

ANTARCTICA

EXPEDITION GUIDE

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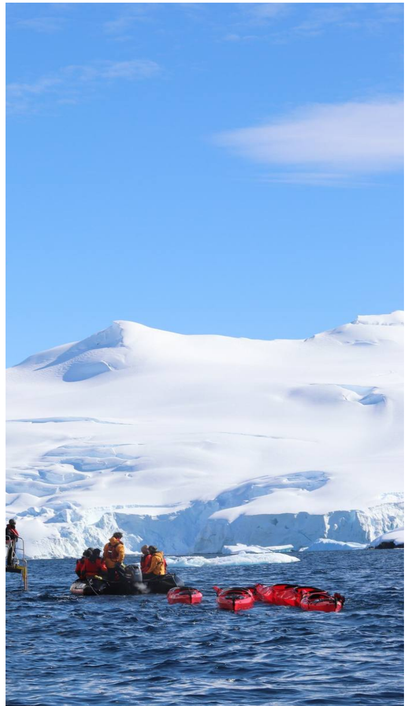

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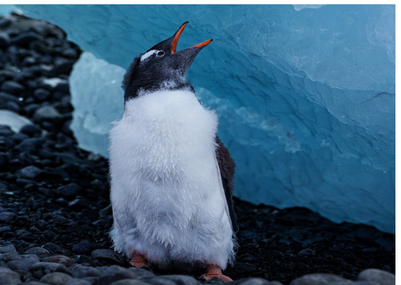















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Join Us

We invite you to join Earth Expeditions on an extraordinary, once-in-a-lifetime journey to Antarctica — one of the last truly untouched places on Earth — where towering blue glaciers, drifting icebergs, vast penguin colonies, and surfacing whales create a landscape both powerful and serene. With 30 years of global travel expertise, specifically in Antarctica, Earth Expeditions elevates this adventure beyond a voyage. By curating every step of your experience with precision and care, from seamless international arrangements and carefully selected pre- and post-expedition accommodations to personalized service, private transfers, and thoughtful touches that make the journey effortless, luxurious, and deeply enriching.

Flying to Antarctica and aboard a state-of-the-art expedition vessel designed for both comfort and exploration, you'll enjoy small-group landings, guided hikes, Zodiac excursions, wildlife encounters, photography opportunities, and expert-led talks from seasoned naturalists, all balanced with our unwavering commitment to safety, sustainability, and refined hospitality. Departing during the Southern Hemisphere summer when wildlife is most active and daylight lingers into the evening, this intimate expedition is ideal for explorers and nature lovers seeking rare, meaningful travel without requiring extreme fitness — only curiosity and a spirit of adventure.

With limited availability to preserve the depth and quality of the experience, we invite you to reserve your place at the edge of the world and discover how Antarctica's vast silence and breathtaking beauty, enhanced by the seamless and elevated Earth Expeditions experience, can transform the way you see our planet.

Expedition Dates & Overview

Jan 18 – Trip officially begins in Punta Arenas, Chile. Guest must arrive no later than 1:00pm this day. Meeting at Explorer House. Welcome dinner. Overnight Cabo De Hornos hotel.

Jan 19 – Private charter flight to King George Island, Antarctica. Transfer via Zodiac to Magellan Discoverer. Begin voyage.

Jan 19-24 – Explore Antarctica by sea and land. Five nights aboard Magellan Discoverer.

Jan 24 – Disembark. Private charter flight back to Punta Arenas, Chile. Overnight Cabo De Hornos hotel.

Jan 25 – Flights home or join our Earth Expeditions trip to Chile!

Jan 25 - Feb 4 – "Chile's Patagonia, Atacama and the coast". Explore Patagonia and Torres Del Paine National Park, the Atacama Desert, wine country and the colorful coastal art town of Valparaiso. Ten nights / Eleven days in Chile.

Welcome to the seventh continent!

