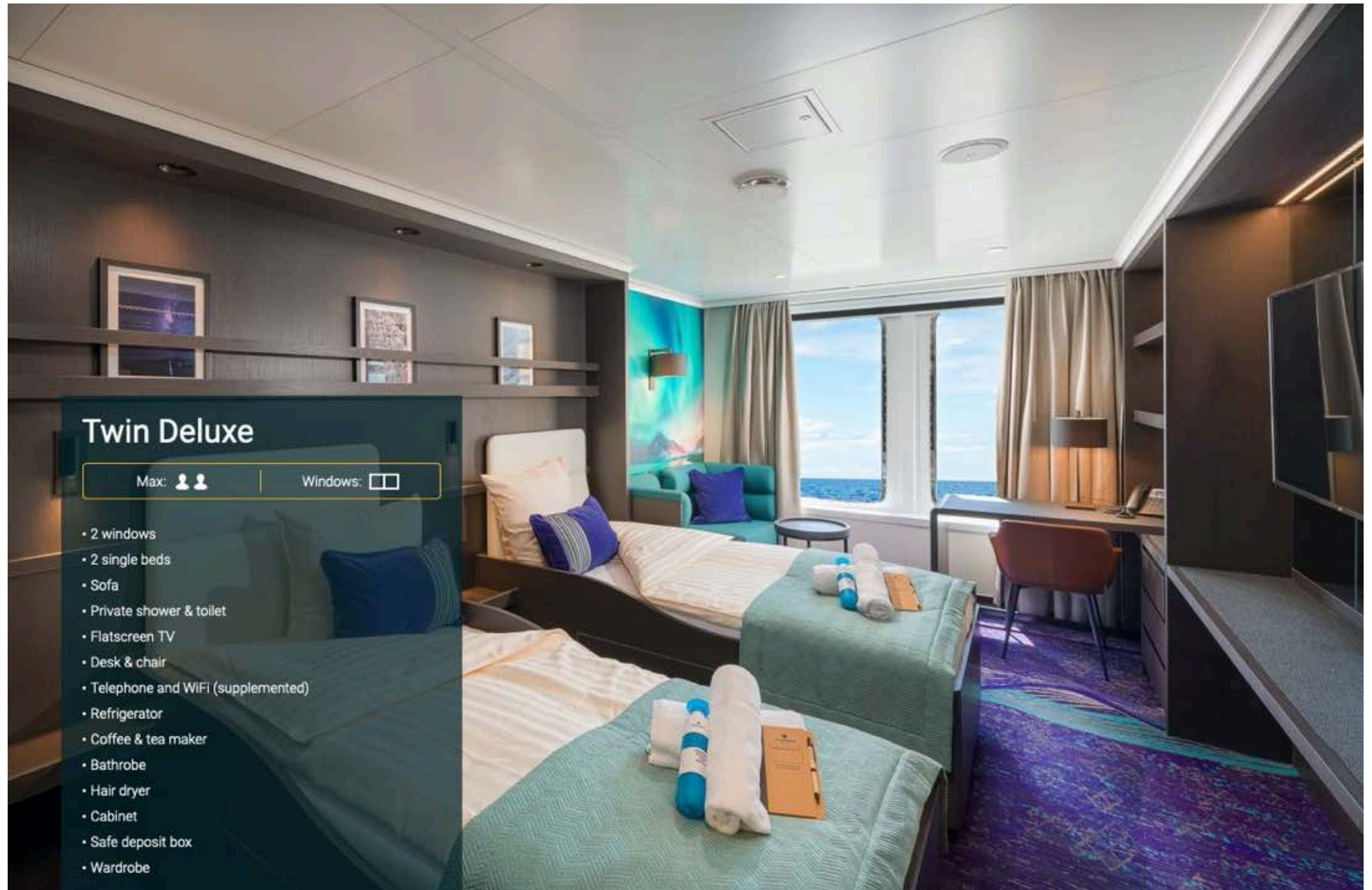
Windows: 

- 2 portholes
- 1 upper berth & 2 lower berths
- Small sofa
- Private shower & toilet
- Flatscreen TV
- Desk & chair
- Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
- Hair dryer
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Twin Deluxe

Max: 

Windows: 

