ANTARCTIC PENINSULA - ANTARCTIC EXPRESS: CRUISE SOUTH, FLY NORTH | OCEAN EXPLORER



TRIP CODE	
ACQECSFO	
DEPARTURE	
14/02/2027, 28/12/2027, 21/01/2028, 25/11/2028, 09/01/2029	
DURATION	
10 Days	
LOCATIONS	
Antarctica	

INTRODUCTION

Savor the thrill of traveling through the renowned Drake Passage after departing from Ushuaia, and end your journey conveniently with a flight back north.

You might encounter AdÃ©lie penguins floating on ice floes or minke and humpback whales as you go to the Antarctic Peninsula's northernmost tip. At first, the eerie quiet of this immense wilderness may be overwhelming, but your adventurous travelling partners and the playful, captivating fauna will keep you grounded. You'll gain a fresh perspective on Antarctica's striking contrasts, which include stark, desolate icescapes and teeming populations of gregarious penguins, as well as rough, craggy mountain peaks and delicate ecosystems.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrive in Ushuaia, Argentina



Your adventure begins in Ushuaia, Argentina. This quaint city at the southernmost tip of South America is your gateway to Antarctica. The city itself provides a wide range of jewelry shops, cafes, gear shops and restaurants to explore before your voyage. Outside the city, snowcapped mountains and hiking in Tierra del Fuego National Park offer ample adventure activities to explore nature.

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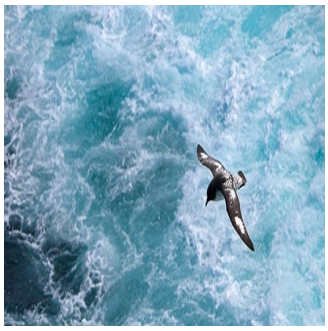
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DAY 2: Embarkation Day



You will embark in the afternoon, with a journey through the picturesque Beagle Channel. Be sure to keep your eyes peeled while you're out on deck as the channel is home to a wide variety of wildlife including seabirds and seals. Rainbows are common here too, creating a great photography opportunity to kick off the start of your Antarctic adventure.

DAY 3: Crossing the Drake Passage - Days 3 & 4



Legendary for its high winds and rolling seas, you may get lucky and have surprisingly calm seas through the Drake Passage. Spend your time in the lounge or chatting with your fellow travelers. As you develop your sea legs during the crossing, our Expedition Team will begin their series of presentations to help prepare you for your upcoming Zodiac and land excursions. You officially enter Antarctica when your ship crosses the Antarctic Convergence, a biological boundary that fluctuates around 60° south.

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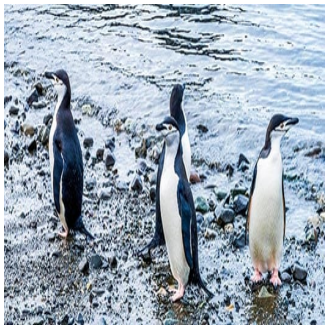
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DAY 5: South Shetland Islands & Antarctica - Days 5 to 8

The most common reaction upon reaching the 7th Continent is a sense of reverence and awe. The experience is beyond words, since few places are as untouched as Antarctica. You will begin to appreciate why this region has long captivated the attention of explorers and travelers alike. Every time we visit Antarctica, we witness something new or unexpected, which means that your expedition will be unlike any other—creating a unique, personal experience. Each day, you will take Zodiac excursions from the ship to explore glaciated bays, channels and landing sites. Your Expedition Team will take care of you at each landing, whether you are hiking the Antarctic landscape, visiting a research station or observing chinstrap, Adelie and gentoo penguins, all of which can be found here. Keep an eye out for Weddell, fur, crabeater and leopard seals as well as curious whales, such as humpbacks, minkes, or perhaps orcas while on a Zodiac cruise. Each excursion will present a new array of creatures to fascinate you and keep your camera busy. Amid the serene silence of Antarctica, noisy interludes become indelible memories, such as penguins squabbling over prized pebbles, or the boom and crack of a calving glacier. Every day will be different, having been carefully crafted by your Expedition Team to inspire and educate you about this wonderful part of the world.



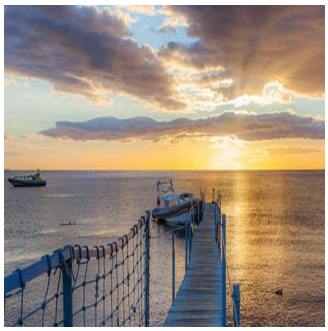
DAY 9: Disembarkation and Fly to Punta Arenas

With only the Drake Passage ahead, you'll disembark on King George Island before flying to Punta Arenas, Chile. Once you're in Punta Arenas, we'll transfer you from the airport to your hotel, where you're free to explore and enjoy a final dinner on your own, before your homeward journey.



DAY 10: Depart Punta Arenas

After breakfast, you are free 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

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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 Ushuaia from the airport to the pre-expedition hotel on Day 1 of the itinerary
One night pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Ushuaia with breakfast
Briefing dinner on arrival day
Group transfer from hotel to port in Ushuaia pre-expedition
Flight 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. 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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