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POLAR CIRCLE QUEST - A 12-DAY VOYAGE INTO THE HEART OF ANTARCTICA

Embark on an expedition cruise to the Antarctic Peninsula, beyond the Polar Circle, and the South Shetland Islands, filled with thrilling adventure activities.

Aboard the *_St Helena_*, discover the untouched beauty and exhilarating challenges of the White Continent. This 12-day voyage promises stunning landscapes, exceptional wildlife encounters, and the chance to dive into adventure with activities such as kayaking, snowshoeing, and zodiac cruises.

Who is this voyage ideal for?

Ideal for active adventurers with a passion for the extraordinary, this journey is perfect for those who want to go further--beyond the Polar Circle. If you crave immersive experiences like kayaking through ice-laden waters, snowshoeing across untouched terrain, and spotting wildlife in remote corners of the White Continent, this action-filled voyage offers the ultimate blend of comfort and exploration.



ITINERARY

Day 1: Ushuaia, Argentina

Board your ship in the afternoon and meet your expert expedition team and lecturers. After settling into your cabin, the ship sets sail through the Beagle Channel and Mackinlay Pass. Take in the breathtaking scenery of rugged coastlines and sea cliffs as your Antarctic adventure begins.

Days 2-3: Crossing the Drake Passage

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Cross the legendary Drake Passage, named after Sir Francis Drake. This biologically rich region, where cold polar waters meet warmer currents, supports a thriving ecosystem that attracts seabirds such as albatrosses, petrels, and shearwaters.

Take advantage of your ship's open bridge policy, joining the officers to learn about navigation, scan for whales, or simply enjoy the vast horizon. Meanwhile, the lecture team will share insights into Antarctica's history, geology, and wildlife.

By Day 3, the first sight of the South Shetland Islands will appear--remote islets first discovered in 1819 by Captain William Smith. Weather permitting, you may step ashore for your first encounters with penguins and seals.

Days 4-9: Exploring the Antarctic Peninsula & Venturing below the Antarctica Circle

Explore the wonders of the Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands, where towering icebergs, pristine glaciers, and dramatic landscapes define the ultimate polar wilderness.

****Adventure Highlights:****

****Kayaking**** : Paddle through serene, icy waters, surrounded by sculpted icebergs, curious seals, and diving penguins.

****Snowshoeing**** : Trek across snowy ridges and glacial terrains to reach stunning viewpoints.

****Zodiac Cruises**** : Navigate ice-filled waters for close-up views of wildlife and ice formations.

****Scenic Waterways:****

Sail through some of Antarctica's most iconic passages, such as the Gerlache Strait, Errera Channel, and Lemaire Channel, often referred to as the "Kodak Gap" for its spectacular scenery.

With over 500 diverse landing sites along the Antarctic Peninsula, no two voyages are ever the same. Our expert team crafts each expedition based on

conditions, weather, and opportunities for the most remarkable encounters. As passenger vessel traffic has increased in recent years, competition for landing sites has intensified--but our deep knowledge of this pristine region ensures you'll embark on true exploratory journeys, venturing beyond the crowds.

Guided by our experienced crew, you'll navigate breathtaking ice-choked channels, witness towering glaciers, and encounter extraordinary wildlife in one of the most remote places on Earth. This is not just a cruise--it's a genuine expedition where spontaneity and discovery define every day.

Join us for an adventure where the unknown awaits, and every landing is a moment of exploration.

Wildlife enthusiasts will be thrilled by close encounters with Adelie, Gentoo, and Chinstrap Penguins, as well as crabeater, Weddell, and leopard seals. Keep an eye out for Minke, humpback, and orca whales feeding in the nutrient-rich waters. This journey sets the compass south, aiming for the elusive Polar Circle - a true expedition for explorers.

Days 10-11: Crossing the Drake Passage

Say goodbye to the icy wilderness as we embark on our return journey across the Drake Passage. Reflect on the incredible sights and adventures of the past days. Attend final lectures and workshops or unwind on deck, keeping an eye out for seabirds and marine life. Conclude your Antarctic expedition with a farewell dinner on the final evening.

Day 12: Ushuaia, Argentina

Arrive back in Ushuaia early in the morning. After breakfast, disembark your ship, taking with you memories of an unforgettable journey to the southernmost corners of the Earth.

Please note:

_The above itinerary is a general guideline. Our precise route and activities will

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be adjusted to optimize wildlife viewing and adapt to prevailing weather and ice conditions. The Captain and/or Expedition Leader will make necessary changes to ensure the best possible experience. A daily program will be provided onboard. Flexibility is essential for a successful expedition...

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YOUR SHIP: ST. HELENA

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VESEL TYPE:	Polar Code Category C Passenger Vessel
LENGTH:	105 metres / 344 ft
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	98
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	1989 / 2022

Combining adventure, education, and strong value, St Helena delivers an immersive polar experience with a focus on exploration and meaningful discovery.

St Helena is a character-rich expedition vessel with a unique maritime legacy, originally built to serve one of the world's most remote communities and extensively refurbished in 2022. Now part of the Terra Nova Expeditions fleet, she combines heritage with modern comfort, accommodating just 98 guests for an intimate onboard experience supported by 81 crew members. Spacious, ocean-view cabins all feature ensuite bathrooms, with a variety of configurations including singles, twins, and shared options ideal for solo travellers, families, or groups. With inviting social spaces, panoramic observation lounges, and a relaxed atmosphere, the ship offers a welcoming environment designed for both comfort and connection.

Built for true expedition travel, St Helena is equipped with an ice-strengthened hull, powerful engines, and 12 Zodiacs, making her well suited for navigating the remote regions of Antarctica and beyond. Guests can take part in expert-led excursions such as zodiac cruises, guided landings, kayaking, and even camping, while onboard facilities include open decks for wildlife viewing, a gym, spa, two Jacuzzis, and a fully equipped science lab supporting active research programmes.



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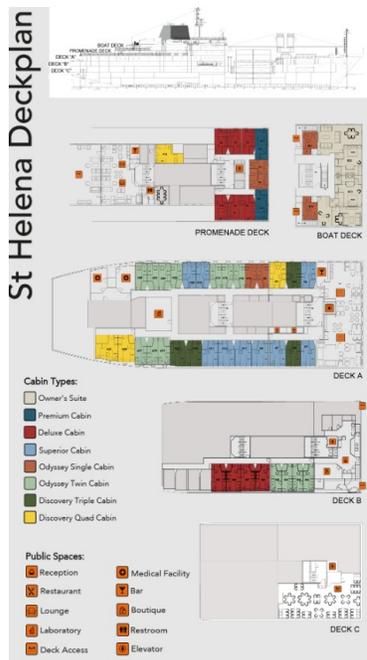
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Deluxe Cabin



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PRICING

14-Feb-2027 to 25-Feb-2027

Discovery Quad Cabin	10980 USD pp
Discovery Triple Cabin	11910 USD pp
Odyssey Single Cabin	13140 USD pp
Odyssey Twin Cabin	13140 USD pp
Superior Cabin	14250 USD pp
Deluxe Cabin	15990 USD pp
Premium Cabin	17470 USD pp
Owner's Suite	19120 USD pp



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