- 2 windows
- 2 single beds
- Sofa
- Private shower & toilet
- Flatscreen TV
- Desk & chair
- Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
- Refrigerator
- Coffee & tea maker
- Bathrobe
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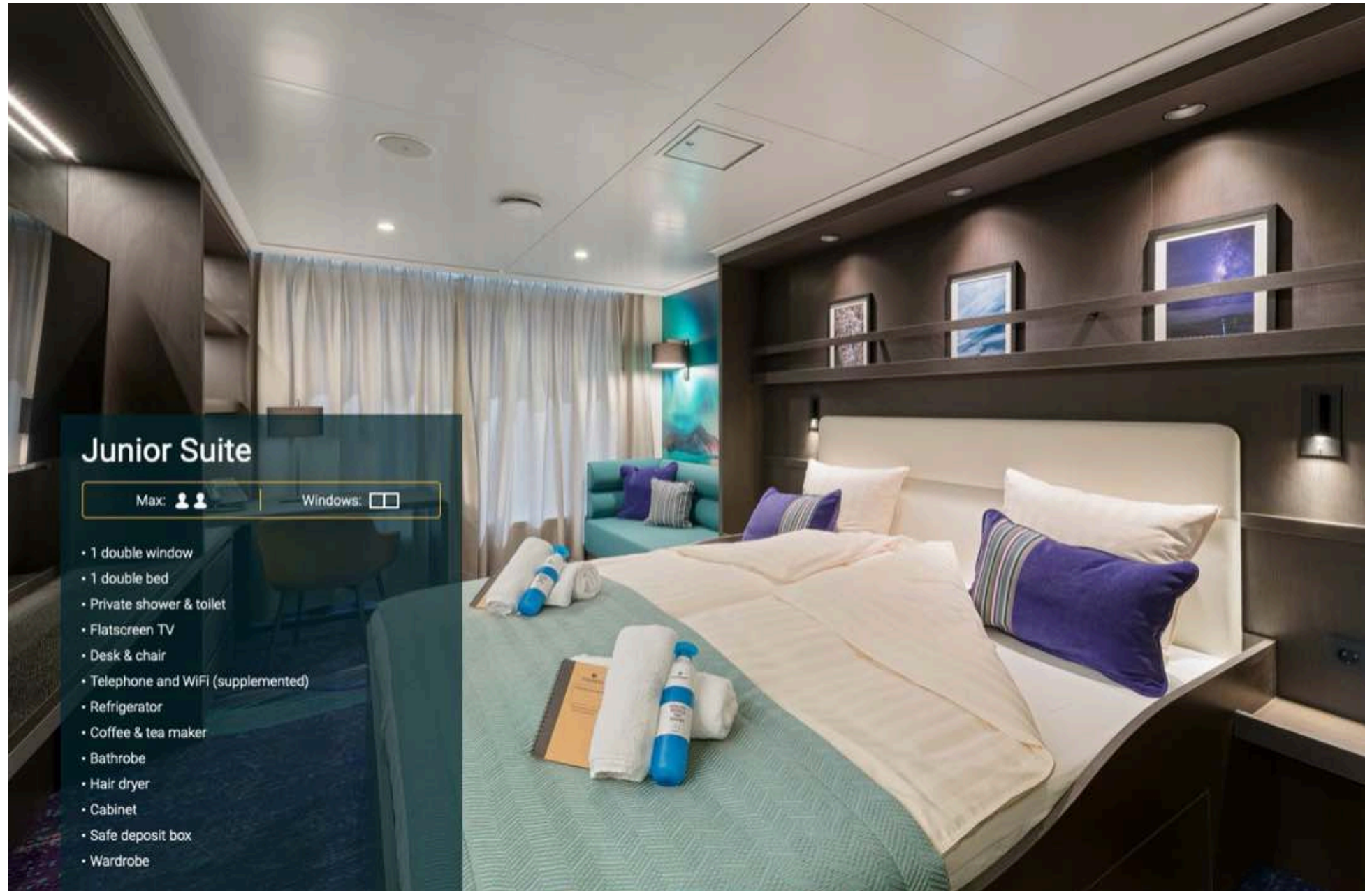
Superior

Max: 

Windows: 