ANTARCTICA

Jan 18-25, 2028 Eight Days/ Seven Nights | Five Nights In Antarctica

Join us for a spectacular journey to explore the beautiful Antarctic Peninsula. On this special trip, rather than sailing across rough seas for two days to reach our destination, we enjoy a smooth two hour flight on a four-engine jet across the Drake Passage to King George Island in Antarctica. We board our ship the Magellan Discoverer, and begin our voyage to one of the most spectacular, remotest places on earth - Antarctica. We slowly sail South exploring breathtaking scenery and become one of the adventurous few to experience the wilderness of Antarctica. Join our Earth Expeditions hosts as you encounter a variety of wildlife and explore some of the finest landscapes on earth. Prepare to be mesmerized on this adventure while creating memories to last a lifetime.

Expedition Rate : ~~$23,995-$34,795~~ $22,995-$32,795 **UNTIL DEC. 31, 2026**

Per person. Inclusive, except for international airfare, travel Insurance, and optional tips.

RESERVING YOUR PLACE:

We require a **non-refundable deposit of $8,000 per person to reserve your place on the expedition.** A second non-refundable deposit of $8,000 is due on 3/15/2027. Final payment is due on 9/01/2027. All payments must be made by wire transfer or check, we do not accept credit cards. Do not hesitate. The demand for this top notch, all-inclusive Antarctic Expedition is high. **Space is limited**, so if the thought of this is exciting, then get in touch with us immediately. To keep this trip intimate and of the highest quality, once the trip is filled, unfortunately we cannot accept additional enrollment.

Call us at the gallery **831.915.5367** or email us at **info@earth-expeditions.com** (reference "Classic Antarctica" in your e-mail) to reserve your place.

CANCELLATION POLICY: If Earth Expeditions is forced to cancel the departure due to unforeseen circumstances beyond its control, including non-delivery of the vessel, Earth Expeditions agrees that the only remedy is full refund of all monies paid for the canceled voyage. Under no circumstances do participants have rights to any additional compensation including but not limited to airline tickets, travel insurance, cancellation penalties for pre-paid travel services, or any to other expenditures made by participants. All payments to Earth Expeditions are otherwise non-refundable. To protect your investment, additional travel insurance is highly recommended in the event a participant must cancel and can include a refund of payments made to providers. We are happy to help with selecting insurance, as we have long standing relationships with insurance providers.



EXPEDITION DETAILS

Be prepared for a visual feast on this voyage! Sightings of Gentoo, Adelie, and Chinstrap Penguins, Orcas, Minke and Humpback Whales, Weddell, Leopard and Crab-eater Seals, and a variety of Sea birds are not uncommon. Throughout the expedition you will make indelible memories as you interact with a variety of beautiful wildlife, landscapes and fascinating people from around the world. After a memorable day we then return to our comfortable ship. Dinners will be delicious and served with views of Antarctica through large expansive windows.

There will be a variety of lectures throughout the voyage to enrich our experience. This is an extraordinary trip where you will experience the best Antarctica has to offer. Of course, the trip is at your pace with flexibility to attend every event or opt to relax for a session or two with a good book. You decide as there are options available for every participant.

Ratings:

WILDLIFE: EXCELLENT ★★★★★

LANDSCAPES: EXCELLENT ★★★★★

ACCOMMODATIONS: EXCELLENT ★★★★★

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: EASY

HIGHLIGHTS

- Fly across Drake Passage to Antarctica
- Luxurious adventure ship with many amenities
- Set foot on the Seventh Continent
- Expert Photography Instruction
- World-class Expedition Leaders
- Nature, history, and polar exploration lectures
- Superb Landscapes
- Intimate Wildlife Encounters
- Icebergs, Penguins, Whales, Seals, Seabirds
- Daily Zodiac excursions
- Frequent shore landings, on the Peninsula
- Walking or hiking tours on land
- Optional snow-shoeing
  Accomplished on-board chef
- Professionally created photo-journal of your adventure

