ANTARCTICA - ANTARCTICA: FLY THE DRAKE PASSAGE | OCEAN NOVA



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ACPLAFDP
DEPARTURE
19/01/2028, 24/01/2028, 29/01/2028
DURATION
9 Days
LOCATIONS
Antarctic Peninsula

INTRODUCTION

Designed for travelers who want to avoid the Drake Passage, this fly-in, fly-out program offers a direct and efficient way to reach Antarctica while maximizing time on the continent. With the nimble Ocean Nova, you will follow the iceberg lined waterways in comfort with a flexible schedule based on weather and wildlife conditions for several days of exploration along the Antarctic Peninsula.
Throughout the voyage, travellers can expect regular wildlife encounters, including penguin colonies, seals hauled out on ice and whales feeding in nearby waters to gain firsthand exposure to Antarctica's biodiversity. The expedition team provides continuous guidance during daily shore visits, Zodiac excursions, onboard briefings and expert-led activities to experience what this remote region's geology, climate, history and ecosystem has to offer. By the time you fly back to Punta Arenas, you'll understand why Antarctica turns curious travellers into lifelong explorers.

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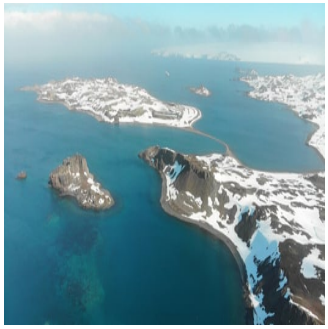
DAY 1: Arrive Punta Arenas

Arrive in Punta Arenas, one of Earth's southernmost cities and Chile's gateway to Antarctica. After lunch, check into the beautifully appointed Hotel Cabo de Hornos (or a similar category hotel), where our friendly ground team awaits to prepare you for your Antarctic adventure. During the afternoon, meet your fellow explorers, join your Expedition Team to be fitted for your boots and parka, biosecure your expedition gear, and learn about responsible Antarctic exploration, Zodiac landings, and tomorrow's travel schedule – in short, everything you need to get ready for Antarctica. Afterwards, gather for your first dinner together and enjoy irresistible Patagonian delicacies in the Faro Lounge restaurant.



DAY 2: Fly to King George Island & Embarkation

Today's the day. After a hearty breakfast, gear up before departing for Punta Arenas airport, where your chartered aircraft awaits to whisk you across the infamous Drake Passage – waves not included. Watch from the window in awe as icebergs appear, guarding the coast of King George Island, one of Antarctica's northernmost islands. Descend onto the gravel runway, where our Expedition Team awaits to assist you safely aboard Ocean Nova. After the mandatory safety briefing and drill, toast the start of your Antarctic voyage as Ocean Nova sets sail southward.



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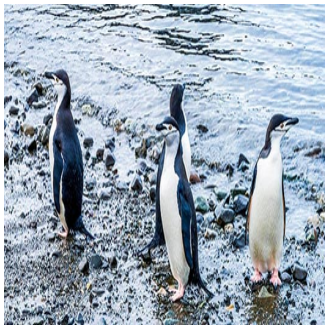
DAY 3: Immersive Antrctica - Day 3 to 5

Welcome to Antarctica in all its awe-inspiring glory. For the next few days, we'll maneuver through picturesque channels, where sculpted icebergs and an array of captivating wildlife share these dynamic waters. This is your opportunity to become more intimately acquainted with Antarctica by Zodiac, kayak, snowshoe, or during a magical night of camping as you look up at the stars or listen to the ethereal call of a nearby whale. For those participating in our Citizen Science program, the important work of understanding and documenting this fragile environment continues. Prepare to be amazed as we encounter numerous species of penguins, seals, and whales, both along the rugged coastline and in open waters. With opportunities to visit penguin colonies and historic landing sites, we plan to take full advantage of all the White Continent has to offer.



