

ANTARCTICA - ANTARCTIC EXPRESS: FLY SOUTH, CRUISE NORTH | WORLD VOYAGER



TRIP CODE

ACQEVXFS

DEPARTURE

11/12/2026; 26/02/2027

DURATION

9 Days

LOCATIONS

Antarctica, Antarctic Peninsula



INTRODUCTION

Embark on a thrilling 9-day journey to Antarctica, starting with a quick, three-hour flight across the 800-km wide Drake Passage from Punta Arenas, Chile. You'll get a breathtaking aerial view of the untouched, dramatic landscape before boarding a ship for your expedition. Your return will follow the route of early polar explorers, as you sail back across the Drake Passage to Ushuaia, Argentina. Traveling one way by air and the other by sea offers a complete experience. Expect an unforgettable adventure filled with remarkable wildlife, including playful penguins and seals, and the excitement of stepping foot on the Antarctic continent for the first time.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrive 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.



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DAY 2: Fly to King George Island & Embarkation

Your charter flight from Punta Arenas to Antarctica will enable you to cross the legendary Drake Passage in only two hours, while far below, the ship will approach King George Island for your arrival. Your first glimpse of dramatic Antarctic landscapes will be from a unique perspective, as your plane descends onto the South Shetland Islands. After landing, make your way to the shore, before being transferred by Zodiac to your ship to set sail for the Antarctic Peninsula.



DAY 3: Antarctic Peninsula - Day 3 to 6

There are few places in the world as evocative as Antarctica. The Antarctic Continent is indescribable and can only be fully appreciated through your own eyes. As your Captain and Expedition Team keep a lookout for whales and seabirds, you'll be alerted to any new sightings. Our team of expert presenters will deepen your experience with explanations of the glaciology, history and wildlife of the region, and presentations on photography to help you take memorycatching images. Even more exciting are your daily excursions. Your first Zodiac landing is something you'll never forget. Walking on a shore inhabited by thousands of penguins 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 Adélie, gentoo and chinstrap penguins. You may take a Zodiac cruise in search of whales and icebergs one day, followed by a hike to a penguin rookery the next day. From the booming sound of a calving glacier to the thrill of spotting apex predators like leopard seals and orcas in action, you'll wake up early and welcome each day with a sense of adventure and a desire to explore during this unrivaled wilderness experience. Your Expedition Team will accompany you all along the way, providing insights into the places you visit.



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DAY 7: Crossing the Drake Passage - Day 7 & 8

A rite of passage for any Antarctic adventurer, crossing the Drake signals the end of your journey. No matter the sea conditions, you will benefit from having developed your sea legs over the course of the previous four days. While the journey home has begun, your wildlife spotting continues. Your Expedition Team will be available on deck and on the ship’s bridge to help you spot the majestic wandering albatross and a number of whale species, such as minke and humpback. When you’re not looking at photos and reminiscing about the previous days, the Expedition Team will conclude their series of engaging presentations on subjects such as marine biology, polar history and glaciology.



DAY 9: Disembark in Ushuaia & Fly to Buenos Aires

You will arrive in Ushuaia in the morning and disembark after breakfast. You will then make your way towards your group charter flight to Buenos Aires. *Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Hotel & Cabin On Board Ship
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INCLUSIONS

- Group flight in economy class from Ushuaia to Buenos Aires
- An expedition parka to keep
- All shore landings per the daily program, weather permitting
- Shipboard accommodation
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage
- Select beer, wines and cocktails during bar service hours and dinner
- Coffee, tea and cocoa around the clock
- Presentations by expedition team & special guests
- Downloadable photographic journal documenting the expedition
- Expedition boots on loan for shore landings
- Hairdryer and bathrobe available in every cabin
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- Luggage handling aboard the ship
- Free 1GB data card for limited Wi-Fi access for use on one device, permitting basic Internet browsing, email, posting on social media and voice applications (additional data can be purchased on ship)
- Emergency Evacuation Insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of US\$500,000 per person
- Group arrival transfer in Punta Arenas from airport to pre-expedition hotel on Day 1
- One night's pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Punta Arenas with breakfast
- Briefing dinner on Day 1 in Punta Arenas
- Pre-expedition group transfer in Punta Arenas from hotel to the airport
- Flight in economy class from Punta Arenas to King George Island
- Group transfer from ship to hotel

EXCLUSIONS

- Any airfare unless otherwise specified in the itinerary
- Passport and visa expenses
- Government arrival and departure taxes
- Any meals unless otherwise specified
- Travel insurance
- Alcohol and bar service does not include spirits
- Excess baggage charges
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, spa services, bar, beverage and other personal charges unless specified
- Telecommunications charges
- Data card does not include premium packages which enable more data-intensive applications
- Voluntary staff and crew gratuities
- Additional overnight accommodation
- Arrival and departure transfers, except where stated
- Paid Adventure Options
- Transfer to airport at end of trip
- NOTE:** Baggage allowance on charter flight is 33 lbs (15 kg) checked and 11 lbs (5 kg) carry-on

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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.
Notes	<p>Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated)</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>Please note that flights to/from King George Island are subject to weather and landing conditions</p>
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

SUSTAINABILITY

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