Antarctic Expedition Cruise Aboard the Ponant Ship L'Austral

December 2021 – January 2022

Antarctica - the southernmost continent in the world

The Ponant Antarctic expedition started in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where members met and flew to Ushuaia to board L'Austral. Leaving Ushuaia via the Beagle Channel, the ship headed across the Drake Passage, where according to Wikipedia over 20,000 sailors have died and 800 shipwrecks lie under the water. After Zodiac landings on both sides of the Antarctic peninsula, the ship headed to South Georgia Island with a stop at the South Orkney Islands. After several stops at South Georgia, the ship cruised to the Falkland Islands before returning to Ushuaia for the trip home. This was the reverse of the planned route because the Falklands had an on-ship quarantine period before allowing visitors.



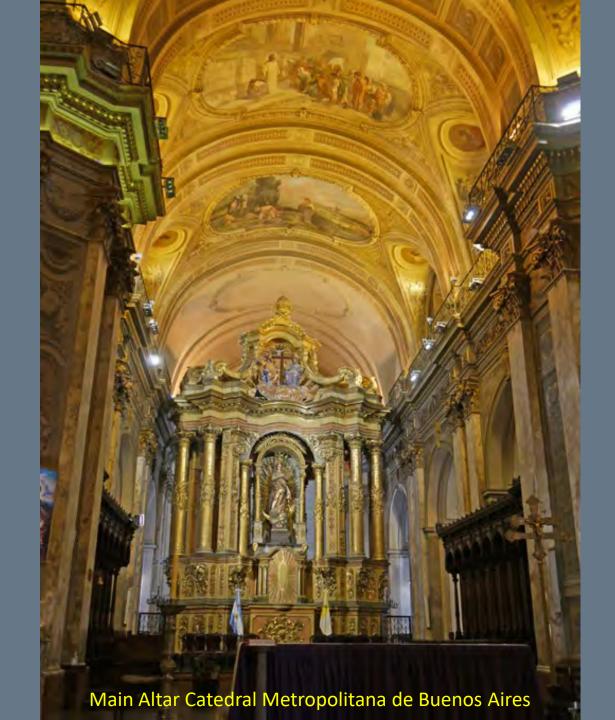
Buenos Aires & Ushuaia





























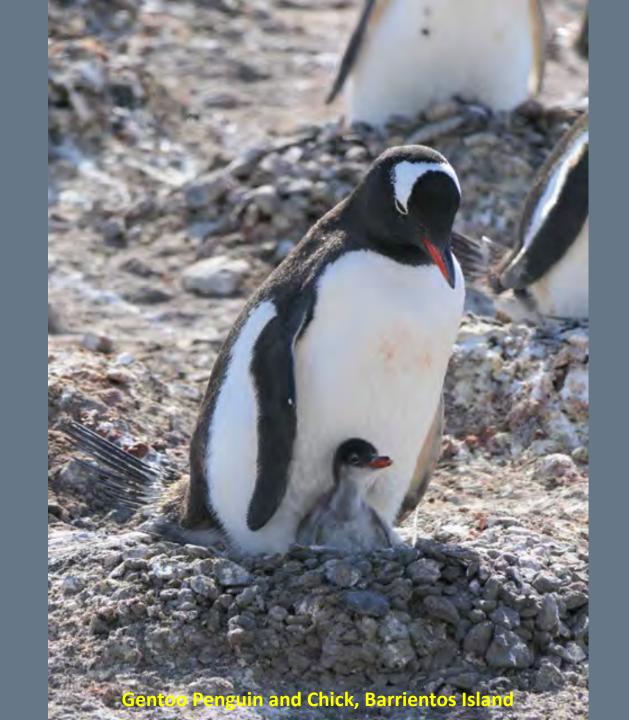


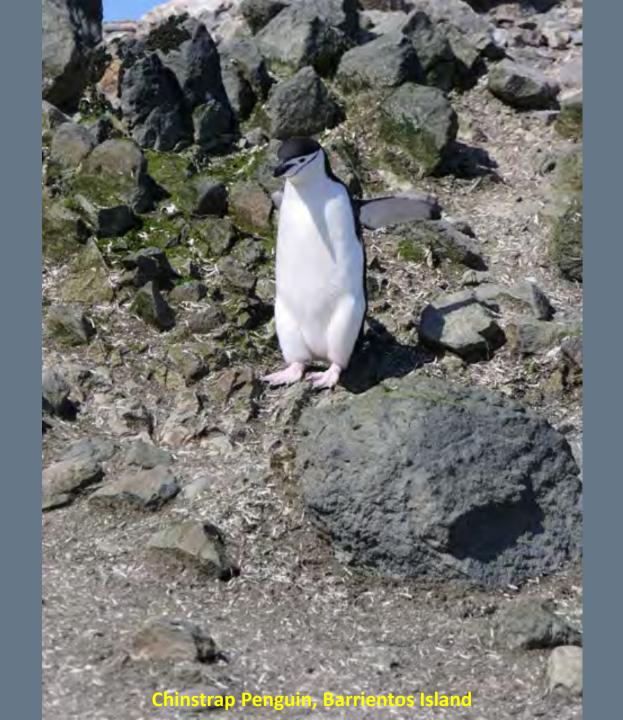


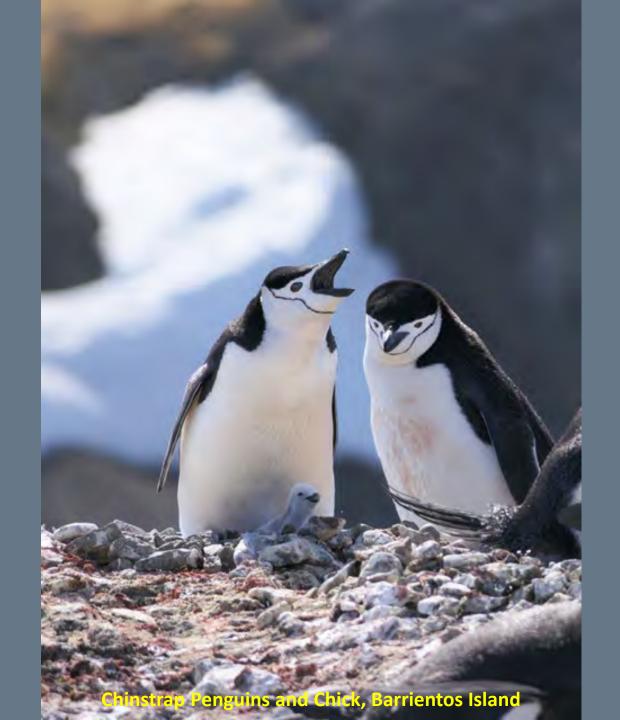




















Enroute to Brown Bluff (landing aborted due to weather)











