

QUEST FOR THE ANTARCTIC CIRCLE - 14 DAY EXPEDITION FROM USHUAIA

A massive rookery of penguins shuffles across a frozen shore; a pod of whales glides through frigid waters; dramatic landscapes float off in the distance - welcome to Antarctica. Join us on a voyage of discovery to our planet's last frontier - a mysterious and virtually pristine paradise. Our ice-strengthened expedition ship is ideally suited to cruising this icy wilderness, and her expert staff are on hand to ensure you'll fully appreciate all the majesty you encounter. Sail the Drake Passage past the South Shetland Islands, then really explore the western coast of the Antarctic Peninsula. Prepare yourself for an adventure like no other - more like a private expedition than a traditional cruise.



ITINERARY

Day 1 Ushuaia

Arrive in Ushuaia at any time. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the world's most southerly city. Arrival transfer is included. There will be a welcome desk in the lobby of the start hotel that will provide more specific information on the MS Expedition.

Day 2 Ushuaia/Drake Passage



Enjoy a free morning in Ushuaia. Do any last minute shopping, explore the town or the surrounding countryside. Embarkation on the MS Expedition begins in the afternoon at the port in Ushuaia. Enjoy the evening sailing through the Beagle Channel. Expedition travel can be full of surprises! While it is our intention of adhere to the itinerary described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. On the first day onboard, the Expedition Leader will give an expedition overview outlining what the specific plans are for the trip.

Days 3–4 Drake Passage/South Shetland Islands

The adventure begins with a 800km (497 mi) crossing of the passage named in honour of 16th-century English sea captain and privateer Sir Francis Drake. The ship is at home in this part of the Southern Ocean. Enjoy daily lectures from the expedition team and keep an eye out for sightings of icebergs, whales, and albatross following in the Expedition's wake. The M/S Expedition is at home in this part of the Southern Ocean, known for the unimpeded never ending fetch of the winds that encircle the Antarctic. As the Expedition crosses the passage there will be time to become acquainted with the ship and frequent the common areas that include the lounge, dining hall, library and lecture hall where we meet our guides, ship's crew and expedition staff. Begin lectures and information sessions to learn the extraordinary human and natural history of the Antarctic region.

Days 5–6 South Shetland Islands/Antarctic Peninsula

Encounter some of the region's unique wildlife and awe-inspiring scenery while setting foot on the Antarctic continent. Attempt two shore landings per day (weather permitting) and encounter gentoo, chinstrap, and Adelie penguin rookeries; Weddell, crabeater, and leopard seals; and orca, humpback, and minke whales in the cold Antarctic waters. This is what we've all been waiting for - a chance to step foot on the Great White Continent! Over the next four days the Expedition will navigate southwards making stops in the South Shetland Islands then through the Bransfield Strait and to the Antarctic Peninsula. Our goal is to attempt two excursions per day while navigating through the area but our itinerary and daily schedule will be based on the local weather and ice conditions. The peninsula also has a remarkable human history; during the voyage, learn about some of the most important and dramatic expeditions to this remote corner of the world.

Days 7–8 Antarctic Peninsula/Antarctic Circle

With a close eye on weather conditions, set off southward along the western coast of the Antarctic Peninsula. Passing colossal icebergs and countless colonies of penguins, push on with the goal in mind - crossing the Antarctic Polar Circle. Few travelers have ventured this far south, but with our fully equipped ice-strengthened vessel and favourable sea conditions, the Expedition can access many remote locations other ships just can't reach. Expedition travel can be full of surprises! While it is our intention of adhere to the itinerary described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations

Days 9–11 Antarctic Circle/Drake Passage

Turn north for the first time to continue exploring the Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands. Continue our exploration of the peninsula and the then into the South Shetland while moving North again. Keeping a close eye out for wildlife there might be opportunities to do some whale watching or even go for a polar plunge in the Southern waters.

Day 12 Drake Passage

Leave Antarctica and head north across the Drake Passage. In between bird watching and whale watching and enjoying some final lectures by the expedition staff, this is a chance to relax and review the adventures of the past week before returning to Ushuaia. Remember, the best way to experience the wildlife of the Drake Passage is to be on deck keeping a look out for Albatross, Prions and Whales!

Day 13 Drake Passage/Ushuaia

Begin your journey to your home port of Ushuaia. Review the highlights of your Antarctic experience with our lecturers and staff, and keep your eyes open on the observation deck for some last-minute whale sightings.

