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Ein Seeleopard sonnt sich auf einer Eisscholle. Pinguine müssen trotzdem stets auf der Hut vor ihm sein, denn die Vögel zählen zur Leibspeise der Räuber.

Luftbrücke zu den Seeleoparden

Mit dem Flugzeug in die Antarktis und dort erst auf ein EXPEDITIONS-SCHIFF umsteigen – bis vor Kurzem blieb dies den Forschern im ewigen Eis vorbehalten. Findige Unternehmer aus dem chilenischen Teil Patagoniens haben die Marktlücke erkannt – und geschlossen.



Ab dem 65. Breitengrad wird das Eis immer dichter, und die *M/V Ocean Nova* muss sich trotz ihres verstärkten Rumpfs vorsichtig einen Weg bahnen.



Gut gelandet – der Flug von Punta Arenas nach King George Island ist der heikelste Teil der Reise, weil nur bei gutem Wetter geflogen werden kann.



Mit den Zodiacs geht es in kleinen Gruppen zu Forschungsstationen und kleinen Wanderungen an Land.



Bizarre Eisformationen und fast unwirkliche Lichteffekte gehören zu den schönsten Erlebnissen einer Antarktis-Reise.



Wenn die See ruhig ist, können die Passagiere auch mit Kajaks auf Pinguin-Pirsch gehen.



Port Lockroy gehört zu den Forschungsstationen, die auch von größeren Kreuzfahrtschiffen angelaufen werden.



Paradise Bay – wer solches Wetterglück hat, darf sich wahrlich wie im Paradies fühlen.



Mushrooms – Eispilze – nennen Antarktis-Forscher solche Formationen aus gefrorenem Meereis.

Ein Traumtag in der Antarktis:
Ohne frieren zu müssen,
beobachten die Touristen den
kalbenden Gletscher.



Zartrosa Licht zeigt an, dass es
im antarktischen Sommer auf
Mitternacht zugeht. Vollständig
unter geht die Sonne jedoch nie.



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Wohl niemand würde behaupten wollen, die beiden südamerikanischen Staaten Chile und Argentinien verbände eine innige Freundschaft. Ein ausgeprägtes Konkurrenzdenken mit einem gehörigen Schuss Nationalismus bestimmt die Beziehungen der Nachbarn. Im Süden des Kontinents, in Patagonien, ist der Wettstreit zwar weniger ausgeprägt. Dennoch war es den Chilenen ein Dorn im Auge, dass die Kleinstadt Ushuaia im argentinischen Teil Feuerlands mit dem Etikett „Südlichste Stadt der Welt“ Furore machte und für die meisten Antarktis-Touristen das Tor zum Weißen Kontinent wurde. Das chilenische Dorf Puerto Williams mit seiner Marinebasis, ebenfalls am Beagle-Kanal gelegen, verharrte hingegen im Dornröschenschlaf.

Das missfiel auch dem Unternehmer Jaime Vásquez, der es weiter nördlich, in Chiles wichtigster Stadt in Patagonien, in Punta Arenas, zu Wohlstand und regionaler Bekanntheit gebracht hatte. Als Mitglied des Antarktis-Rates der Stadt an der Magellanstraße hatte er schon immer ein Faible für das Land am Südpol und störte sich nicht nur an der Prominenz Ushuaias, sondern auch daran, dass das Gros der ständig wachsenden Zahl von Antarktis-Touristen die Kreuzfahrten ins Eis bei amerikanischen und europäischen Veranstaltern buchte. „Wo wir hier in Patagonien die Eisberge praktisch vor der Nase haben“, wie er im Gespräch scherzend anmerkt.

Nun ja, „praktisch vor der Nase“ stimmt nicht ganz. Zwischen Kap Hoorn an der Spitze Südamerikas und der Antarktischen Halbinsel wartet auf Kreuzfahrt-Touristen die berühmte Drake Passage. Jene Meeresstraße mit den haushohen Wellenbergen, die zumindest die Passagiere kleinerer Schiffe ohne Stabilisatoren tagelang Fische fütternd über der Reling hängen lässt, ehe sie ihr Traumziel am südlichen Polarkreis meist ziemlich mitgenommen erreichen und plötzlich doch keine Yacht mehr kaufen wollen. Dabei sind es gerade die kleineren Kähne, die mit ihrem geringeren Tiefgang auch kleine, versteckte Buchten ansteuern können und die unvergessliche Tierbeobachtungen erlauben, ohne sich einen Pinguin mit 400 anderen Hobbyfotografen teilen zu müssen.