Glacier on Island Enroute to Brown Bluff



















Devil Island



Icebergs and L'Austral Off Devil Island











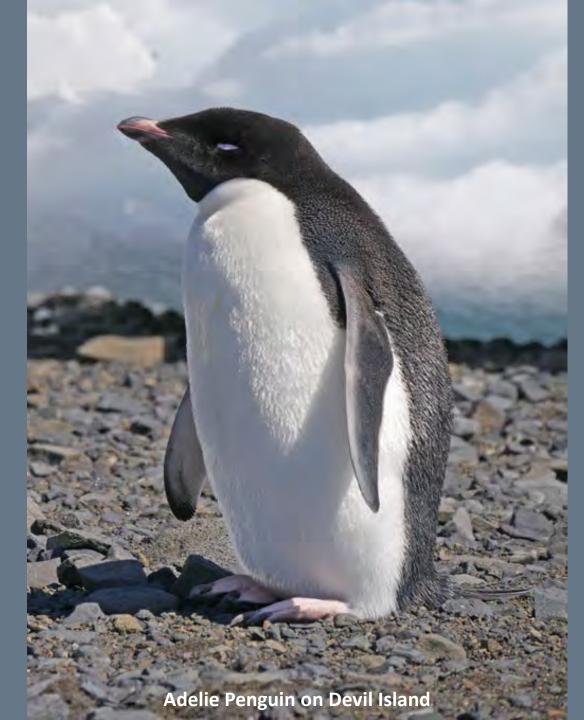


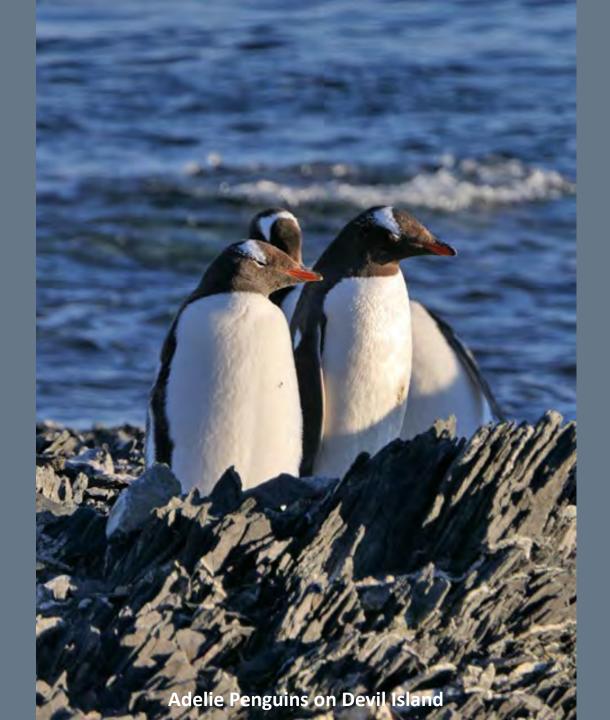


Adelie Penguin Colony on Devil Island



























Pitt Point, Continental Antarctica













Becky and Jim on the Pitt Point Glacier

Sunset Leaving Pitt Point



Iceberg Landing on the Way to Snowhill Island

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Zodiac Landing on Tabular Iceberg off James Ross Island



Becky Finds a Soft Spot in the Iceberg

Becky and Jim at Iceberg Landing

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Snowhill Island

















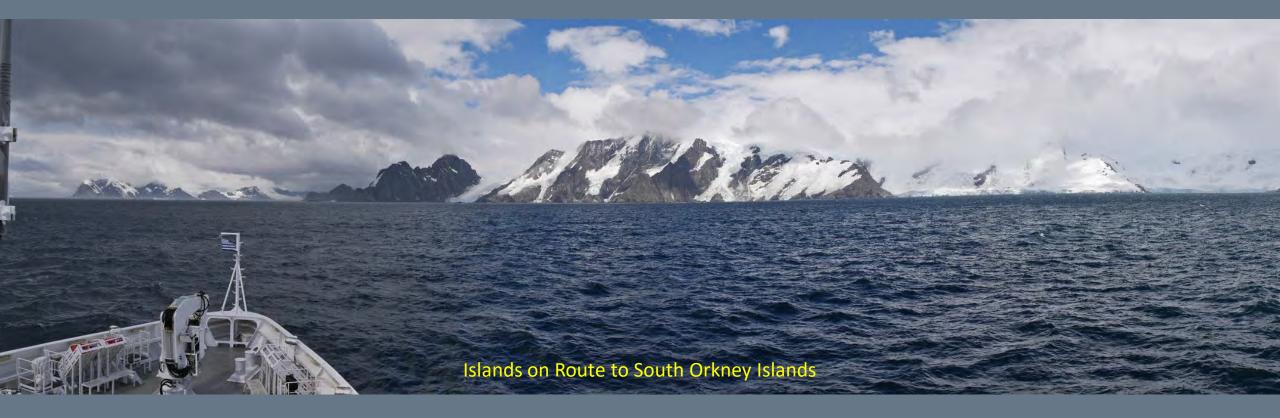








Gibbon Bay & Coronation Island, South Orkney Islands

















South Georgia Island





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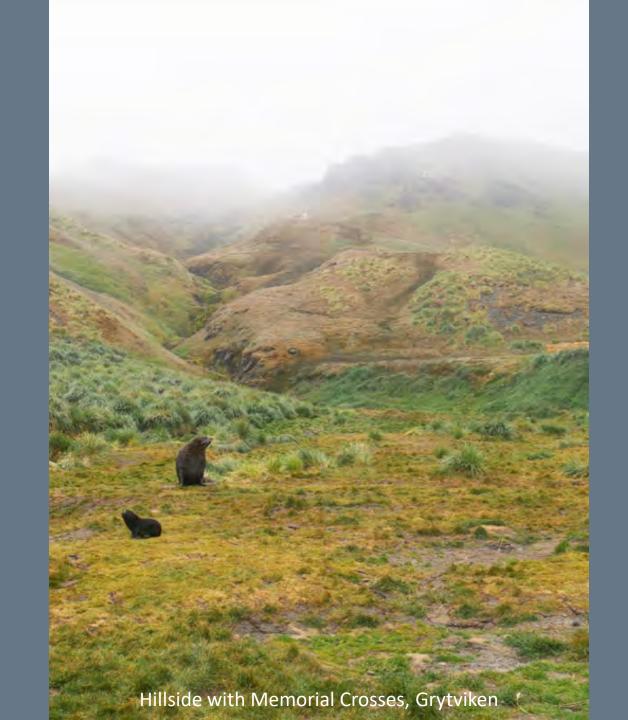
Antarctic Fur Seals and Shipwrecks Along the Beach at Grytviken