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DAY ONE
JAN. 18

Punta Arenas, Chile: The trip officially begins today. We transfer together as a group from the airport in Punta Arenas to our hotel in town. Make sure that you arrive in Punta Arenas before 1:00 pm. Overnight in Punta Arenas at the four-star Cabo de Hornos. After getting settled in your rooms, we immediately transfer from the hotel to the Explorer house. Here we will check in for our voyage, download trip specific apps for communications onboard, try on your expedition boots to ensure a good fit and enjoy the amenities. A delightful dinner will follow for our group in the elegant Explorer House dining room. After dinner, we return to our rooms for our next day departure. Transfers, accommodations, dinner and breakfast the following morning are included.

DAYS TWO-SEVEN
JAN. 19-24

Antarctic Flight & Embarkation Day: A smooth two-hour flight takes you efficiently from Punta Arenas to King George Island, in the South Shetland Islands. Your Antarctic adventure begins as you exit the airplane and the clear Antarctic air fills your lungs for the first time. We make our way to the shoreline with views of the Magellan Discoverer moored in the sheltered waters awaiting our arrival. We board our zodiacs which transport us to the ship, where we get settled into our cabins and tour the capable and luxurious expedition vessel.

Exploring Antarctica: Sail along in crystal clear ice-filled waters, through towering cloud-capped fjords. Weave through fascinating icebergs and discover captivating wildlife such as penguins, seals, whales and exotic seabirds. Visit the South Shetland Islands and the Western coast of the Antarctic Peninsula. Explore the waterways more intimately by Zodiac each day, culminating with on-shore landings for exciting excursions. Visit penguin colonies, hikes along the shoreline or snowshoe to a nearby peak for extraordinary, elevated views. You get to decide what your Antarctica experience will be. Expert polar guides share their passion for Antarctica through an engaging program of illustrated presentations, and lead you ashore to interpret the wildlife, the history and the many wonders of the Antarctic environment. From the glass-enclosed lounge, enjoy spectacular views while sharing your daily adventures with fellow guests over a gourmet meal. The Expedition Team sets the specific voyage route based on local conditions and takes advantage of the ever-changing opportunities provided by Nature. Flexibility will be the key to a successful voyage. Your expedition may include visits to sites such as Port Lockroy, Petermann Island, Paradise Bay, the Lemaire Channel, Prospect Point or other magnificent places. Each voyage is unique and crafted to provide the best possible overview of the varied Antarctic environment. A spiritual journey sure to rank amongst the best!

DAY EIGHT
JAN. 24

King George Island & Antarctic Flight: We return to King George Island, bid farewell to our ship and board our plane for the return flight to Punta Arenas. We transfer to the Cabo De Hornos hotel and spend the remainder of the day exploring Punta Arenas or at your leisure. It is advisable to not book flights until after 2 PM on Jan 25th to allow for weather delays returning from Antarctica to Chile.

DAY NINE
JAN. 25

Flights home or Chile journey: If you are returning home, a VIP transfer is provided to Punta Arenas airport (PUQ) for your flight to Santiago (SCL). From here you make connecting flights later that evening, arriving home the following day on Jan 26th. If you are joining Earth Expeditions in Chile, we have a private VIP ground transfer through the Patagonian countryside to Tierra Patagonia lodge.



WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Informal expert photography instruction if desired.
- One pre and one post night expedition hotel accommodation in Punta Arenas. Dinner in Punta Arenas on first official day of the program.
- Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping.
- All breakfasts, lunches and dinners on board the ship throughout journey.
- All shore landings and Zodiac excursions per the daily program.
- Formal and informal presentations by Expedition Team.
- Online Photographic Album documenting the voyage.
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for shore landings.
- Coffee, tea, cocoa, water, soft and alcoholic drinks at meals.
- Comprehensive pre-departure materials, map and reader.
- Group transfers to and from the airport and hotel in Punta Arenas.
- Baggage handling aboard ship. All service taxes and port charges.
- Experienced leadership throughout the voyage.

NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare and transportation between your home and Punta Arenas.
- Optional and recommended additional evening in Santiago or Punta Arenas prior to the trip beginning.
- Passport and visa expenses.
- Any meals ashore with the exception of breakfast at host hotel and dinner on Day 1.
- Recommended evacuation & comprehensive travel insurance.
- Laundry, and other personal charges.
- Telecommunications charges.
- Alcohol in the bar onboard.
- Customary but optional gratuity for ship staff at the end of the voyage.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

- **Kayaking $995** per person for the entire voyage. Based on limited availability.
- **Snowshoeing $85** per person, per excursion. Based on limited availability.

*All Zodiac Tours & Hiking are included and complimentary

ROBERT S. KNIGHT

Robert Knight, Earth Expeditions founder, will be your host in Antarctica. This will be Robert's twelfth trip to Antarctica spanning over 20 years to the region. An expert in all things Antarctica, he is committed to delivering a safe and exceptional experience to the seventh continent. His photographic work from Antarctica won the sole landscape award in the BBC Photographer of the Year in 2007 and ever since has been creating work from the region. His photographs from Antarctica have been exhibited in Museums around the world and showcased at his gallery in Carmel by-the-sea, California. Just for our group, he will be teaching an iPhone photography class day one upon arrival in Chile before the journey officially begins, so you have more creative opportunities whilst on expedition. In addition, we will be accompanied by a world class team of naturalists, historians and adventurers sharing stories about the polar past, present and future of Antarctica. All will be focused on enthusiastically enriching your experience through a variety of excursions and lectures during your voyage.



"Antarctica recalibrates what you think you know. One is reminded of mortality, whilst stoking the indomitable spirit with dreams of exploration. It inspires contemplation yet escapes the grasp of human comprehension, existing too far beyond our view. The surreal grandeur of the continent possesses intoxicating possibility, checked by the gravitas of its untamed essence. Coexisting here a balance of grace and magnitude of the most epic proportion. A transcendental experience. A distinctive spiritual journey only the seventh continent can uniquely deliver. Thinking back, I can see our ship gliding through sparkling channels, weaving past an endless procession of sculptural icebergs and playful wildlife. Each moment revealing one artful moment after another to be admired in this living museum shaped by time. Overwhelmed with joy, I feel more awakened because of the Antarctic experience and grateful for the beautiful memories of a lifetime created with family and friends."

-Robert Salisbury Knight

Why Earth Expeditions?

For the same cost as booking your travel independently, you gain the support of an expert travel advisor who guides and curates your journey from the very beginning. We are available to answer your questions, assist with airline reservations, arrange VIP transfers, and personalize every detail so your experience feels seamless and thoughtfully planned. Our advisors are with you before, during and after your journey. Each departure comes with a personal host during the expedition and Earth Expeditions HQ support always a quick call away to assist with anything you may need at any time, day or night.

Throughout your journey, our hosts are on hand to make your stay more comfortable and enjoyable. They handle arrangements along the way and communicate your preferences directly with our partners on the ground.

