

# ANTARCTIC EXPLORER: PUNTA ARENAS ROUNDTrip | GREG MORTIMER



## TRIP CODE

ACAEGP

## DEPARTURE

21/02/2024

## DURATION

12 Days

## LOCATIONS

Antarctic Peninsula



## INTRODUCTION

Undertake this classic 12 day Antarctic Explorer on board the Greg Mortimer. Experience unforgettable, pristine and isolated sites as you undertake a deep south voyage to the frozen white continent of Antarctica. On board the Greg Mortimer you will find the highest degree of luxury, comfort and safety as you and a small handful of fellow passengers explore vast glaciers, spot curious penguins, zodiac near feeding humpbacks and step foot one the most remote continent on Earth.

**PLEASE NOTE: Pricing is subject to change and availability at the time of booking. Contact us for more information. The advertised price is based on a Junior Suite cabin for 21 Feb 2024 departure, as lower priced cabins are now sold out\*\***

## ITINERARY

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## DAY 1: Arrival in Punta Arenas

Arrive in Punta Arenas, where you will be met by a representative of Aurora Expeditions and transferred to your downtown hotel (preferred flights only). Upon arrival at your included hotel, kindly remind hotel check-in staff to provide you with Aurora Expeditions cabin tags. Please clearly label the tags with your name and ship cabin number. Overlooking the Straits of Magellan, the city sits astride one of the world's most historic trade routes. Today, Punta Arenas reflects a great mix of cultures, from English sheep ranchers to Portuguese sailors, and it remains an utterly fascinating testament to Chile's rich history. Tonight, we will gather to meet our fellow expeditioners and a briefing on the first leg of our expedition - our flight to Antarctica!



## DAY 2: Fly Punta Arenas - King George Island

This morning we will be transferred to Punta Arenas airport for our early morning charter flight to King George Island, Antarctica (weather permitting). The flight will take approximately one and-a-half hours. On arrival into King George Island our expedition team is on hand to greet you for your Zodiac transfer to board the vessel. You'll have time to settle into your cabin before our important 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 in order for the plane to take off and land safely. We apologise in advance for any delays.



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## DAY 3: Antarctic Peninsula - Day 3 to 10

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. We generally make landings or Zodiac excursions twice a day. You’ll want to rug up before joining Zodiac cruises along spectacular ice cliffs or among grounded icebergs, keeping watch for whales, seals and proposing 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. 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, and take a quiet moment to experience the wonder of this incredible white continent.



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## DAY 11: Fly King George Island to Punta Arenas

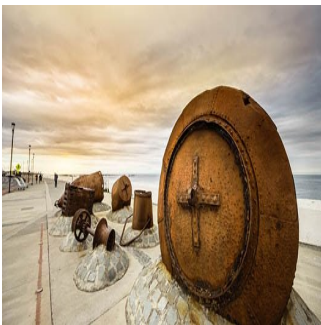
As we approach Frei Base on King George Island, it is time to farewell Antarctica and our amazing adventure before boarding our flight (approximately one-and-a half-hours) to Punta Arenas, Chile. On arrival at the Punta Arenas airport, you will be transferred to our group hotel. NOTE: King George Island is located at the northern tip of the Antarctic Peninsula in the South Shetland Islands and is one of the most remote place on Earth. A clear sky with perfect visibility is required in order to take off and land safely. We apologise in advance if you experience any delays.



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## DAY 12: Disembarkation in Punta Arenas

After breakfast, bid a fond farewell to your fellow travellers as we all continue our onward journeys, hopefully with a newfound sense of the immense power of nature (breakfast included). NOTE: Please advise your Reservations Consultant or travel agent if you require an airport transfer, so it can be booked in advance. The departure airport transfer is not included in your voyage cost and will be at an additional charge.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin on board ship
Inclusions	<p><b>Inclusions</b></p> <p>Arrival transfer airport to hotel Day 1</p> <p>2 Night hotel accommodation in Punta Arenas Day 1 and 11</p> <p>Cabin accommodation on board Greg Mortimer</p> <p>All meals whilst on board ship</p> <p>Flight Punta Arenas to King George Island Day 2 and 11*</p> <p>Transfer to hotel in Punta Arenas on Day 11</p> <p>All scheduled landings &amp; excursions</p> <p>Guiding and lectures by English-speaking expedition leader and team</p> <p>All port fees</p> <p>All landing fees</p> <p>Expedition jacket provided (yours to keep)</p> <p>A pair of expedition boots for use during voyage</p> <p>Group arrival and departure transfer in Ushuaia</p> <p><b>Exclusions</b></p> <p>Airfares to and from embarkation/disembarkation city</p> <p>Visa fees (if applicable)</p> <p>Travel insurance</p> <p>Beverages (other than tea and coffee)</p> <p>Personal expenses such as laundry, on board communication (telephone calls, fax, email)</p> <p>Gratuities for the crew</p> <p>Pre or post cruise travel expenses</p> <p>Optional activities</p>
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Willing to share options provided. Contact us for more information.

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Notes	Please note this itinerary may be subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, seasonality 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 including the former research station/now museum of Port Lockroy and engage with local history. 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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