Vásquez wusste das alles, als er sich vor zwölf Jahren mit seinem Freund Jorge Jordan zu einem Pisco Sour zusammensetzte – dem Nationalgetränk aus Traubenschnaps, Eiweiß und Limettensaft. „Regt das Denken an“, erklärt Vásquez. Nach dem dritten Glas wurden sie übermütig: Sie wollten nicht nur das erste chilenische Reiseunternehmen gründen, das Antarktis-Touren anbietet. Sie wollten auch der erste Anbieter sein, der

seinen Gästen die tagelange Seekrankheit in der Drake Passage erspart – indem die Gäste mit dem Flugzeug dem Weißen Kontinent entgegenschweben.

Das war dann doch eine sehr ambitionierte Idee. Es gab zwar immer mal wieder Flüge gen Süden, um Forschungsstationen zu versorgen. Doch diese waren von den Launen des Wetters abhängig und die Landungen auf eigens dafür präparierten Eispisten ein Vabanquespiel. „Touristen nicht zuzumuten und für die Flugsicherung ein Alptraum“, erklärt Vásquez. „Trotzdem hatten wir das Gefühl, alle Zutaten zu haben, um die Idee in die Praxis umzusetzen.“ Da war zum einen die chilenische Forschungsstation Eduardo Frei Montalva auf King George Island. Das Eiland, das zu den Südlichen Shetlandinseln gehört, die nur durch die Bransfieldstraße von der Antarktischen Halbinsel getrennt sind, ist zwar zu 98 Prozent von Schnee und Gletschern bedeckt. Doch auf den verbleibenden zwei Prozent ist genug Platz für eine rustikale Start- und Landebahn, die von den Chilenen und anderen Ländern, die hier Stationen unterhalten, auch gelegentlich für Versorgungsflüge mit Militärtransportern genutzt wurde. Als Spezialist für diese Flüge hatte sich die patagonische Gesellschaft Aerovías DAP einen Namen gemacht.

Deren Gesellschafter waren mit den Familien Vásquez und Jordan bestens bekannt – es erwies sich mal wieder als Vorteil, dass im Süden Chiles deutlich mehr Schafe als Menschen leben und jeder jeden kennt. Apropos Schafe: Ein Tourismusunternehmen aus der Taufe zu heben, kostet viel Geld. Und da traf es sich gut, dass auch Nicolas Simunovic von der Idee einer antarktischen „Air-Cruise“ begeistert war: Dem von kroatischen Auswanderern abstammenden Unternehmer gehört mit der Estancia Cerro Guido – mit Blick auf den weltberühmten Nationalpark Torres del Paine – eine der größten Schaffarmen des Landes. Das Fleisch der Tiere lässt er in seiner Fabrik in Punta Arenas gleich weiterverarbeiten.

„Wir hatten eine gute Idee und den finanziellen Background, aber keine Ahnung vom Reisegeschäft“, sagt Vásquez und lacht. Tatsächlich hatten sie auch die Unterstützung der Politik. Denn es war durchaus ein nationales Anliegen, mit einer regelmäßigen Flugverbindung in die Antarktis die Präsenz auf dem rohstoffreichen Kontinent zu unterstreichen – auch wenn sich die Unterzeichner des Antarktis-Vertrags, darunter Chile, verpflichtet haben, während dessen Laufzeit auf territoriale Ansprüche zu verzichten.

Die folgende Zeit verlief arbeitsreich. Die Gründer von „Antarctica XXI“ – die römische Zahl steht für das 21. Jahrhundert, sie soll das visionäre und neuartige Konzept unterstreichen – nahmen mit europäischen Reedern Kontakt auf, um ein passendes Schiff zu ►



Wer ganz mutig ist, wagt einen Sprung in die eisigen Fluten.



Wie das Maul eines riesigen Bartenwals sieht diese Eisformation aus. Mit dem Zodiac werden

die Touristen ganz nah an die „Skulptur“ herangefahren.



Die Schwimmweste gehört zur Standardausrüstung bei Landgängen und Schlauchbootfahrten.

finden: Es musste eistauglich sein und sollte nicht mehr als 50 bis 60 Passagieren Platz bieten, um sich von den Kreuzfahrtriesen der amerikanischen und europäischen Konkurrenz abzuheben. Luxus an Bord war nicht vorgesehen. Das Produkt sollte als Expedition, nicht als Kreuzfahrt verkauft werden. Parallel dazu überzeugten sie die chilenischen Umweltschutzbehörden von ihrem Konzept und gaben Studien in Auftrag, die die ökologischen Auswirkungen der geplanten „Air-Cruise“ erfassten. Dies war ohnehin notwendig, denn auch die International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators, die IAATO, verlangt solche Nachweise von ihren Mitgliedern. In der IAATO sind all jene Reiseunternehmen versammelt, die sich einem umweltbewussten und nachhaltigen Antarktis-Tourismus verpflichtet haben. „Die haben unser Konzept sehr genau unter die Lupe genommen“, erinnert sich Jaime Vásquez. „Aber am Ende bekamen wir grünes Licht und waren damit das erste chilenische IAATO-Mitglied und gleichzeitig der erste chilenische Veranstalter von Antarktis-Reisen.“

