

## ANTARCTIC EXPRESS: FLY THE DRAKE

Fly both ways over the 800-km (500-mile) Drake Passage--the fastest route to and from Antarctica--and experience the best of the 7th Continent on our 8-day Antarctic Express: Fly the Drake. Enjoy a comfortable, time-saving three-hour flight from Punta Arenas, Chile, and board your waiting ship upon landing at King George Island. You'll then spend the next week exploring rugged polar landscapes, encountering unique wildlife, photographing incredible numbers of penguins and seals--and experiencing the unforgettable thrill of standing on the Antarctic Continent for the first time.



#### **ITINERARY**

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 Embark

Your charter flight from Punta Arenas to Antarctica will enable you to cross the legendary Drake Passage in only two hours, while 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 onto the South Shetland Islands. After landing, make your way to the shore, before being transferred by Zodiac to your ship to set sail for the Antarctic Peninsula.

### Day 3 to 6: Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands

There are few places in the world as evocative as Antarctica. The Antarctic Continent 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, and presentations on photography to help you take memory-catching images. Even more exciting are your daily excursions. Your first Zodiac landing is something you'll never forget. Walking on a shore inhabited by thousands of 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 Adelie, gentoo and chinstrap penguins. 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 EXPEDITION SPIRIT 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 wilderness experience. Your Expedition Team will accompany you all along the way, providing insights into the places you visit.

#### Day 7: Disembark 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 three-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.

#### Day 8: Depart for Punta Arenas

After breakfast, you are welcome to continue on your own travels or make your way to the Punta Arenas airport for your homeward flights.

#### 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

YOUR SHIP: Ocean Explorer

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.

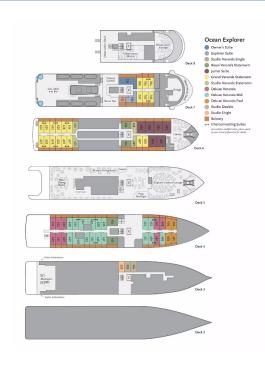


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# **INSIDE YOUR SHIP**



Deluxe Veranda Forward



Junior Suite



Penthouse Suite



Studio Veranda Single



Deluxe Veranda Forward Stateroom



**Owners Suite** 



Studio Single



Veranda Stateroom





## **PRICING**

#### 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	20277 AUD pp
Veranda Stateroom	21297 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	22617 AUD pp
Junior Suite	26697 AUD pp
Studio Single	26697 AUD pp
Studio Veranda Single	28737 AUD pp
Penthouse Suite	30897 AUD pp
Owners Suite	33057 AUD pp

04-Jan-2028 to 11-Jan-2028

Deluxe Veranda Forward	33639 AUD pp
Veranda Stateroom	35349 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	37658 AUD pp
Studio Single	44583 AUD pp
Junior Suite	44583 AUD pp
Studio Veranda Single	48260 AUD pp
Penthouse Suite	51851 AUD pp
Owners Suite	55613 AUD pp

#### 09-Jan-2028 to 16-Jan-2028

Deluxe Veranda Forward	33639 AUD pp
Veranda Stateroom	35349 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	37658 AUD pp
Studio Single	44583 AUD pp
Junior Suite	44583 AUD pp
Studio Veranda Single	48260 AUD pp
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## **PRICING**

#### 28-Jan-2028 to 04-Feb-2028

Deluxe Veranda Forward	33639 AUD pp
Veranda Stateroom	35349 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	37658 AUD pp
Junior Suite	44583 AUD pp
Studio Single	44583 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**

#### 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.

