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## ANTARCTIC EXPRESS - CRUISE SOUTH, FLY NORTH EXPEDITION

Get the best of both worlds on our 10-day Antarctic Express: Sail South, Fly North. Achieve a polar rite of passage by crossing the legendary 800-km (500-mile) Drake Passage by ship--and on your return, board a comfortable charter flight at King George Island for a three-hour flight over the infamous waterway. That leaves several full days to experience the wonders of the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula. Expect to encounter minke and humpback whales, along with Adelie penguins, as you explore rugged snow-capped peaks, stark icescapes, and immense penguin colonies thriving in this remote wilderness.

Some departures may have slightly modified itineraries. Certain departures leave from Ushuaia and do not include charter flights. Please confirm the itinerary with an Expedition Specialist.



### ITINERARY

Day 1: Arriving in Buenos Aires and hotel night \*

Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, make your way to the included group hotel, which is part of your Charter Flight & Hotel Package. A presentation room will be open from 12 pm to 8 pm for luggage weighing and tagging. A Quark Expeditions representative will be available to answer your questions and give

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information about the next day's flight and ship embarkation. After an early breakfast the following morning, your group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Ushuaia, Argentina, the southernmost city in the world.

## Day 2: Arrive in Ushuaia and Embarkation \*

Your Charter Flight and Hotel package will provide you with some free time to explore this quaint port town at the bottom of South America. Steeped in marine history, this walkable Argentine city has plenty of museums, galleries and historic sites to visit quite easily. We will transfer the group to the ship for embarkation around 4 pm.

## Day 3 & 4: Crossing the Drake Passage \*

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.

## Day 5 to 8: South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula \*

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: \*

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## YOUR SHIP: OCEAN EXPLORER

**YOUR SHIP:** **Ocean Explorer**

**VESSEL TYPE:** **Polar Expedition**

**LENGTH:** **342 ft (104.4 m)**

**PASSENGER CAPACITY:** **138**

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:** **2021**

including waste-to-energy technology. Every detail of the Ocean Explorer reflects innovation, comfort, and environmental consciousness—setting a new standard for luxury expedition cruising.



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The Ocean Explorer is a modern, purpose-built expedition vessel combining contemporary elegance with advanced polar exploration technology. Accommodating up to 138 guests, this state-of-the-art ship features the innovative ULSTEIN X-BOW® design, which ensures smooth, stable sailing even in rough seas. A highlight of the vessel is its stunning two-story, glass-walled library located at the bow—perfect for quiet reflection with panoramic views of the polar landscapes. Almost all spacious cabins include private verandas, while the ship's sleek Scandinavian-inspired interiors create a sense of understated luxury. Guests can unwind in the fitness centre, sauna with large windows overlooking the ice, or one of two outdoor Jacuzzis while taking in the surrounding scenery.

Designed with both exploration and comfort in mind, Ocean Explorer offers generous outdoor viewing spaces and elevated observation decks for exceptional photography and wildlife watching. A fleet of 15 Zodiacs ensures quick, safe embarkation for off-ship adventures. Social spaces such as the elegant Main Dining Room, Latitude Bar, and Observation Lounge provide a refined yet relaxed atmosphere, complemented by fuel-efficient Rolls-Royce engines and cutting-edge sustainability systems,

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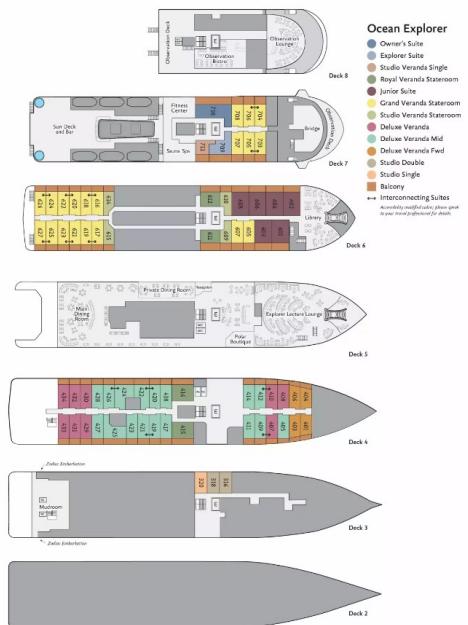
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## INSIDE YOUR SHIP



