

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 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!

Days 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 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 - 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.

Day 8 - Depart Punta Arenas

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

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**

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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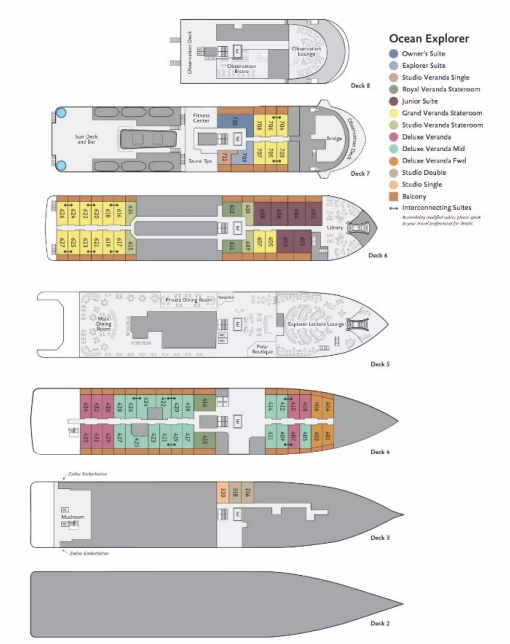
INSIDE YOUR SHIP



Deluxe Suite



Deluxe Veranda Forward



Infinity Suite



Junior Suite



Owner's Suite



Owners Suite



Penthouse Suite



Studio Single





PRICING

01-Dec-2026 to 08-Dec-2026

Infinity Suite	29295 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	30795 AUD pp
Superior Suite	39995 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	43095 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	46195 AUD pp

06-Dec-2026 to 13-Dec-2026

Infinity Suite	30795 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	32395 AUD pp
Superior Suite	42095 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	45195 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	48495 AUD pp

11-Feb-2027 to 18-Feb-2027

Infinity Suite	36395 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	38195 AUD pp
Superior Suite	49795 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	53495 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	57395 AUD pp

16-Feb-2027 to 23-Feb-2027

Infinity Suite	33895 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	35695 AUD pp
Superior Suite	46395 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	49995 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	53395 AUD pp

21-Feb-2027 to 28-Feb-2027

Infinity Suite	35595 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	37495 AUD pp
Superior Suite	48595 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	52295 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	56095 AUD pp

09-Dec-2027 to 16-Dec-2027

Infinity Suite	31395 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	33195 AUD pp
Superior Suite	42995 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	46195 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	49695 AUD pp



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04-Jan-2028 to 11-Jan-2028

Triple Suite	37195 AUD pp
Deluxe Veranda Forward	41495 AUD pp
Junior Suite	44583 AUD pp
Veranda Stateroom	43695 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	46395 AUD pp
Studio Single	60095 AUD pp
Penthouse Suite	63295 AUD pp
Studio Veranda Single	64795 AUD pp
Owners Suite	67595 AUD pp

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12-Feb-2028 to 19-Feb-2028

Infinity Suite	34095 AUD pp
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Superior Suite	46495 AUD pp
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Veranda Suite	46395 AUD pp
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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.