- 2 windows
- 1 double bed
- Sofa
- Private shower & toilet
- Flatscreen TV
- Desk & chair
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- Coffee & tea maker
- Bathrobe
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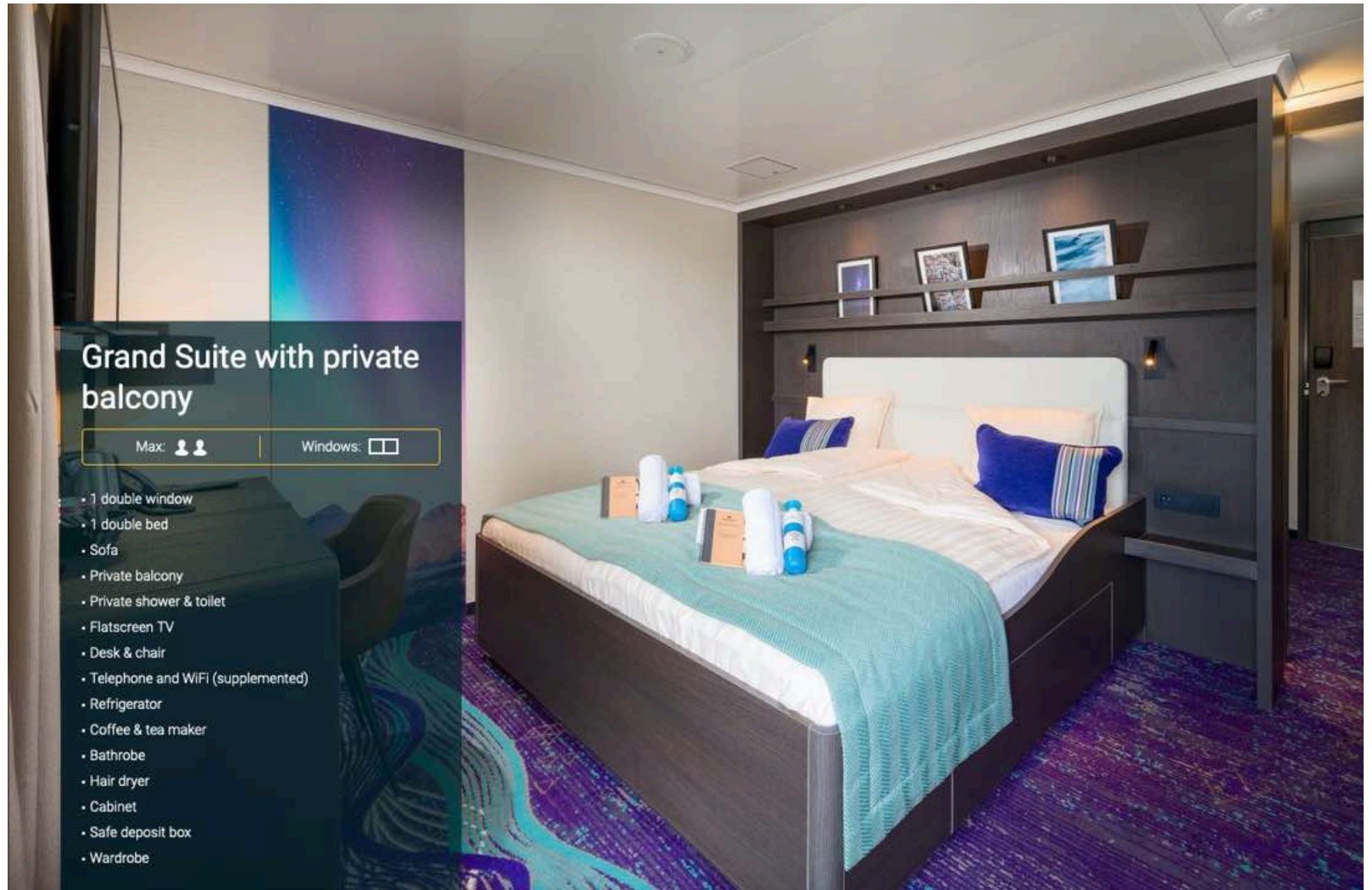
Junior Suite

Max: 


Windows: 


- 1 double window
- 1 double bed
- Private shower & toilet
- Flatscreen TV
- Desk & chair
- Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
- Refrigerator
- Coffee & tea maker
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- Cabinet
- Safe deposit box
- Wardrobe





Grand Suite with private balcony

Max: 

Windows: 

- 1 double window
- 1 double bed
- Sofa
- Private balcony
- Private shower & toilet
- Flatscreen TV
- Desk & chair
- Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
- Refrigerator
- Coffee & tea maker
- Bathrobe
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Happier passengers, healthier polar environment

Not only will the numerous amenities and on-board entertainments help make your Hondius voyage truly memorable, this ship also gives you the peace of mind that comes with choosing one of the most environmentally friendly vessels on the polar seas. Hondius uses LED lighting, steam heating, bio-degradable paints and lubricants, and state-of-the-art power management systems that keep fuel consumption and CO2 levels minimal. This means that when you sail aboard Hondius, you get to enjoy the exotic landscapes and wildlife as much as possible while impacting them as little as possible.

Hotel comfort, expedition class

Please be aware that a small number of cabins may have a partially obstructed view due to the size of the windows and the design requirements of the ship. For example, some windows may be partly obstructed in the lower half by a gangway. The best view is always on the outer deck or the bridge. Hondius offers high-quality accommodation for 170 passengers in six grand suites with balconies (27 square meters, 291 square feet), eight junior suites (19 to 20 square meters, 205 to 215 square feet), eight superior cabins (20 to 21 square meters, 215 to 226 square feet), 11 twin deluxe cabins, (19 to 21 square meters, 205 to 226 square feet), 14 twin window cabins (12 to 14 square meters, 129 to 151 square feet) as well as 27 twin porthole cabins, two triple porthole cabins, and four quadruple porthole cabins that vary in size from 12 to 18 square meters, or 129 to 194 square feet. One deck consists of a large observation lounge and separate lecture room, which are reserved for a wide variety of interactive workshops, exhibitions, and performances particular to Hondius. Though elegantly designed in stylish mid-century modern décor, this vessel holds true to Oceanwide's distinctive cozy and informal atmosphere.