Noch dazu ein Veranstalter mit einem außergewöhnlichen Alleinstellungsmerkmal: In der antarktischen Sommersaison 2003/04 – dem europäischen Winter – startete die erste Maschine mit 44 Passagieren an Bord von Punta Arenas nach King George Island. Dort warteten an einem nahe gelegenen Küstenabschnitt zwischen Pinguinen und Robben Zodiacs, stabile Schlauchboote mit Außenbordmotor, die die Gäste zum Schiff brachten, das in einer geschützten Bucht ankerte. Das klingt wenig spektakulär, doch bei schwerem Seegang ist selbst diese Überfahrt ein Abenteuer.

Alles verlief nach Plan auf der Jungfernfahrt. Der Kapitän des Schiffes zeigte den Touristen sechs Tage lang die Höhepunkte der Antarktischen Halbinsel und ankerte in Buchten, in denen es für Ozeanriesen heißt: „Wir müssen draußen bleiben.“ Mit den Zodiacs, die in wenigen Minuten per Kran auf dem Wasser und damit einsatzbereit waren, konnten die Gäste mit gefütterten

Gummistiefeln und Schwimmwesten an Land gehen und Wanderungen unternehmen. Sie sollten das Gefühl haben, wirklich an einer Expedition teilzunehmen. Am Ende der Tour wartete auf King George Island wieder eine Militärmaschine mit Spezialfahrwerk, aus deren Bauch die nächste Gruppe Touristen in bester „Special Forces“-Manier krabbelte. Niemand war blass, weil er die zwei- bis dreitägige Achterbahnfahrt durch die Drake Passage gerade hinter sich oder noch vor sich hatte.

Jede Saison finden nun gut ein Dutzend Touren statt, gehen einige Hundert Touristen aus aller Welt auf „Air-Cruise“. Es ist ein gemischtes, internationales Publikum. Gesprochen wird mal Englisch, mal Spanisch oder auch mal Deutsch – je nachdem, welche Nation die Mehrheit der Gäste stellt. Da sind zum Beispiel Andris und Uldris. Die beiden Letten aus der Hauptstadt Riga erfüllen alle Klischees: Sie sprechen wenig und saunieren häufig, gerne auch bei Temperaturen jenseits der 100-Grad-Grenze. Sie haben beide – noch zu UdSSR-Zeiten – eine Firma aufgebaut, die Heizungs- und Sanitärausrüster wie das deutsche Unternehmen Viessmann beliefert. Es gibt kaum einen Winkel der Erde, den die beiden nicht bereist hätten: Ihre Geländewagen haben sie durch ganz Afrika gesteuert, mit dem Kanu befuhren sie den zufrierenden Stikine River im Norden Kanadas – im November! Den Trip haben sie mit knapper Not überlebt, und als Beweis für die bestandene Mutprobe drücken sie jedem an Bord eine DVD in die Hand.

Dann ist da Pepe, Doktor der Medizin aus Madrid. Vor genau einem Jahr war seine Schwiegermutter gestorben, und er wollte seine Frau angesichts des nahenden Todestages unbedingt ablenken. Er buchte den Antarktis-Trip – und rief erst hinterher Sohn Rodrigo und die in Oslo lebende Tochter Marta an. „Hola, wir fahren in Urlaub, bitte haltet euch bereit“, verkündete er in einem Ton, der keinen Widerspruch zuließ.

Mike aus San Francisco ist mit seinen gerade einmal 23 Jahren definitiv einer der jüngeren Antarktis-Besucher. Mit 15, gleich nach dem Ende der Highschool, hatte er bei einem Software-Haus angeheuert. Drei Jahre später gründete er zusammen mit einem Partner in Seattle seine eigene Software-Firma, die bereits im ersten Monat ihres Bestehens Software für 250.000 Dollar verkaufte. Steve Jobs, damals noch Apple-Boss und bei guter Gesundheit, wurde auf den jungen Mann aufmerksam und holte ihn, der nie ein College von innen gesehen hat, mit 19 Jahren zu Apple. Dort hat Mike die Bedienoberfläche des iPhone maßgeblich mitentwickelt. Er ist zudem ein leidenschaftlicher Fotograf und hat ganz einfach beschlossen, seinen Jahresbonus den Pinguinen zu widmen.