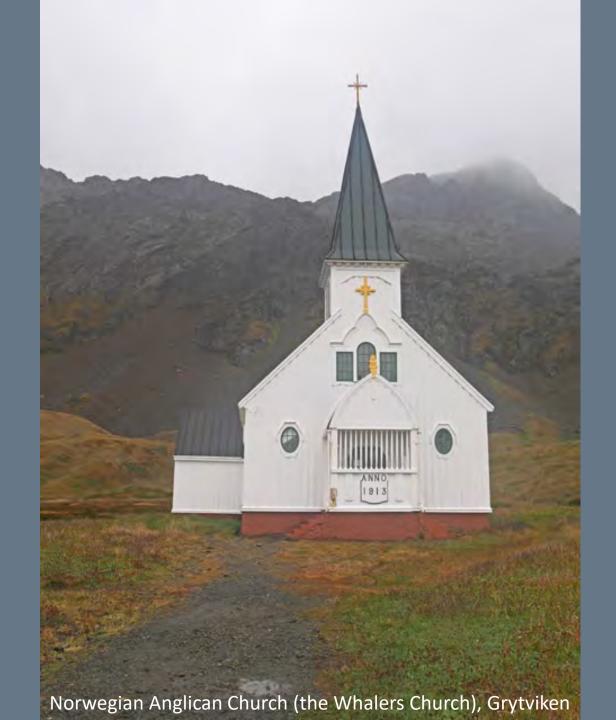














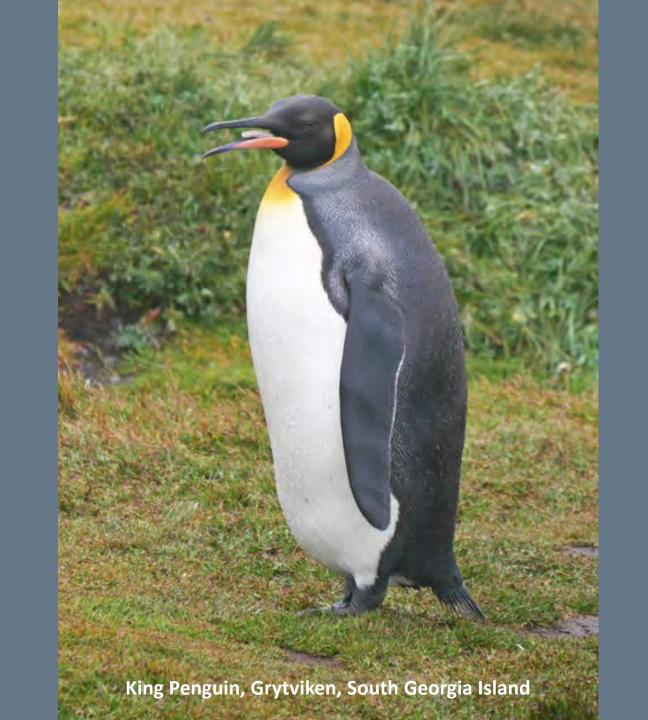


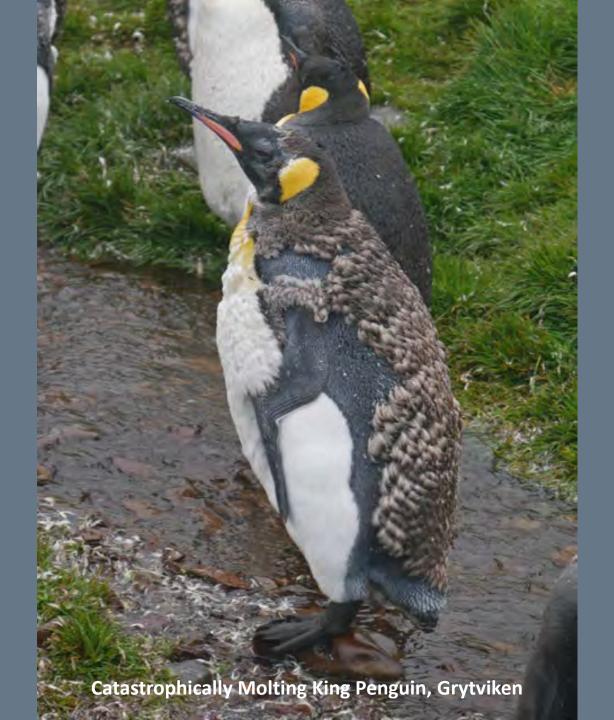




