

A large, jagged iceberg with a blue-tinged surface floats in dark, calm water. The sky is overcast and grey. The iceberg's reflection is visible in the water.

# Sailing SOUTH

Sailing Expedition  
Antarctica - South Shetlands - South Georgia - Falklands



A black and white photograph of a snowy, rocky mountain peak. The foreground shows a calm body of water. The mountain is covered in snow and has several dark, jagged rock formations. The sky is bright and hazy.

**„I believe it is in our nature to explore,  
to reach out into the unknown.“**

Sir Ernest Shackleton



Sailing SOUTH 2024

WANTED

4 spots left

# Sailors & adventurers wanted!

For the 150th birthday -  
In the footsteps of Shackleton in the Southern Ocean.  
Sailing Expedition  
Antarctica - South Shetlands - South Georgia - Falklands

Rare opportunity.  
Proven vessel, experienced skipper, small crew.

Loosely based on the „Boss“ \*:

Co-sailors wanted for an adventurous trip. Unfortunately expensive.  
Cold and storm, long days in overwhelming nature,  
immeasurable vastness and seclusion. Safe return.  
Unique and priceless experiences definitely in every case.

## Why ?

### Why exactly this trip?

This isn't just any cruise - this is **my** cruise. The journey of my dreams.

Admittedly it's not the only one I'm dreaming of, but it's one I've always wanted to do, one that never lets go of me and always haunts my dreams. One that I don't just want to have dreamed of, should I ever have to embark on what will probably be my last journey.

Sail once in a lifetime these rough waters on the windiest and wildest of oceans and dance with the waves, see the fragile, sublime beauty of Antarctica, after a stormy crossing set foot on the rocky and historic ground of these remote, exposed islands in the Southern Ocean and explore and discover on your own all these places full of memories of heroic, unbelievable stories of bearded men of bygone eras, their wild barrenness and scenic beauty, their incomparably rich wildlife.

Since I sailed around the world as a child reading in the footsteps of and with the explorers, there has been this deep longing for the wide oceans and remote corners of this earth, especially those in the high latitudes.

Having grown up in the GDR, a whole day's journey from the nearest coast, the only thing that remained at first was the Baltic Sea, which - no wonder - was not able to satisfy this desire. The borders shifted, new horizons opened up - the world opened up for me on a transatlantic sailing trip from New York to Brest, which I spontaneously extended to Bergen (Norway) so as not to have to disembark.

Later I was driven further north, to Greenland, I immediately became infected with the virus of the arctic fever - with far-reaching consequences: once infected, it will not let go of you for the rest of your life, and several

trips to Spitsbergen (Svalbard) followed.

But the quiet voices have been luring me south for just as long, twice the dream of a planned trip has been shattered by the changes in course that life has in store - the luring voices stayed, and they haven't been quiet for a long time.

The past two years have been influenced by a completely different virus worldwide and not exactly predestined to follow these enticing voices. And so it was necessary to practice patience and asceticism and to find other ways to travel.

My paths led again and again to the high latitudes of my bookshelf to the polar literature slumbering there, and so I tried to calm the voices, to satisfy my desire to explore and, above all, to therapy my longing for being on the road in vastness, emptiness, sea and ice with books.

And so I traveled again - at least mentally and reading - in the Corona years more than ever to all the fabulous places and remote corners of this world: I wintered with Shackleton in

the ice, survived with Wild on Elephant Island, went with Nansen through Night and Ice, discovered Franz-Josef-Land with Payer, marched over the ice with Andree after his balloon crash landing, disappeared with Franklin while searching the Northwest Passage, triumphed with Amundsen at the South Pole, arrived too late and perished with Scott on the agonizing way back from the same...

Obsessions and longings are difficult to live out between two book covers. For a brief moment maybe, but actually the quiet voices got louder with each book. Now they're constantly screaming in my ears, not dissimilar to roaring forties or howling sixties.



The incredible and unbelievable odyssey of Shackleton and his 27 men, more than 100 years ago, combined with the most spectacular rescue operation in polar history is widely known. In March 2022, the sensational discovery of the ship of that fateful and ultimately happy expedition, made headlines around the world. The wreck of the *Endurance*, which had been crushed by the pack ice and sank in 1915, was found at the bottom of the icy Weddell Sea, at a depth of 3,000 meters. February 15, 2024 marks the 150th anniversary of Sir Ernest Shackleton's birth.

If that isn't a sign and a fitting reason that it's finally time to follow him, the enticing voices and my dream to the deep south.

