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ANTARCTICA DIRECT: FLY THE DRAKE PASSAGE 9-DAY

Join the pioneers of Antarctic expedition travel on a thrilling exploration of the continent. Save time by flying directly from South America to the Antarctic peninsula (and back) where we embark the National Geographic Orion, purpose-built for polar waters. Witness the grandeur of this icy wilderness as you kayak among dazzling blue icebergs, sail past dramatic snow-capped peaks and rugged shores, and encounter the region's iconic wildlife—from scores of penguins to whales, seals, and seabirds. A veteran team of naturalists and a National Geographic Photography Expert by your side ensures that you'll have the most unforgettable experience and incredible photos to prove it.



ITINERARY

Day 1 Puerto Natales, Chile

Arrive in Puerto Natales. Originally a small fishing port, the town is nestled on the Last Hope Sound and boasts a stunning view of the sea surrounded by the Cerro Benitez Mountains—the gateway to Torres del Paine. Transfer from the airport to your hotel, where you'll enjoy dinner and attend a briefing on the following day's activities.

Ask your expedition specialist about joining an immersive 5-day pre-voyage extension to explore Torres del Paine National Park, an incredible UNESCO

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biosphere reserve.

****Arrival Time:**** Arrive to the hotel in Puerto Natales by 3:00 p.m. local time.

****Arrival City:**** Puerto Natales, Chile

Day 2 Puerto Natales / King George Island, Antarctica / Embark Ship

Following breakfast, check out of the hotel and transfer to the airport for your two-hour direct flight to King George Island and the thrilling start to your Antarctic adventure. Home to a diverse assortment of wildlife, King George Island also has a human presence. Researchers from a wide range of countries, including the U.S., Chile, Argentina and Brazil, call the various stations home. Your flight will land on a gravel runway at the Chilean research station. You will then be transferred to the rocky shoreline, where you will board Zodiacs to embark on the ship and set sail as you begin exploring this amazing region.

Day 3-7 Exploring Antarctica

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, hiking alongside penguin highways or enjoying an evening Zodiac cruise amid porpoising penguins.

While wildlife is magnificent, ice defines the Antarctic. You'll get to know ice up close and personal—from icebergs the size of islands, bergy bits and near-vertical glaciers, to the fragile, nearly invisible layers that have just begun to freeze. 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 amid thousands of Adelie and gentoo penguins. The next, you might experience the thrill of the ship crunching through pack ice.

Everywhere you go in Antarctica, you'll be surrounded by opportunities to capture uniquely beautiful images. Along the way, your expert expedition team will enrich every experience.

Day 8 King George Island / Disembark Ship / Puerto Natales

This morning, the ship will be moored off of King George Island once again. Following disembarkation and Zodiac rides to shore, your flight departs the White Continent and returns to Puerto Natales where you overnight at your hotel.

Day 9 Puerto Natales

Check out of your hotel and transfer to the airport to begin your journey homeward.

****Departure Time:**** Outbound flights from Puerto Natales should depart no earlier than 1:00 p.m. local time (or as late in the day as possible).

****Departure City:**** Puerto Natales, Chile

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

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YOUR SHIP: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

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VESSEL TYPE:	Luxury Expedition
LENGTH:	103 metres
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	102 (in 53 cabins)
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	2003 / Refurbished 2014



With just 53 cabins, National Geographic Orion offers an intimate and refined platform for exploring some of the world's most remote and culturally rich regions--from the Pacific Islands and Asia to Antarctica and the Mediterranean. Purpose-built for expedition travel, she boasts an ice-class hull for navigating polar waters and exceptional manoeuvrability that enables access to secluded bays, narrow inlets and winding rivers--places far beyond the reach of larger cruise ships.

Life aboard Orion is designed to immerse guests in the natural world, with panoramic deck spaces, a whirlpool hot tub, and ample opportunities for wildlife viewing. Her public areas include two relaxed dining venues, a lounge with bar, an observation library, fitness centre and spa, as well as the OM System Photo Gear Locker to support photography at all levels. Open-Bridge access allows guests to connect with the ship's officers and learn about navigation first-hand. Whether sailing through polar pack ice or anchoring off a tropical atoll, Orion delivers a seamless blend of adventure and comfort.