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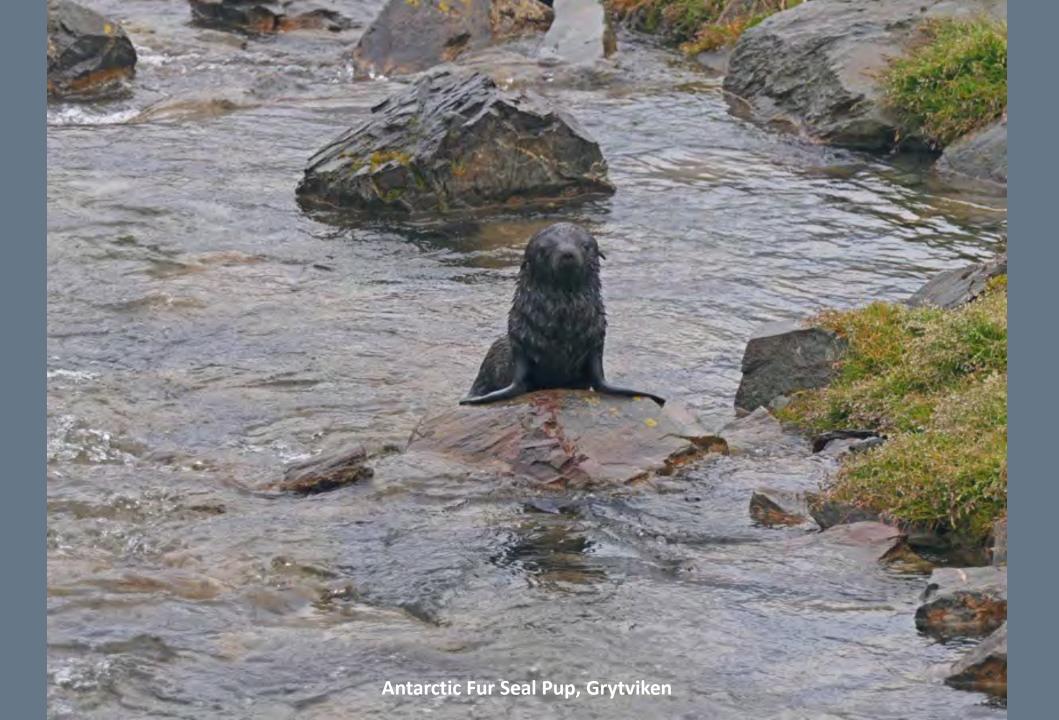
White Antarctic Fur Seal Pup, Grytviken



