Sailing through the Southern Ocean in the footsteps of Shackleton is unfortunately not that easy. Especially not without experience and a suitable boat: not everyone sets out in a wooden lifeboat; Besides, I'm not remotely as daring, courageous, brave and foolhardy as Shackleton, Worsley, Crean and Co.

Sure, there are quite a few offers and you can definitely get to Antarctica or South Georgia by ship.

That brings us to problem number one: the word „or“: I don't want to be either-or, nor do I want to fly halfway around the world twice in a row; I want both, from-to and everything in between. And that's almost nothing „off the shelf“. Problem number two is the „how“: a cruise ship is not what I want to travel on. It doesn't have to be quite as small and simple as the *James Caird*, the converted lifeboat in which Shackleton and five other men made the dangerous and incredible 800 nautical mile passage from Elephant Island to South Georgia to save the 22 men left on the island. But it should already have sails.

Also, I'm not a fan of the herd mentality, and I'm not keen on competing with the local penguin colonies in a human crowd. Even the venerable bark *Euro-pa*, which regularly cruises the Antarctic, is already too big for me.

And the number of small sailing boats that are out there sailing in this region is an exaggeration, very manageable.

Both together, a small sailing boat and a trip that connects Antarctica and South Georgia? That doesn't exist. Except for a few private yachts that have their own keel, there isn't one. Not yet.

But „Difficulties are just things to overcome, after all.“, said Shackleton.

So if I want my own dream trip, according to my ideas, then it's not enough to wait until it maybe someday comes along, I have to set it up myself. And I'm in good company – after all, it was the same for Shackleton and his kind back then – only that these gentlemen weren't out for fun, but were also driven by the desire to discover.

The idea and the route are fixed, so the boat, the skipper and the crew still remain.

Fortunately, there are others who know those enticing voices and have similar dreams.

A suitable partner for the trip has been found, sailing in the Southern Ocean, in the Antarctic and on the oceans of this world for many years:

A proven expedition sailing vessel, built for extreme conditions, which has countless miles in polar areas in its wake and a proven skipper team with a lot of experience in the high latitudes and on long trips in such remote areas.

Searching for people sharing this dream I have already found some fellow sailors who are willing to embark on this adventure.

However, the team is not yet complete, and so we are looking for some more adventurous people with the same enthusiasm, curiosity, love to discover and to explore the unknown and willing to realize this dream together.

**Here we are!**

## Planned route

**Ushuaia, Argentina**

Cape Horn &  
Drake Passage (6 days)

Antarctic Peninsula  
Graham Land (11 days)

South Shetlands &  
Elephant Island (6 days)

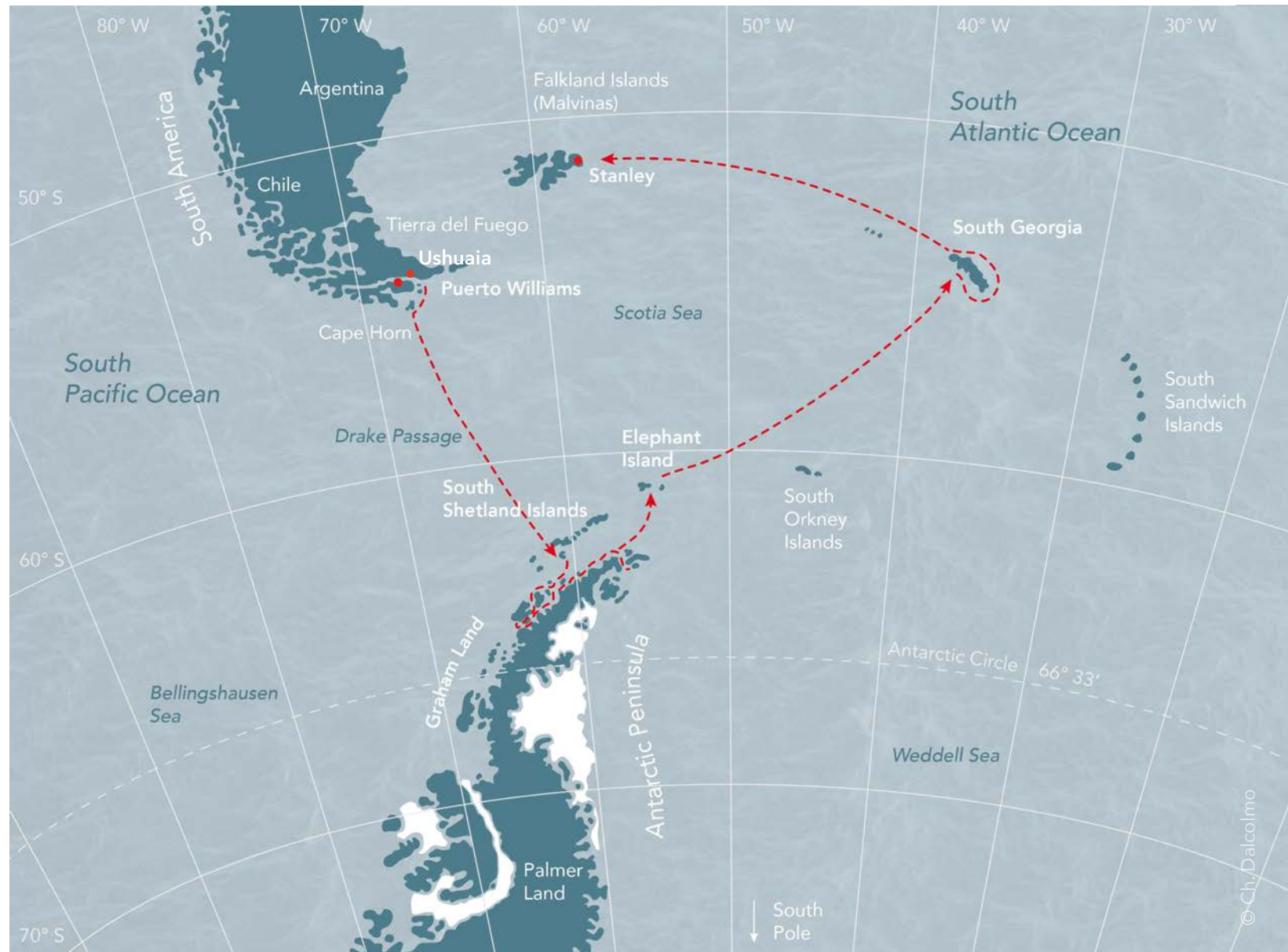
Scotia Sea (6 days)