Ruud hingegen, einer der vier Niederländer an Bord, hat hinter das Arbeitsleben bereits einen Haken gesetzt. Sein Siegelring gibt einen dezenten Hinweis auf ein altes holländisches Adelsgeschlecht. Der Vater fuhr als Kapitän zur See, er selbst verkaufte für eine Reederei Schiffe in alle Welt. Er ist also vom Fach und unterzieht Schiff und Crew einer kritischen Inspektion. Als er gut gelaunt und entspannt von einem längeren Besuch auf der Brücke zum Aperitivo in die Bar zurückkommt, sind die anderen Passagiere zuversichtlich, dass der Kapitän und sein Team auch im dichterem Treibeis alles im Griff haben werden.

Zu Beginn der Reise, beim Übersetzen mit den wackeligen Zodiacs zum Expeditionsschiff, war da noch einige Skepsis vorhanden gewesen. „Es könnte nass werden“, hatte uns die Italienerin Diana Galimberti gewarnt, die das „Air-Cruise“-Konzept maßgeblich mit aufgebaut hat. Es war Wind aufgekommen, Schneekristalle kitzelten unsere Wangen, und die Wellen schlugen über die Bordwand der Boote. Doch Diana passte auf, dass bei der ersten Zodiac-Fahrt niemand baden ging. Mit traumwandlerischer Sicherheit balancierte sie im Zodiac, eine Hand am Motor, und gab Anweisungen.

Die gebürtige Florentinerin war ein wildes Mädchen, als sie 1984 ihr Sprachen-Diplom von der Universität Genf in der Tasche hatte. Sie beschloss, dass die Erde an der Spitze Südamerikas am spannendsten ist. Sie zog nach Ushuaia, der südlichsten Stadt der Welt im argentinischen Teil Feuerlands. Dort führte sie Touristen zu den windzerzausten Naturschönheiten Patagoniens, aber insgeheim wusste sie schon damals, dass sie ihre wahre Liebe noch weiter im Süden finden würde. 1988 begleitete sie erstmals Touristen auf einem Schiff der argentinischen Marine in die Antarktis. Später arbeitete sie als Guide und Lektorin auf großen Kreuzfahrtschiffen und schrieb einen der ersten Reiseführer über den sechsten Kontinent.

Doch irgendwann wurden ihr die großen Kreuzer mit bis zu 1000 Gästen an Bord zu langweilig. Tauchte zum Beispiel in einer Bucht ein Wal vor dem Bug auf, konnte man nicht einfach die Zodiacs zu Wasser lassen und näher heranhelfen. Auf der *M/V Ocean Nova*, die wir jetzt mit unseren Booten erreichen, geht das problemlos – für die maximal 68 Gäste stehen mehrere Zodiacs zur Verfügung, die in wenigen Minuten per Kran auf dem Wasser und damit einsatzbereit sind.

Zum Absacker in der Bord-Bar erzählt Diana eine Geschichte: Es war einmal eine Nymphe namens Kallisto, die Zeus ein Kind namens Arkas gebar. Aus Rache verwandelte Hera, Zeus' Gattin, Kallisto und Arkas in Bären. Und so heißt der Bär auf Griechisch „arktos“. Aber Heras Zorn war noch nicht gestillt. Zeus sorgte sich um das Leben der Nymphe und des gemeinsamen Sohnes und sandte die beiden deshalb in den Himmel, damit sie sich dort versteckten. Seitdem drehen sie sich als Großer und Kleiner Bär um den Polarstern. Die Arktis ist daher die Heimat der Bären. Und „anti-arktos“, wörtlich: der Gegensatz zur Arktis, das „Land ohne Bären“. Denn sie kommen in der Antarktis nicht vor. Das Land ohne



Blaues Meer – blauer Himmel. Der Lemaire-Kanal liegt bereits hinter ihnen, jetzt freuen sich die Antarktis-Fahrer auf die Überschreitung des Polarkreises.

Bären ist stattdessen das Land der Pinguine. Und die gibt es hier in verschiedenen Ausführungen: Kaiser- und Königspinguine sind die Medienstars, doch auf der Antarktischen Halbinsel bekommt man nur die kleineren Arten – Esels-, Zügel- und Adeliepinguine – zu sehen. Die sind weniger majestätisch, dafür aber umso lustiger.

