

Antarctic Peninsula - Antarctic Explorer: New Scientist | Douglas Mawson

Trip Code
ACAEPAU
Departure



Introduction

This Antarctic sail and fly expedition, in partnership with New Scientist, combines hands on exploration with a deeper look at the science behind this remote part of the world. Starting in Ushuaia, you'll cross the Drake Passage with time to settle in, attend engaging talks and watch seabirds sweep past the ship, before the first icebergs signal your arrival in Antarctica.

Along the Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands, days are guided by conditions and curiosity, with regular Zodiac cruises and shore landings that place you among penguin colonies, seals and passing whales. Between outings, the focus shifts to discovery, with expert led talks, informal discussions and opportunities to take part in citizen science projects, adding an extra layer to the experience. With fewer guests on board, plenty of viewing space and a flexible approach to each day, the journey feels immersive, social and genuinely engaging. The voyage concludes with a flight from King George Island to Punta Arenas, offering a smooth and efficient finish to a trip that blends adventure with insight.

Itinerary

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01/04/2028 Ushuaia

Duration 10 Days

Locations Antarctica, Antarctic Peninsula

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Expeditions hospitality desk in the hotel lobby, between 3.00 pm and 7.00 pm, to collect your luggage tags, and confirm if you wish to join our Lake Escondido pre-embarkation tour tomorrow. Our team will confirm details regarding your embarkation day, answer any questions and provide you with information on where to dine or purchase last minute items. Expeditioners arriving after 7.00 pm will find a welcome pack waiting for them at check-in. We ask you to visit our hospitality desk tomorrow between 8.00 am - 8.45 am. The remainder of your time is at leisure. All meals today are at your own expense. Assigned accommodation: to be advised



DAY 2: Embarkation

This morning, enjoy breakfast and check-out. Please ensure your cabin luggage is fitted with cabin tags clearly labelled with your name and cabin number. Take your cabin luggage to hotel reception, prior to, or at check-out. Your luggage will be stored and transferred directly to the port for clearance, to be placed in your cabin ahead of your arrival on board. Please keep any valuables or personal items with you throughout the day. Those wishing to join our Lake Escondido tour today, please meet in the hotel lobby at 8.45 am. This tour offers us an unforgettable panoramic drive through big valleys of glacial origin, evergreen and deciduous forests, waterfalls and rivers, in the vastness of the Andes Mountain Range. We will leave Ushuaia city to the northeast of Tierra del Fuego, driving through peat bog valleys to reach Garibaldi Pass, only accessible by a winding road that will take us to a panoramic point. From here we will have amazing panoramic views of Lake Escondido and, if weather conditions allow, of Fagnano Lake. We will start our descent towards the northeast to reach Fagnano Lake's shore where we will visit a local ranch. After appreciating the landscape, you will have the chance to enjoy the typical Fuegian Lamb barbecue. Enjoy some free time there before returning to Ushuaia for ship embarkation. Alternatively, enjoy your day at leisure and meet at your hotel lobby or from the meeting point at the parking lot near the pier (details will be given by our ground staff at the hotel), to be transferred to the pier for embarkation. Once onboard, you'll have time to settle into your cabin before our important mandatory briefings. As the ship pulls away from port, we'll gather on the deck to commence our adventure with spectacular views over Ushuaia and Tierra del Fuego. This evening get to know your fellow expeditioners and friendly expedition team and crew at a welcome dinner to celebrate the start of a thrilling adventure to Antarctica.



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01/01/2028 Drake Passage - Day 3

Duration

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Locations

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As we commence the Drake Passage crossing, we make the most of our time getting comfortable with the motions of the sea. Our expedition team prepare you for Antarctica with all the necessary guidelines and biosecurity procedures and start our lecture program to help you learn more about Antarctica's history, wildlife and environment. Our wildlife experiences begin as we enjoy watching and photographing the many seabirds, including majestic albatrosses and giant petrels following our vessel. On sea days, you may can enjoy the facilities on board the vessel including the gym, wellness centre or the relaxing in one of the observation lounges. Nearing the South Shetland Islands and the tip of the Antarctic Peninsula on the afternoon of day four, the excitement is palpable with everyone converging on one of the observation decks watching for our first iceberg. The ocean takes on a whole new perspective once we are below the Antarctic Convergence and are surrounded by the surreal presence of floating ice sculptures. The memory of your first big iceberg sighting is likely to remain with you for a lifetime. Time and weather permitting, we may attempt our first landing in Antarctica by late afternoon.



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Departure

01/04/2028 Peninsula - Day 5 to 8

Duration

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Locations

Antarctica, Antarctic Peninsula

the Antarctic Peninsula and the South

Shetland Islands are ours to explore, and we

have a host of choices available to us.

