

# ANTARCTICA - ANTARCTIC EXPRESS: CROSSING THE CIRCLE | OCEAN EXPLORER



## INTRODUCTION

Enjoy Antarctica in style - by flying and then cruising south of the Antarctic Circle! A short three-hour flight is all it takes to travel between Punta Arenas, Chile and King George Island in Antarctica. Skipping all the extra days at sea, you'll enjoy only the best scenery and wildlife experiences of the Antarctic. Prepare yourself for a sensory overload, as you will be overwhelmed by the sheer beauty and dramatic landscapes of the White Continent. Soon after landing in Antarctica, our team of Polar Experts on the ship will have you searching for penguins and whales in Antarctica. Choose from a selection of optional adventure activities to make the most of your time in 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. 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.



### 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 is approaching King George Island ready for your arrival. Your first glimpse of dramatic Antarctica landscapes will be from a very unique perspective, as your plane descends towards 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 Antarctic Peninsula!



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11 Days
<b>LOCATIONS</b>
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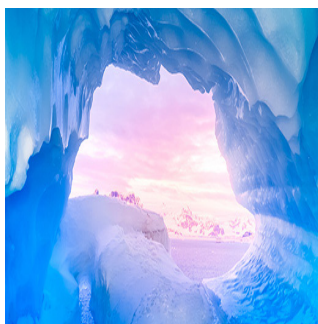
### DAY 3: Antarctic Peninsula & South Shetland - Day 3 to 5

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. 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 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 in Pleneau Island one day, followed by a hike to a penguin rookery the next day. From the booming shot of a calving glacier at Petermann Island to the complete silence of night while camping on the ice 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.



### DAY 6: The Antarctic Circle - Days 6 & 7

Crossing the Antarctic Circle is an impressive achievement, as most expeditions to the Peninsula do not reach 66° 33' S. You and your shipmates will celebrate in style with a well-earned glass of wine! With a toast to the first explorers who ventured this far south, you can take pride in knowing that you've made it to a part of the world still visited by very few people. This is raw Antarctica, home to the midnight sun, Weddell seals and some of the most magical, unusual ice formations seen anywhere in Antarctica.



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## DAY 8: Northbound Along the Peninsula - Days 8 & 9

If you haven't had your fill of Antarctic wildlife and icebergs by now, you'll surely be satisfied by the time we return to the Drake Passage. You will continue to journey onto land by Zodiac as you travel north along the western Antarctic Peninsula. Your Expedition Team will always be on the lookout for any species of penguins, seals and whales that may have eluded you on the journey south.



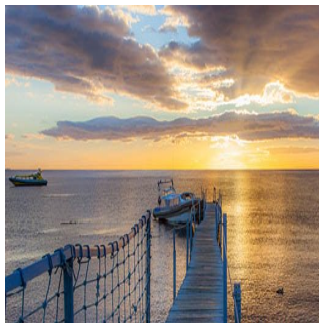
## DAY 10: Disembarkation and Fly to Punta Arenas

After your week 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 adventure to an end. After the group transfer to your hotel, enjoy an evening on your own, in the city or at the hotel.



## DAY 11: 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

- 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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<b>Single Surcharge</b>	Available upon request, a supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.
<b>Notes</b>	Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions. Contact us for more details
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

## SUSTAINABILITY

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