Wenn die Eisberge in der Sonne glitzern, wissen wir gar nicht, wohin wir zuerst blicken sollen. Wir tauchen ein in eine Welt aus Eis, Wasser und Himmel. Eine Welt, die nur Weiß und Blau kennt und in der die Farbe Grün keinen Platz hat. Stundenlang schauen wir den Pinguinen zu, wie sie zum Strand watscheln, sich gegen angreifende Raubmöwen verteidigen und ihre Jungen füttern. Dazwischen staunen wir ehrfürchtig über die Dimensionen der Eisriesen, die an uns vorbeidriften. Eine junge Meeresbiologin aus Kanada begleitet uns und passt auf, dass wir den Pinguinen nicht zu nahe kommen. Wir sind hier schließlich nur zu Gast und wollen das sensible Ökosystem nicht stören. Die Biologin ist sich sicher, dass uns das gelingen wird. Eine Studie mit 800 Pinguinpaaren habe gezeigt, dass Touristen kein Stressfaktor seien und das Überleben der Jungen vor allem vom Nahrungsangebot und vom Wetter abhängen. Apropos Wetter: Die junge Frau liebt ihren Beruf über alles und hat nichts dagegen, ein halbes Jahr nonstop im ewigen Eis zu verbringen. „Bikini und Flip-Flops hab ich längst gegen Gummistiefel und Funktionsklamotten eingetauscht“, erzählt sie. Nur dass ihre Haut seit mittlerweile zehn Jahren kein richtiges Sonnenbad mehr abbekommen habe, das störe sie schon ein wenig.

In den folgenden Tagen zeigt uns Diana die faszinierendsten Plätze entlang der Antarktischen Halbinsel. Unter unserem Zodiac tauchen neugierige Minkwale hindurch, wir beobachten Seeleoparden auf der Jagd nach Pinguinen und ankern in traumhaften Buchten, die von kalbenden Gletschern fast vollständig eingeraht werden. Neko Harbour ist so ein Ort. Bei Temperaturen um den Gefrierpunkt genießen wir die ange-

nehm warme Sonne, doch auf die Idee, hier ein Bad zu nehmen, käme niemand. Genau das tat aber die Amerikanerin Lynne Cox: Sie durchschwamm im Jahr 2002 die gesamte Bucht – fast zwei Kilometer in 25 Minuten im 0,5 Grad Celsius kalten Wasser. Ihr Buch „Swimming to Antarctica“ erschien 2004, und seither rätseln Wissenschaftler über diesen Rekord, der physiologisch kaum zu erklären ist, denn normale Menschen ereilt bei dieser Wassertemperatur binnen vier Minuten der Tod.

Ein anderer Besucher fühlte sich in Neko Harbour ganz offensichtlich weniger wohl als Lynne Cox: Früher befand sich hier eine argentinische Forschungsstation. Als deren Kommandant erfuhr, dass er eine weitere Saison in der Einsamkeit der Antarktis verbringen sollte, packte ihn die Verzweiflung. Er wartete auf das nächste Kreuzfahrtschiff und zündete die Station kurzerhand an, um der trostlosen Südpolarnacht zu entfliehen. Es ist eben ein himmelweiter Unterschied, ob man hier nur auf Stippvisite vorbeikommt oder einen kompletten Sommer oder gar ein ganzes Jahr verbringt. Die Sommer-Bewohner der britischen Station Port Lockroy bestätigen das gerne. Die ehemalige Forschungsstation ist heute ein Museum, das sich durch den Verkauf von Souvenirs finanziert.

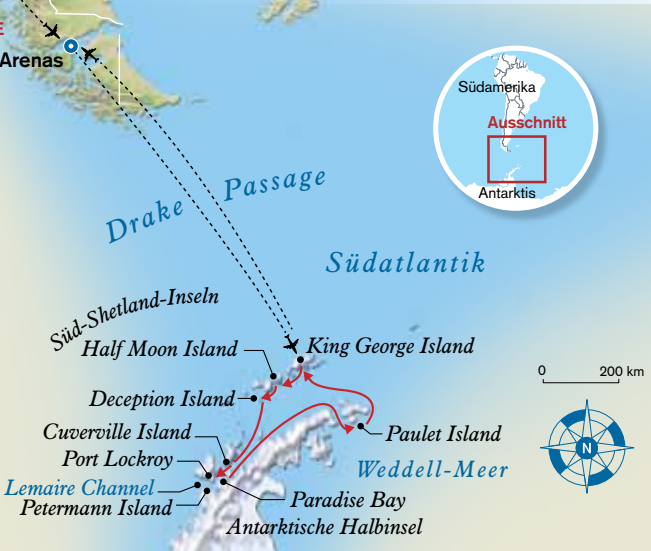
Auch die großen Kreuzfahrtschiffe machen hier Halt – pro Tag dürfen maximal 350 „Expeditionsteilnehmer“ an Land, davon nicht mehr als 60 auf einmal. Die Briten nehmen es mit dem ihnen eigenen Humor gelassen. „Wir sind gewissermaßen umzingelt“, schmunzelt eine junge Engländerin. „Hinter der Hütte lauern Gletscherspalten, vorne machen uns Pinguine und Touristen den Platz streitig.“ Das ist keinesfalls übertrieben: Jeden freien Quadratzentimeter, der nicht eisbedeckt ist, haben die Vögel als Brutplatz reserviert. Die Pinguine hier bauen Nester aus Steinen. Und wenn sich ein Männchen bei seiner Herzdame mal so richtig beliebt machen will,

