

ANTARCTIC PENINSULA: CROSSING THE CIRCLE EXPEDITION CRUISE

Relatively few humans set foot on the remote 7th Continent. Even fewer achieve the incomparable polar milestone of crossing the Antarctic Circle. While navigating beyond 66°33' South is the highlight of the 14-day Antarctic Peninsula: Crossing the Circle, this voyage encompasses many extraordinary immersive adventures and breath-taking polar landscapes. Traveling with Quark Expeditions on our brand-new ship, World Voyager, you'll be able to explore this fascinating region by ship, Zodiac, kayak and during guided hikes. In addition to navigating beyond 66 33´ South—which is marked by a special on-board celebration—you'll be able to explore penguin colonies, glaciers, remote bays and historical sites of the Peninsula and experience the awe of splendid isolation. Our ultimate goal is to allow you to customize your adventure as you cross the 7th Continent off your bucket list. Reach out to our team of Polar Travel Advisers for assistance at any time.



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Day 1 - Arrive in Buenos Aires, Argentina

Upon arriving in this cosmopolitan city, known for its architecture and rich European heritage, you will independently transfer to your group hotel (pre-expedition hotel night included in mandatory transfer package).

Day 2 - Fly to Ushuaia and Embark



After an early breakfast at the hotel, the group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Ushuaia, Argentina.Upon arrival, you will be transferred from the airport to a central downtown location for free time on your own to explore this quaint port town before making your way to the pier.As the ship sets sail in the late afternoon, you will begin your Antarctic journey, passing through the historic Beagle Channel. Named after the famed ship on which Charles Darwin voyaged, the channel presents great photo opportunities of landscapes and seabirds. Eventually the channel opens up to the Southern Ocean, and onwards to Antarctica.

Days 3 and 4 - Crossing the Drake Passage

Your days at sea are filled with presentations led by your Expedition Team on photography, wildlife, glaciology, and history. You can also spend time on deck looking for wildlife, or chatting with your shipmates over a drink at the bar.

Days 5 to 7 - South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula

The most common reaction upon reaching the Antarctic Peninsula is a sense of reverence and awe. The experience is beyond words, since few places are as untouched and enduring as Antarctica. You will begin to appreciate why this region has long captivated the attention of explorers and travelers alike. Every visit to Antarctica, we witness something new or unexpected, which means that your expedition will be unlike any other—creating a unique, personal experience. Each day, you will take Zodiac excursions from the ship to explore local bays, channels and landing sites. With wildlife always at the forefront of our minds, you will visit penguin rookeries, scout for humpback and minke whales, and search for a number of southern seal species, including the elusive leopard seal. Your Expedition Team will take care of you at each landing, whether you are exploring the Antarctic terrain, visiting a research station or consorting with penguin colonies. Chinstrap, Adélie and gentoo penguins are found here, along with five different species of seals. Zodiac cruising can offer opportunities to view some of the larger local marine mammals more intimately, such as Antarctic minke and humpback whales. Your days will be busy spotting wildlife and being mesmerized by the astounding beauty of Antarctica. Listening to the crackling and crumbling of icebergs and glaciers and watching penguins waddling on the beach will become your daily entertainment, while heli flightseeing, sea kayaking or paddle excursions are optional activities available on select voyages (at an extra cost).

Days 8 and 9 - Antarctic Circle

Crossing the Antarctic Circle is both a memorable experience and impressive achievement, as few travelers reach so far south. If conditions allow us to cross this famed latitude of 66°33 S, we'll toast the first explorers who ventured here, and you can raise a glass and take pride in knowing you've made it to a part of the world visited by very few people. This is raw Antarctica, home of the midnight sun, Weddell seals, and your best chances of encountering sea ice—the very foundations of the Antarctic marine ecosystem.

Days 10 and 11 - Northbound Along the Peninsula

By now, your knowledge of Adélie, chinstrap and gentoo penguins will be matched by your ability to differentiate between a leopard, crabeater and Weddell seal. Terms like 'bergy bits' and 'pancake ice' will become part of your vocabulary, yet there are still many tales to be told. As you head north, Zodiac excursions will fill your days, and your Expedition Team will continue looking out for species of seabirds, seals and whales that may have eluded you on your journey south.

Days 12 and 13 - Crossing the Drake Passage

As you recross the Drake, Antarctica fades away, leaving you with a collection of memories to last a lifetime. Excited conversations with your newfound friends will make the crossing fly by, regardless of weather and sea conditions. Your Expedition Team will round up its series of presentations as well, with a slideshow of the adventures you've shared and wildlife you've witnessed over the course of your voyage. Be sure to take some time to reflect on everything you've experienced so far.

Day 14 - Disembark in Ushuaia and Fly to Buenos Aires

You will arrive in Ushuaia in the morning and disembark after breakfast. You will then make your way towards your included group charter flight to Buenos Aires.

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.

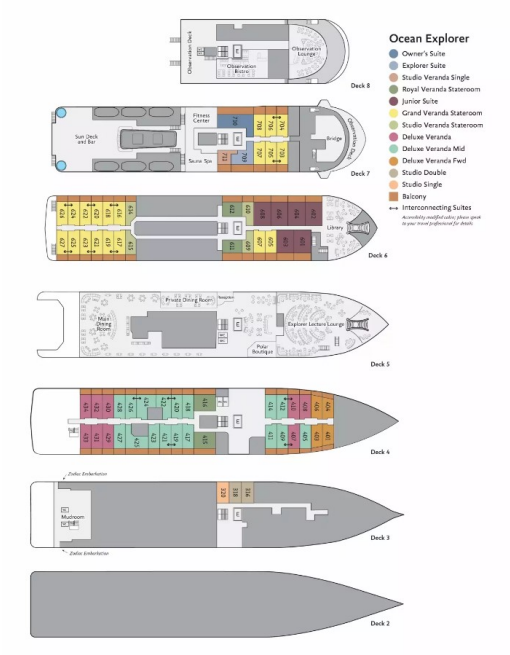
Designed with both exploration and comfort in mind, Ocean Explorer offers generous outdoor viewing spaces and elevated observation decks for exceptional photography and wildlife watching. A fleet of 15 Zodiacs ensures quick, safe embarkation for off-ship adventures. Social spaces such as the elegant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



Deluxe Veranda Forward



Infinity Suite



Owner's Suite



Owners Suite



Penthouse Suite





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14-Jan-2027 to 27-Jan-2027

Infinity Suite	38515 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	40415 AUD pp
Superior Suite	52015 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	55915 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	59715 AUD pp

24-Jan-2028 to 06-Feb-2028

Infinity Suite	43245 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	45445 AUD pp
Superior Suite	58445 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	62745 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	67045 AUD pp

28-Dec-2028 to 10-Jan-2029

Triple Suite	28595 AUD pp
Deluxe Veranda Forward	31995 AUD pp
Veranda Stateroom	33595 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	35695 AUD pp
Studio Single	46195 AUD pp
Penthouse Suite	48795 AUD pp
Studio Veranda Single	49995 AUD pp
Owners Suite	51995 AUD pp

21-Feb-2029 to 06-Mar-2029

Infinity Suite	35535 AUD pp
Veranda Suite	37135 AUD pp
Superior Suite	47735 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	51235 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	54635 AUD pp

Optional extras & upgrades

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.



Paddling Excursion in Antarctic

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.