

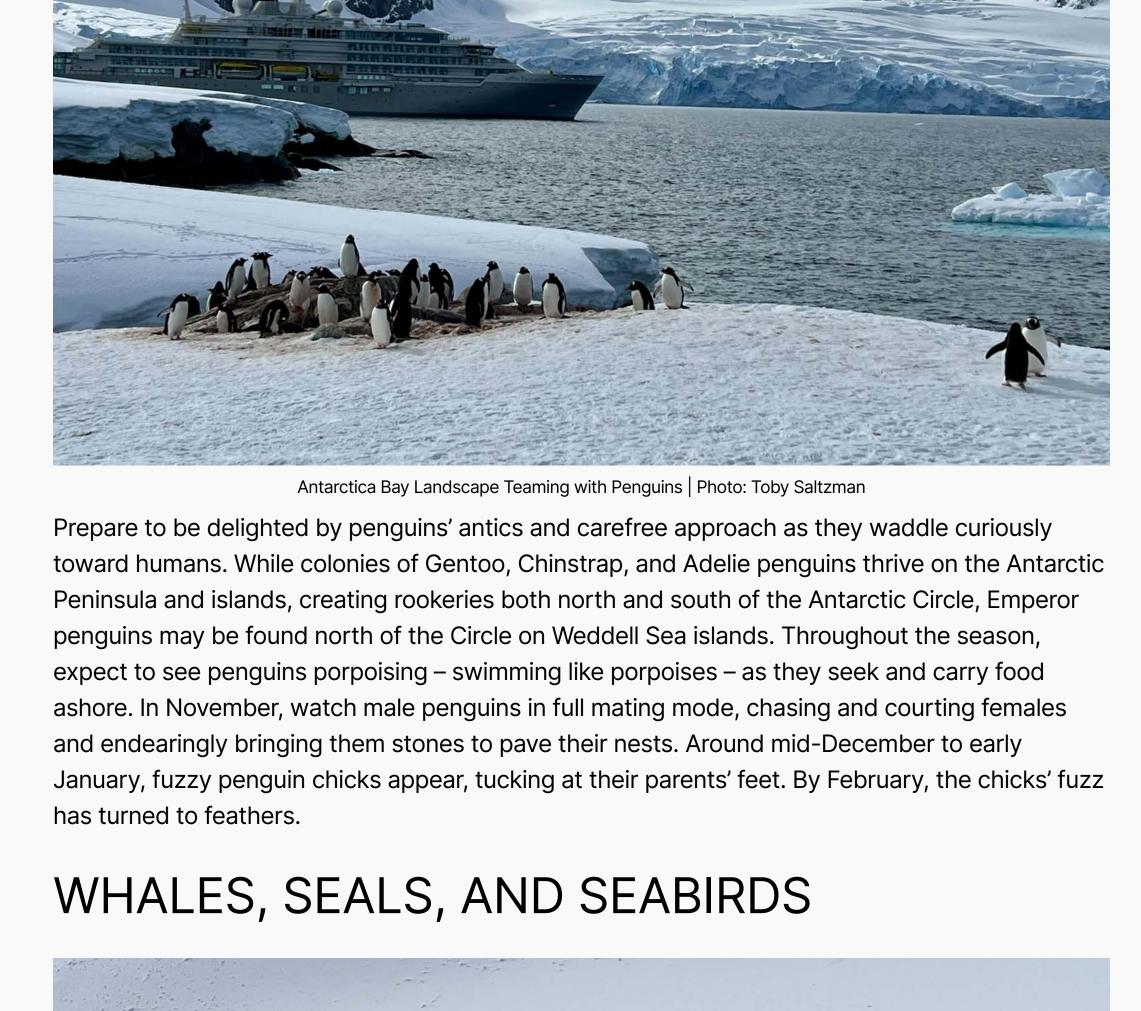
of a quiet bay, you'll earn a lifetime of bragging rights.

