

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



TRIP CODE

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DEPARTURE

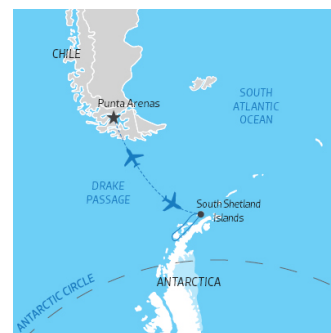
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DURATION

8 Days

LOCATIONS

Antarctica



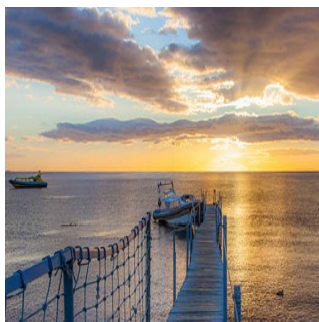
INTRODUCTION

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 Ocean 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

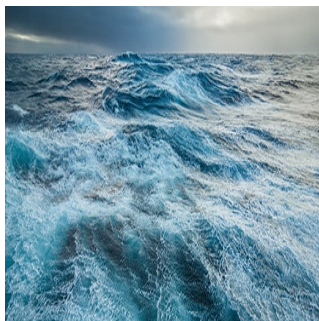
Your adventure begins in Punta Arenas, Chile, the most populated city in Patagonia. If you arrive early, there are many museums, restaurants and shops to keep you busy for days. By early afternoon, a representative will bring everyone together to your starting hotel, where you'll enjoy a welcome dinner and be briefed about preparing for your embarkation day. Please note: You must arrive at the designated hotel by 3pm local time. We recommend staying connected to the internet/phone in case of any updates.



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DAY 2: Embarkation Day

Your charter flight from Punta Arenas to Antarctica will have you crossing the infamous Drake Passage in only a few hours. Way below, the ship is approaching King George Island ready for your arrival. The dramatic Antarctic landscapes soon become visible as your plane descends for landing in the South Shetlands. After landing, stretch your legs and spend some time exploring the island before being transferred by Zodiac to your ship. Meet the rest of your shipmates and set sail for the Peninsula!



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

There are few places in the world as evocative as Antarctica. As we approach the White Continent, don't be surprised if you are overcome by feelings of excitement and awe. Much of Antarctica is indescribable and can only be fully appreciated through the human eye. Your first sightings will be from the ship itself. As the Captain and Expedition Team keep their eyes open 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 excursions to land. Your first Zodiac landing is something you'll never forget! Walking up to a beach that is 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. You may take a Zodiac cruise in search of whales and icebergs around Pleneau Island one day, followed by a hike to a chinstrap rookery the next day. From the booming shot of a calving glacier at Petermann Island to the complete silence of night while camping in Antarctica, you'll welcome each day with the excitement and energy of a young child. Our Expedition Team will be with you all along, providing insights into the places you visit and offering photography tips to get the most out of your expedition.



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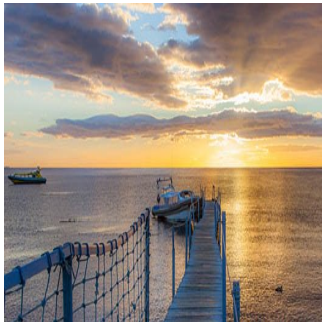
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DAY 7: Disembarkation and Fly to Punta Arenas


After your four days of exploration, you'll say goodbye to the Expedition Team and disembark at King George Island. Your three-hour flight across the Drake Passage to Punta Arenas, Chile brings your journey to an end. After we transfer you from the airport to the hotel, you can enjoy one final dinner (not included) to reminisce about all the sights and sounds of Antarctica.



DAY 8: Depart Punta Arenas

After breakfast, you will make your own way to the Punta Arenas airport for your homeward flight.



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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 shore landings per the daily program, weather permitting
- Presentations by expedition team & special guests.
- Downloadable photographic journal documenting the expedition
- Expedition boots on loan for shore landings
- An expedition parka to keep
- Hairdryer and bathrobe available in every cabin
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- Luggage handling aboard the ship
- Emergency Evacuation Insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of US\$500,000 per person
- Group transfer in Punta Arenas from the airport to the pre-expedition hotel on Day 1 of the itinerary
- One night pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Punta Arenas with breakfast
- Briefing dinner on arrival day
- Group transfer from hotel to airport in Punta Arenas pre-expedition
- Flights to and from King George Island as specified in the itinerary
- Group transfer from airport in Punta Arenas to hotel post-expedition
- One night post-expedition hotel accommodation in Punta Arenas with breakfast
- Free WiFi

Inclusions

EXCLUSIONS:

- Any airfare unless otherwise specified in the itinerary
- Passport and visa expenses
- Government arrival and departure taxes
- Any meals ashore unless otherwise specified
- Travel insurance
- Excess baggage charges
- Laundry, bar, beverage and other personal charges unless specified
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned
- Telecommunications charges
- Voluntary staff and crew gratuities
- Transfer from hotel to airport at the end of the expedition
- Note: Baggage allowance on charter flight is 33 lbs (15 kg) checked and 11 lbs (5 kg) carry-on.

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

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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 Please note that flights to/from King George Island are subject to weather and landing conditions.
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

SUSTAINABILITY

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