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



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DEPARTURE

04/01/2028, 09/01/2028, 28/01/2028, 02/12/2028, 07/12/2028, 16/01/2029

DURATION

8 Days

LOCATIONS

Antarctic Peninsula

INTRODUCTION

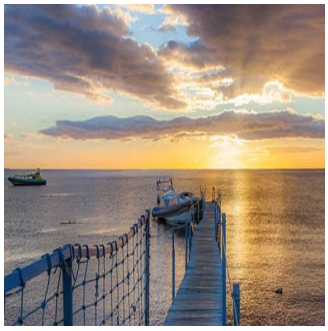
See your first glimpses of the dramatic landscapes of Antarctica from the air, as you fly by charter plane across the infamous Drake Passage from Punta Arenas, to land only hours later on the South Shetland Island of King George. From here you cruise in style aboard the refined and luxurious Ocean Explorer, 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.

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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.

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, make your way to the shore, before being transferred by zodiac to your ship to set sail for the Antarctic Peninsula.

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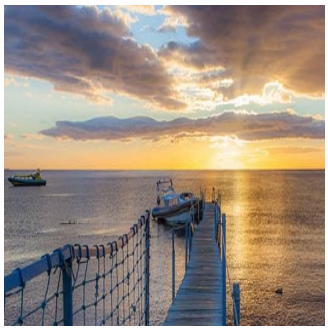
DAY 3: Antarctic Peninsula & South Shetlands - Day 3 to 6

There are few places in the world as evocative as Antarctica. The Antarctic Continent 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 presenters will deepen your experience with explanations of the glaciology, history and wildlife of the region, and presentations on photography to help you take memory catching images. Even more exciting are your daily excursions. Your first Zodiac landing is something you'll never forget. Walking on a shore inhabited by thousands of penguins 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 Adélie, gentoo and chinstrap penguins. You may take a Zodiac cruise in search of whales and icebergs one day, followed by a hike to a penguin rookery the next day. From the booming sound of a calving glacier to the thrill of spotting apex predators like leopard seals and orcas in action, you'll wake up early and welcome each day with a sense of adventure and a desire to explore during this unrivaled wilderness experience. Your Expedition Team will accompany you all along the way, providing insights into the places you visit.



DAY 7: Disembarkation 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 two-hour flight across the Drake Passage to Punta Arenas, Chile, brings your adventure to an end. After your group transfer to the hotel, you are free to explore and enjoy an evening on your own, in the city or at the hotel to reminisce about the sights and sounds of Antarctica.



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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. *Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Hotel & Cabin on board ship

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Inclusions	**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 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 **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	Prices are based on per person, and vary from single, triple, and twin cabins. Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. Any promotional discounts mentioned, including percentage discounts are off of berth costs only, with no discount on taxes, mandatory flight or transfer packages. All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice. *Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions. Please note that flights to/from King George Island are subject to weather and landing conditions. In rare and unforeseen situations, an operator may apply a fuel surcharge after your booking has been confirmed and paid. This is outside our control and uncommon, but transparency with our travelers is important to us.
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability. Any promotional discounts mentioned, including percentage discounts are off of berth costs only, with no discount on taxes, mandatory flight or transfer packages.

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