Because we are so far south, we will

experience approximately 18-24 hours of

daylight and the days can be as busy as you

wish. Your experienced expedition team,

who have made countless journeys to this

area, will use their expertise to design your

voyage from day to day, choosing the best

options based on the prevailing weather, ice

conditions and wildlife opportunities. We

generally make landings or Zodiac

excursions twice a day. You will want to rug

up before joining Zodiac cruises along

spectacular ice cliffs or among grounded

icebergs, keeping watch for whales, seals

and porpoising penguins. Zodiacs will also

transport you from the ship to land, where

you can visit penguin rookeries, discover

historic huts and explore some of our

favourite spots along the peninsula. While

ashore we aim to stretch our legs,

wandering along pebbly beaches or perhaps

up snow-covered ridgelines to vantage

points with mountains towering overhead

and ice-speckled oceans below. If you have

chosen an optional activity, you will have

the option to do that whenever conditions

allow, and of course keen polar plungers

will have the chance to fully immerse

themselves in polar waters - conditions

permitting! In addition to Zodiac cruises

and shore excursions, we may ship cruise

some of the narrow, dramatic straits

separating offshore islands from the

mainland, or linger in scenic bays to watch

whales travelling or feeding. This is a great

time to enjoy the observation lounge or

make your way to the bridge for

uninterrupted views of Antarctica in all its

splendour. Keep an ear out for the creak

and deep rumble of glaciers as they carve

their way from summit to sea. Take a quiet

moment to experience the wonder of this

incredible white continent. Join the team in

the lecture theatre for presentations

covering a broad range of topics to suit

every interest. These lectures will cover

polar science, wildlife, marine biology,

glaciology, paleontology, exploration,

history, photography and research including

specialist New Scientist talks. Regardless of

the topic, they all have one thing in

common: they all aim to engage, educate,

entertain and turn you into an ambassador

for the planet. Plus, both on board and in

the Zodiacs, the expedition crew will give

you introductions to and commentary on

many of the Antarctic phenomena you are

experiencing. You will have the opportunity

to participate in the unique citizen science

program offered throughout the voyage. It

is designed to be a hands-on, immersive and

transformative experience that helps you

protect the beauty of our planet. Various

sampling and data collection projects will be

conducted on your voyage and a citizen

science coordinator will be on hand to

introduce and assist you. This expedition

provides a unique platform to help collect

high-quality data. With extended access to

these remote regions and our expedition

teams equipped with scientific backgrounds,

we have the potential to participate and

engage our passengers in citizen science

projects to provide valuable data to the

global scientific community. For a greater

understanding, visit our world-class Citizen

Science Centre. You will be rewarded



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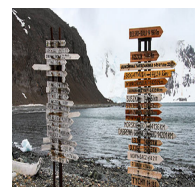
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Duration

10 Days

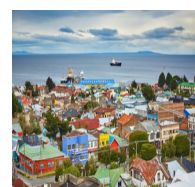
Locations
 Antarctica, Antarctic Peninsula

As we approach Frei Base on King George Island, it is time to farewell Antarctica and Antarctica. A short flight (approximately one hour and forty-five minutes) to Punta Arenas, Chile. There is time for reflection and discussion about what we have seen and experienced. We hope you become ambassadors for Antarctica telling your family, friends and colleagues about your journey to this magical place, advocating for its conservation and preservation so that they might one day visit the region to experience what you have been lucky to see and do here. From Punta Arenas airport, you will be transferred to our group hotel for an overnight stay. Note: King George Island is located at the northern tip of the Antarctic Peninsula in the South Shetland Islands and is one of the most remote places on Earth. A clear sky with perfect visibility is required for safe take-off and landing. We apologise in advance for any possible delays. Accommodation: To be advised



DAY 10: Depart Punta Arenas

After breakfast, bid a fond farewell to your fellow travellers as we continue our onward journeys, hopefully with a newfound sense of the immense power of nature (breakfast included). A transfer to the airport is included in the voyage fare. Note: Should your flight not proceed due to local conditions; you will remain on the ship until it is deemed achievable to return to Punta Arenas. Refer to our terms and conditions for further details. *Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation

Hotel & Cabin on board a ship

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INCLUSIONS

All airport transfers mentioned in the itinerary.
 One night's hotel accommodation including breakfast, in Ushuaia on Day 1.
 Lake Escondido tour in Ushuaia on Day 2, prior to embarkation.
 Charter flight King George Island to Punta Arenas on Day 9.
 One night's hotel accommodation including breakfast, in Punta Arenas on Day 9.
 Onboard accommodation during voyage, including daily cabin service.
 All meals, snacks, tea and coffee during voyage.
 Beer, house wine and soft drinks with dinner.
 Captain's Farewell reception including four-course dinner, house cocktails, house beer and wine, non-alcoholic beverages. All shore excursions and Zodiac cruises.
 Educational lectures and guiding services provided by Expedition Team.
 One 3-in-1 waterproof, polar expedition jacket.
 Complimentary use of Muck Boots during the voyage.
 Comprehensive pre-departure information.
 Port surcharges, permits and landing fees.
 Wi-Fi (Please note we travel to remote regions and therefore the connection can be unreliable)

Inclusions

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International or domestic flights, unless specified
 Transfers not mentioned in the itinerary
 Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable)
 Airport arrival or departure taxes
 Travel insurance
 Hotels and meals not included in itinerary
 Optional excursions not included in the itinerary
 Optional activity surcharges
 All items of a personal nature, including but not limited to alcoholic beverages and soft drinks (outside of dinner service), laundry services, personal clothing, medical expenses, wi-fi, email or phone charges.
 Gratuities for ship's crew - *(A \$15 USD per person per day gratuity for the crew is automatically added to your onboard account. It is at your discretion if you would like to remove the tip (or adjust the amount) when you settle your bill. It is not necessary to tip the expedition team members. This gratuity amount is included for suites as part of their 'Suite Benefits'.)*

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

Single Surcharge

Available upon request. Single occupancy cabins may be available with a surcharge. Subject to availability, contact us for more details.

Prices are based on per person, twin share (unless otherwise stated for triple/quad cabins)

Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.

Notes

Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions

Charter flight King George Island to Punta Arenas on Day 9 is flight is included in cruise cost.

Price Dependent upon

Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

Sustainability