

Antarctica - Antarctica: Through the Lens | Sylvia Earle

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Introduction

Embark on a breathtaking Fly/Sail photography expedition to Antarctica, where you'll capture the stunning beauty of this remote region. By flying over the Drake Passage one way, you'll spend less time at sea and more time exploring.

Snap photos of immense glaciers, majestic peaks, and diverse wildlife such as penguins and whales. Experience Zodiac cruises through hidden bays and coves, observing humpback and minke whales feeding on krill against a backdrop of awe-inspiring scenery. This journey provides a deeply immersive travel experience, letting you trace the paths of early explorers and craft your own unforgettable memories.

Meet the Photographers Joining 2026 Voyages

Scott Portelli is an internationally acclaimed wildlife, nature, aerial, and underwater photographer. He has spent thousands of hours in remote locations worldwide, capturing stunning images of nature and wildlife. Scott recently won the Wildlife Photographer of the Year (single capture) at the Australian Photographic Prize 2024 and the Portfolio winner at the HIPA awards in 2023. Throughout his career, he has received numerous prestigious awards for his exceptional work.

Nigel Danson is a YouTube creator and landscape photographer who discovered the transformative power of photography early in life due to his dyslexia. Developing images in a makeshift darkroom, he found a passion for light and its ability to bring landscapes to life. Nigel's philosophy is to seize the moment and capture the essence of his experiences. He shares his expertise and passion through workshops around the world.

Rachel Bigsby is a renowned wildlife photographer, celebrated for her expertise in capturing the natural artistry of seabirds. She has won five of the world's most prestigious photography competitions, including the 'Natural Artistry'

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Category 4 in Wildlife Photographer of the Year and the portfolio award in Bird Photographer of the Year. Rachel is also

a Nikon creator, a published photographer with National Geographic, and works with the RSPB and the National

Trust.

Locations

Antarctica, Antarctic Peninsula

James Popsys is a British outdoor photographer and YouTuber based in Snowdonia, Wales. He is passionate about documenting nature and the human impact on it, both positive and negative. James shares this passion on his

YouTube channel and through workshops around the world.

Mads Peter Iversen is a Danish photographer with a background in education. After trying out various photography genres, he eventually focused on fine art landscape photography and in video editing. Mads finds inspiration from diverse global locations, with a particular affinity for the Nordic region's cold, harsh, yet breathtakingly beautiful landscapes.

Jeroen Van Nieuwenhove is a Belgian-Icelandic nature photographer based in Reykjavík, Iceland. He specializes in documenting the Arctic, particularly volcanic eruptions and the Icelandic Highlands. Known for his work on the Fagradalsfjall and Svartsengi eruptions, Jeroen captures the beauty within chaos. He is also a self-published author and teaches photography through workshops and ebooks.

Jack Lodge is a professional landscape and nature photographer from the southwest of England. He aims to capture the changing seasons and the evolving landscapes around us. His work ranges from enchanting ancient woodlands in Dorset to dramatic seascapes and snow-capped mountains in Italy and Norway.

Itinerary

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Arrives Punta Arenas, where you will be

met by our representative and transferred to

Antarctica via the Antarctic Peninsula no later

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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On 25th January 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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Days On

12 Days

It is almost impossible to describe the feeling of far Antarctic Peninsula 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. 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

~~12 Days~~ Drake Passage Days 10 & 11

Locations

~~Antarctica, Antarctic Peninsula~~ the South
~~Shetland Islands~~ before we re-enter the
Drake Passage for our return journey to
South America. With any luck, you will be
blessed with the 'Drake Lake'! With
lectures, recaps 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. We hope the images you have
captured during your adventure inspire,
bring joy and continue to remind you of
what is sure to be a life-changing
experience. 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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25/01/2025 Disembark in Ushuaia

Duration

12 Days
 On the early morning, we cruise up the
 Beagle Channel, before quietly slipping into

Antarctica. Antarctica Peninsula 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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<p>Inclusions</p>	<p>EXCLUSIONS</p> <p>International or domestic flights, unless specified</p> <p>Transfers not mentioned in the itinerary</p> <p>Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable)</p> <p>Airport arrival or departure taxes</p> <p>Vaccination charges</p> <p>Travel insurance</p> <p>Hotels and meals not included in itinerary</p> <p>Optional excursions not included in the itinerary</p> <p>Optional activity surcharges</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Gratuities for ship's crew - <i>(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'.)</i></p>
<p>Difficulty Rating</p>	<p>2 (light adventure)</p>
<p>Single Surcharge</p>	<p>Available upon request. Single occupancy cabins may be available with a surcharge. Subject to availability, contact us for more details.</p>
<p>Notes</p>	<p>Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated for triple/quad cabins)</p> <p>Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.</p> <p>*Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions</p>
<p>Price Dependent upon</p>	<p>Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.</p>
<p>Sustainability</p>	