Fortuna Bay, South Georgia Island







King Penguins at Fortuna Bay, South Georgia Island















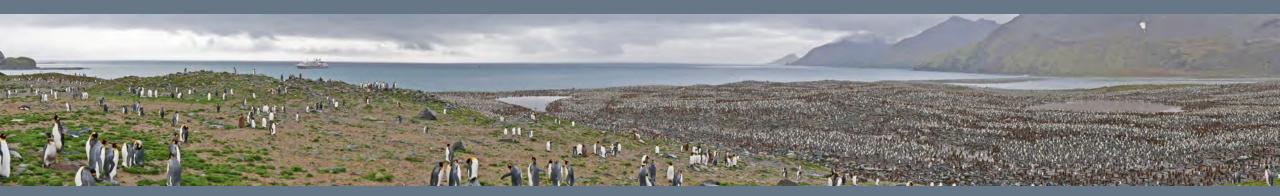








St. Andrew's Bay, South Georgia Island



King Penguin Colony, St. Andrew's Bay, South Georgia Island





















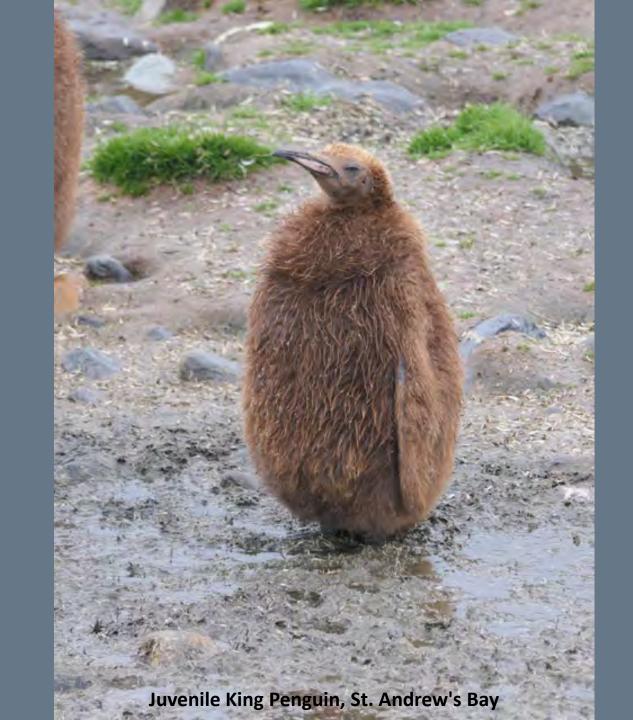


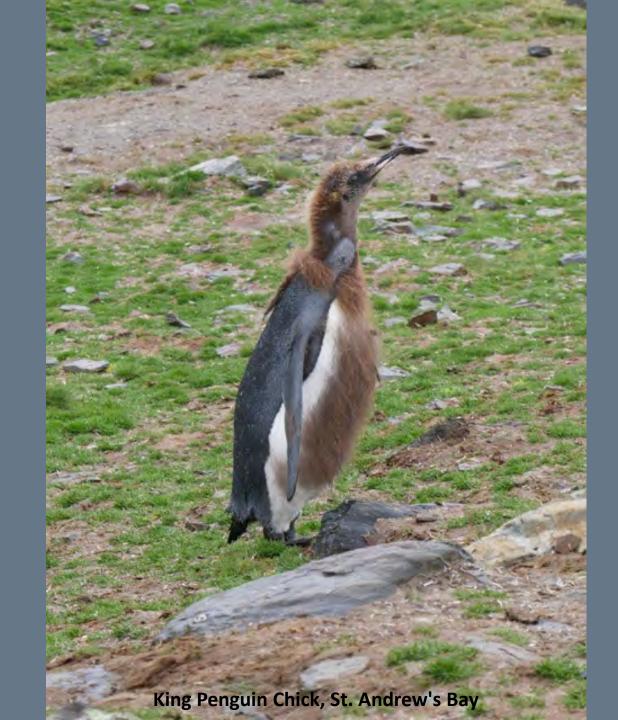


