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



TRIP CODE
ACQEFSCO
DEPARTURE
03/02/2027, 14/01/2028, 07/02/2028, 12/12/2028, 26/01/2029
DURATION
10 Days
LOCATIONS
Antarctica

INTRODUCTION

See Antarctica for the first time from the air with a three-hour trip, which is the quickest route there. This will give you a unique introduction to the vast and dramatic scenery of one of the last remaining untouched parts of the planet. Proceed with your voyage aboard the Ocean Explorer, where an experience beyond your wildest dreams is in store.

Afterwards, retrace the steps of historical explorers as you cross the treacherous Drake Passage to make your way back across the most fabled and thrilling waterway in the world. Anticipate the unexpected and be rewarded with exceptional natural features and fauna, with each highlight surpassing the previous one. Admire the contrast between a barren terrain and a plethora of animals, such as playful and inquisitive seals and penguins. And relish the thrill of being here on the continent for the first time.

Please note the 25/26 season is a 10 day itinerary and the 26/27 is a 9 day itinerary. There is no time lost in the Antarctic region, the only difference is a post night in Ushuaia is included in the 25/26 season, but not in the 26/27 season, making it one day less in duration.

ITINERARY

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DAY 1: Arrive in 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 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.

DAY 2: Fly to King George Island and Embark



Your charter flight from Punta Arenas to Antarctica will enable you to cross the legendary Drake Passage in only two hours, while far below, the ship will approach King George Island for your arrival. Your first glimpse of dramatic Antarctic landscapes will be from a unique perspective, as your plane descends onto the South Shetland Islands. 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: Antarctica & South Shetland Islands - Days 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 Adelie, 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 inaction, 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: Crossing the Drake Passage - Days 7 & 8

A rite of passage for any Antarctic adventurer, crossing the Drake signals the end of your journey. No matter the sea conditions, you will benefit from having developed your sea legs over the course of the previous four days. While the journey home has begun, your wildlife spotting continues. Your Expedition Team will be available on deck and on the ship's bridge to help you spot the majestic wandering albatross and a number of whale species, such as minke and humpback. When you're not looking at photos and reminiscing about the previous days, the Expedition Team will conclude their series of engaging presentations on subjects such as marine biology, polar history and glaciology.



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DAY 9: Disembark in Ushuaia, Argentina

After a final breakfast aboard the ship, say goodbye to your crew as we disembark in Ushuaia. We'll transfer you to the hotel to check in and then you'll have a chance to explore the town on your own to shop, sightsee and sample Argentinian wine and cuisine.



DAY 10: Depart Ushuaia

Today you are free to make your way to the airport for departure, or extend your stay in Ushuaia. 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 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
Flight to King George Island as specified in the itinerary
Group transfer from port in Ushuaia to hotel post-expedition
One night post-expedition hotel accommodation in Ushuaia 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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SUSTAINABILITY

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