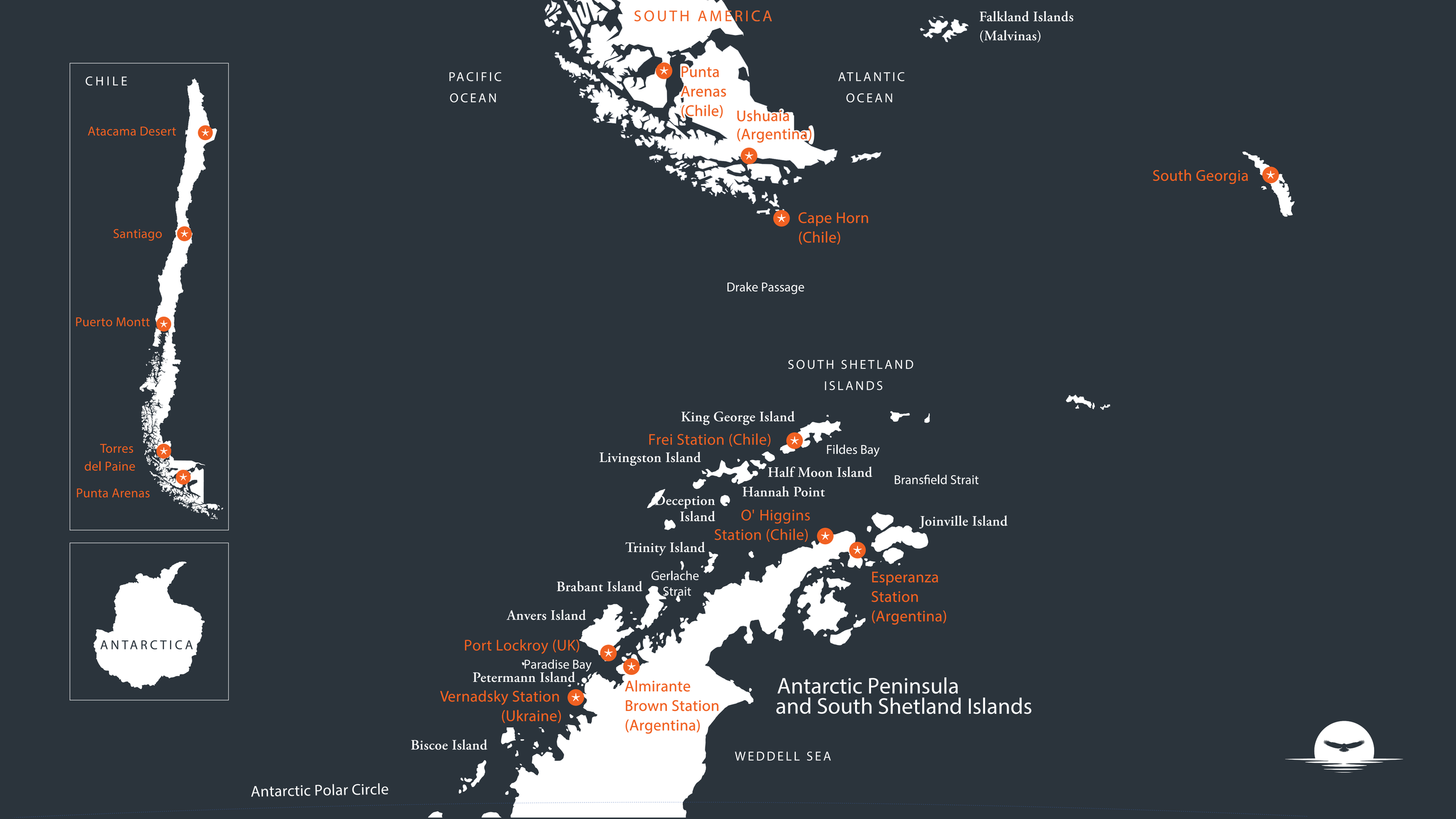
You enjoy the freedom of independent travel while still benefiting from our small groups, which offer welcoming introductions to new friends and the chance to form enriching connections that enhance your journey.

On our Antarctic journeys, you'll travel with a host who brings 30 years of travel experience, including 20 years focused specifically on the region, offering expert guidance and knowledge on all things Antarctica. In addition, we provide an iPhone Photography Academy exclusively for our group, along with ongoing creative support to help you achieve your artistic goals.

We also frequently offer trip extensions that pair naturally with your core itinerary, allowing you to explore further, tailored to optimize the depth of your travels. In this case we have a post trip to Chile, exploring Patagonia, Atacama, wine country and coastal towns.

We look forward to making your journey an exceptional one.




