

ANTARCTIC EXPRESS: FLY THE DRAKE

Answer the call of Antarctica by flying over the notorious Drake Passage by charter plane to land at King George Island before exploring the Antarctic Peninsula by ship. In just 8 adventure-packed days, you'll experience rewarding shore visits and Zodiac cruises, marvel at intimate wildlife encounters, explore historic sites and make the most of your landmark visit to the 7th Continent. Select from a range of adventure options and onboard activities that match your personal interests and make your expedition uniquely yours.



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Day 1 Arrive in 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 keep you busy for days. 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 preparing for your embarkation day.





Day 2 Fly to King George Island and Embarkation

Your charter flight from Punta Arenas to Antarctica will have you crossing the legendary Drake Passage in only two hours. Far below, the ship will approach King George Island for your arrival. Your first glimpse of dramatic Antarctic landscapes will be from a unique perspective, as your plane descends for landing in the South Shetland Islands. After landing, stretch your legs with a one-mile (1.6 km) walk to the shore, before being transferred by Zodiac to your ship to set sail for the Antarctic Peninsula!

Days 3 to 6 Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands

There are few places in the world as evocative as Antarctica. As your ship approaches the White Continent, you may be overcome by feelings of excitement and awe. Antarctica is indescribable and can only be fully appreciated through your own eyes. As your Captain and Expedition Team keep a lookout for whales and seabirds, you'll be alerted to any new sightings. Our team of expert presenters will deepen your experience with explanations of the glaciology, history and wildlife of the region. Even more exciting are your daily excursions. Your first Zodiac landing is something you'll never forget! Walking on a beach dotted with penguins is the most intimate way to experience the unique wildlife of Antarctica. Each landing is different and is 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 Adelie, gentoo and chinstrap penguin. You may take a Zodiac cruise in search of whales and icebergs one day, followed by a hike to a penguin rookery the next day. From the booming sound of a calving glacier to the thrill of spotting apex predators like leopard seals and orcas in action, you'll wake up early and welcome each day with a sense of adventure and a desire to explore during this unrivaled travel experience. Your Expedition Team will accompany you all along the way, providing insights into the places you visit.

Day 8 Disembarkation and Fly to Punta Arenas

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.

Please Note:

Embracing the unexpected is part of the legacy - and excitement - of expedition travel. There are no guarantees that we can achieve everything we set out to accomplish. A measure of flexibility is something all of us must bring to a voyage. There are nearly 200 recognized sites in the Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetlands and the places mentioned above may be changed to others equally as interesting.





YOUR SHIP: OCEAN EXPLORER

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VESSEL TYPE: Polar Expedition

LENGTH: 342 ft (104.4 m)

PASSENGER CAPACITY: 138

BUILT/REFURBISHED: 2021

Ocean Explorer, the newest addition to our fleet, is modern, elegant and purpose-built for polar exploration. The 138-passenger vessel has been designed with the latest in expedition ship technology. One of the ship's key features is the ULSTEIN X-BOW®, a marine engineering innovation that ensures a comfortable and smooth sailing experience thanks to the inverted bow. Located at the bow is the two-story, light-filled library, which introduces a welcome airiness to the expedition ship.

Spacious cabins feature a modern, bespoke Scandinavian design and almost all have verandas. Guests can relax and find comfort in the spacious gym, sauna with large windows, and two outdoor Jacuzzis.

Ocean Explorer features ample outdoor viewing areas and multi-height outer decks, which are ideal for long-view photography and wildlife viewing. The vessel is equipped with a fleet of 15 Zodiacs that enable guests to get off the ship quickly and safely for off-ship adventures. In addition to the well-appointed and spacious public areas, Ocean Explorer has an industry-leading mix of sustainability systems, including fuel-efficient Rolls Royce engines.

Two Story Library

Light-filled interior library--at the bow of the ship-- allows guests to sit and relax indoors while taking in the surrounding polar landscapes from their choice of two levels.

Leading Edge Sustainability

With the latest sustainability technology in polar expedition, the ship features fuel-efficient Rolls-Royce engines and the ground-breaking MAGS gasification system that converts waste into energy, eliminating the environmental impact of waste transportation.

ULSTEIN X-Bow

In addition to forming the double-story library, the innovative X-Bow design ensures calm, energy-efficient sailing in rough waters.

High Observation Outdoor Decks

Observation areas on Decks 7 and 8 allow for higher, longer-view landscape photography while contending with less sea spray.

Quiet and Comfortable

Spacious and luxurious cabins ensure your quiet ambience with no sound disturbance from adjoining cabins--and almost all cabins feature a balcony for outdoor viewing.

Stunning Interior Design

Each interior element was carefully hand-picked by designers for you to enjoy, from the dramatic two-story forward lounge, the floor-to-ceiling glass refuge in the library, to the grand fixtures and luxe furnishings throughout the ship.