### Deluxe Suite



### Deluxe Veranda Forward



### Deluxe Veranda Forward Stateroom



### Infinity Suite



### Junior Suite



### Owner's Suite



### Owners Suite



### Penthouse Suite



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## PRICING

**21-Feb-2026 to 02-Mar-2026**

Deluxe Veranda Forward Stateroom	28255 AUD pp
Veranda Stateroom	29695 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	31585 AUD pp
Studio Single	37165 AUD pp
Junior Suite	37165 AUD pp
Studio Veranda Single	40045 AUD pp
Penthouse Suite	43015 AUD pp
Owners Suite	45985 AUD pp

**15-Jan-2027 to 24-Jan-2027**

Triple Suite	22311 AUD pp
Deluxe Veranda Forward	24961 AUD pp
Veranda Stateroom	26244 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	27783 AUD pp
Studio Single	32750 AUD pp
Junior Suite	32750 AUD pp
Studio Veranda Single	35435 AUD pp
Penthouse Suite	37983 AUD pp
Owners Suite	40668 AUD pp

**24-Nov-2026 to 03-Dec-2026**

Infinity Suite	21808 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	22919 AUD pp
Superior Suite	29930 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	32153 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	34462 AUD pp

**04-Feb-2027 to 13-Feb-2027**

Infinity Suite	25955 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	27323 AUD pp
Superior Suite	35103 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	37668 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	40233 AUD pp

**14-Jan-2027 to 23-Jan-2027**

Deluxe Veranda Forward	24961 AUD pp
Veranda Stateroom	26244 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	27783 AUD pp
Studio Single	32750 AUD pp
Junior Suite	32750 AUD pp
Studio Veranda Single	35435 AUD pp
Penthouse Suite	37983 AUD pp
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**02-Dec-2027 to 11-Dec-2027**

Infinity Suite	22919 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	24116 AUD pp
Superior Suite	31384 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	33778 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	36172 AUD pp

**28-Dec-2027 to 06-Jan-2028**

Triple Suite	21498 AUD pp
Deluxe Veranda Forward	24234 AUD pp
Veranda Stateroom	25517 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	27141 AUD pp
Junior Suite	32271 AUD pp
Studio Single	32271 AUD pp
Studio Veranda Single	34922 AUD pp
Penthouse Suite	37658 AUD pp
Owners Suite	40308 AUD pp

**21-Jan-2028 to 30-Jan-2028**

Triple Suite	21498 AUD pp
Deluxe Veranda Forward	24234 AUD pp
Veranda Stateroom	25517 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	27141 AUD pp
Junior Suite	32271 AUD pp
Studio Single	32271 AUD pp
Studio Veranda Single	34922 AUD pp
Penthouse Suite	37658 AUD pp
Owners Suite	40308 AUD pp

**05-Feb-2028 to 14-Feb-2028**

Infinity Suite	25826 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	27365 AUD pp
Superior Suite	35488 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	38224 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	40874 AUD pp

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## SPECIAL OFFERS

Online prices reflect current special offers and may vary based on demand. This promotion is time limited and subject to availability. Terms and conditions apply. For more information, please contact us.

### Optional extras & upgrades

#### Paddling Excursion

Glide through the pristine polar waters in a sit-on-top, two-person, inflatable kayak for an unforgettable experience in the Arctic and Antarctic wilderness. These stable, rugged and comfortable crafts are an ideal way to see the polar regions from a different perspective. Experienced guides will lead you safely throughout the paddling excursion. Your group will always be escorted by an additional safety driver who will stay close by to provide additional support.

#### Sea Kayaking

The kayak adventure option is open to all levels of experience. However, it is highly recommended that you have some sea kayaking related experience prior to kayaking in the polar regions with Quark Expeditions. Our sea kayaks are the ideal means by which to slow down and connect with the pristine natural environments and surroundings.

#### Stand-up Paddleboarding

Stand-up Paddleboarding, popularly known as SUPing, originated in Hawaii. Quark Expeditions is the first company to bring this watersport all the way to Antarctica. SUPing combines the immersive experience of kayaking but in a standing position. Participants, if they prefer, can kneel, sit or even lie down and stare up at the azure Antarctic sky. Because of their wide base and tail fins, SUP boards are quite stable, enabling participants – after a bit of practice – to stop staring at their feet and admire the surrounding scenery. Imagine seeing Gentoo penguins gliding below you, or making eye contact with a Weddell seal lying on a piece of ice as you paddle by. Guests receive on-ship and on-water instruction from a qualified SUP guide. In addition, a safety driver (in a Zodiac) stays within range to offer assistance.