ANTARCTICA - ANTARCTIC EXPRESS: CROSSING THE CIRCLE | OCEAN EXPLORER

TRIP CODE

ACTSAEX

DEPARTURE

21/01/2027

DURATION

11 Days

LOCATIONS

Antarctic Circle, Antarctica, Antarctic Peninsula

INTRODUCTION

Enjoy Antarctica in style - by flying and then cruising south of the Antarctic Circle! A short three-hour flight is all it takes to travel between Punta Arenas, Chile and King George Island in Antarctica. Skipping all the extra days at sea, you'll enjoy only the best scenery and wildlife experiences of the Antarctic.

Prepare yourself for a sensory overload, as you will be overwhelmed by the sheer beauty and dramatic landscapes of the White Continent. Soon after landing in Antarctica, a team of experts on the ship will have you searching for penguins and whales in Antarctica. Choose from a selection of optional adventure activities to make the most of your time in Antarctica.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: 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 enjoy. By early afternoon, a Quark Expeditions representative will meet you at the official starting point hotel, where you'll enjoy a welcome dinner and be briefed about preparations for your embarkation day.

DAY 2: Embarkation Day



Your charter flight from Punta Arenas to Antarctica will have you crossing the legendary Drake Passage in only a few hours. Far below, the ship is approaching King George Island ready for your arrival. Your first glimpse of dramatic Antarctica landscapes will be from a very unique perspective, as your plane descends towards the South Shetlands. After landing, stretch your legs and spend some time exploring the island before being transferred by Zodiac to your ship. Meet the rest of your shipmates and set sail for the Antarctic Peninsula!

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DAY 3: Antarctic Peninsula & South Shetland - Day 3 to 5

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. Even more exciting are your land excursions. Your first Zodiac landing is something you'll never forget. Setting foot on a beach inhabited by thousands of penguins is the most intimate way to experience the unique wildlife of Antarctica. Each landing is different and 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 an Adélie, gentoo and chinstrap penguin.



DAY 6: The Antarctic Circle - Days 6 & 7

Crossing the Antarctic Circle is both a memorable experience and impressive achievement, as few travelers reach so far south. If conditions allow us to cross this famed latitude of 66°33´ South, we'll toast the first explorers who ventured here, and you can raise a glass and take pride in knowing you've made it to a part of the world visited by very few people. This is raw Antarctica, home of the midnight sun, Weddell seals, and your best chances of encountering sea ice—the foundation of the Antarctic marine ecosystem.



DAY 8: Northbound Along the Peninsula - Days 8 & 9

If you haven't had your fill of Antarctic wildlife and icebergs by now, you'll surely be satisfied by the time we return to the Drake Passage. You will continue to journey onto land by Zodiac as you travel north along the western Antarctic Peninsula. Your Expedition Team will always be on the lookout for any species of penguins, seals and whales that may have eluded you on the journey south.



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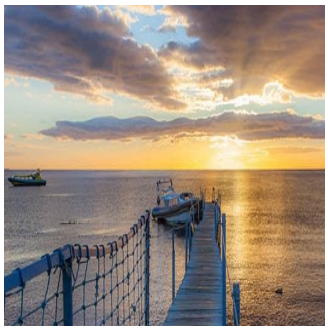
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DAY 10: Disembarkation and Fly to Punta Arenas



After your week of exploration, you'll say goodbye to the Expedition Team and disembark at King George 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.

DAY 11: 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.

INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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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
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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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.
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