

ANTARCTIC PENINSULA - ACROSS THE ANTARCTIC CIRCLE | SYLVIA EARLE




INTRODUCTION

This 14 day Antarctica cruise doesn't just explore the popular Antarctic Peninsula—it also ventures below the Antarctic Circle. On this cruise, you'll enter a different world rarely seen. On the peninsula, life feels more isolated and colder than further north, with great swathes of pack ice and dreamlike icebergs, but it also brings unique landscapes, wildlife, and a wonderful feeling of solitude and adventure. Thread through pack ice and narrow channels where scenes of ice-clad mountains, feeding whales and lively penguin colonies become lasting memories.

Your journey begins with a flight from Punta Arenas to King George Island, taking you straight to Antarctica without the time or turbulence of the infamous Drake Passage. Then, begin your one-of-a-kind adventure, where each day brings new opportunities. From spotting your first iceberg, eagerly watching for seals and penguins, to discussing the day's adventures over dinner, the secret wonders of the Antarctica Peninsula won't soon be forgotten.

PLEASE NOTE: Pricing is subject to change and availability at the time of booking. Contact us for more information.

ITINERARY

TRIP CODE
ACAECIR
DEPARTURE
25/02/2024
DURATION
14 Days
LOCATIONS
Antarctic Peninsula


ANTARCTIC PENINSULA - ACROSS THE ANTARCTIC CIRCLE | SYLVIA EARLE

DAY 1: Arrive Punta Arenas

Having made your way to Punta Arenas, you will be met by a representative of Aurora Expeditions and transferred to our group hotel. This evening, enjoy a light refreshment as you meet your fellow expeditioners at a Welcome Reception and Pre-Voyage Briefing.



DAY 2: Fly to King George Island & Embark

This morning we will be transferred to Punta Arenas airport for our charter flight to King George Island, Antarctica (weather permitting). The flight will take approximately one hour and forty-five minutes. On arrival into King George Island our expedition team is on hand to greet you and to prepare you for your Zodiac transfer to the vessel. You will have time to settle into your cabin before our important safety briefings. Note: King George Island is located at the northern part of the Antarctic Peninsula in the South Shetland Islands and is one of the most remote places on Earth. A clear sky with perfect visibility is required for safe take-off and landing. We apologise in advance for any delays.



TRIP CODE

ACAECIR

DEPARTURE

25/02/2024

DURATION

14 Days

LOCATIONS

Antarctic Peninsula



ANTARCTIC PENINSULA - ACROSS THE ANTARCTIC CIRCLE | SYLVIA EARLE

DAY 3: Antarctica & Crossing the Circle Days 3 to 11

It's almost impossible to describe the feeling of arriving in Antarctica. Spotting your first iceberg and taking a deep breath of some of the most fresh, crisp air on earth is an experience that will stay with you forever. Once we arrive, the western side of the Antarctic Peninsula and the South Shetland Islands are ours to explore, and we have a host of choices available to us. Because we are so far south, we will experience approximately 18-24 hours of daylight and the days can be as busy as you wish. We generally make landings or Zodiac excursions twice a day. You will want to rug up before joining Zodiac cruises along spectacular ice cliffs or among grounded icebergs, keeping watch for whales, seals and porpoising penguins. Zodiacs will also transport you from the ship to land, where you can visit penguin rookeries, discover historic huts and explore some of our favourite spots along the peninsula. While ashore we aim to stretch our legs, wandering along pebbly beaches or perhaps up snow-covered ridgelines to vantage points with mountains towering overhead and ice-speckled oceans below. If you have chosen an optional activity, you will have the option to do that whenever conditions allow, and of course keen polar plungers will have the chance to fully immerse themselves in polar waters - conditions permitting! In addition to Zodiac cruises and shore excursions, we may ship cruise some of the narrow, dramatic straits separating offshore islands from the mainland, or linger in scenic bays to watch whales travelling or feeding. This is a great time to enjoy the observation lounge or make your way to the bridge for uninterrupted views of Antarctica in all its splendour. Keep an ear out for the creak and deep rumble of glaciers as they carve their way from summit to sea. Take a quiet moment to experience the wonder of this incredible white continent. On this voyage, conditions permitting, we plan to cross the Antarctic Circle, an imaginary line located at the Antarctic Circle at latitude 66°33' South (approximately). Crossing below The Circle is certainly a special highlight for many people, and the moment will be celebrated with a toast out on the deck (weather permitting). You have earned some boasting privileges, joining a small group of lucky adventurers who have ventured to this part of the world. As we approach and cross the Antarctic Circle, you will notice subtle changes in the landscape, and also in the distribution of wildlife. The waters at this time of year are rich with krill and we hope to see plenty of whales - particularly humpbacks and minke and enjoy the spectacle of penguins feeding their ravenous chicks.



