

Antarctic Peninsula - Antarctic Explorer: A Culinary Quest | Douglas Mawson

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Introduction

This Antarctic fly and sail expedition pairs classic polar exploration with a strong focus on food and shared dining experiences. Beginning in Ushuaia, the journey starts with a welcome dinner before sailing south across the Drake Passage, where time is spent settling in, spotting seabirds and preparing for your first encounter with the ice.

Along the Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands, days are shaped by conditions, with regular Zodiac cruises and shore landings that bring you close to penguin colonies, seals and passing whales. Between outings, the experience shifts back on board, where meals become part of the journey, enjoyed against a backdrop of glaciers and drifting icebergs. Long daylight hours mean there is plenty of time to explore, unwind and take it all in. The return is made by flight from King George Island to Punta Arenas, cutting down time at sea and giving you a smooth finish to a trip that blends adventure with a memorable culinary edge.

Itinerary

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DAY 1: Arrive in Ushuaia

Duration

13 Days Ushuaia, where you will be met by

representative of Aurora Expeditions and

transferred, with your fellow expeditioners

to your assigned pre-voyage hotel. If you are

already in Ushuaia, we ask you to make

your way to your hotel. Check-in is from

3.00 pm. This afternoon, visit the Aurora

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 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. We encourage all

expeditioners to arrive by 5.00 pm to enjoy

our group welcome dinner this evening.

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 - 10.00

am. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner at

La Cravia restaurant, located at Arakur

Resort & Spa. At Arakur, the "Haute

Cuisine" shines in a unique environment

with an unparalleled view of the bay and the

city, the Beagle Channel, valleys,

mountains, and the Vinciguerra Glacier. La

Cravia delivers typical flavours from Tierra

del Fuego, offering Argentine and

international meals.



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Locations Please ensure your cabin luggage is

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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 tour today, please meet in the hotel
lobby at 8.45 am. 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. *Please
note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change
depending on weather conditions, ice
conditions and other factors.



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11 Days

Shepherd Islands before we re-enter the

Drake Passage for our return journey to

Antarctica, as far our return to

South America. With lectures and film

presentations to complete our Antarctic

experience, there is still plenty of time to

enjoy the magic of the Southern Ocean and

the life that calls it home. 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

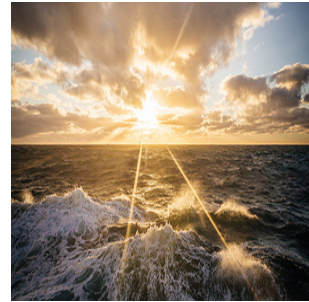
the region to experience what you have

been lucky to see and do here. As we

approach the tip of South America, our

Captain may sail close to legendary Cape

Horn, weather and time permitting.



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Duration

13 Days Antarctic Peninsula Days 5 to 8

It's almost impossible to describe the feeling of arriving in Antarctica. Spotting your first iceberg and taking a deep breath of some of the most fresh, crisp air on earth is an experience that will stay with you forever. Once we arrive, the western side of 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.



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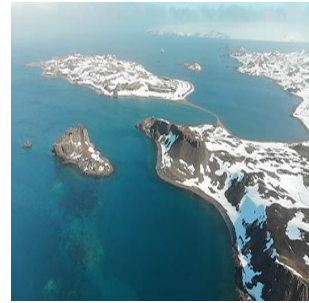
Duration

13 Days Fly from King George Island to

Punta Arenas

Locations, Antarctic Peninsula

This morning we will be transferred to Punta Arenas airport for our charter flight to King George Island, Antarctica (weather permitting). The flight will take approximately one hour and forty-five minutes. On arrival into King George Island our expedition team is on hand to greet you and to prepare you for your Zodiac transfer to the vessel. You will have time to settle into your cabin before our important safety briefings. Note: King George Island is located at the northern part 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. A contingency plan will be applied to your itinerary should your flights not proceed today. Your safety is our utmost priority. We apologise in advance for any delays caused due to this unpredictable situation.



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03/10/2028
DAY 1: Arrive Punta Arenas

Duration

13 Days Punta Arenas, where you will be

not a representative of Aurora

Expeditions, and transferred to our

Antarctic, Antarctic Peninsula

We ask that you arrive no later than 4.00

pm so that you may attend our important

briefing this evening. Please visit the Aurora

Expeditions hospitality desk in the lobby

between 10.00 am - 6.00 pm to collect your

luggage cabin tags. Our team will confirm

details regarding your embarkation day,

answer any questions and provide you with

information about where to dine or

purchase last minute items. Overlooking the

Straits of Magellan, the city sits astride one

of the world's most historic trade routes.

Today, Punta Arenas reflects a great blend

of cultural backgrounds, from English sheep

ranchers to Portuguese sailors. It remains

an utterly fascinating testament to Chile's

rich history. Modern day Punta Arenas is

home to many popular restaurants, and

bars, offering a mix of local and

international fare (meals at your own

expense today). At 7.00 pm this evening,

meet your fellow expeditioners at a voyage

briefing where we will reconfirm your

transfer times for tomorrow, explain the

procedures for your flight to King George

Island and outline important IAATO

regulations for visitors to Antarctica.



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