ANTARCTICA - ANTARCTICA: THROUGH THE LENS | SYLVIA EARLE



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12 Days
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Antarctica, Antarctic Peninsula

INTRODUCTION

Embark on a breathtaking Fly/Sail photography expedition to Antarctica, where you'll capture the stunning beauty of this remote region. By flying over the Drake Passage one way, you'll spend less time at sea and more time exploring.

Snap photos of immense glaciers, majestic peaks, and diverse wildlife such as penguins and whales. Experience Zodiac cruises through hidden bays and coves, observing humpback and minke whales feeding on krill against a backdrop of awe-inspiring scenery. This journey provides a deeply immersive travel experience, letting you trace the paths of early explorers and craft your own unforgettable memories.

Meet the Photographers Joining 2026 Voyages

Scott Portelli is an internationally acclaimed wildlife, nature, aerial, and underwater photographer. He has spent thousands of hours in remote locations worldwide, capturing stunning images of nature and wildlife. Scott recently won the Wildlife Photographer of the Year (single capture) at the Australian Photographic Prize 2024 and the Portfolio winner at the HIPA awards in 2023. Throughout his career, he has received numerous prestigious awards for his exceptional work.

Nigel Danson is a YouTube creator and landscape photographer who discovered the transformative power of photography early in life due to his dyslexia. Developing images in a makeshift darkroom, he found a passion for light and its ability to bring landscapes to life. Nigel's philosophy is to seize the moment and capture the essence of his experiences. He shares his expertise and passion through workshops around the world.

Rachel Bigsby is a renowned wildlife photographer, celebrated for her expertise in capturing the natural artistry of seabirds. She has won five of the world's most prestigious photography competitions, including the 'Natural Artistry' category in Wildlife Photographer of the Year and the portfolio award in Bird Photographer of the Year. Rachel is also a Nikon creator, a published photographer with National

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Geographic, and works with the RSPB and the National Trust.

James Popsys is a British outdoor photographer and YouTuber based in Snowdonia, Wales. He is passionate about documenting nature and the human impact on it, both positive and negative. James shares this passion on his YouTube channel and through workshops around the world.

Mads Peter Iversen is a Danish photographer with a background in education. After trying out various photography genres, he eventually focused on fine art landscape photography and in video editing. Mads finds inspiration from diverse global locations, with a particular affinity for the Nordic region's cold, harsh, yet breathtakingly beautiful landscapes.

Jeroen Van Nieuwenhove is a Belgian-Icelandic nature photographer based in ReykjavÃk, Iceland. He specializes in documenting the Arctic, particularly volcanic eruptions and the Icelandic Highlands. Known for his work on the Fagradalsfjall and Svartsengi eruptions, Jeroen captures the beauty within chaos. He is also a self-published author and teaches photography through workshops and ebooks.

Jack Lodge is a professional landscape and nature photographer from the southwest of England. He aims to capture the changing seasons and the evolving landscapes around us. His work ranges from enchanting ancient woodlands in Dorset to dramatic seascapes and snow-capped mountains in Italy and Norway.

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DAY 1: Arrive Punta Arenas

Arrive in Punta Arenas, where you will be met by a representative and transferred to our hotel. We ask that you arrive no later than 2.00 pm so that you may attend our important briefing this evening. Please visit the hospitality desk in the lobby between 2.00 pm – 6.00 pm to collect your luggage cabin tags. Our team will confirm details regarding your embarkation day, answer any questions and provide you with information about where to dine or purchase last minute items. Overlooking the Straits of Magellan, the city sits astride one of the world's most historic trade routes. Today, Punta Arenas reflects a great blend of cultural backgrounds, from English sheep ranchers to Portuguese sailors. It remains an utterly fascinating testament to Chile's rich history. Modern day Punta Arenas is home to many popular restaurants, and bars, offering a mix of local and international fare (meals at your own expense today). At 7.00 pm this evening, meet your fellow expeditioners at a voyage briefing where we will reconfirm your transfer times for tomorrow, explain the procedures for your flight to King George Island and outline important IAATO regulations for visitors to Antarctica.



DAY 2: Fly to King George Island & Embark

This morning we will be transferred to Punta Arenas airport for our charter flight to King George Island, Antarctica (weather permitting). The flight will take approximately one hour and forty-five minutes. On arrival into King George Island our expedition team is on hand to greet you and to prepare you for your Zodiac transfer to the vessel. You will have time to settle into your cabin before our important safety 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 for safe take-off and landing. A contingency plan will be applied to your itinerary should your flights not proceed today. Your safety is our utmost priority. We apologise in advance for any delays caused due to this unpredictable situation. Please refer to our terms and conditions for a more detailed explanation.



