

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 - Punta Arenas, Chile *

Your journey begins in Punta Arenas. This port city is situated at the southern tip of Chile, on the north bank of the Strait of Magellan. Once a Chilean penal colony, Punta Arenas has transformed into a vibrant city offering you plenty of attractions including historic sites and museums. Explore the city by day, and



then join us for an evening dinner to meet your fellow Antarctic adventurers.

Day 2 - Embarkation Day *

Today you board your chartered flight to Antarctica. The journey over the Drake Passage will take you less than four hours, whereas our ship-based travelers take two days to make the journey by sea. Your first glimpse of Antarctica comes into view shortly before the aircraft descends towards King George Island--hope for clear skies so you can appreciate the vastness of this great continent! You will have free time to photograph parts of the island and stretch your legs before joining the ship. Once aboard, you'll enjoy your first trip in a Zodiac and begin your exploration of the Antarctic region.

Days 3 to 6 - Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands *

You'll get a sense that you've arrived on a new planet during the start of your Antarctic voyage, as the pristine nature and dramatic environments are like nothing else on earth. From the vessel you can watch whales swim and feed in nutrient-rich waters and spot penguins frolicking in the water and jumping aboard ice floes. Just as amazing as the wildlife are the towering snowcovered mountains and massive glaciers of the Peninsula, which will be your playground for the next few days. Every Zodiac excursion and landing presents new sights, sounds and smells. Some landings may be as relaxing as sitting on a beach, taking photographs of curious gentoo penguins. Other landings may provide exhilarating panoramic views of the Antarctic continent by hiking atop a hill. Perhaps you'll catch a calving glacier crumbling into the sea at Petermann Island, or take a Zodiac cruise in search of fur and elephant seals around Pleneau Island. Even common travel experiences like mailing a postcard take on an extra level of excitement in Antarctica. While weather and sea conditions determine which landings we can make, your Expedition Team will ensure that each day of your Antarctic adventure leaves a lasting impression.

Days 7 and 8 - Crossing the Drake Passage to Ushuaia *

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 and overnight in Ushuaia, Argentina *

After a final breakfast aboard the ship, say goodbye to your crew as we disembark in Ushuaia. We'll transfer you to the hotel to check in and then you'll have a chance to explore the town on your own to shop, sightsee and sample some Argentinian cuisine.

Day 10 - Depart for home *

Today you are free to make your way to the airport for departure, or extend your stay in Ushuaia.

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.

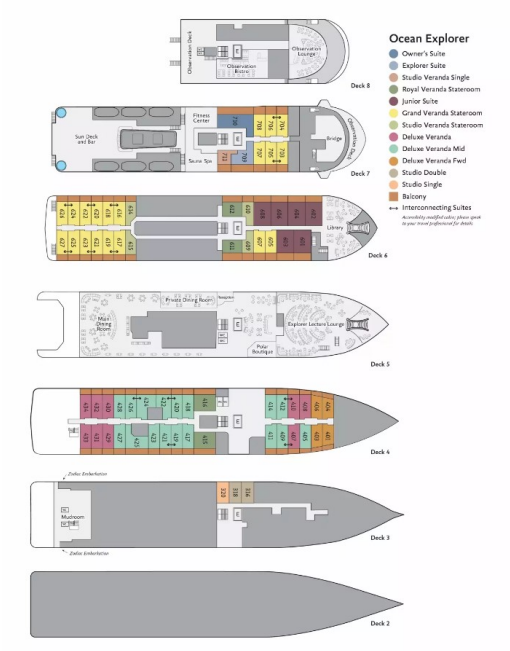
Designed with both exploration and comfort in mind, Ocean Explorer offers generous outdoor viewing spaces and elevated observation decks for exceptional photography and wildlife watching. A fleet of 15 Zodiacs ensures quick, safe embarkation for off-ship adventures. Social spaces such as the elegant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





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11-Dec-2026 to 19-Dec-2026

Infinity Suite	25175 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	26275 AUD pp
Superior Suite	34075 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	36575 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	39075 AUD pp

03-Feb-2027 to 11-Feb-2027

Triple Suite	26295 AUD pp
Junior Suite	28894 AUD pp
Deluxe Veranda Forward	29495 AUD pp
Veranda Stateroom	30895 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	32895 AUD pp
Studio Single	42495 AUD pp
Penthouse Suite	44895 AUD pp
Studio Veranda Single	45995 AUD pp
Owners Suite	47995 AUD pp

26-Feb-2027 to 06-Mar-2027

Infinity Suite	26775 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	28075 AUD pp
Superior Suite	36275 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	38975 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	41775 AUD pp

14-Dec-2027 to 22-Dec-2027

Infinity Suite	28075 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	29575 AUD pp
Superior Suite	38075 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	41075 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	43875 AUD pp

14-Jan-2028 to 22-Jan-2028

Triple Suite	27195 AUD pp
Deluxe Veranda Forward	30395 AUD pp
Junior Suite	32271 AUD pp
Veranda Stateroom	31995 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	33895 AUD pp
Studio Single	43895 AUD pp
Penthouse Suite	46195 AUD pp
Studio Veranda Single	47395 AUD pp
Owners Suite	49495 AUD pp



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07-Feb-2028 to 15-Feb-2028

Triple Suite	27195 AUD pp
Deluxe Veranda Forward	30395 AUD pp
Junior Suite	32271 AUD pp
Veranda Stateroom	31995 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	33895 AUD pp
Studio Single	43895 AUD pp
Penthouse Suite	46195 AUD pp
Studio Veranda Single	47395 AUD pp
Owners Suite	49495 AUD pp

25-Feb-2028 to 04-Mar-2028

Infinity Suite	26475 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	27975 AUD pp
Superior Suite	35975 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	38675 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	41375 AUD pp

12-Dec-2028 to 20-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

27-Dec-2028 to 04-Jan-2029

Infinity Suite	27745 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	29045 AUD pp
Superior Suite	37545 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	40345 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	43145 AUD pp

26-Jan-2029 to 03-Feb-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



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14-Feb-2029 to 22-Feb-2029

Infinity Suite	**23245 AUD pp**
Veranda Suite	**24345 AUD pp**
Superior Suite	**31445 AUD pp**
Deluxe Suite	**33645 AUD pp**
Owner's Suite	**36045 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.