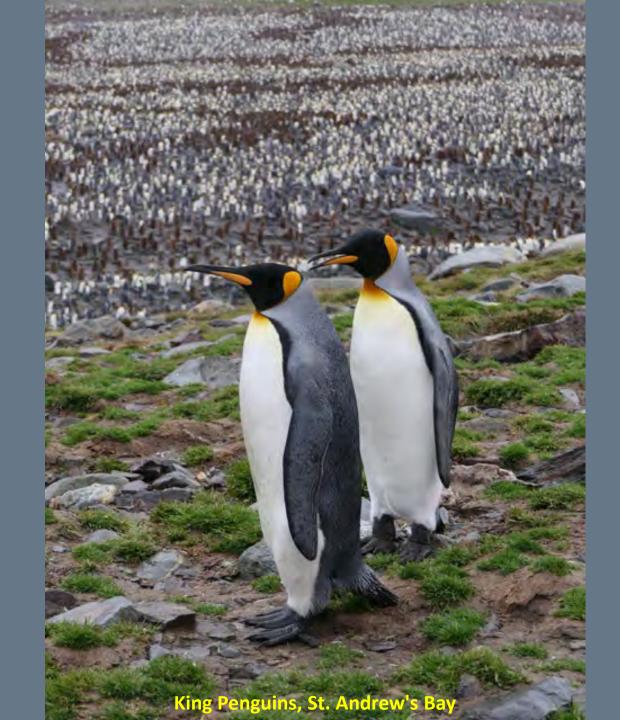


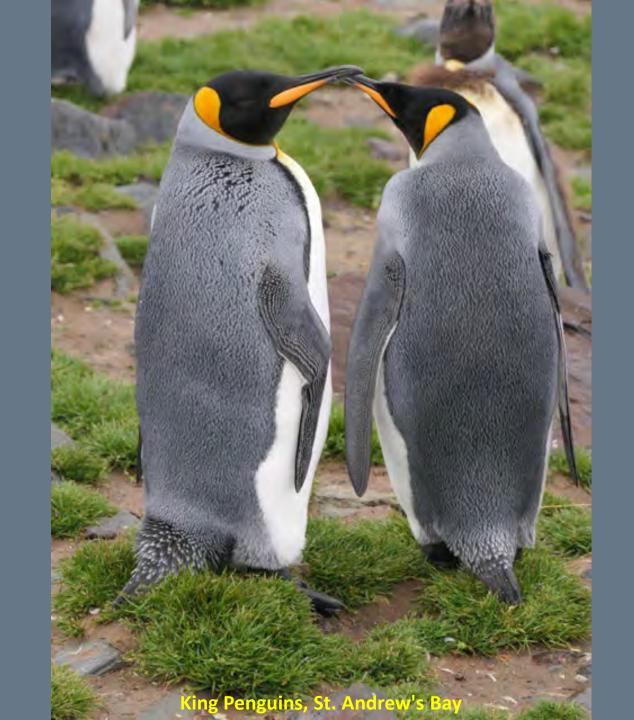














St. Andrew's Bay Panorama







New Island, North Harbor & South Harbor, The Falklands

Beach at North Harbor, New Island, Falklands

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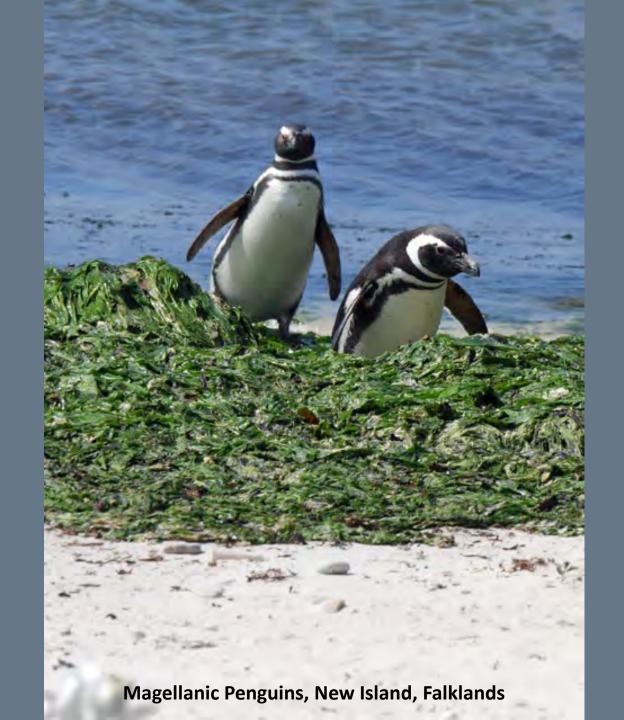