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DAY 3: Antarctica & Crossing the Circle Days 3 to 9

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. Once we arrive, the western side of the Antarctic Peninsula and the South Shetland Islands are ours to explore, and we have a host of choices available to us. Because we are so far south, we will experience approximately 18-24 hours of daylight and the days can be as busy as you wish. Your experienced expedition team, who have made countless journeys to this area, will use their expertise to design your voyage from day to day, choosing the best options based on the prevailing weather, ice conditions and wildlife opportunities. We generally make landings or Zodiac excursions twice a day. You will want to rug up before joining Zodiac cruises along spectacular ice cliffs or among grounded icebergs, keeping watch for whales, seals and porpoising 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. While ashore we aim to stretch our legs, wandering along pebbly beaches or perhaps up snow-covered ridgelines to vantage points with mountains towering overhead and ice-speckled oceans below. Keen polar plungers will have the chance to fully immerse themselves in polar waters - conditions permitting! 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. Take a quiet moment to experience the wonder of this incredible white continent.



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DAY 10: Drake Passage Days 10 & 11

Enjoy a final morning landing in the South Shetland Islands before we re-enter the Drake Passage for our return journey to South America. With any luck, you will be blessed with the 'Drake Lake'! With lectures, recaps and film presentations to complete our Antarctic experience, there is still plenty of time to enjoy the magic of the Southern Ocean and the life that calls it home. There is time for reflection and discussion about what we have seen and experienced. We hope you become ambassadors for Antarctica telling your family, friends and colleagues about your journey to this magical place, advocating for its conservation and preservation so that they might one day visit the region to experience what you have been lucky to see and do here. We hope the images you have captured during your adventure inspire, bring joy and continue to remind you of what is sure to be a life-changing experience. As we approach the tip of South America, our Captain may sail close to legendary Cape Horn, weather and time permitting.



DAY 12: Disembark in Ushuaia

During the early morning, we cruise up the Beagle Channel, before quietly slipping into dock in Ushuaia, where we will be free to disembark around 8.00 am. Farewell your expedition team and fellow passengers as we all continue our onward journeys, hopefully with a newfound sense of the immense power of nature. Upon disembarkation, for those continuing their travels in the region, transportation to the hotel will be arranged exclusively for guests who have booked their accommodations through Aurora or for those staying in downtown areas near the port. Expeditioners departing on flights prior to 12:30 pm will be directly transferred to Ushuaia Airport, those with flights after 12:30 pm will have the opportunity to explore Ushuaia before an afternoon airport transfer, and the transfer procedures and details will be communicated onboard before disembarkation. *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 onboard a ship
Inclusions	**INCLUSIONS** All airport transfers mentioned in the itinerary. One night's hotel accommodation including breakfast, in Punta Arenas on Day 1. Charter flight Punta Arenas to King George Island to on Day 2. Onboard accommodation during voyage, including daily cabin service. All meals, snacks, tea and coffee during voyage. Beer, house wine and soft drinks with dinner. Captain's Farewell reception (including four-course dinner, house cocktails, house beer and wine, non-alcoholic beverages.) All shore excursions and Zodiac cruises. Educational lectures and guiding services provided by Expedition Team. Complimentary access to onboard expedition doctor and medical clinic (initial consultation). One 3-in-1 waterproof, polar expedition jacket. Complimentary use of Muck Boots during the voyage. Comprehensive pre-departure information. Port surcharges, permits and landing fees. Wi-Fi (Please note we travel to remote regions and therefore the connection can be unreliable) **EXCLUSIONS** International or domestic flights, unless specified Transfers not mentioned in the itinerary Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Airport arrival or departure taxes Vaccination charges Travel insurance Hotels and meals not included in itinerary Optional excursions not included in the itinerary Optional activity surcharges All items of a personal nature, including but not limited to alcoholic beverages and soft drinks (outside of dinner service), laundry services, personal clothing, medical expenses, wi-fi, email or phone charges. Gratuities for ship's crew - (*A $15 USD per person per day gratuity for the crew is automatically added to your onboard account. It is at your discretion if you would like to remove the tip (or adjust the amount) when you settle your bill. It is not necessary to tip the expedition team members. This gratuity amount is included for suites as part of their 'Suite Benefits'.*)
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)

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Single Surcharge	Available upon request. Single occupancy cabins may be available with a surcharge. Subject to availability, contact us for more details.
Notes	Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated for triple/quad cabins) Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. *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.

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