



MS Roald Amundsen

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Great Beginnings

Embarkation day is always a very busy one. For most passengers, everything is new, but step by step, everyone becomes familiar with the ship and the onboard procedures.

After finding their own cabin, Deck 6 becomes an important place—

it's home to the reception and the expedition desk. Of course, the restaurants are important too. All guests receive their expedition jackets, and everyone must attend the mandatory safety briefing. It was a very tiring day. After dinner, it was time to head to bed.

Cape Horn, Chile - Mar 22, 2025



Cape Horn the Famous

The ship sailed through the night toward Cape Horn. The wind was strong—and while everyone hoped to see the famous rock, none of us truly expected to land on the island of Cabo de Hornos. However, when we reached Caleta León, it turned out that despite the strong wind, the area was well sheltered. The bridge announced that we

would check whether a landing was possible. Shortly after that, the confirmation came—we were landing. Since passengers hadn't been issued rubber boots, the landing team prepared a structure that allowed us to disembark with dry feet. It was a fascinating experience to set foot on such a legendary piece of land.

Puerto Williams, Chile - Mar 23, 2025



Southernmost City

During the night, we sailed to Puerto Williams. Since we are now in Chilean waters, we needed to complete the clearance process. After this formality, everyone received permission to go ashore. The weather was good, though cloudy, and fortunately, it wasn't raining. Some guests participated in an organized hike, while the sailors eagerly gazed at the famous Micalvi Marina, where yachts from all

over the world are moored. After all, every sailor dreams of sailing around Cape Horn at least once. The visit to Puerto Williams satisfied all the passengers, and they happily returned to the ship to continue their journey westward, facing strong winds. From here on, we will remain in Chilean waters.

Pia Glacier, Chile - Mar 24, 2025



Glacial Passage

We are still sailing the Beagle Channel, named after the ship that conducted research in these waters. Its captain was FitzRoy, and Charles Darwin was a participant in the expedition. The Beagle Channel splits into two arms in its western part: the northern and southern. We continued our journey through the northern arm. The

wind remained strong, but once we entered the fjord, it calmed down. We anchored in front of the Pia Glacier. We were able to land, although the landing site was surrounded by a strip of ice, and the zodiacs had to fight their way through it. It was a very successful day.

At Sea - Mar 25, 2025



Navigation in Tierra del Fuego

When we left the northern arm of the Beagle Channel, we emerged into the Pacific, but it only lasted a moment, because we again immersed ourselves in the thicket of islands, making our way through the Cockburn Channel to the Strait of Magellan. Magellan, with his flotilla of 4 ships, sailed there in 1520, and the strait took its name

from him. The length of the Channel is 370 nm, and Magellan took 38 days to complete it. The day, despite being at sea and without attractions such as a landing, was still very interesting. While sailing, you could admire the views moving over the side or take part in a rich educational program prepared for this occasion.

Puerto Natales, Chile - Mar 26, 2025



With Condors, Guanaco, and Glaciers

Today, we began our beautiful day with a visit to Torres del Paine, a national park showcasing the stunning nature of the Magellanic subpolar forests and the Patagonian desert. We boarded the buses and journeyed through charming communities and landscapes, heading toward the heart of the park to catch a glimpse of the iconic Cordillera Paine. Along the way, we had an excellent opportunity to

spot famous Patagonian wildlife, including the untamed Guanaco and the soaring Condors, always on the lookout for a fresh meal. After exploring the land of lakes, mountains, and glaciers, we returned to our ship and had the chance to experience the vibrant nightlife of Puerto Natales.

At Sea, Chile - Mar 28, 2025



Through the Islands, Vegetation, and Wildlife

Early in the morning, we cast off our mooring lines in Puerto Natales, and at dawn, we set off to conquer another day of adventure. The first point on our journey was crossing the White Narrows once again. After waiting for slack water and perfect timing, we navigated with the precision of a neurosurgeon, crossing to the other side. Heading north, we passed through changing landscapes. The islands, initially

covered with shrubs, gradually transformed into forests of increasingly impressive trees. The green of the vegetation grew more intense with every mile. As we cruised north, we enjoyed watching the lush surroundings and the occasional wildlife accompanying us on this tranquil day.