SOUTH AMERICA
Falkland Islands
(Malvinas)
PACIFIC
OCEAN
ATLANTIC
OCEAN
Punta
Arenas
(Chile)
Ushuaia
(Argentina)
South Georgia
Cape Horn
(Chile)
Drake Passage
CHILE
Atacama Desert
Santiago
Puerto Montt
Torres
del Paine
Punta Arenas
SOUTH SHETLAND
ISLANDS
King George Island
Frei Station (Chile)
Fildes Bay
Livingston Island
Half Moon Island
Bransfield Strait
Hannah Point
Deception
Island
O' Higgins
Station (Chile)
Joinville Island
Trinity Island
Gerlache
Strait
Brabant Island
Esperanza
Station
(Argentina)
Anvers Island
Port Lockroy (UK)
Paradise Bay
Petermann Island
Almirante
Brown Station
(Argentina)
Vernadsky Station
(Ukraine)
Antarctic Peninsula
and South Shetland Islands
Biscoe Island
WEDDELL SEA
Antarctic Polar Circle
ANTARCTICA

EXPEDITION ROUTE

Drake Passage Flyover

Enjoy a swift and comfortable flight from the southern tip of South America across the legendary Drake Passage, bypassing the often-challenging open-water crossing. In just a few hours, leave the familiar landscapes behind and take in breathtaking aerial views as you approach the vast, untouched wilderness of Antarctica. A seamless journey to one of the most remote and extraordinary places on Earth.



Magellan Discoverer

INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY - MODERN DESIGN

Magellan Discoverer is a brand new, purpose-built vessel specifically designed for unique Antarctic fly-and-cruise operations, equipped with advanced polar capabilities that enable safe and comfortable navigation through the Antarctic waters. As a custom-designed ship, Magellan Discoverer features a sophisticated hybrid-electric propulsion system and sustainable engineering innovations, ensuring efficient operation in one of the world's most pristine environments. With spacious all-balcony cabins and premium suites, Magellan Discoverer redefines comfort in Antarctic travel. Each cabin is meticulously designed to offer maximum comfort and functionality, featuring a private sitting area, ample wardrobe space, and a sleek, modern bathroom with heated floors. Higher ceilings and expanded layouts make the accommodations feel open and airy.

Magellan Discoverer offers an array of amenities and services. We'll enjoy the observation lounge, which serves as a social hub with a bar and seating areas perfect for taking in the panoramic views. The dining room, accommodating all guests at once, serves a curated menu inspired by regional Chilean flavors paired with premium Chilean wines. Additional amenities include a sauna with a view of the ice-scapes, a well-stocked library featuring books on Antarctic history and wildlife, a gym, a gift shop, and a protected barbecue area. Most importantly, each cabin has an outdoor veranda for you to enjoy the Antarctic experience from the privacy of your own room.







Pick Your Cabin

Choose the cabin that best complements your journey. From intimate retreats to expansive suites, each accommodation offers its own blend of comfort, elegance, and thoughtfully appointed details. Settle into your personal sanctuary and enjoy the extraordinary experience of exploration without compromising on luxury.