TRIP CODE

ACAECIR

DEPARTURE

25/02/2024

DURATION

14 Days

LOCATIONS

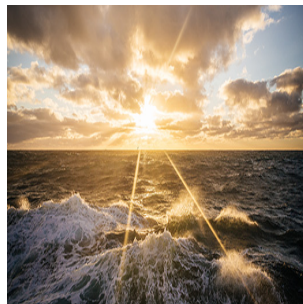
Antarctic Peninsula



ANTARCTIC PENINSULA - ACROSS THE ANTARCTIC CIRCLE | SYLVIA EARLE

DAY 12: Drake Passage Days 12 & 13

Enjoy a final morning landing in the South Shetland Islands before we re-enter the Drake Passage for our return journey to South America. With lectures and film presentations to complete our Antarctic experience, there is still plenty of time to enjoy the magic of the Southern Ocean and the life that calls it home. There is time for reflection and discussion about what we have seen and experienced. We hope you become ambassadors for Antarctica telling your family, friends and colleagues about your journey to this magical place, advocating for its conservation and preservation so that they might one day visit the region to experience what you have been lucky to see and do here. As we approach the tip of South America, our Captain may sail close to legendary Cape Horn, weather and time permitting.



DAY 14: Disembark in Ushuaia

During the early morning, we cruise up the Beagle Channel, before quietly slipping into dock in Ushuaia, where we disembark from approximately 8.00 am. Farewell your attentive crew, expedition team and fellow passengers as we all continue our onward journeys, hopefully with a newfound sense of the immense power of nature. A transfer to Ushuaia airport or to your hotel is included in the voyage fare. Note: At the conclusion of the voyage, we do not recommend booking flights departing Ushuaia prior to 12.00 pm on the day of disembarkation in case there are delays.



TRIP CODE

ACAECIR

DEPARTURE

25/02/2024

DURATION

14 Days

LOCATIONS

Antarctic Peninsula



INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Cabin on board ship

ANTARCTIC PENINSULA - ACROSS THE ANTARCTIC CIRCLE | SYLVIA EARLE

Inclusions

INCLUSIONS

All airport transfers mentioned in the itinerary
 One night's hotel accommodation with breakfast in Punta Arenas on day 1
 Charter flight from Punta Arenas to King George Island on day 2
 On-board accommodation during voyage including daily cabin service
 All meals, snacks, tea and coffee during voyage
 Beer, house wine and soft drinks with dinner
 All shore excursions and Zodiac cruises
 Educational lectures and guiding services from expedition team
 Complimentary access to onboard expedition doctor and medical clinic (initial consult)
 A 3-in-1 waterproof polar expedition jacket
 Complimentary use of muck boots during the voyage
 Comprehensive pre-departure information
 Port surcharges, permits and landing fees
 Gratuities for ship crew

EXCLUSIONS

International or domestic flights to or within South America, unless specified
 Transfers not mentioned in the itinerary
 Airport arrival or departure taxes
 Passport, visa, reciprocity and vaccination charges
 Travel insurance or emergency evacuation charges
 Hotels and meals not included in itinerary
 Optional excursions not included in the itinerary
 Optional activity surcharges
 All items of a personal nature including but not limited to: alcoholic beverages and soft drinks (outside of dinner service), laundry services, personal clothing, medical expenses, Wi-Fi, email or phone charges

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

Single Surcharge

Available upon request, contact us for more details.

Notes

Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated for triple/quad cabins)
 Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.
 Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions

Price Dependent upon

Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

TRIP CODE

ACAECIR

DEPARTURE

25/02/2024

DURATION

14 Days

LOCATIONS

Antarctic Peninsula



SUSTAINABILITY