Swift & safe ship-to-shore operations

It is our philosophy to keep sea time short so that we can focus instead on fast, effective access to shore and near-shore activities. To give you the maximum contact with the nature and wildlife you traveled so far to see, we employ a tough fleet of rigid-hull inflatable Zodiac boats that guarantee swift and safe landing operations for the passengers. Hondius has two separate gangways and a sheltered indoor Zodiac boarding area that can also be used for special outdoor activities, such as kayaking.

The fast, flexible, friendly heart of the polar regions

Our top priority is taking advantage of every wildlife and terrain opportunity as it occurs. To keep our itineraries flexible itineraries and our response time rapid, Hondius is equipped with advanced stabilisers and two main engines capable of powering the vessel up to 15 knots. But Hondius sacrifices no warmth to achieve its keen polar edge: You will have 72 crew and staff members (including expedition and hotel staff) at your service while on board, ensuring that what little time you do spend on the ship you will spend comfortably entertained.

Age and nationality

Passengers on a typical voyage range from in their 30s to their 80s, with the majority usually between 45 — 65. Our expeditions attract independent travellers from around the globe who are characterised by a strong interest in exploring remote regions. The camaraderie that develops on board is an important part of the Oceanwide experience, and many passenger groups include several nationalities.



M/V HONDIUS - USEFUL INFORMATION

What to wear

In keeping with the spirit of expedition, dress on board is informal. Bring casual and comfortable clothing for all activities, and keep in mind that much of the scenery can be appreciated from deck — which can be slippery. Bring sturdy shoes with no-slip soles, and make sure your parka is never far away in case one of our crew shouts “Whales!” over the loudspeaker and you have to dash outside in a moment's notice. Opt for layers, as it is comfortably warm aboard the ship though often cold on deck.

How to pay on board

Refreshments and souvenirs will be charged to your cabin. The day before departure you can settle your bill with the hotel manager, paying by credit card (Visa or MasterCard) or cash (euro, or in some cases dollar). We cannot, however, accept checks. Though the prices and standard currency on board is in the euro, other currencies may be accepted at the discretion of the hotel manager, at prevailing rates.

Electric current

The electrical supply aboard ship is 220v, 60Hz. Electrical outlets are standard European with two thick round pins, so some passengers may need a 220v/110v converter.

Gratuities

The customary gratuity to the ship's service personnel is made as a blanket contribution at the end of the voyage and is divided among the crew. Tipping is a personal matter, and the amount you wish to give is at your sole discretion. As a generally accepted guideline, we suggest 8 — 10 euros per passenger per day. It is better for the crew if you give cash.

Non-smoking policy

We have a non-smoking policy inside all our vessels, though you can smoke in certain designated areas. We ask that you please respect the wishes of non-smokers.

Your physical condition

You must be in good overall health and be able to walk several hours per day. The expedition is ship-based and physically not very demanding, but we spend as much time as possible on shore. You are, however, welcome to remain aboard the ship if you prefer. To join most excursions you must be able to get up and down the steep gangway — from the ship to the water level — to board the Zodiacs. Staff will assist you in and out of the boats, and boarding will become progressively easier with practice, but conditions on shore can be slippery and rocky. Remember, you will be traveling in remote areas without access to sophisticated medical facilities, so you must not join this expedition if you have a life-threatening condition or need daily medical treatment.