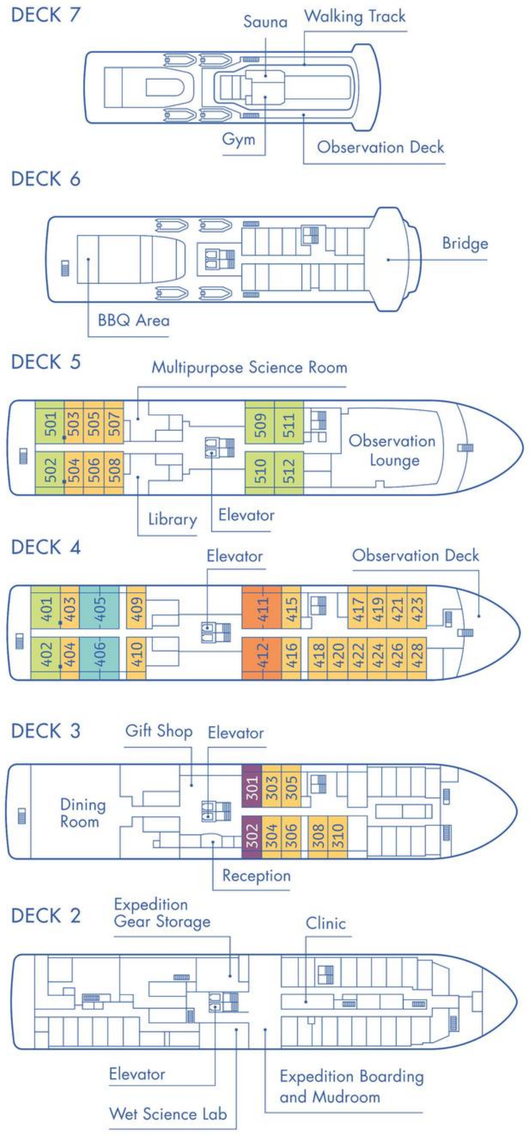
- Grand Veranda Suite (2 people):
  ~~$34,795~~ $30,795 **UNTIL DEC. 31, 2027**
- Deluxe Veranda Cabin (2 people):
  ~~$28,995~~ $26,995 **UNTIL DEC. 31, 2027**
- Single Deluxe Veranda Cabin (One person):
  ~~$34,795~~ $32,795 **UNTIL DEC. 31, 2027**
- Triple Veranda Suite (3 people):
  ~~$23,995~~ $22,995 **UNTIL DEC. 31, 2027**
- Family Veranda Suite (4 people):
  ~~$28,995~~ $26,995 **UNTIL DEC. 31, 2027**

Available in one King or two Twin bed configuration.
Payable by wire transfer or check only.

*DEPOSITS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE IN ORDER TO SECURE ACCOMMODATIONS WITH OUR PARTNERS

Cabins

Category	Approx. Size	Details
Single Veranda Cabin	280 ft² 26 m²	Cabin with sitting area and balcony
Grand Veranda Suite	409 ft² 38 m²	Suite with sitting area and balcony
Family Veranda Suite	560 ft² 52 m²	Two-room suite with sitting area and balcony
Deluxe Veranda Cabin	280 ft² 26 m²	Cabin with sitting area and balcony
Triple Veranda Suite	560 ft² 52 m²	Two-room suite with sitting area and balcony











Explorers House

Explorers House is the beginning of a unique and unparalleled experience that sets the stage for your Antarctic adventures.

Situated in the heart of Punta Arenas, Explorers House stands as a brand-new expedition center, meticulously converted from a heritage building, boasting an expansive area of over 2,000 sq mt (21,500 sq ft). This dedicated facility is designed to be the first step for our expedition, offering a space where we can gear up, attend briefings, and fine-tune our readiness for the extraordinary journey ahead.

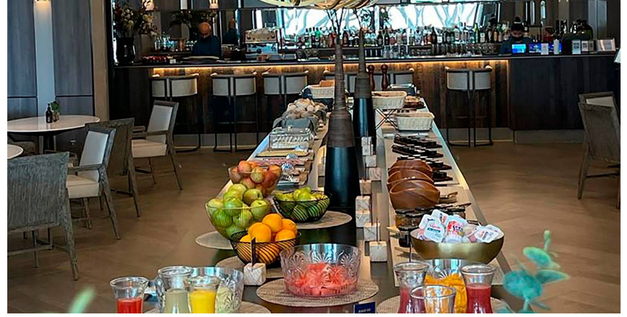
As an exclusive private club, it provides a modern and inviting environment where you can unwind with a cup of coffee, delve into a captivating collection of Antarctic books, and connect with fellow travelers as excitement builds for the adventure that lies ahead.