dann bringt er ihr im Schnabel einen der seltenen und daher wertvollen Steine mit nach Hause.

Jede Nation scheint ihr eigenes Rezept zu haben, um den harschen Lebensbedingungen in der Antarktis zu trotzen. Diana kennt die Kommandanten der meisten Forschungsstationen, die uns gerne einladen – jede Abwechslung ist willkommen. Die ukrainische Vernadsky-Station jenseits des 65. Breitengrades markiert den südlichsten Punkt unserer Reise. Die 24 Sommer-Bewohner der Station erforschen die Ausdehnung des Ozonlochs über der Antarktis – wenn sie nicht gerade in der Faraday-Bar, der südlichsten Bar der Welt, mit selbst gebranntem Wodka anstoßen oder Antarktis-Touristinnen aufordern, ihrer BH-Sammlung in der Bar ein weiteres Exemplar hinzuzufügen. Wir bringen Geschenke mit, auch unsere Crew kommt an Land, und im Nu haben wir die Station in eine formidable Russen-Disco umfunktioniert.

Antarctica XXI“-Unternehmer Jaime Vásquez freut sich, wenn er solche Geschichten hört. „Wir haben all diejenigen Lügen gestraft, die unsere Idee ‚verlockend, aber unmöglich‘ genannt hatten“, erinnert er sich. „Die logistischen Herausforderungen sind zweifellos komplex, doch wir haben unser Konzept Jahr für Jahr perfektioniert. Das war uns wichtiger, als schnell zu wachsen.“ Bis dato ist es keinem Veranstalter gelungen, das Konzept zu kopieren: Die wagemutigen Señores aus Punta Arenas bleiben bis auf Weiteres der einzige Anbieter einer „Air-Cruise“ zum Weißen Kontinent weltweit. „Wir stoßen darauf gelegentlich mit einem Pisco Sour an“, räumt Señor Vásquez ein. Und Señor Jordan ergänzt: „Auch einige Lämmer der Estancia Cerro Guido müssen dann dran glauben.“

Text: Günter Kast



So tricksen Sie die berühmte Drake Passage aus

Der europäische Winter ist die beste Zeit, um die Antarktische Halbinsel zu erleben. Eine Verlängerung in Patagonien bietet sich an.

ROUTE

Etappen der Reise („Clas-sic Antarctica Air-Cruise“ 2014–15, 7 Tage, 6 Nächte)

Tag 1: Ankunft in Punta Arenas, Welcome Dinner und Briefing, Übernachtung im Hotel.

Tag 2: Zweistündiger Flug nach King George Island auf den Süd-Shetland-Inseln. Besuch zweier Forschungsstationen, dann Einschiffung mit Zodiacs.

Tag 3–6: Kreuzfahrt zwischen den Süd-Shetland-Inseln und der Westküste der Antarktischen Halbinsel. Es gibt keine vorab festgelegte Route, diese ist von Eis- und Wetterbedingungen abhängig. Auf den meisten Touren werden folgende Höhepunkte angelaufen: Paulet Island, Hope Bay, Port Lockroy, Petermann Island, Paradise Bay, Deception Island und der Lemaire Channel. Der Kapitän versucht, möglichst kleine Buchten und Forschungsstationen anzusteuern, die großen Schiffen aufgrund ihres Tiefgangs verwehrt bleiben. Von den Eisbedingungen hängt es auch ab, wie weit das Schiff nach Süden vordringen kann. **Tag 7:** Rückflug nach Punta Arenas. Verlängerung: Bei der „Polar Circle Air-Cruise“

(9 Tage, 8 Nächte) versucht die Crew, bis zum südlichen Polarkreis vorzudringen und zu überschreiten.

