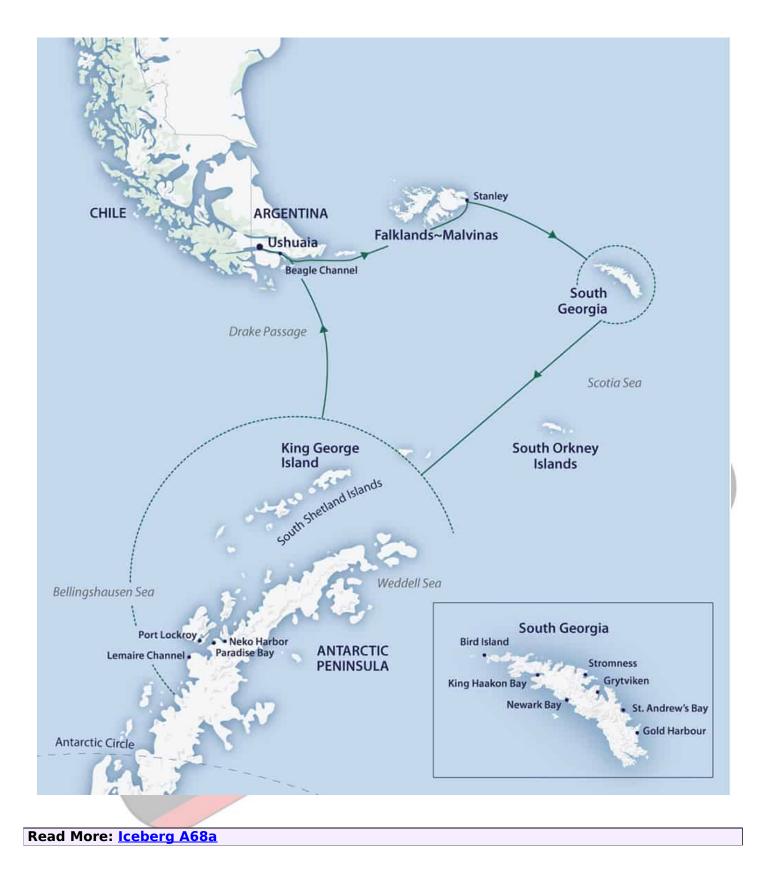


Colossal A23a Iceberg Stuck

Source: HT

The world's largest iceberg, **Colossal A23a** (3,672 sq. km), is stuck about 70 km from **South Georgia Island**, likely avoiding ecological harm to its wildlife habitats.

- A23a broke from the Filchner Ice Shelf (Antarctica) in 1986 and remained stuck in the <u>Weddell Sea</u> for over 30 years and started drifting north in 2020 towards South Georgia Island.
- Nutrients released from the iceberg's grounding and melting may boost marine food availability, supporting the regional ecosystem.
- South Georgia Island: The UK administers South Georgia (also claimed by Argentina) as a <u>British overseas territory</u>.
- Icebergs: Icebergs are large floating masses of freshwater ice that break off (calve) from glaciers or ice shelves and drift in oceans or seas.
 - Since ice is **less dense than water**, **90%** of an iceberg stays submerged, with only the top visible.
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