Puerto Edén & English Narrows, Chile - Mar 29, 2025



Within the Kawesqar Tribe

Another incredible passage this time was an English Narrows, another moment of trial for our captain, obviously completed with complete success. This day, the weather hosted us with more humidity and a gentle, dreamy overcast. We arrived in Puerto Eden, where we had the opportunity to see the representatives of the Native People of Kwasqar. The descendants of ancient marine nomadic hunters, living

at sea in their bark boats. To see their crafts, learn about their way of life and thinking, and even get some amazing hand-woven products, done traditionally. After time in this town, we turned again towards English Narrows. This time, we had to wait in the rain for the perfect moment. Finally, in a period of slack water, we entered the onward journey.

Caleta Tortel, Chile - Mar 30, 2025



Buildings on the Water

In the morning, we arrived at an extraordinary location, anchoring near a picturesque town nestled between the mountainside and the fjord. The sight of multi-coloured buildings, many perched on stilts driven into the lakebed or shore, was nothing short of breathtaking—a view that will be hard to forget. For the adventurous, a hike up to the

summit offered a challenge that mirrored the hardships faced by the conquistadors who explored the area in the 16th century. Others took to the water, kayaking through the stunning landscapes, before finishing their adventure with a leisurely walk through the charming town, taking in the sights and sounds of this unique place.

At Sea, Chile - Mar 31, 2025





Castro and Chiloe National Park

Today, we began our operations early in the morning, with the first of us stepping foot on the mainland in the city of Castro just after 8 o'clock. Colourful buildings, narrow streets, and a delightful walk awaited those who chose not to join the trip to Chiloe National Park. We had undoubtedly left the cold regions behind, and the nature we

encountered here made it clear we were now much closer to tropical latitudes than the chilly Ushuaia we had departed from just days ago. Throughout the day in port, we were accompanied by an extraordinary companion—a small dog with the charming name, Rollo.

Valdivia, Chile - Apr 2, 2025



City of Pedro de Valdivia

Our ship's anchorage was 1.5 miles from our destination port of Niebla, which we covered in our boats. Some of us took a tour of Valdivia, where charming local guides introduced us to the city's most notable sites. We first visited an authentic local fish market, where not only the merchants were waiting for us, but also the sea lions, hoping

for some free loot in the absence of the merchants. Next, we explored an incredible exhibition at the museum, delving into the early history of the city's foundation and even earlier, when the land was ruled by the Mapuchas. Despite the light rain, the city's atmosphere was vibrant with life and joy.

At Sea, Chile - Apr 3, 2025



Science, Workshops, and a Bit of Swell

Between islands and land, we steered toward the open sea. As we ventured further, the vastness surrounding our ship became more evident, and the absence of natural shelter allowed for a gentle swell, giving the ship a mild rocking motion. Sometimes it was bigger, sometimes smaller, but these small distractions didn't hinder our

enjoyment of the day, which was filled with activities on the MS Roald Amundsen. Wildlife watches, lectures, workshops, Science Centre sessions, and food attractions kept us engaged throughout the sea day. By evening, the sea's movement intensified, and the waves rose to a height of 5 meters, gently rocking us to sleep.

The Last Day of Our Journey

A day at sea doesn't have to be boring at all. Our whale watchers have been scanning the vast ocean since the morning. Finally, the news came through the PA system that whales were visible on the starboard side, in the direction corresponding to 10 o'clock, and among them, a blue whale was spotted. Only a seasoned whale watcher's eye could catch it. Our Chilean pilot, in cooperation with Officer Rob, shared fascinating facts about navigation in Chilean

waters.

The warmer temperatures were starting to be felt, and more people began to venture out onto deck. In the afternoon, we had another meeting with the captain and the entire crew, followed by a screening of 'The Oscar'—a work of art, a film capturing moments from our expedition. As always, everything eventually comes to an end.





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