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## ANTARCTIC EXPRESS - FLY SOUTH, CRUISE NORTH EXPEDITION

Take the fastest route over the 800-km (500-mile) Drake Passage to Antarctica--a three-hour flight from Punta Arenas, Chile--and glimpse the 7th Continent from the air on our 9-day Antarctic Express: Fly South, Sail North. Then board your waiting ship at King George Island to explore Antarctica, and sail back across the Drake to Ushuaia. Flying one way and sailing the other gives you the best of both worlds. Expect unique wildlife sightings, rugged landscapes, penguins and seals--and the unforgettable excitement of standing on the Antarctic Continent for the first time.

Some departures may have slightly modified itineraries. Please confirm the itinerary with an Expedition Specialist.



### 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

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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 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 & 8: Crossing the Drake Passage \*

A rite of passage for any Antarctic adventurer, crossing the Drake signals the end of your journey. No matter the sea conditions, you will benefit from having developed your sea legs over the course of the previous four days. While the

journey home has begun, your wildlife spotting continues. Your Expedition Team will be available on deck and on the ship's bridge to help you spot the majestic wandering albatross and a number of whale species, such as minke and humpback. When you're not looking at photos and reminiscing about the previous days, the Expedition Team will conclude their series of engaging presentations on subjects such as marine biology, polar history and glaciology.

## Day 9: Disembark in Ushuaia, Argentina \*

You will arrive in Ushuaia in the morning, after which you can continue your onward journey, or catch your flights home.

Please note: \*

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## YOUR SHIP: OCEAN EXPLORER

<b>YOUR SHIP:</b>	<b>Ocean Explorer</b>
<b>VESSEL TYPE:</b>	<b>Polar Expedition</b>
<b>LENGTH:</b>	<b>342 ft (104.4 m)</b>
<b>PASSENGER CAPACITY:</b>	<b>138</b>
<b>BUILT/REFURBISHED:</b>	<b>2021</b>

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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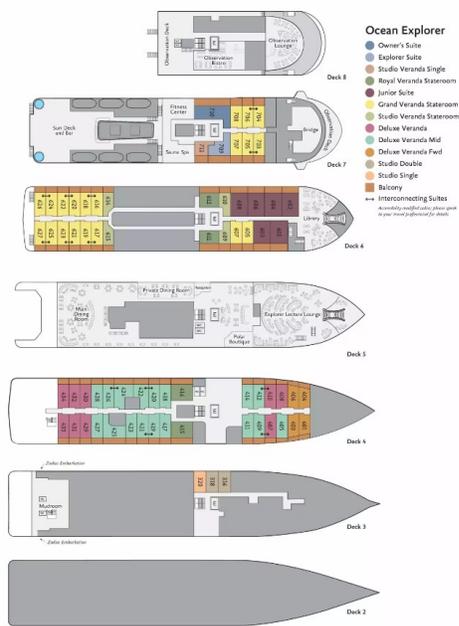
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## INSIDE YOUR SHIP



Deluxe Suite



Deluxe Veranda Forward



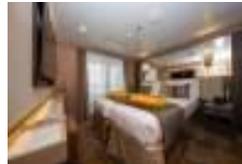
Infinity Suite



Junior Suite



Owner's Suite



Owners Suite



Penthouse Suite



Studio Single



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## PRICING

### 11-Dec-2026 to 19-Dec-2026

Infinity Suite	24040 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	25085 AUD pp
Superior Suite	32495 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	34870 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	37245 AUD pp

### 03-Feb-2027 to 11-Feb-2027

Triple Suite	21595 AUD pp
Deluxe Veranda Forward	24115 AUD pp
Veranda Stateroom	25285 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	26905 AUD pp
Junior Suite	28894 AUD pp
Studio Single	34825 AUD pp
Penthouse Suite	36715 AUD pp
Studio Veranda Single	37615 AUD pp
Owners Suite	39235 AUD pp

### 26-Feb-2027 to 06-Mar-2027

Infinity Suite	20665 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	21745 AUD pp
Superior Suite	28045 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	30025 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	32185 AUD pp

### 14-Dec-2027 to 22-Dec-2027

Infinity Suite	22074 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	23185 AUD pp
Superior Suite	29940 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	32077 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	34386 AUD pp

### 14-Jan-2028 to 22-Jan-2028

Triple Suite	21627 AUD pp
Deluxe Veranda Forward	24192 AUD pp
Veranda Stateroom	25474 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	26928 AUD pp
Junior Suite	32271 AUD pp
Studio Single	34965 AUD pp
Penthouse Suite	36846 AUD pp
Studio Veranda Single	37786 AUD pp
Owners Suite	39411 AUD pp

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### 07-Feb-2028 to 15-Feb-2028

Triple Suite	21627 AUD pp
Deluxe Veranda Forward	24192 AUD pp
Veranda Stateroom	25474 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	26928 AUD pp
Junior Suite	32271 AUD pp
Studio Single	34965 AUD pp
Penthouse Suite	36846 AUD pp
Studio Veranda Single	37786 AUD pp
Owners Suite	39411 AUD pp

### 25-Feb-2028 to 04-Mar-2028

Infinity Suite	18654 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	19509 AUD pp
Superior Suite	25152 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	27033 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	28828 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.



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