



Penguin Parade

These inquisitive, smartly dressed tuxedo-clad birds are one of the first animals that come to mind when people think of an adventure to the South Pole. It's World Penguin Day today, so what better time to introduce you to eight penguin species that can be found on our Explorer expedition voyages in Patagonia, South Georgia, the Falkland Islands, and Antarctica.



Emperor

Largest of all the penguins, they can be as tall as 120 cm and weigh up to 45 kg. Emperor penguins can be identified by their size and bright yellow and orange plumage along their heads, necks, and chests. They can dive to depths of over 500 metres and stay underwater for 20 minutes at a time.

King

Second in size but sporting a slender look, the King penguin show off deep golden markings that adorn its crown and highlight its beak. With style fit for royalty, it also swaps the traditional black coat for a dark grey. They can be also be found in South Georgia and the Falkland Islands.



Chinstrap

It's not hard to understand why Chinstrap penguins are named as such. They are also known as 'stonebreakers' for a piercing screech that could do just that. With a population estimated at 7.5 million breeding pairs, they are one of the most abundant penguin species in the world.

Gentoo

Here's introducing the streamlined speedsters of the penguin world, the fastest flippers of all diving birds. While not strong runners on land, they more than make up for it in the water, taking off up to speeds of 20 miles an hour, lightning quick compared to most other species who max out at 7 mph.



Magellanic

Found in South America along the coasts of Argentina, Chile and the Falkland Islands, these penguins are named after the famous Portuguese explorer. To adapt to the warmer climates, they are known to extend their flippers to catch a breeze, shed feathers around their beak, and pant like a dog.

Macaroni

These eccentric-looking penguins are characterised by their bright, spiky, orange crests. English sailors named them after a particular style in 18th century England that saw men wear flamboyant hats. One of the largest colonies is on South Georgia with almost 3 million breeding pairs.



Southern Rockhopper

These golden eye-browed penguins are called 'rockhoppers' because of the way they navigate on land, attempting to jump over obstacles rather than waddle around them. Their crests boast more of 'punk' look than the slicked-back style of their larger Macaroni cousins.

Adélie

Discovered by a French explorer who named them after his wife, these are the smallest but most widespread penguin species in the Antarctic region. But don't let their diminutive size fool you. They are one of the toughest, most fearless residents in these parts, taking on bigger beasts with undaunted pluck.



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