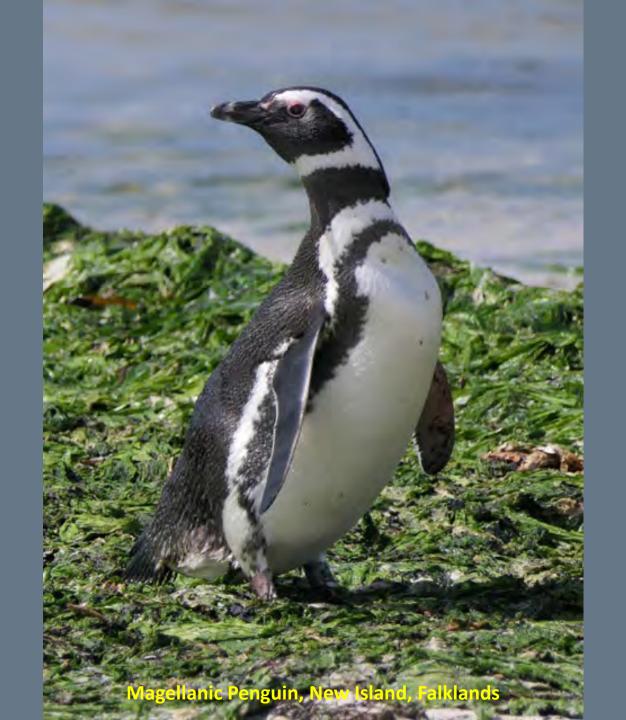












Zodiac Landing at New Island, South Harbor, Falkland Islands

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Nesting Albatoss, New Island, Falklands

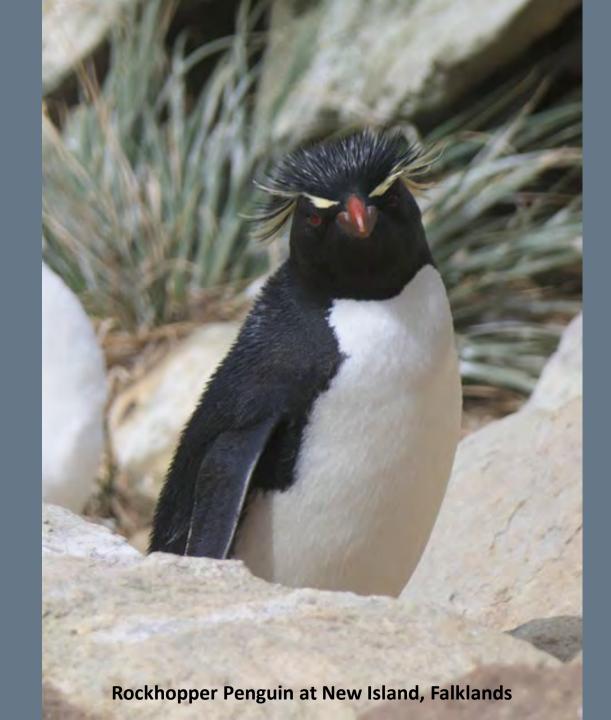
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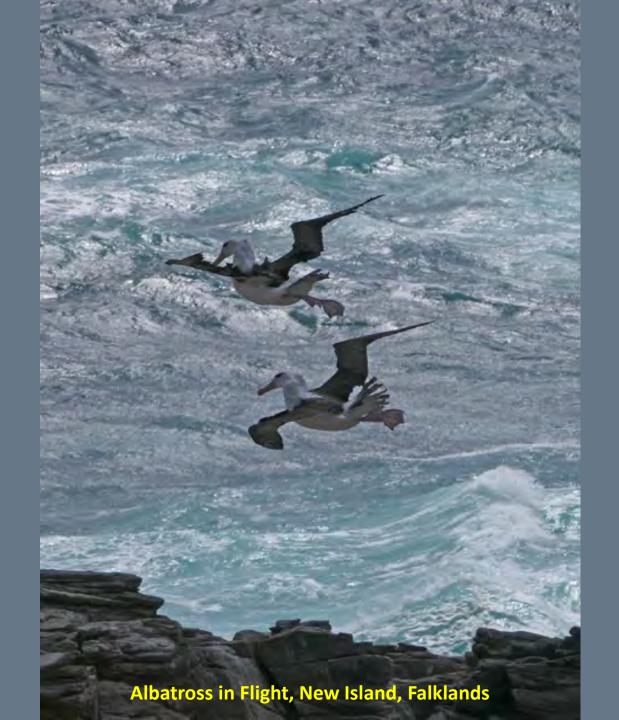
Rock Hopper Colony and Albatross Nesting Area, New Island



Rockhopper Penguin and Chicks at New Island, South Harbor, Falkland Islands

Black-browed Albatross with Chick on Rock Nest, New Island, Falklands





End of the Cruise at the End of the World