South Georgia (10 days)

Scotia Sea (6 days)

**Stanley,**  
Falkland Islands (1 day)

**Σ 6 1/2 weeks / 46 days**  
approx. 16 pure sea days





\* In 1913, Shackleton, looking for suitable men for the crew of his expedition to cross the Antarctic, advertised in the London „Times“:

*„Men wanted for hazardous journey, small wages, bitter cold, long months of complete darkness, constant danger, safe return doubtful, honour and recognition in case of success.“*

Despite this honest and unembellished perspective, the number of applicants (5,000) far exceeded that of the required crew (56 on two ships).

However, the expedition failed before it even began: Shackleton's ship, the Endurance, was trapped in the ice and sank, but the „Boss“, as his men respectfully called him, with one of the most incredible

rescue operations in polar history made sure that all of them returned alive.

In our case, the prospects are not nearly as dangerous:

We are traveling in the Antarctic summer and for sure it will take less than two years before we return. But we also want to sail into the rough waters of the Southern Ocean and we will follow the tracks and footsteps of Shackleton - on the occasion of his 150th birthday, 110 years after him and the brave Endurance crew.

We want to cross the infamous Drake Passage and sail through the *furious 50s* and *screaming 60s* on the stormiest of all oceans. We will explore the grandiose ice and glacier world of the Antarctic

Peninsula, set foot on the seventh continent and marvel at its incomparable wildlife. We want to direct our course - if allowed by the ice conditions - into the Weddell Sea with its iceberg giants, anchor at the volcanic islands of the South Shetland Islands and - following the *James Caird* with Shackleton, Worsley & Co - set our sails for the passage from Elephant Island to South Georgia.

There we want to trace their tracks and those of the old whaling stations, as well as discover the unique biodiversity of this sub-Antarctic island.

To finally finish our journey - rich in adventures and experiences - at Stanley on the Falkland Islands.

## Time

## Route

## Ship

## Crew

sun **04.02.2024** til  
wed **20.03.2024**

**46 days**

approx. 3,000 nautical  
miles

- Ushuaia, Argentina
- Antarctic Peninsula
- South Shetlands
- South Georgia
- Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands

Expedition Sailing Vessel  
Selma Expeditions (66 ft)

Equipped for sailing in  
the high latitudes and  
extreme conditions

IAATO member

Experienced Skipper &  
1-2 fix crews

plus 7-8 guests  
(max. 11 people)

approx. **21.500 €** p.P. \*  
\* with 8 people,  
from port to port



## Cape Horn, The Drake



Departure: Ushuaia, Argentina;  
Tierra del Fuego, Cape Horn;  
Drake Passage

sea passage through the infamous  
„furious fifties“ and „screaming sixties“

**5-6 days**  
approx. 500 nautical miles

## Antarctic Peninsula



West coast of the Antarctic Peninsula  
(Graham Land) - islands, mainland,  
bays and channels

ice, glaciers, research stations;  
penguins, whales, seals, birds

**11 days**  
about 500-600 nautical miles

## South Shetland Islands



Antarctic sound  
Deception, King George, Half Moon,  
Penguin Island...

