

Shackleton Hike & St. Andrews Bay

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Hikers make their way up from Fortuna Bay on their way Stromness Bay as they made their way along the final leg of Shackleton's hike.



The shores of Crean Lake - an iconic part of the Shackleton hike.



The view of Stromness bay along the Shackleton hike. On 20 May 1916 this would be the first view of civilization Shackleton, Worsley and Crean would have seen since they left Stromness Bay in December of 1914.



After Shackleton, Worsley and Crean descended to Stromness Bay, which included climbing down this waterfall, which was frozen at the time, at last they knew they reached safety.



A small portion of the nearly 250,000 breeding pairs of king penguins at St. Andrews Bay, the largest king penguin colony on South Georgia.



A group of king penguins seem to be saying goodbye to departing guests at St. Andrews Bay.

The day started at 6:45 a.m. with a hike in the footsteps of Shackleton. We retraced the final leg of Shackleton, Worsley and Crean's famous hike across South Georgia, which was when they finally reached safety after their ordeal on the ice. Shackleton wrote afterwards: "I have no doubt that Providence guided us...I know that during that long and racking march of thirty-six hours over the unnamed mountains and glaciers it seemed to me often that we were four, not three."

After we finished our hike, *National Geographic Orion* will make her way southeast to Saint Andrew's Bay where we will get to the largest king penguin colony on South Georgia.

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Having grown up in the wilds of Northern Minnesota, Eric's lifelong love of nature and a desire to explore was a forgone conclusion. His childhood summers were spent canoeing the lakes of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area and his winters were spent exploring those frozen lakes on skis. It was no surprise when he decided to spend his summers working in Alaska's fishing industry on a four-person commercial salmon fishing boat in Prince William Sound while attending the University of Minnesota. He did take a break to study abroad for a year in Helsinki, Finland.