M/V HONDIUS - FACILITIES

LECTURE THEATRE

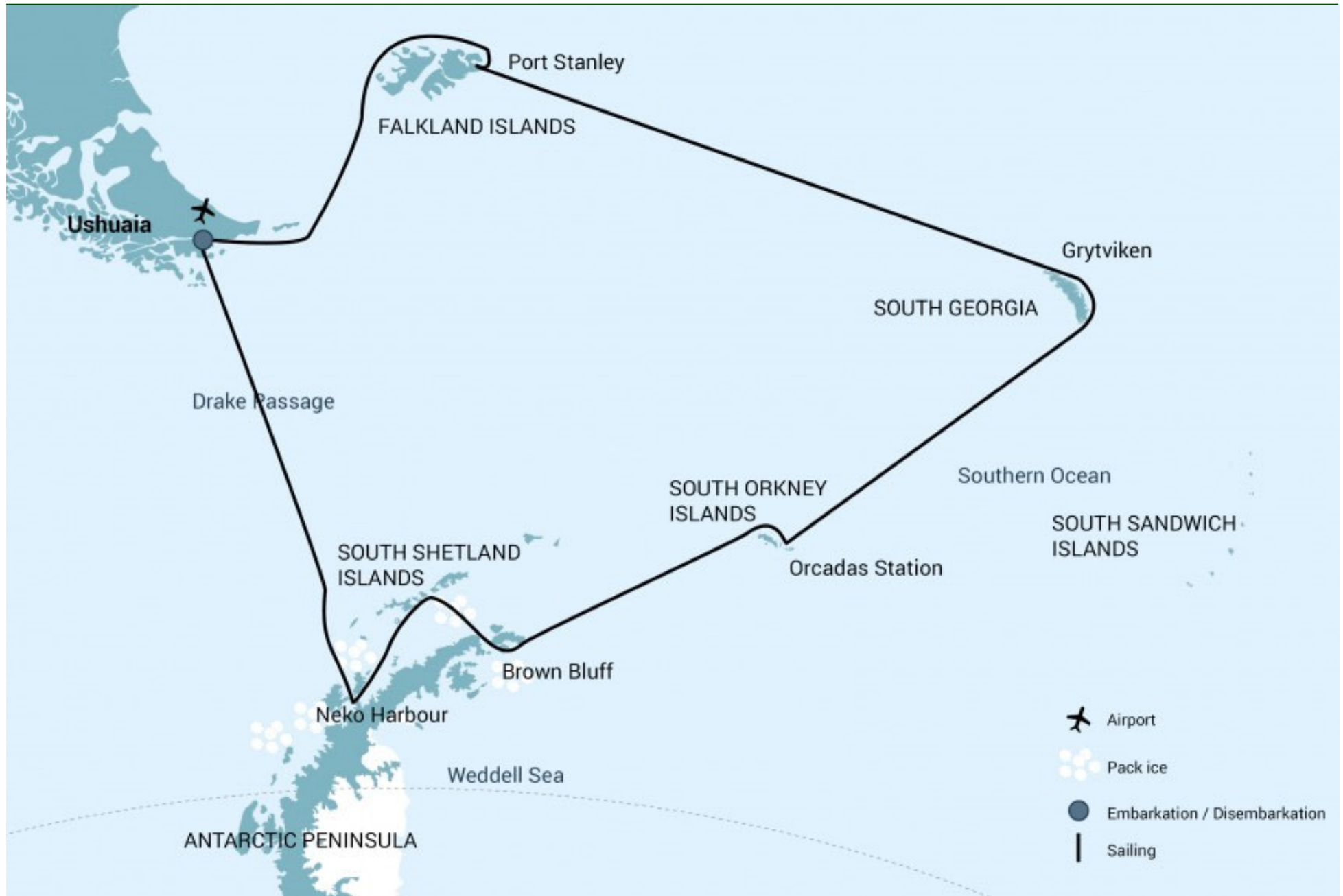


BAR LOUNGE



DINING





YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1

17th DECEMBER 2023

JOIN SHIP

END OF THE WORLD, START OF YOUR ADVENTURE

Your voyage begins where the world drops off. Ushuaia, Argentina, reputed to be the southernmost city on the planet, is located on the far southern tip of South America. Starting in the afternoon, you embark from this small resort town on Tierra del Fuego, nicknamed “The End of the World,” and sail the mountain-fringed Beagle Channel for the remainder of the evening.

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 **Meals Included:** Dinner.

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DAY 2

18th DECEMBER 2023

AT SEA

THE WINGED LIFE OF THE WESTERLIES OUT AT SEA

Several species of albatross follow the vessel into the westerlies, along with storm petrels, shearwaters, and diving petrels.

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ANTARCTICA SCENERY



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DAY 3

19th DECEMBER 2023

FALKLAND ISLANDS

ARRIVAL IN THE FALKLANDS ISLANDS FOR TWO DAYS

The Falkland Islands offer an abundance of wildlife that is easily approachable, though caution is always advised. These islands are largely unknown gems, the site of a 1982 war between the UK and Argentina. Not only do various species of bird live here, but chances are great you'll see both Peale's dolphins and Commerson's dolphins in the surrounding waters.

During this segment of the voyage, you may visit the following sites:

Carcass Island: Despite its name, this island is pleasantly rodent-free and hence bounteous with birdlife and many endemic species. Anything from breeding Magellanic penguins and gentoos to numerous waders and passerine birds (including Cobb's wrens and tussock-birds) live here.

Saunders Island: On Saunders Island you can see the black-browed albatross and its sometimes-clumsy landings, along with breeding imperial shags and rockhopper penguins. King penguins, Magellanic penguins, and gentoos are also found here.

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DAY 4

20th DECEMBER 2023

FALKLAND ISLANDS

PORT STANLEY - THE SEAT OF FALKLANDS CULTURE

The capital of the Falklands and centre of its culture, Port Stanley has some Victorian-era charm: colourful houses, well-tended gardens, and English-style pubs are all to be found here. You can also see several century-old clipper ships nearby, silent witnesses to the hardships of 19th century sailors. The small but interesting museum is also worth a visit, covering the early days of settlement up to the Falklands War.