icebergs, glaciers, volcanoes, hot  
springs, whaling stations;  
penguins, whales, seals, birds

**4-5 days**  
about 200-300 nautical miles

## Elephant Island



Elephant Island  
Cape Lookout, Cape Valentine, Point Wild

Shackleton;  
penguins, seals

**1 day, 5 days** passage  
passage about 800 nautical miles

## South Georgia



Grytviken, Stromness, Fortuna Bay;  
Gold Harbour, Prion Island, Salisbury Plain ...

Shackleton, whaling stations, glaciers,  
hiking and mountain tours;  
king penguins, seals, birds

**10 days**  
about 100-150 nautical miles

## Stanley, Falklands



Falkland Islands, Port Stanley;  
arrival and end of the journey

Stanley;  
penguins, birds, seals, whales

**6-7 days** passage  
passage about 750 nautical miles



## SV Selma Expeditions

- Expedition sailing yacht
- Steel Ketch
- 66 feet (20 meters)
- 190 m2 of sail area
- Year of construction 1981

Robust, equipped for safe and independent navigation on long-distance trips in high latitudes and remote areas. Arctic and Antarctic proven. Countless nautical miles in the wake.





## SV Selma Expeditions

- Length: 20.28m / 66.53ft
- Width: 4.95m / 16.24ft
- Draft: 2.67m / 8.76ft
- Engine: Perkins 122 hp
- 4 double berths
- Aft cabin (fixed crew)
- comfortable galley and mess
- two steering positions:  
Cockpit and sheltered  
wheelhouse
- watertight bulkheads





## SV Selma Expeditions

Selma is equipped with everything necessary to ensure safe navigation even in extremely difficult conditions.

### Philosophy:

"An expedition yacht needs to be safe, simple and easy to operate. The simpler the solutions, the lower the probability of failure and the possibility of repairs by one's own staff and with simple means.

Thanks to this, we sail to the ends of the earth and are always self-sufficient."





## Partner



## Skipper

Selma Expeditions



**Selma Expeditions**  
Krzysztof Jasica

On the way to discover the unknown. Expeditions at sea & in the ice. Experience: 20 years in Arctic and Antarctica. Became the first yacht to achieve the southernmost accessible point: The Bay of Whales in the Ross Sea. Owner of the SY Selma.



**Piotr Kuzniar**  
Polar sailing enthusiast

Sailor, diver, adventurer, Antarctic pioneer, expedition leader and botanist. Ocean Yacht Master since 1990. With Selma: Circumnavigation of both Americas including Cape Horn and the NW Passage. Sydney-Hobart Regatta, Ross Sea, Mt Erebus.

## Permanent Crew

Selma Expeditions



**Wojtek & Ewa Madej**

Over 10 years of sailing experience on the world's oceans. Wojtek: Training in the Navy, two years as first officer and captain on board of a traditional tall ship.

Together as a skipper team in Antarctica for four years.

## Crew

Idea & Initiative



**Christiane Paula Dalcolmo**  
polar addicted

Loves mountains, vastness, horizon, sea, snow and ice; Adventure(r)s and discovery stories.

On the way on foot, skiing and at sea. In the wake: 10.000 nm Transatlantic, North Atlantic, Svalbard, Greenland.



## Crew



### Unda

Addicted to sea and water

Feels alive in nature.

Throughout kayaking, sailing, swimming, ice bathing and diving in the underwater world.

Loves freedom, people and philosophical conversations.

## Crew



### Peter

Curious traveler

Enjoys sailing, hiking, skiing, biking, diving, snorkeling, sidecar riding...

He likes traveling, being active and to try out things that he has never done before.

## Crew



### Gerhard

Nature lover and conservationist, adventurer

Preferably off the beaten track: at sea (20,000 nm), in the bush, savannah, desert.

Hobbies: sailing, diving, wildlife observation, photography.

## Crew

fellow sailors / voyagers



### Σ 8 Fellow sailors

Equipped with curiosity, the desire to travel and adventure, enough time and a suitable budget.

Sailing experience advantageous and desirable.

„The world is a huge place.  
How will you know where you fit in unless  
you explore beyond your comfort zone?“

Sir Ernest Shackleton

Would you like to be on board?  
More information and signing on at:

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