

ANTARCTICA AND PATAGONIA: LEGENDARY ICE AND EPIC FJORDS

Join us on an odyssey that combines the celebrated wonders of the southernmost realms of the planet in a single epic voyage. The Antarctic Peninsula, southern Patagonia, and the Chilean fjords are places of unimaginable beauty. Humpback whales breach and penguins gather by the thousands. Icebergs shimmer and sapphire-hued fjords harbor snowcapped peaks and virgin forests. Flexibility is a hallmark of our expedition style, and often the shipboard day-by-day itinerary will change--so we may take full advantage of rare wildlife sightings, watching whales feed off the bow, or perfect conditions for a late day Zodiac excursion.



ITINERARY

Day 1 Santiago, Chile

Arrive in Santiago, Chile's mountainous capital, and transfer to the Ritz-Carlton, Santiago, or similar.

Arrival Time: Arrive before 11:00 a.m. local time. Arrival City: Santiago, Chile

Day 2 Puerto Natales / Embark Ship

This day has a recommended group flight.

Fly from Santiago to Puerto Natales, Chile's southern gateway to Patagonia, where you'll embark the ship.





Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 Puerto Natales and Torres del Paine National Park

Early this morning, dock in picturesque Puerto Natales before heading out to explore majestic Torres del Paine National Park, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Set out by foot or by vehicle across the windswept, rugged landscape, which spans more than 550,000 acres and harbors an astounding variety of geological forms, from the soaring granite pillars of the "horns" and windswept grasslands to rivers, glaciers and gem-colored lagoons. Keep an eye out for guanacos, rheas, foxes and armadillos.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 Puerto Natales / Kirke Narrows

Local pilots join your captain on the Bridge to guide the ship through the winding Kirke Narrows, accessible only to small expedition ships. You'll then continue your discovery of the Chilean fjords, where you may explore by ship or take a forest walk.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 Francisco Coloane Marine Park

Enter the Strait of Magellan to explore Francisco Coloane Marine Park. The park covers more than 165,000 acres of land and sea and is home to an abundance of wildlife, including humpback whales, two species of sea lions and Magellanic penguins. Cruise along the coastline by Zodiac and kayak to watch for black and white Peale's dolphins, the endangered Chilean dolphin and Andean condors.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 Tierra del Fuego: Karukinka Natural Park and Ainsworth Bay

Cruise to Tierra del Fuego and venture into the archipelago's largest protected land area: Karukinka Natural Park. Visit this private reserve by special permission, searching for Andean foxes, guanacos, black-browed albatross and more. Then sail to Ainsworth Bay, a stunning fjord surrounded by subpolar forest, keeping an eye out for elephant seals.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7-8 Exploring the Chilean Fjords

Sail into southern Patagonia's vast wilderness of forested isles, mirror-like lakes and snowcapped peaks. Myriad fjords cut between soaring granite walls, and waterfalls tumble from high above. Explore the region known as Chile's "Glacier Alley," part of the UNESCO-recognized Cape Horn Biosphere Reserve. Cruise into the secluded Pia Fjord, admiring views of its massive glacier, and glide into Garibaldi Fjord in Alberto de Agostini National Park, where the Andes meet the sea. Get up close to the monumental wall of ice that marks the edge of Garibaldi Glacier, exploring by Zodiac or kayak. Continue to Agostini Fjord, where numerous glaciers originate from the nearby mountains, for a chance to witness thunderous glacial calving.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Days 9-10 At Sea / Drake Passage

Sail to Antarctica via the Drake Passage, named after 16th-century English admiral Sir Francis Drake. Watch for dozens of species of seabirds gliding alongside the ship--including the albatross, which boasts the longest wingspan of any extant bird--and enjoy talks from your onboard naturalists about the wildlife and geology that await you on the Antarctic Peninsula.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner





Days 11-15 Exploring Antarctica

Please Note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

With long hours of daylight at this time of year, you'll have ample opportunities to explore. The schedule is flexible, allowing you to take advantage of the unexpected, whether you're watching whales at play off the bow of the ship or enjoying an evening Zodiac cruise amid glittering icebergs. One day, you might set out by kayak to encounter towering icebergs at water level; embark on a Zodiac excursion in search of seals and blue-eyed shags; or walk on a beach amid thousands of Adelie and gentoo penguins. The next day, you might experience the thrill of the ship crunching through pack ice. The expert expedition team enriches your experiences.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Days 16-17 At Sea

Relax on board and enjoy the ship's amenities as the coast of Antarctica disappears from view. Round the southernmost tip of South America at Cape Horn and witness the dramatic meeting of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans en route to Ushuaia, Argentina.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 18 Ushuaia / Disembark Ship / Santiago

This day has a recommended group flight.

Disembark in Ushuaia and board your flight to Santiago to connect with your overnight flight home.

Departure Time: Depart after 9:00 p.m. local time.

Departure City: Santiago, Chile

Meals Included: Breakfast





YOUR SHIP: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

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VESSEL TYPE: Luxury Expedition

LENGTH: 108 meters

PASSENGER CAPACITY: 148 (single & twin cabins)

BUILT/REFURBISHED: 1982 / 2008

Originally constructed for Norway's renowned Hurtigruten Coastal Express, National Geographic Explorer was a natural fit for the Lindblad Expeditions fleet thanks to her exceptional manoeuvrability, ice-strengthened hull, and purpose-built expedition design. Now fully stabilised and refitted with over five decades of exploration expertise, she is ideally suited for navigating the most remote corners of the globe--from the rugged coasts of Europe to the icy passages of the polar regions. With vast windows throughout and a Scandinavian-inspired interior, the ship invites guests to stay connected with their environment at every turn.

Aboard National Geographic Explorer, every feature is tailored to enhance discovery. From the open Bridge and observation deck to the Chart Room and mudroom for expedition gear, the ship is an authentic platform for adventure. Her recently updated suites offer comfort and understated elegance, while public spaces such as the library, Global Gallery, and multiple dining areas encourage camaraderie and relaxation. Carrying expert guides, state-of-the-art tools, and a fleet of Zodiacs and kayaks, this 148-guest ship brings guests closer to nature with all the style and substance expected of a flagship expedition vessel.

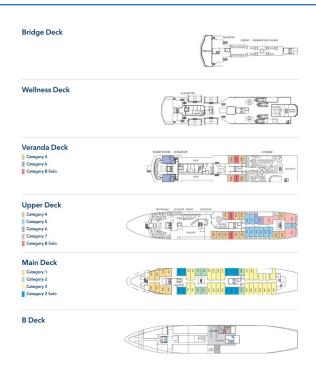


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