

ANTARCTICA FLY CRUISE - ANTARCTIC EXPRESS: FLY THE DRAKE | WORLD EXPLORER



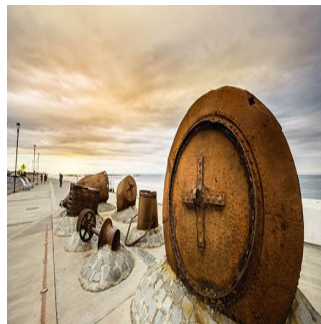
INTRODUCTION


See your first glimpses of the dramatic landscapes of Antarctica from the air, as you fly by charter plane across the infamous Drake Passage from Punta Arenas, to land only hours later on the South Shetland Island of King George. From here you cruise in style aboard the refined and luxurious World Explorer, to discover the wonders of the White Continent. Shore landings by Zodiac take you to beaches dotted with penguins and seals, to visit research stations and to hike to a penguin rookery. Zodiac cruises take you out in search of whales and seals and in amongst beautifully sculpted icebergs, set against spectacular landscapes of snow-capped peaks, icy plateaus and glaciers. This is the ideal cruise for those who are short on time but want to experience the wonders of Antarctica.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Punta Arenas, Chile

Your adventure begins in Punta Arenas, Chile, the most populated city in southern Patagonia. If you arrive early, there are many museums, restaurants and shops to keep you busy for days. By early afternoon, a Quark Expeditions representative will meet you at the official starting point hotel, where you'll enjoy a welcome dinner and be briefed about preparing for your embarkation day.



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DEPARTURE
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DURATION
8 Days
LOCATIONS
Antarctic Peninsula


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DAY 2: Embarkation Day

Your charter flight from Punta Arenas to Antarctica will have you crossing the legendary Drake Passage in only a few hours. Far below, the ship will approach King George Island for your arrival. Your first glimpse of dramatic Antarctic landscapes will be from a unique perspective, as your plane descends for landing in the South Shetland Islands. After landing, stretch your legs and spend time exploring the island before being transferred by Zodiac to your ship to set sail for the Antarctic Peninsula!



DAY 3: Antarctic Peninsula & South Shetlands - Day 3 to 6

There are few places in the world as evocative as Antarctica. As your ship approaches the White Continent, you may be overcome by feelings of excitement and awe. Much of Antarctica is indescribable and can only be fully appreciated through your own eyes. As your captain and Expedition Team keep a lookout for whales and seabirds, you'll be alerted to any new sightings. Our team of expert lecturers will also provide in-depth explanations of the geology, history and wildlife of the region. Even more exciting are your daily land excursions. Your first Zodiac landing is something you'll never forget! Walking up to a beach dotted with penguins and seals is the most intimate way to experience the unique wildlife of Antarctica. Each landing is different and is dependent on weather, but every day presents new sightings and photo opportunities, and it won't be long before you can tell the difference between an Adélie, gentoo or chinstrap penguin. You may take a Zodiac cruise in search of whales and icebergs around Pleneau Island one day, followed by a hike to a penguin rookery the next day. From the booming sound of a calving glacier at Neko Harbour to the thrill of watching a leopard seal as it hunts a penguin, you'll wake up early and welcome each day with a sense of excitement and a desire to explore that which is unrivaled by any other travel experience. Your Expedition Team will be with you all along the way, providing insights into the places you visit.



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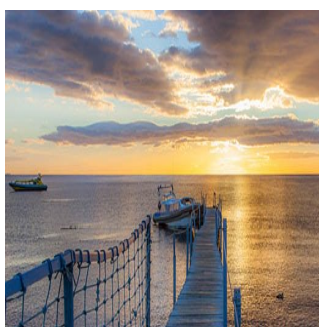
DAY 7: Disembark and Fly to Punta Arenas

After your week of exploration, you'll say goodbye to your Expedition Team and disembark at King George Island. Your three-hour flight across the Drake Passage to Punta Arenas, Chile, brings your adventure to an end. After your transfer from the airport to the hotel, you are free to explore and enjoy one final dinner to reminisce about the sights and sounds of Antarctica.



DAY 8: Depart Punta Arenas

After breakfast, you are welcome to continue on your own travels or make your way to the Punta Arenas airport for your homeward flights.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Hotel & Cabin on board ship

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INCLUSIONS

- Shipboard accommodation
- All meals & snacks on board throughout your voyage
- Beer, standard wines & spirits, & cocktails during pre-dinner bar service, dinner & evenings
- Coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock
- All scheduled landings/excursions
- Guiding and lectures by experienced expedition leader
- A photographic journey documenting the expedition
- Waterproof expedition boots on loan for shore landings
- Expedition parka to keep
- Comprehensive predeparture materials, including a map and an informative Antarctica Reader
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges
- All luggage handling aboard the ship
- All gratuities
- Return charter flight from Punta Arenas, Chile
- Free WiFi

Inclusions

EXCLUSIONS

- Airfares to/from embarkation and disembarkation city/cities
- Passport and visa expenses
- Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned above
- Meals ashore unless otherwise specified
- Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance
- Excess baggage fees on international flights
- Laundry and personal expenses incurred onboard
- Phone and internet charges
- Additional overnight accommodation
- Optional adventure activities

Difficulty Rating 2 (light adventure)

Single Surcharge Available upon request, a supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.

Notes Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions. Contact us for more details

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

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