Approximately 2,100 people live in Port Stanley. Admission to the museum is included.

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DAY 5 & 6

21st & 22nd DECEMBER 2023

AT SEA

ONCE MORE TO THE SEA TOWARDS SOUTH GEORGIA

En route to South Georgia, you now cross the Antarctic Convergence. The temperature cools considerably within the space of a few hours, and nutritious water rises to the surface of the sea due to colliding water columns. This phenomenon attracts a multitude of seabirds near the ship, including several species of albatross, shearwaters, petrels, prions, and skuas.

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DAY 7

23rd DECEMBER 2023

SOUTH GEORGIA

ARRIVAL IN SOUTH GEORGIA JOURNEY FOR 4 DAYS

Today you arrive at the first South Georgia activity site. Please keep in mind that weather conditions in this area can be challenging, largely dictating the program.

Over the next several days, you have a chance to visit the following sites:

Prion Island – This location is closed during the early part of the wandering albatross breeding season (November 20 – January 7). From January on, the breeding adults have found their partners and are sitting on eggs or nursing their chicks. Enjoy witnessing the gentle nature of these animals, which possess the largest wingspan of any bird in the world.

Fortuna Bay – A beautiful outwash plain from Fortuna Glacier is home to a large number of king penguins and seals. Here you may also have the chance to follow the final leg of Shackleton’s route to the abandoned whaling village of Stromness. This path cuts across the mountain pass beyond Shackleton’s Waterfall, and as the terrain is partly swampy, be prepared to cross a few small streams.

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DAY 8 - 10

24th - 26th DECEMBER 2023

SOUTH GEORGIA

CONTINUE TO EXPLORE SOUTH GEORGIA

Salisbury Plain, St. Andrews Bay, Gold Harbour – These sites not only house the three largest king penguin colonies in South Georgia, they're also three of the world's largest breeding beaches for Antarctic fur seals. Literally millions breed on South Georgia during December and January. Only during the mid-season do they peak in their breeding cycle. There will be some young adult Elephant seals as well as this seasons 'Weaner's; the young Elephant Seals that have been left to fend for themselves.

Watch your step and stay cool when walking the beaches during this time. Grytviken – In this abandoned whaling station, king penguins walk the streets and elephant seals lie around like they own the place – because they basically do. Here you might be able to see the South Georgia Museum as well as Shackleton's grave.

In the afternoon of day 10 and depending on the conditions, we will start sailing southwards in the direction of the South Orkney Islands.

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DAY 11

27th DECEMBER 2023

AT SEA

SOUTHWARD BOUND TOWARDS THE ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

There may be sea ice on this route, and at the edge of the ice some south polar skuas and snow petrels could join the other seabirds trailing the vessel south.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

DAY 12

28th DECEMBER 2023

AT SEA

THE SCENIC VISTAS OF THE SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS

Depending on the conditions, you might visit Orcadas Base, an Argentine scientific station on Laurie Island in the South Orkney archipelago. The personnel here will happily show you their facility, where you can enjoy expansive views of the surrounding glaciers. If a visit isn't possible, you may instead land in Coronation Island's Shingle Cove.

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DAY 13

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SOUTH ORKNEY

LAST PUSH ACROSS THE SEA TO THE ANTARCTIC

Enormous icebergs and a fair chance of fin whale sightings ensure there's never a dull moment on this last sea voyage south. Also, your best chance to spot Antarctic petrels is here.

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DAY 14 - 16

30th DEC 2023 - 1st JAN 2024

ANTARCTICA

THREE DAYS EXPLORING THE AWE-INSPIRING ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

If the ice conditions permit, you now sail into the Weddell Sea. Here colossal tabular icebergs herald your arrival to the eastern side of the Antarctic Peninsula. Paulet Island, with its large population of Adélie penguins, is a possible stop. You might also visit Brown Bluff, located in the ice-clogged Antarctic Sound, where you could get the chance to set foot on the Antarctic Continent itself.

If conditions aren't favourable to enter the Weddell Sea from the east, the ship will set course for Elephant Island and head into the Bransfield Strait, between the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula. Here you can attempt to access the Antarctic Sound from the northwest.

The breathtaking scenery continues in the Bransfield Strait and, if conditions allow further South in the Gerlache Strait. Conditions on the Drake Passage determine the exact time of departure.

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DAY 17

2nd JANUARY 2024

AT SEA

HEAD BACK ACROSS THE DRAKE PASSAGE TO USHUAIA

Your return voyage across the Drake Passage is far from lonely. While crossing the Drake, you're again greeted by the vast array of seabirds remembered from the passage south. But they seem a little more familiar to you now, and you to them.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.



