

ANTARCTICA - ANTARCTIC EXPLORER



TRIP CODE

ACTSAPE

DEPARTURE

05/01/2021

DURATION

11 Days

LOCATIONS

Antarctic Peninsula



INTRODUCTION

This new Fly/Sail itinerary features the best of Antarctica across ten days and allows for more exploration, with only one crossing of the Drake Passage. Get up close with tabular icebergs, vast colonies of Adelie and gentoo penguins and dramatic volcanic landscapes in the ice-filled Weddell Sea; the Antarctic Peninsula's many islands are alive with leopard seals busy with courtship, bustling penguins and maybe whales!

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Punta Arenas (Fly to Puerto William)

Fly from Punta Arenas to Puerto Williams, enjoy a tour of the scenic port before being warmly welcomed aboard Polar Pioneer. We'll have introductory and safety briefings before our evening's cruise down the Beagle Channel.



NO IMAGE
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DAY 2: Drake Passage - Day 2 & 3

Ease into shipboard life as we cross the Drake Passage. Our naturalist and palaeontologist expand our Antarctic knowledge and prepare us for landings. The outer decks and flying bridge provide excellent space to see and photograph wildlife.



DAY 4: Antarctic Peninsula's East Coast - Day 4 to 6

We spend the next few days exploring the ice-filled Weddell Sea where weather systems and shifting pack ice dictate our schedule. We hope to visit the large Adelie and gentoo penguin colonies of Brown Bluff or Paulet Island, and fossil-rich Seymour Island. We may hike to spectacular vantage points on Beak or Devil Islands; large tabular icebergs and volcanic scenery create long lasting memories. Wherever we go, wildlife, Heroic Age relics and haunting landscapes await.



DAY 7: Antarctic Peninsula's West Coast - Day 7 to 9

The Antarctic Peninsula's western flanks offer long days and relatively ice-free waters. We visit historic huts and Zodiac cruise through narrow straits and majestic icebergs, and if we're lucky, whale watch from the bow of the ship. A few landing points we hope to visit include Half Moon Bay, Lemaire Channel, Hydrurga Rocks and more.



DAY 10: King George Island

We arrive at mountainous King George Island. If time and weather permit we explore penguin and seal-rich waters of Fildes Bay and visit the surprising Trinity Church at Bellingshausen Station, before catching our charter flight back to Punta Arenas in Chile, where we transfer to our overnight accommodation.



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DAY 11: Punta Arenas

After breakfast at the Cabo de Hornes Hotel, bid a fond farewell to your fellow passengers as you make your journey home or continue on with your own arrangements.



INCLUSIONS & DETAILS	
Accommodation	Standard
Inclusions	<p>Group transfer from preferred Punta Arenas hotel to airport for flight to Puerto Williams</p> <p>Flight from Punta Arenas to Puerto Williams</p> <p>Transfer from Puerto Williams’ airport to Polar Pioneer, including Puerto Williams town and surrounds tour</p> <p>Luggage transfer from Polar Pioneer to King George Island airstrip</p> <p>Flight from King George Island to Punta Arenas</p> <p>One night accommodation in Punta Arenas post voyage (26 Feb 2018)</p> <p>Accommodation during the voyage</p> <p>All meals, snacks, tea and coffee during the voyage</p> <p>All shore excursions and Zodiac (inflatable boat) cruises</p> <p>Educational lectures and guiding services from our expert team</p> <p>Access to our on board doctor and basic medical services</p> <p>Free gumboot hire during the voyage</p> <p>Daily cabin service</p> <p>An Aurora Expeditions' multi-purpose waterproof jacket</p> <p>Comprehensive pre-departure information</p> <p>Professionally produced voyage journal (one per booking)</p> <p>Port taxes and charges</p> <p>All entry fees to historic landings sites</p> <p>Exclusions</p> <p>Transfers not mentioned in the itinerary</p> <p>Airport arrival/departure taxes</p> <p>Passport, visa and reciprocity charges (if applicable)</p> <p>Travel insurance or emergency evacuation charges</p> <p>Hotels and meals not mentioned in itinerary</p> <p>Optional excursions not mentioned in itinerary</p> <p>Optional activity surcharges</p> <p>All items of personal nature</p>
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)

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Single Surcharge	Available upon request
Notes	Contact us for more details
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

A trip to the Antarctic is a completely different experience and quite unlike any other trip you have probably been on. We use a highly regulated, licensed vessel which is well equipped to operate in this vulnerable ecosystem. We are fully compliant with all rules set down by the IAATO and all activities are governed by the Antarctic Treaty System. We carefully select all ships we work with and choose them for their small size as this creates far less impact on shore landings with wildlife. We view the voyage to the Antarctic as an expedition, not a sightseeing trip. Smaller boats such as ours can navigate narrow waterways and are far less polluting than the larger ships in Antarctic waters. By carrying less passengers, we have far less waste, and all waste is carried back to the home port to allow for environmentally conscious waste management and disposal, unlike some of the larger ships which do not facilitate this. This trip begins in Ushuaia where you will have time to sample local food and shop at local boutiques which we encourage individuals to take part in for experience and in support of the local community. We also try to create opportunity to see research and historical sites. We discourage the buying of souvenirs made from endangered species or wrongfully taken from the environment i.e. shells. Our pre-departure pack provides you with all the information required for your tour, from what to take with you to practical advice about how to minimise your impact on the Antarctic environment. This pack highlights initiatives such as waste reduction, and how to appropriately engage with wildlife and the environment around you.

For more information visit our [sustainability page](#).

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