

## **Antarctica** - Antarctic Express: Crossing the Circle | Ocean Explorer

Trip Code

ACTSAEX

Departure

/01/2027

Duration

11 Days

Locations

Antarctic Circle, Antarctica, Antarctic Peninsula

Introduction

**Enjoy Antarctica in style - by flying and then cruising south of the Antarctic Circle! A short three-hour flight is all it takes to travel between Punta Arenas, Chile and King George Island in Antarctica. Skipping all the extra days at sea, you'll enjoy only the best scenery and wildlife experiences of the Antarctic.**

Prepare yourself for a sensory overload, as you will be overwhelmed by the sheer beauty and dramatic landscapes of the White Continent. Soon after landing in Antarctica, a team of experts on the ship will have you searching for penguins and whales in Antarctica. Choose from a selection of optional adventure activities to make the most of your time in Antarctica.

Itinerary

DAY 1: Punta Arenas, Chile

Your adventure begins in Punta Arenas, Chile, the most populated city in southern Patagonia. If you arrive early, there are many museums, restaurants and shops to keep you busy for days. By early afternoon, a Quark Expeditions® representative will meet you at the official starting point hotel, where you'll enjoy a welcome dinner and be briefed about preparing for your embarkation day. Please note: You must arrive at the designated hotel by 3pm local time. We recommend staying connected to the internet/phone in case of any updates.



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Your charter flight from Punta Arenas to

Antarctica will have you crossing the

Antarctic Circle, Antarctica, Antarctic Peninsula

and the legendary Drake Passage in only a few

hours. Far below, the ship is approaching

King George Island ready for your arrival.

Your first glimpse of dramatic Antarctica

landscapes will be from a very unique

perspective, as your plane descends

towards the South Shetlands. After landing,

stretch your legs and spend some time

exploring the island before being

transferred by Zodiac to your ship. Meet the

rest of your shipmates and set sail for the

Antarctic Peninsula!



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Destination - Day 3 to 5

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There are few places in the world as evocative as Antarctica. As your ship

approaches the White Continent, you may be overcome by feelings of excitement and awe. Much of Antarctica is indescribable and can only be fully appreciated through your own eyes. Your first sightings will be from the ship itself. As the Captain and Expedition Team keep their eyes open for whales and seabirds, you'll be alerted to any new sightings. Our team of expert lecturers will also provide in-depth explanations of the geology, history and wildlife of the region. Even more exciting are your daily excursions to land. Your first Zodiac landing is something you'll never forget! Walking up to a beach that is dotted with penguins and seals is the most intimate way to experience the unique wildlife of Antarctica. Each landing is different and is dependent on weather, but every day presents new sightings and photo opportunities and it won't be long before you can tell the difference between an Adélie, gentoo or chinstrap penguin. You may take a Zodiac cruise in search of whales and icebergs in Pleneau Island one day, followed by a hike to a penguin rookery the next day. From the booming shot of a calving glacier at Petermann Island to the complete silence of night while camping on the ice in Antarctica, you'll welcome each day with the excitement and energy of a young child. Our Expedition Team will be with you all along, providing insights into the places you visit.



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Crossing the Antarctic Circle is an

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Expeditions to the Peninsula do not reach

66° 33' S. You and your shipmates will

celebrate in style with a well-earned glass of

wine! With a toast to the first explorers who

ventured this far south, you can take pride

in knowing that you've made it to a part of

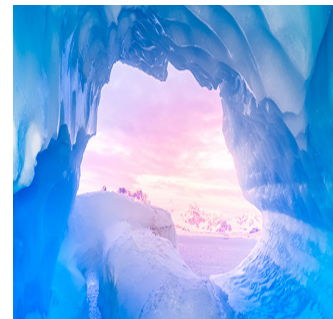
the world still visited by very few people.

This is raw Antarctica, home to the midnight

sun, Weddell seals and some of the most

magical, unusual ice formations seen

anywhere in Antarctica.



DAY 8: Northbound Along the Peninsula -

Days 8 & 9

If you haven't had your fill of Antarctic

wildlife and icebergs by now, you'll surely

be satisfied by the time we return to the

Drake Passage. You will continue to journey

onto land by Zodiac as you travel north

along the western Antarctic Peninsula. Your

Expedition Team will always be on the

lookout for any species of penguins, seals

and whales that may have eluded you on the

journey south.



DAY 10: Disembarkation and Fly to Punta

Arenas

After your week of exploration, you'll say

goodbye to the Expedition Team and

disembark at King George Island. Your

three-hour flight across the Drake Passage

to Punta Arenas, Chile, brings your

adventure to an end. After the group

transfer to your hotel, enjoy an evening on

your own, in the city or at the hotel.



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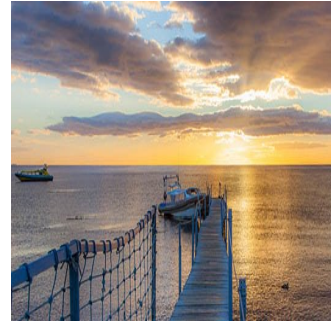
11 Days

After breakfast, you are welcome to

continue on your own travels or make your

way to the Punta Arenas airport for your

homeward flights.



### Inclusions & Details

Accommodation      Hotel & Cabin on board a ship

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## INCLUSIONS

Shipboard accommodation  
All meals & snacks on board throughout your voyage  
Beer, standard wines & spirits, & cocktails during pre-dinner bar service, dinner & evenings  
Coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock  
All shore landings per the daily program, weather permitting  
Presentations by expedition team & special guests.  
Downloadable photographic journal documenting the expedition  
Expedition boots on loan for shore landings  
An expedition parka to keep  
Hairdryer and bathrobe available in every cabin  
All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program  
Luggage handling aboard the ship  
Group transfer in Punta Arenas from the airport to the pre-expedition hotel on Day 1 of the itinerary  
One night pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Punta Arenas with breakfast  
Briefing dinner on arrival day  
Group transfer from hotel to airport in Punta Arenas pre-expedition  
Flights to and from King George Island as specified in the itinerary  
Group transfer from airport in Punta Arenas to hotel post-expedition  
One night post-expedition hotel accommodation in Punta Arenas with breakfast  
Free WiFi

Inclusions

## EXCLUSIONS

Any airfare unless otherwise specified in the itinerary  
Passport and visa expenses  
Government arrival and departure taxes  
Any meals ashore unless otherwise specified  
Travel insurance  
Excess baggage charges  
Laundry, bar, beverage and other personal charges unless specified  
Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned  
Telecommunications charges  
Voluntary staff and crew gratuities  
Transfer from hotel to airport at the end of the expedition  
Note: Baggage allowance on charter flight is 33 lbs (15 kg) checked and 11 lbs (5 kg) carry-on.  
2 (light adventure)  
Available upon request, a supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please [Contact Us](#) for more information.  
Prices are based on per person, twin share\* (unless otherwise stated for single, triple cabins)  
Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.

Difficulty Rating

Single Surcharge

Notes

Price Dependent upon

Sustainability

\*Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.  
Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.