ANREISE

Ausgangspunkt für Fly&Cruise-Touren in die Antarktis ist Punta Arenas im chilenischen Teil Patagoniens. Von Deutschland fliegt z. B. die Swiss via Zürich nach Santiago de Chile, von dort weiter mit LAN. Es empfiehlt sich die Buchung über einen Lateinamerika-Spezialisten wie z. B. Miller Reisen. www.miller-reisen.de

REISEZEIT & KLIMA

Winter in Europa = Sommer in der Antarktis. Auf der Antarktischen Halbinsel liegen die Temperaturen im Dezember um den Gefrierpunkt, Kälteeinbrüche und Schneestürme sind aber jederzeit möglich. Ins Gepäck gehören Wäsche aus Merinowolle, zum Beispiel von Icebreaker, Funktionsbekleidung, Überhose, Mütze, Handschuhe, Sonnenschutz – und eine gute Kameraausrüstung.

ANSCHLUSS-PROGRAMME

Eine „Air-Cruise“ dauert maximal neun Tage (ab/an Punta Arenas). Damit sich die lange Anreise in den Süden Patagoniens lohnt,

unbedingt einen mehrtägigen Besuch im weltberühmten Nationalpark Torres del Paine einplanen, den man im Leihwagen in rund vier Stunden von Punta Arenas aus erreicht. Die Unterkünfte im Park sind häufig überlaufen, an dessen Grenzen gibt es jedoch echte Geheimtipps.

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Der große Vorteil der M/V Ocean Nova: Werden Tiere gesichtet, sind die Gäste binnen Minuten auf dem Wasser.



Das Deck des Expeditionsschiffes ist zweckmäßig ausgerüstet. Platz für ein Open-Air-Picknick ist aber dennoch.



Die Kabinen sind hell und bieten ausreichend Platz.



Frühstück und Mittagessen werden jeweils als Buffet angeboten.

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Exklusives Vergnügen im kleinen Kreis

Die **M/V OCEAN NOVA** ist ein reinrassiges Expeditionsschiff. Der Luxus besteht darin, mit nur wenigen anderen Passagieren unterwegs zu sein. Dafür müssen die Gäste jedoch zu ein wenig Komfort-Verzicht bereit sein.

FLUGZEUG & SCHIFF

Anfangs benutzten die Chilenen einen Hercules-Militär-Transporter. Inzwischen fliegen sie mit einer komfortableren BAE-146 von British Aerospace, die auch auf extrem kurzen Landebahnen aufsetzen und wieder starten kann. Geflogen wird die Maschine von Piloten der Aerovías DAP, die mehr als 20 Jahre Erfahrung mit Flügen in die Antarktis haben. Die *M/V Ocean Nova* wurde 1992 in Dänemark gebaut. Sie war viele Jahre in den Gewässern rund um Grönland im Einsatz und bietet maximal 68 Passagieren Platz. Diese wohnen in relativ komfortablen Außenkabinen mit eigenem WC und Bad. Es gibt Kabinen speziell für Singles, Paare und Familien. Das Schiff verfügt ferner über eine Aussichts-Lounge zur Natur- und Tierbeobachtung, einen Vortragsraum, einen großen Speisesaal, eine Bar, eine Bibliothek und einen Erste-Hilfe-Raum. Für Landgänge und Tierbeobachtungen stehen Zodiacs zur Verfügung. Die Speisen sind in Ordnung, kulinarische Höhenflüge sollte man aber nicht erwarten. Sämtliche Getränke, auch die Bar-Rechnung sind im Preis inbegriffen. Fakten: 38 Mann Besatzung, Länge: 73 Meter, Breite: 11 Meter, Eisklasse: 1B, EO (Hull Ice 1A), maximale Geschwindigkeit: 12 Knoten im offenen Wasser, Motor: 2000 PS, zwei Rettungsboote für insgesamt 90 Personen.

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www.polaradventures.de
Es gibt Classic-Touren mit sieben Tagen und sechs Nächten an Bord, Express-Reisen mit fünf Tagen und vier Nächten sowie neuntägige Kreuzfahrten, bei denen der Polarkreis überquert wird, sofern es die Eisbedingungen und das Wetter zulassen. Größere Schiffe wagen sich in der Regel nie so weit in den Süden vor.

KABINEN

Unterschiedlich große, zweckmäßig eingerichtete Außenkabinen mit jeweils eigenem Bad für eine, zwei oder drei Personen.

GASTRONOMIE

Internationale Küche, die versucht, den Geschmäckern des ebenfalls internationalen Publikums aus verschiedensten Ländern gerecht zu werden. Chilenische Spezialitäten, Barbecue an Deck bei akzeptablem Wetter. Freie Bar, unter anderem mit ordentlichen chilenischen Weinen. Frühstück und Mittagessen in Buffetform, Abendessen als Drei-

Gänge-Menü mit drei Optionen (Fleisch, Fisch, vegetarisch).