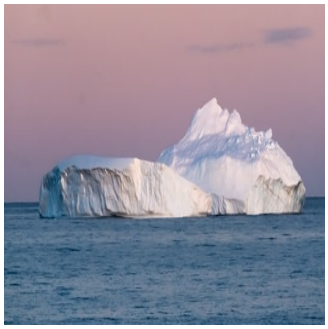
DAY 6: South Shetland Islands

Over time, volcanic activity in the South Shetland Islands has created a geology unlike any other. Here, you can expect a spectacular display of mountains, glaciers, and wildlife, including Chinstrap and Gentoo penguins. It's also not uncommon to share the shoreline with elephant and fur seals, while whales are often spotted offshore. We'll settle into our Zodiacs and spend our final day in Antarctica exploring these remarkable islands.



DAY 7: Disembarkation & Fly to Punta Arenas

On the final day aboard Ocean Nova, we arrive at King George Island, Antarctica's most populous island. After a fond farewell to the Expedition Team, crew, and officers of Ocean Nova, disembark by Zodiac to the small Chilean station on King George Island, where your chartered aircraft awaits. Board your aircraft and watch the White Continent recede as we fly across the Drake Passage. Upon arrival in Punta Arenas, a delectable dinner and comfortable rest await you at the beautifully appointed Hotel Cabo de Hornos (or a similar category hotel).



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DAY 8: Punta Arenas, Chilean Patagonia



Spend the day exploring the best of Chilean Patagonia on an excursion to the famous Estancia Olga Teresa, a local ranch that embodies Patagonian hospitality. Learn about life at the bottom of the world while keeping watch for wildlife, including guanacos, rhea, and Andean condors. In the evening, relax in exceptional comfort at the Hotel Cabo de Hornos (or a similar category hotel), or explore the vibrant city of Punta Arenas.

DAY 9: Depart Punta Arenas



After bidding farewell to your fellow explorers, continue exploring the surroundings of Punta Arenas, set off for further adventure in Patagonia, or head to the airport for your return journey home and a well-earned rest. *Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.

INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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Transfer from Punta Arenas Airport to hotel Cabo de Hornos
One pre-night hotel with dinner and breakfast at Cabo de Hornos in Punta Arenas
Transfer from hotel to Punta Arenas Airport
Charter flight from Punta Arenas to King George Island
Ground services and transfers to the Ocean Nova
All meals onboard the Ocean Nova, including snacks and 24-hour tea and coffee
Onboard lecture program led by our expert Expedition Team
All shore excursions and Zodiac cruises (except paid adventure options with cost)
Bespoke 3-in-1 jacket featuring a waterproof outer shell and puffer that can be worn with or without outer shell, are yours to keep
Complimentary use of rubber Muck boots on loan for the duration of your expedition (exclusions apply - see below)
Full access to the onboard gym
500mb free internet usage
All port taxes
Group transfer from ship to King George Island
Charter flight from King George Island to Punta Arenas
Group Transfer from Punta Arenas Airport to Hotel Cabo de Hornos
Two post-voyage hotel night including breakfast and dinner
Full-day excursion to Estancia Olga Teresa on the first day after arrival from Antarctica to Punta Arenas

EXCLUSIONS

International or domestic flights, unless specified
Airport transfers, taxes, and excess baggage charges, unless specified
Meals other than those specified in the pre-departure information
Visa and passport fees
Mandatory travel insurance with a minimum required coverage
A fuel surcharge may be applied to all bookings
Optional paid adventure activities - Please let your booking agent know if you would like to add
Alcoholic or other selected beverages
Laundry and communication services including Wi-fi (over and above complimentary allotment and where available) on board
Gratuities for the Expedition Team and crew
Miscellaneous extras and all personal expenses
Smaller puffer jackets, outer parka jackets and muck boots **may not be available** for minors, depending on size requirements. Additionally, a lifejacket that meets our safety standards is mandatory for all minors 15 years and under and **must be provided by the parent/guardian**. Please contact your booking agent for details.

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Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available on request. No single supplement if willing to share with other guest/s of the same gender in Triple and Explorer Twin cabin categories (subject to availability). Contact Us for more details. Classic Twin cabins will have a Single Supplement for Solo Use, at a rate of 1.8 x Twin rate
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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