

Antarctica - Antarctic Peninsula: Fly the Drake | Douglas Mawson

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Introduction

The Drake Passage, which separates the southern tip of South America from the Antarctic Peninsula, is where the Pacific and Atlantic oceans meet. This narrow, deep waterway creates challenging and unpredictable conditions for navigators. For those heading to Antarctica, flying over the passage is a convenient option, offering a thrilling journey as you catch sight of the first icebergs in the Southern Ocean, with your vessel awaiting to continue the adventure.

Itinerary

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DAY 1/2 Arrive Punta Arenas

Duration

10 Days Punta Arenas, where you will be

located as representative and transferred to

Antarctica, Antarctica Peninsula

than 2.00 pm so that you may attend our

important briefing this evening. Please visit

the 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

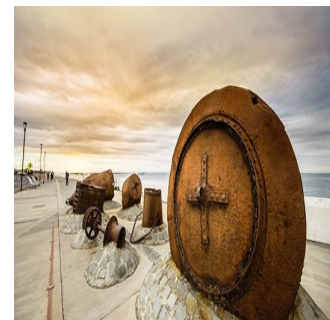
briefing where we will reconfirm your

transfer times for tomorrow, explain the

procedures for your flight to King George

Island and outline important IAATO

regulations for visitors to Antarctica.



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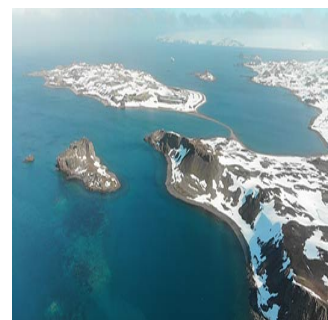
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Destination

10 Days

Locations

Antarctica - Antarctic Peninsula
On Day 1 we will be transferred to
Antarctica - Antarctic Peninsula
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
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DAY 3-2 Antarctic Peninsula - Day 3 to 8

Duration

10 Days

It's almost impossible to describe the location of arriving in Antarctica. Spotting Antarctica, Antarctica Peninsula 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. 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

10 Days Fly from King George Island to

Punta Arenas

Antarctica, Antarctic Peninsula

As we approach Frei Base on King George Island, it is time to farewell Antarctica and our amazing adventure before boarding our 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.



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.



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Locations
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Hotel & Cabin Onboard Ship

Inclusions

Hotel accommodation in Punta Arenas, pre- and post- cruise
Group arrival and departure transfers
Return charter flight between Punta Arenas and King George Island
Cabin accommodation on board Douglas Mawson
All meals whilst on board ship
Soft drink and juice with meals; Beer and wine with dinner on board throughout your voyage
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

Inclusions

Exclusions

International or domestic flights - Unless specified in the itinerary
Visa fees (if applicable)
Travel insurance
Beverages (other than tea and coffee)
Personal expenses such as laundry, on board communication (telephone calls, fax, 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, and vary from single, triple, and twin cabins.

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

Notes

All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.

Price Dependent upon

Please note this itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions*
Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

Sustainability