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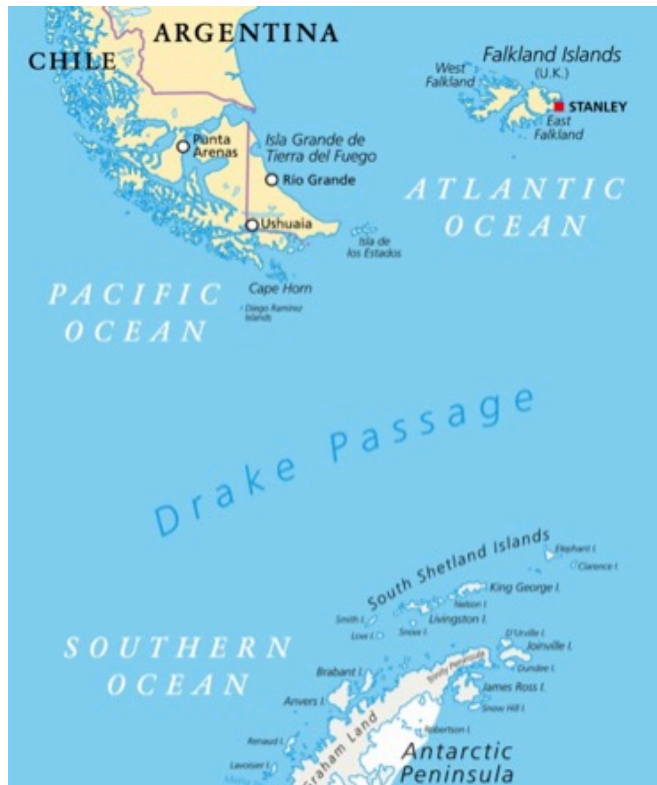
DAY 18

3rd JANUARY 2024

 **AT SEA**

LAST DAY ON THE DRAKE BEFORE ARRIVAL IN ARGENTINA TOMORROW

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DAY 19

4th JANUARY 2024

USHUAIA

ARRIVAL BACK IN ARGENTINA

Every adventure, no matter how grand, must eventually come to an end. It's now time to disembark in Ushuaia, but with memories that will accompany you wherever your next adventure lies.

On arrival a transfer to your hotel with the rest of the day free to get used to dry land again!

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.



LATC Founder Chris

"Antarctica is without doubt the most amazing trip I have made anywhere in the world and totally unique from every aspect and I will be going back to see more of the frozen continent on a regular basis. It is both a privilege and a responsibility to be able to send our clients."