Main Dining Room





Contemporary meets cozy in this modern dining room with its stylish lighting and contemporary art. Located on Deck 5, the Main Dining Room seats 144 guests, and features expansive floor-to-ceiling windows that open onto the spectacular polar wilderness.

Private Dining Room

Tasteful and intimate. This stylish, private dining room on deck 5 provides a relaxed dining experience--with views of the polar landscape--for up to 36 guests.

The Latitude Bar

A popular social hub on Deck 5, the beautifully-lit Latitude Bar--with its lush sofas and faux marble-topped end tables--is large enough to seat 46 and is ideal for enjoying a quiet drink on your own or hanging out with friends.

Library

Located on Deck 6 at the top of the gorgeous atrium staircase, this beautiful Library with floor-to-ceiling glass, accommodates up to 47 people

Dry Sauna

After a day of exciting off-ship adventure, guests can relax on the sauna's traditional wood benches while gazing at the polar wilderness just outside the large sauna windows. Accommodates 15 people on Deck 7.

Fitness Center

Stay fit with the latest work-out equipment in the Fitness Center on Deck 7.

Jacuzzis

Two outdoor Jacuzzis on deck 7, at the ship's stern, mean you can relax alfresco while soaking up the breath-taking polar views.

Observation Lounge

This stylish lounge at the top of the ship guarantees incredible views. Guests also frequent this spacious lookout on Deck 8 to enjoy cocktails and conversation with fellow travelers. Seats 63.

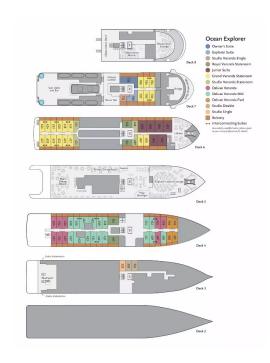


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INSIDE YOUR SHIP



Deluxe Suite



Deluxe. From



Infinity Suite. From



Owner's Suite



Deluxe Veranda Forward Stateroom



Infinity Suite



Junior Suite



Owner's Suite. From







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10-Dec-2025 to 17-Dec-2025

Triple Cabin. From	25410 AUD pp
Veranda Suite. From	29830 AUD pp
Infinity Suite. From	29830 AUD pp
Superior Suite. From	38755 AUD pp
Deluxe. From	41645 AUD pp
Owner's Suite. From	44705 AUD pp

15-Dec-2025 to 22-Dec-2025

Triple Cabin. From	25410 AUD pp
Infinity Suite. From	29830 AUD pp
Veranda Suite. From	29830 AUD pp
Superior Suite. From	38755 AUD pp
Deluxe. From	41645 AUD pp
Owner's Suite. From	44705 AUD pp

04-Jan-2026 to 11-Jan-2026

Deluxe Veranda Forward Stateroom	31785 AUD pp
Veranda Stateroom	33400 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	35355 AUD pp
Junior Suite	41815 AUD pp
Studio Single	41815 AUD pp
Studio Veranda Single	45130 AUD pp
Penthouse Suite	48445 AUD pp
Owners Suite	51675 AUD pp

08-Mar-2026 to 15-Mar-2026

Deluxe Veranda Forward Stateroom	23656 AUD pp
Veranda Stateroom	24846 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	26386 AUD pp
Studio Single	31146 AUD pp
Junior Suite	31146 AUD pp
Studio Veranda Single	33526 AUD pp
Penthouse Suite	36046 AUD pp
Owners Suite	38566 AUD pp

01-Dec-2026 to 08-Dec-2026

Infinity Suite	24021 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	25303 AUD pp
Superior Suite	32913 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	35478 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	37872 AUD pp





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06-Dec-2026 to 13-Dec-2026

Infinity Suite	24021 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	25303 AUD pp
Superior Suite	32913 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	35478 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	37872 AUD pp

11-Feb-2027 to 18-Feb-2027

Infinity Suite	25303 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	26586 AUD pp
Superior Suite	34537 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	37188 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	39753 AUD pp

16-Feb-2027 to 23-Feb-2027

Infinity Suite	25303 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	26586 AUD pp
Superior Suite	34537 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	37188 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	39753 AUD pp

21-Feb-2027 to 28-Feb-2027

Infinity Suite	25303 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	26586 AUD pp
Superior Suite	34537 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	37188 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	39753 AUD pp





SPECIAL OFFERS

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

Optional extras & upgrades

Optional Tours & Excursions Available. Please Contact Us for More Details.

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.

Sea Kayaking

Positioning yourself in the seat of a kayak is one of the most intimate ways travelers can connect with the polar regions—at water level, up close, where you can touch and feel every polar sensation imaginable. The Sea Kayak Program enables a small group of like-minded individuals to forge bonds as they explore fjords, glacial faces or mazes of sea ice.

Paddling Excursion

Every sweep of the paddle as your craft glides through the pristine polar waters creates an incredible soundtrack: the jostle of glacial ice, the lapping of waves against the rocky shore, the perpetual drip from your paddle, the call of seabirds, and the occasional splash as wildlife break the surface of the water.

