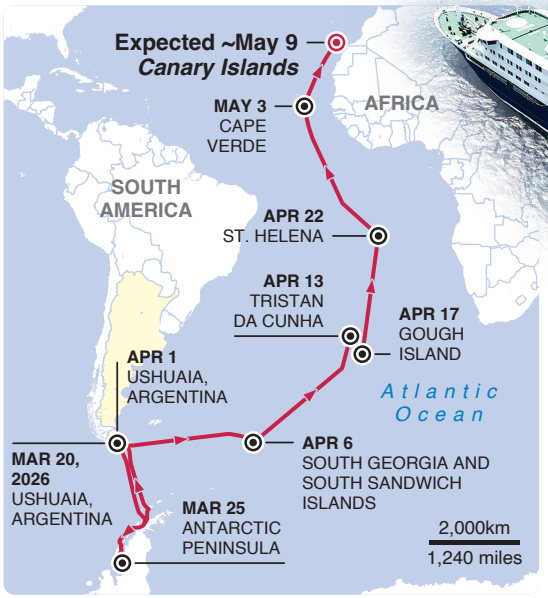
Deadly virus ship offered sanctuary

Spain has granted permission for a cruise ship, carrying a growing number of passengers sick with *hantavirus*, to dock at the Canary Islands, despite protests from its president

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Oceanwide Expeditions' ***MV Hondius*** *cruise ship*



SHIP SPECIFICATIONS

Passengers/crew:	**~150**
Class:	**Polar Class 6**
Length:	**107.6m**
Breadth:	**17.6m**
Displacement:	**5,590t**
Engines:	**2 x diesel**
Speed:	**15 knots**

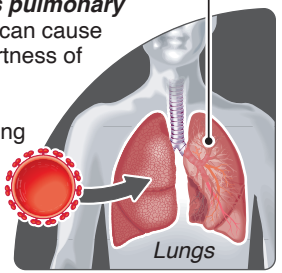
Passengers confined to quarters for safety – smallest cabin is just ***15.3m²*** *(below)*

WHAT IS HANTAVIRUS?

Infection caused by virus spread through exposure to infected ***urine***, ***saliva*** or ***droppings*** from ***rodents***

Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome can cause cough, shortness of breath and respiratory failure leading to death

No cure other than to manage symptoms





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