

Antarctic Peninsula - Wild Antarctica: New Scientist | Sylvia Earle

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Introduction

The Weddell Sea, known for its extensive ice formations including sea ice, pack ice, and colossal icebergs, is an ideal destination for those interested in various areas of scientific research occurring in Antarctica. This unique Fly/Sail cruise aboard the Sylvia Earle is hosted in partnership with "New Scientist" Magazine. This region holds historical significance also as the site of Ernest Shackleton's famous expedition where the Endurance was trapped in ice.

Beyond observing the ice formations, visitors can study the area's diverse wildlife, rich geology, and paleontology. Expect to see various seals, penguins, and other Antarctic bird species. During landings, hunt for ancient fossils like gastropods, large clams, and ammonites. This season is also perfect for spotting whales as they feed before migrating north to warmer waters.

Meet the Expert: New Scientist Special Guest

Dr. Russell Arnott earned a master's degree in oceanography from the University of Southampton and a PhD in marine biology from the University of Bath. His work as a commercial oceanographer has led him to diverse locations all around the world, including the Southern Ocean with the British Antarctic Survey and the Gulf of Bothnia in Sweden.

Russell is deeply committed to public outreach, serving as a director for the charity, Incredible Oceans, and speaking at science events worldwide. He has also featured on various marine-themed TV and radio shows, such as BBC Radio 4's Natural Histories.

Since joining the University of Bath in 2016, Russell has focused on studying phytoplankton. He has contributed as a science consultant for several books and recently co-authored "Ocean Endangered," which blends current marine

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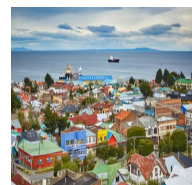
13 Days

Itinerary

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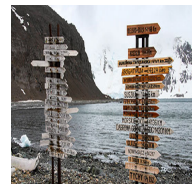
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Arrive in Punta Arenas, where you will be met by a representative and transferred to our hotel. We ask that you arrive no later than 2.00 pm so that you may attend our important briefing this evening. Please visit the Aurora Expeditions hospitality desk in the lobby between 2.00 pm - 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.



DAY 2: Fly to King George Island & Embark

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. Please refer to our terms and conditions for a more detailed explanation.



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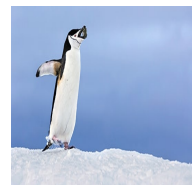
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Enjoy a final morning landing in the South Shetland Islands before we re-enter the Drake Passage for our return journey to Antarctica.

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As 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.



DAY 13: Disembark in Ushuaia

During the early morning, we cruise up the Beagle Channel, before quietly slipping into dock in Ushuaia, where we will be free to disembark around 8.00 am. Farewell your expedition team and fellow passengers as we all continue our onward journeys, hopefully with a newfound sense of the immense power of nature. Upon disembarkation, for those continuing their travels in the region, transportation to the hotel will be arranged exclusively for guests who have booked their accommodations through Aurora or for those staying in downtown areas near the port. Expeditioners departing on flights prior to 12:30 pm will be directly transferred to Ushuaia Airport, those with flights after 12:30 pm will have the opportunity to explore Ushuaia before an afternoon airport transfer, and the transfer procedures and details will be communicated onboard before disembarkation. *Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation

Hotel & Cabin onboard a ship

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Inclusions

All airport transfers mentioned in the itinerary
Two night's hotel accommodation including breakfast, in Punta Arenas on Day 1 and Day 9
Return charter flight between Punta Arenas and King George Island
Cabin accommodation on board Sylvia Earle in booked category
All meals whilst on board ship
All meals, snacks, tea and coffee during voyage
Beer, house wine and soft drinks with dinner
All scheduled landings & excursions
Guiding and lectures by English-speaking expedition leader and team
All port fees
All landing fees
Expedition jacket provided (yours to keep)
A pair of expedition boots for use during voyage
Group arrival and departure transfer in Punta Arenas

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Airfares to and from embarkation/disembarkation city
Visa fees (if applicable)
Travel insurance
Beverages (other than tea and coffee)
Personal expenses such as laundry, on board communication (telephone calls, email)
Pre or post cruise travel expenses
Optional activities
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. 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 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.

Flight from Punta Arenas to King George Island is included in cruise cost.

Price Dependent upon

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

Sustainability