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flora & fauna

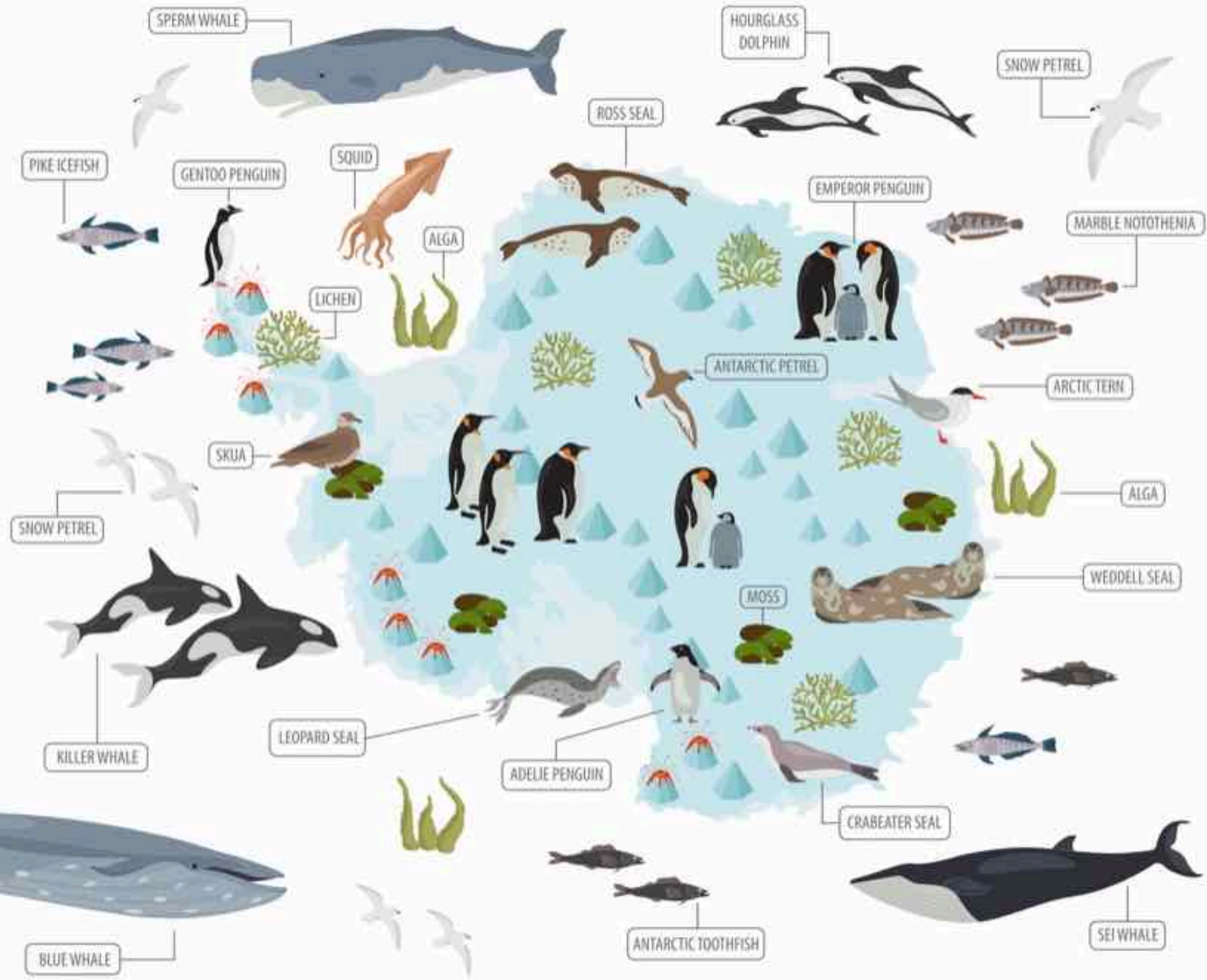
INFOGRAPHIC

ANIMALS:
hourglass dolphin, weddell seal,
crabeater seal, leopard seal, ross seal

SEA LIFE:
sperm whale, blue whale, killer
whale, squid, sei whale, marble
notothenia, antarctic toothfish, pike
icefish

BIRDS:
emperor penguin, adelic penguin,
gentoo penguin, antarctic petrel,
snow petrel, skua, arctic tern

PLANTS:
lichen, moss, alga



TRIP CODE: HDS25-24: FALKLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA & ANTARCTICA - START & FINISH DATES

Starts Ushuaia 17th December 2023 and Finishes Ushuaia 4th January 2024 - Guided in: English

CABIN	EURO	GBP**	USD**
4 berth Quadruple Porthole - price per berth	€12,250	£11,025	US\$13,475
3 berth Triple Porthole - price per berth	€14,000	£12,600	US\$15,400
Twin Porthole - price per berth	€15,400	£13,860	US\$16,940
Twin Porthole - single occupancy	€26,180	£23,562	US\$28,798
Twin Window - price per berth	€16,000	£14,400	US\$17,600
Twin Window - single occupancy	€27,200	£24,480	US\$29,920
Twin Deluxe - price per berth	€17,100	£15,390	US\$18,810
Twin Deluxe - single occupancy	€29,070	£26,163	US\$31,977
Superior - price per person (only double bed)	€18,300	£16,470	US\$20,130
Superior - single occupancy	€31,110	£27,999	US\$34,221
Junior Suite - price per person (only double bed)	€19,400	£17,460	US\$21,340
Junior Suite - single occupancy	€32,980	£29,682	US\$36,278
Grand Suite + balcony - price per person (only double bed)	€22,200	£19,980	US\$24,420
Grand Suite + balcony - single occupancy	€37,740	£33,966	US\$41,514

NOTE: If you book a berth as a single person in a shared cabin the other occupants of the cabin will be of the same gender.

**** GBP and USD prices** are for guidance only and final price will be based on the exchange rate at time of booking.

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INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS FOR THIS ITINERARY

■ ANTARCTIC CRUISE:

- ✓ 18 night / 19 Day Antarctic Cruise on the M/V Hondius - Cabin TBC.

Cruise Includes:

- ✓ Voyage aboard the indicated vessel as indicated in the itinerary
- ✓ All meals throughout the voyage aboard the ship including snacks, coffee and tea.
- ✓ All shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage by Zodiac.
- ✓ Program of lectures by noted naturalists and leadership by experienced expedition staff.
- ✓ Free use of rubber boots and snowshoes.
- ✓ Luggage transfer from pick-up point to the vessel on the day of embarkation, in Ushuaia.
- ✓ Pre-scheduled group transfer from the vessel to the airport in Ushuaia (directly after disembarkation).
- ✓ All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the programme.
- ✓ Comprehensive pre-departure material.

Cruise Excludes:

- ✓ Any airfare, whether on scheduled or charter flights
- ✓ Pre- and post- land arrangements.
- ✓ Passport and visa expenses.
- ✓ Government arrival and departure taxes.
- ✓ Meals ashore.
- ✓ Baggage, cancellation and personal insurance (which is strongly recommended).
- ✓ Excess baggage charges and all items of a personal nature such as laundry, bar, beverage charges and telecommunication charges.
- ✓ The customary gratuity at the end of the voyages for stewards and other service personnel aboard (guidelines will be provided).

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