Some of the services and amenities at Explorers House include:

- Reception area
- Bar
- Coffee station
- Food and drink services
- Library with over 100 polar books
- Relaxing lounges
- Amphitheater/presentation room
- Gear rental and gift shop
- Interactive touch screens
- Garden

Hotel in Punta Arenas

Situated along the waterfront in the heart of Punta Arenas, Hotel Cabo de Hornos offers a welcoming blend of Patagonian character, understated elegance, and modern comfort. Overlooking the historic Plaza de Armas and the Strait of Magellan, the hotel provides an inviting retreat after a day of exploration, with warm hospitality, comfortable accommodations, and a sense of place deeply connected to the region's maritime heritage. An ideal setting to relax and recharge before continuing your journey to the southernmost reaches of Patagonia.















TRAVEL NOTE:

*Please make sure your International flights arrive in Punta Arenas no later than 1 PM on 01/18/28. If you would like to arrive a day or two earlier, then please let us know as we can book extra nights stay prior to the scheduled trip. You must stay at the same hotel as the group since we are traveling together to Antarctica and sometimes need to change departure times based on weather.

TESTIMONIALS

Every journey leaves a lasting impression. Hear firsthand from the travelers who have experienced the extraordinary with Earth Expeditions, sharing the unforgettable moments, meaningful connections, and rare experiences that make each expedition truly exceptional.

"Hello Robert, I must say it was wonderful meeting you and sharing a spectacular trip together. You created a beautiful atmosphere that encouraged all photographic opportunities while creating a family that enjoyed each other's company and became fast friends. You were always there for us with photographic advice and encouragement. We all felt comfortable while we pursued the riches of Antarctica.

This trip will always be a big part of me and has given me a permanent high. Thank you so very much for making it a trip of a lifetime for all of us. Antarctica was there for the taking but it was you who made it special. You are a great photographer and teacher but you are even a better person. I hope to go on another trip with you and also do a workshop with you back in Carmel. Thank you again Robert. Best always!"

-Dave Tribiano ~ Antarctic Adventure

"Robert, the trip was beyond belief. I honestly do not have the words to use. A quote from Walt Whitman seems to express it well: "I swear to you, there are divine things more beautiful than words can tell." I intend to visit Antarctica again with you!"

-Sharon Rhodes ~ Antarctic Adventure

"Robert, This was my first trip with you and also my first small group tour, both were fantastic. I realized that I had never considered traveling alone but I would go anywhere with you, feeling that you would make sure I was included and had a good time. Look forward to travel with you again!

-Dianne Cumming ~ Antarctic Adventure

Robert, I thank you for inviting Connie and me on this Antarctic Adventure. It is a magnificent place relatively few people ever get to see, which in itself was a great privilege. Having traveled with you before and having known you for a long time, I expected this was going to be a great adventure.

Excellence is not an accident, and is the result of knowledge, experience, preparation, caring, and hard work. This trip was excellent. It exceeded every expectation Connie and I had. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We will see you on the next one!

-Patrick & Connie Caulfield ~ Antarctic Adventure





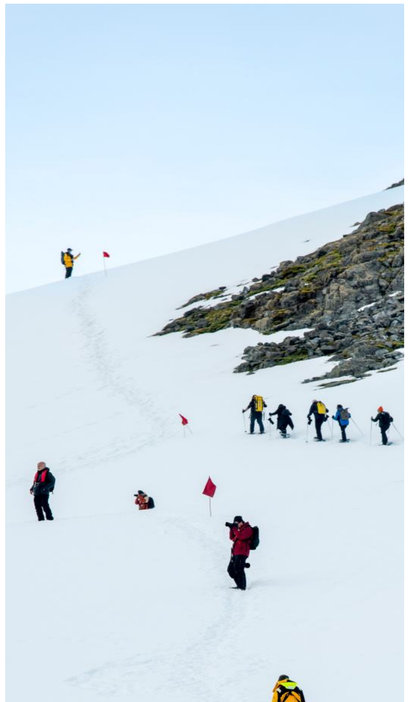


















"A journey is best measured in friends, rather than miles."

-TIM CAHILL



Celebrate life. Capture the moment.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE