

ANTARCTIC EXPRESS - CRUISE SOUTH, FLY NORTH EXPEDITION

Revel in the excitement of crossing the famed Drake Passage after embarking from Ushuaia, with the convenience of a northbound return flight at the end of your expedition. Minke and humpback whales or Adelie penguins floating on ice floes may greet you as you pass, enroute to the northernmost tip of the Antarctic Peninsula. The surreal silence in this vast wilderness may at first overwhelm, but playful, charismatic wildlife and your intrepid traveling companions keep you grounded. You'll develop a new appreciation and understanding of Antarctica's extreme contrasts - harsh, rugged mountain peaks and fragile ecosystems; stark, lonely icescapes and populous, gregarious penguins.

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 - Ushuaia, Argentina *

This quaint city at the southernmost tip of South America is your gateway to Antarctica. The city itself provides a wide range of jewelry shops, cafés, gear shops and restaurants to explore before your voyage. Outside the city, snow-capped mountains and hiking in Tierra del Fuego National Park offer ample adventure activities if you enjoy exploring nature.



Day 2 - Embarkation Day *

You will embark in the afternoon, with a journey through the picturesque Beagle Channel. Be sure to keep your eyes peeled and be out on deck, as the channel is home to a wide variety of wildlife including seabirds and seals. Rainbows are common here too, creating a great photographic opportunity to kick off the start to your Antarctic adventure.

Days 3 and 4 - Crossing the Drake Passage *

Legendary for its high winds and rolling seas, you may get lucky and have surprisingly calm seas. 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.

Days 5 to 8 - Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands *

Icebergs are the first attractions that welcome you to Antarctica. Massive floating bergs become more common as you get closer to land and you catch your first glimpse of the Peninsula, with its grand snow-covered mountains. In addition to spotting icebergs, you'll likely spot Adélie penguins chilling out on ice floes and minke or humpback whales feeding and swimming in the frigid waters. As soon as possible, the Zodiacs will be readied for your first landing in the South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula. Experiencing this immense wilderness up close for the first time can be a numbing experience. The silence is great, the vastness is even greater. Thankfully the noisy locals – penguins and seals – are there to remind you that this wonderful landscape isn't just a dream. Your Expedition Team will monitor the ice and weather conditions to determine which landing sites can be visited. With many sites to choose from, each expedition presents new opportunities for exploring the white continent by Zodiac and land. Swimming in Antarctica is perhaps the most adventurous option to tempt you, by taking a Polar Plunge in the water at Neko Harbour! A typical day in this wildlife wonderland will be spent listening to calving glaciers at Petermann Island, watching penguins waddle around a beach, or taking a hike atop a hill for a panoramic view of Port Lockroy. Whatever you prefer, the photographic opportunities are endless

Day 9 - Disembarkation and Fly to Punta Arenas *

As the ship turns north, you'll say goodbye to the penguins, as well as many of your shipmates. With only the Drake Passage ahead, you'll disembark and enjoy a bit of time on King George Island before flying off 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 out.

Day 10 - Depart for Home *

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Please note: *

Itineraries are subject to change.



YOUR SHIP: OCEAN EXPLORER

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VESSEL TYPE:	**Polar Expedition**
LENGTH:	**342 ft (104.4 m)**
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	**138**
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	**2021**

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.

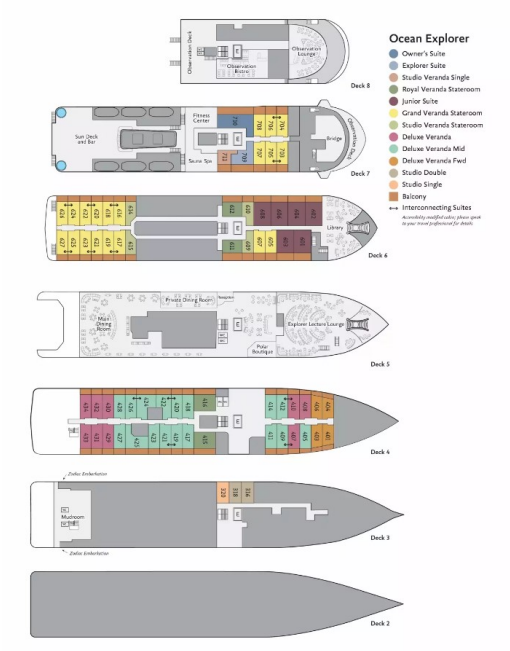
Designed with both exploration and comfort in mind, Ocean Explorer offers generous outdoor viewing spaces and elevated observation decks for exceptional photography and wildlife watching. A fleet of 15 Zodiacs ensures quick, safe embarkation for off-ship adventures. Social spaces such as the elegant 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, 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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INSIDE YOUR SHIP



Deluxe Suite



Deluxe Veranda Forward



Infinity Suite



Junior Suite



Owner's Suite



Owners Suite



Penthouse Suite



Studio Single





PRICING

15-Jan-2027 to 24-Jan-2027

Triple Suite	28595 AUD pp
Junior Suite	32750 AUD pp
Deluxe Veranda Forward	31795 AUD pp
Veranda Stateroom	33595 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	35595 AUD pp
Studio Single	46095 AUD pp
Penthouse Suite	48595 AUD pp
Studio Veranda Single	49795 AUD pp
Owners Suite	51895 AUD pp

02-Dec-2027 to 11-Dec-2027

Infinity Suite	35075 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	36875 AUD pp
Superior Suite	47375 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	50975 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	54575 AUD pp

28-Dec-2027 to 06-Jan-2028

Junior Suite	32271 AUD pp
Triple Suite	32095 AUD pp
Deluxe Veranda Forward	35795 AUD pp
Veranda Stateroom	37795 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	39995 AUD pp
Studio Single	51895 AUD pp
Penthouse Suite	54695 AUD pp
Studio Veranda Single	56095 AUD pp
Owners Suite	58395 AUD pp

21-Jan-2028 to 30-Jan-2028

Junior Suite	32271 AUD pp
Triple Suite	31395 AUD pp
Deluxe Veranda Forward	35095 AUD pp
Veranda Stateroom	36895 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	39095 AUD pp
Studio Single	50695 AUD pp
Penthouse Suite	53495 AUD pp
Studio Veranda Single	54695 AUD pp
Owners Suite	57095 AUD pp



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Infinity Suite	32875 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	34475 AUD pp
Superior Suite	44475 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	47675 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	51175 AUD pp

25-Nov-2028 to 04-Dec-2028

Triple Suite	27195 AUD pp
Deluxe Veranda Forward	30495 AUD pp
Veranda Stateroom	31995 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	33895 AUD pp
Studio Single	43995 AUD pp
Penthouse Suite	46395 AUD pp
Studio Veranda Single	47595 AUD pp
Owners Suite	49695 AUD pp

12-Dec-2028 to 21-Dec-2028

Infinity Suite	28745 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	30145 AUD pp
Superior Suite	38845 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	41745 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	44545 AUD pp

09-Jan-2029 to 18-Jan-2029

Triple Suite	27195 AUD pp
Deluxe Veranda Forward	30495 AUD pp
Veranda Stateroom	31995 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	33895 AUD pp
Studio Single	43995 AUD pp
Penthouse Suite	46395 AUD pp
Studio Veranda Single	47595 AUD pp
Owners Suite	49695 AUD pp

28-Jan-2029 to 06-Feb-2029

Infinity Suite	32345 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	33945 AUD pp
Superior Suite	43745 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	47045 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	50345 AUD pp

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.