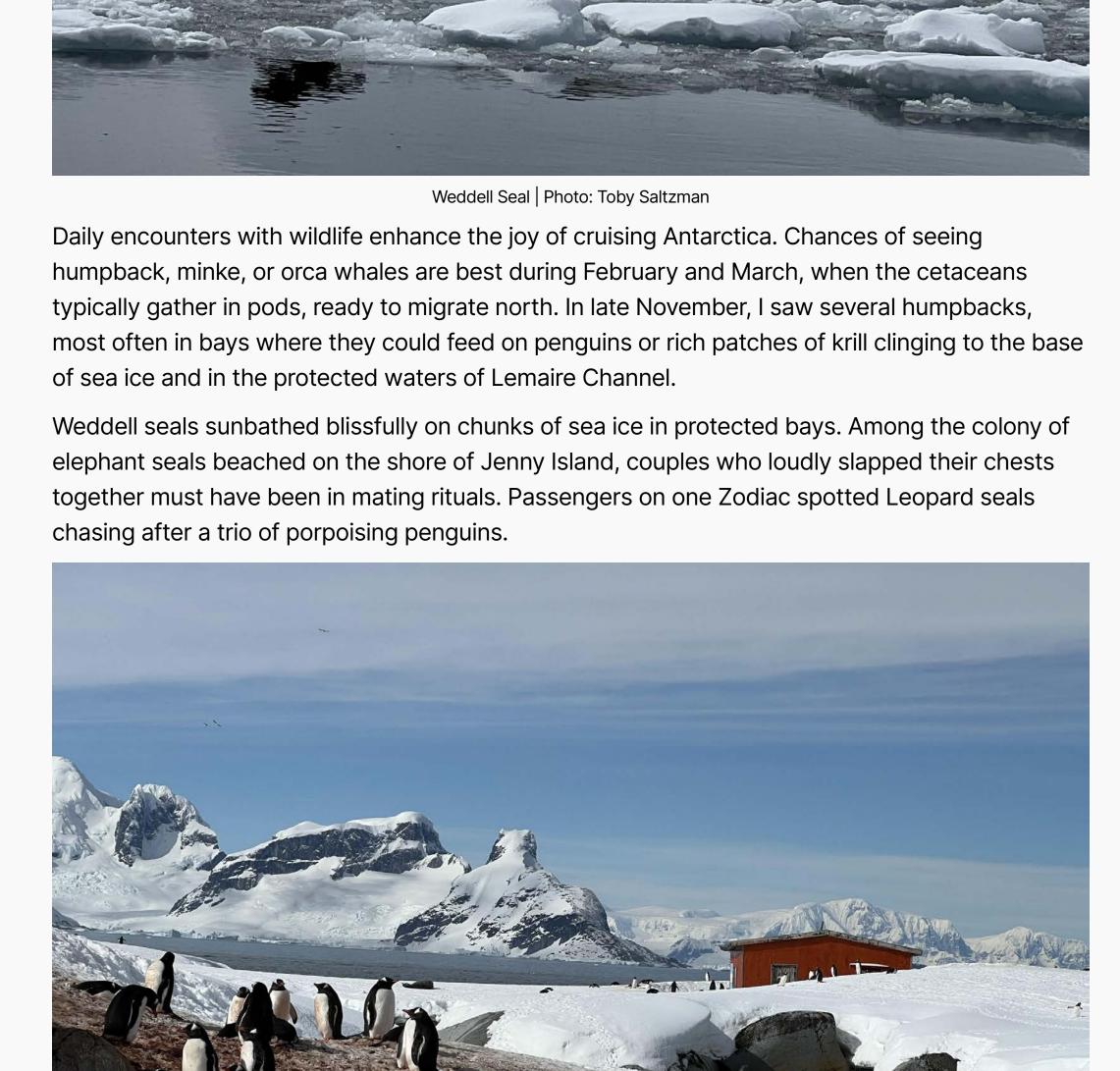
PENGUINS

ANTARCTIC

EXPEDITION SHOULD BE ON YOUR CRUISE HORIZON Exploring the Antarctic Peninsula aboard Silversea's Silver Endeavour, I saw Antarctica is like no other place on earth. By the end of the cruise - as expedition leader Marieke Egan predicted most passengers inevitably do - l'd become an Antarctic Ambassador, extolling reasons to indulge in the experience. ANTARCTIC SCENERY, LANDSCAPES, AND **SEASCAPES**

Just being in Antarctica's austral summer from November to March, the endless daylight gives a sense of the south polar latitude. Cruising past the pristine beauty of peaked mountains gleaming white against blue skies, floating icebergs high as cathedrals, and scenic harbors framed by glaciers that calve with thunderous booms is humbling. As guides lead kayak safaris and navigate Zodiacs among bergs and ice floes, you're destined to feel awestruck by the nature of Antarctica's climate. And if you're brave enough to indulge in a polar dip into the frigid waters





Penguins | Photo: Toby Saltzman Antarctica thrives with seabirds, most feeding on krill at the edge of sea ice or icebergs that

rolled over. The waters of Pleaneau Bay – dubbed Iceberg Graveyard for its colossal formations –

swooped in with its vast wingspan, landing without a splash lest it warns penguins waddling on

teemed with seabirds diving for food. Most astonishing, the predator Southern Giant Petrel

the ice nearby. **ICEBERGS**

the gurgling and popping air bubbles of melting ice.

EDUCATION

Originating as enormous swaths of ice that calve from glaciers, icebergs come in all sizes,

textures, and shapes honed by waves. Their surfaces show the stage of melting. Chunky flat

surfaces show where they calved from a glacier. Smooth or pebbled surfaces mean the iceberg

has rolled over in the ocean. Cruising around icebergs, close to their sapphire grottos, you hear

Lecture on species of penguins aboard Silver Endeavour | Photo: Toby Saltzman Most Antarctica expedition teams include resident experts whose various lectures enhance the

experience. Expect history lectures that detail Sir Earnest Shackleton's expeditions, early whaling stations, and scientific research stations. Marine biology and ornithology lectures include identifying species plus their existence as predators. Geology and ecology programs include elements of Antarctica's geographic nature as a desert covered with eons of pre-historic ice. And photography sessions focus on snapping shots of a lifetime adventure, inevitably turning passengers into Antarctic Ambassadors.