Day 14 Ushuaia



Disembark the G Expedition after breakfast.

Please Note:

While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable.



YOUR SHIP: EXPEDITION

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VESSEL TYPE:	**Expedition**
LENGTH:	**102 metres (331 feet)**
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	**128**
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	**1976/2017**

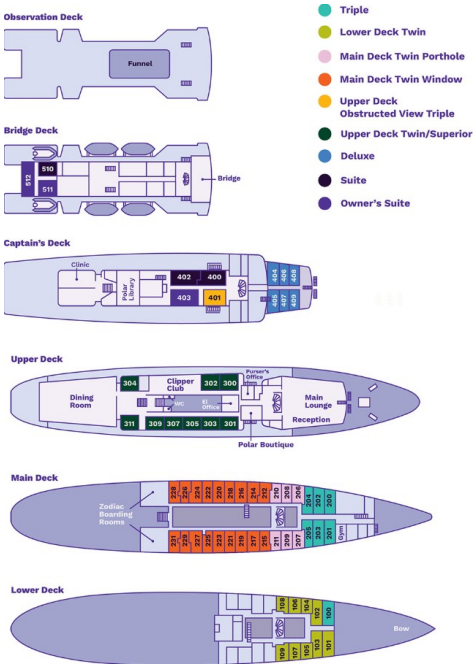


With just 128 passengers and a 10:1 guest-to-expert ratio, Polar cruising with G is designed for real exploration rather than passive sightseeing. Small ship size allows for daily landings when conditions permit, getting guests off the ship and into polar landscapes more often than larger vessels can manage. Expert-led excursions are a core part of the experience, with historians, biologists, geologists, and wildlife specialists providing context and depth to every landing, glacier, and wildlife encounter.

The expedition experience focuses on substance, value, and community. Zodiac excursions, expert talks, gear use, and warm, informal hospitality are included, prioritising time on land over luxury extras. The newly refurbished Expedition ship, launching for the 2025/2026 season, blends proven polar capability with upgraded cabins, ensuite bathrooms, refreshed common areas, and modernised engines. A relaxed, small-group atmosphere fosters strong connections between guests, crew, and experts, creating a shared sense of purpose and one of the most memorable aspects of the journey.



INSIDE YOUR SHIP



Deluxe



Lower Deck Twin



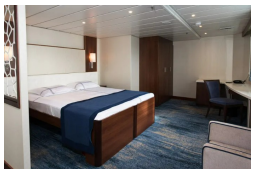
Main Deck Twin Porthole



Main Deck Twin Window



Owners Suite



Suite



Superior



Triple





PRICING

21-Dec-2026 to 03-Jan-2027

Triple	24699 NZD pp
Lower Deck Twin	26699 NZD pp
Main Deck Twin Porthole	28399 NZD pp
Main Deck Twin Window	29299 NZD pp
Superior	31299 NZD pp
Deluxe	33299 NZD pp
Suite	34199 NZD pp
Owners Suite	35199 NZD pp

08-Feb-2027 to 21-Feb-2027

Triple	22099 NZD pp
Lower Deck Twin	24299 NZD pp
Main Deck Twin Porthole	25799 NZD pp
Main Deck Twin Window	26899 NZD pp
Superior	28999 NZD pp
Deluxe	30899 NZD pp
Suite	31599 NZD pp
Owners Suite	32499 NZD pp

20-Feb-2027 to 05-Mar-2027

Triple	21599 NZD pp
Lower Deck Twin	23899 NZD pp
Main Deck Twin Porthole	25099 NZD pp
Main Deck Twin Window	25999 NZD pp
Superior	28199 NZD pp
Deluxe	29899 NZD pp
Suite	30499 NZD pp
Owners Suite	31399 NZD pp

Optional extras & upgrades

Camping

Follow in the footsteps of bold explorers and experience this land's awe-inspiring splendours first hand. Our Antarctica camping experience includes time to enjoy the beauty of Antarctica near your campsite with ample photography options. Experience the sounds of heaving ice, the fresh scent of the sea, the stars at night—nothing gets you closer to the humbling forces of nature than spending a night ashore!

Kayaking

Weather permitting, you will head out in kayaks during the days where zodiac landings are also available. Kayaking as part of a group lead by experienced and skilled leaders, is an opportunity to experience these remote regions from another vantage point. No other activity gets you as close to the natural environment!

Optional tours and excursions are available, please contact us for more details.