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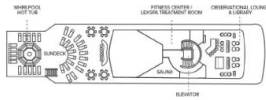


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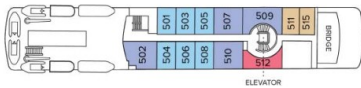
INSIDE YOUR SHIP

Observation Deck



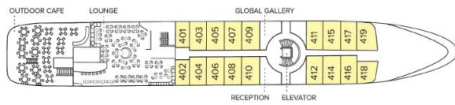
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- Category 5
- Category 6
- Category 3 Solo



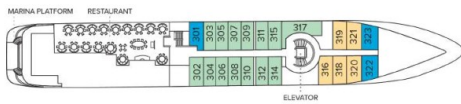
Upper Deck

- Category 3



Main Deck

- Category 1
- Category 2
- Category 1 Solo



Expedition Deck



Category 01



Category 02



Category 03



Category 04



Category 05



Category 06



Category 1S



Category 3S



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19-Nov-2026 to 27-Nov-2026

Category 01	20433 AUD pp
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Category 03	22595 AUD pp
Category 04	23783 AUD pp
Category 05	28047 AUD pp
Category 06	31519 AUD pp
Category 3S	0 pp
Category 1S	0 pp

25-Nov-2026 to 03-Dec-2026

Category 01	22415 AUD pp
Category 02	24312 AUD pp
Category 03	24840 AUD pp
Category 04	26176 AUD pp
Category 05	30962 AUD pp
Category 06	34862 AUD pp
Category 3S	0 pp
Category 1S	0 pp

27-Dec-2026 to 04-Jan-2027

Category 01	37473 AUD pp
Category 02	42000 AUD pp
Category 03	55600 AUD pp
Category 04	61610 AUD pp
Category 05	64652 AUD pp
Category 06	70686 AUD pp
Category 1S	0 pp
Category 3S	0 pp

02-Jan-2027 to 10-Jan-2027

Category 01	31309 AUD pp
Category 02	34232 AUD pp
Category 03	35013 AUD pp
Category 04	37015 AUD pp
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Category 05	44099 AUD pp
Category 06	49879 AUD pp
Category 3S	0 pp
Category 1S	0 pp

19-Jan-2027 to 27-Jan-2027

Category 01	33367 AUD pp
Category 02	36507 AUD pp
Category 03	37352 AUD pp
Category 04	39505 AUD pp
Category 05	47127 AUD pp
Category 06	53347 AUD pp
Category 3S	0 pp
Category 1S	0 pp

25-Jan-2027 to 02-Feb-2027

Category 01	28110 AUD pp
Category 02	30686 AUD pp
Category 03	31377 AUD pp
Category 04	33140 AUD pp
Category 05	39386 AUD pp
Category 06	44480 AUD pp
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Category 1S	0 pp

31-Jan-2027 to 08-Feb-2027

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Category 02	29780 AUD pp
Category 03	30462 AUD pp
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Category 05	38390 AUD pp
Category 06	43432 AUD pp
Category 1S	0 pp
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28-Nov-2027 to 06-Dec-2027

Category 01	19725 AUD pp
Category 02	21211 AUD pp
Category 03	21634 AUD pp
Category 04	22685 AUD pp
Category 05	26445 AUD pp
Category 06	29497 AUD pp
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04-Dec-2027 to 12-Dec-2027

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Category 03	21951 AUD pp
Category 04	23025 AUD pp
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21-Dec-2027 to 29-Dec-2027

Category 01	30054 AUD pp
Category 02	32635 AUD pp
Category 03	33364 AUD pp
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Category 02	25874 AUD pp
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Category 06	36617 AUD pp
Category 1S	0 pp
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02-Jan-2028 to 10-Jan-2028

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Category 03	31585 AUD pp
Category 04	33285 AUD pp
Category 05	39385 AUD pp
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25-Jan-2028 to 02-Feb-2028

Category 01	28100 AUD pp
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Category 03	31128 AUD pp
Category 04	32800 AUD pp
Category 05	38785 AUD pp
Category 06	43671 AUD pp
Category 3S	0 pp
Category 1S	0 pp

31-Jan-2028 to 08-Feb-2028

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29-Feb-2028 to 08-Mar-2028

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