SERVICE

Sehr freundlich, familiäre Atmosphäre, nach zwei Tagen an Bord kennt jeder jeden. Trinkgeld: nach Gusto, ca. 10 Dollar/Tag/Passagier.

SPORT & WELLNESS

Kleiner Fitness-Raum.

BORDPROGRAMM

Täglich Vorträge und Filme zu den verschiedensten Aspekten einer Antarktis-Reise: Entstehungsgeschichte, Klima & Wetter, Fauna & Flora, Forschung & Internationale Politik, Antarktisvertrag, Umwelt- und Naturschutz.

AUSFLUGSANGEBOT

Täglich mehrstündige Ausflüge mit den Zodiacs. Werden Wale und andere Tiere gesichtet, werden die Boote auch ad hoc für außerplanmäßige Exkursionen zu Wasser gelassen. Sämtliche Ausflüge sind im Preis inbegriffen.

PUBLIKUM

International, meist stellt keine Nation die Mehrheit. Durchschnittsalter: jünger als bei Luxus-Kreuzfahrten. Die Landgänge und Zodiac-Fahrten erfordern ein Mindestmaß an körperlicher Fitness, sind aber grundsätzlich für jeden halbwegs gesunden Menschen zu meistern.

SHOPPING

An Bord gibt es einen Shop mit Merchising-Produkten wie

Jacken, Baseball-Mützen, Stoff-Pinguinen etc. – Im „Online Gear Shop“ auf der Website kann vor der Reise fehlende Ausrüstung wie Handschuhe, Daunenjacken etc. bestellt werden.

DRESSCODE

Casual, Outdoor-Kleidung dominiert.

PREISNIVEAU

Die „Klassik“-Variante mit sechs Nächten und sieben Tagen kostet ab 10.895 Dollar in der Doppelkabine ab/bis Punta Arenas.

★★	
M/V OCEAN NOVA	
Schiff	8,0
Kabinen	4,0
Gastronomie	5,0
Service	8,0
Sport & Wellness	2,0
Bordprogramm	4,0
Ausflugsangebot	10,0
GESAMT Punkte	41,0
Bordsprache: Englisch, Spanisch, meist auch Italienisch	
Bordwährung: Dollar, Euro, Chilenischer Peso, gängige Kreditkarten	
Passagiere/Crew: 68/38	
Baujahr: 1992	
Flagge: Bahamas	
BRZ: –	
Länge/Breite: 73 m/11 m	

POLAR ADVENTURES

Schiffs- und Flug- Expeditionen
in Arktis und Antarktis

Saison Antarktis

2024-25

Angebote ab-bis Hafen zusätzlich
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ANTARCTIC AIR-CRUISES

Antarctica21

Fly & Sail Expeditions



Antarctic Peninsula & South Shetland Islands



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Antarctica, an Expedition to Planet Earth

Landscape

A land that holds 90% of Earth's ice, Antarctica stuns visitors with its awe-inspiring beauty. See peaceful bays dotted with colossal icebergs; cruise along deep fjords and see massive glaciers; be amazed by sharp snowy peaks that jut out of the sea.

Adventure

Feel the spray of seawater on your cheeks as you cruise in a Zodiac to shore. Follow in the footsteps of early explorers as you hike on Antarctic soil. Join our optional Sea Kayaking and Hiking & Snowshoeing programs.

Wildlife

Penguins, whales, seals, and seabirds congregate in Antarctica during the austral summer. Present in large numbers, you can move along in their world and find endless inspiration for photographs.

Memories

Setting foot on the seventh continent is a privilege and an honor. You will bring home unforgettable tales, and your journey will arouse the curiosity and admiration of your friends and family.



The Antarctic Air-Cruise

We pioneered a new way to travel to Antarctica and what we believe is a better way – providing quick, intimate access to the White Continent.

Before Antarctica21, travelers who wanted to reach the Antarctic Peninsula had only one option: a 2-day sail across the notoriously rough seas of the Drake Passage. However, since 2003, our boutique wilderness adventures have offered a more comfortable alternative.

Fly the Drake

Our two-hour flight takes you from Punta Arenas, the Chilean gateway to Patagonia, directly to Antarctica, where you then board your expedition ship. No stormy crossing. No seasickness. Just quick, total immersion in your Antarctic adventure.

Explore Antarctica

Our small expedition vessels are more like private yachts, offering direct access to areas along the Antarctic shore that larger ships simply can't reach. Since we have fewer guests, you get on and off faster, so your time ashore is focused where it should be: savoring every moment of a travel experience unlike any other.

KEY BENEFITS



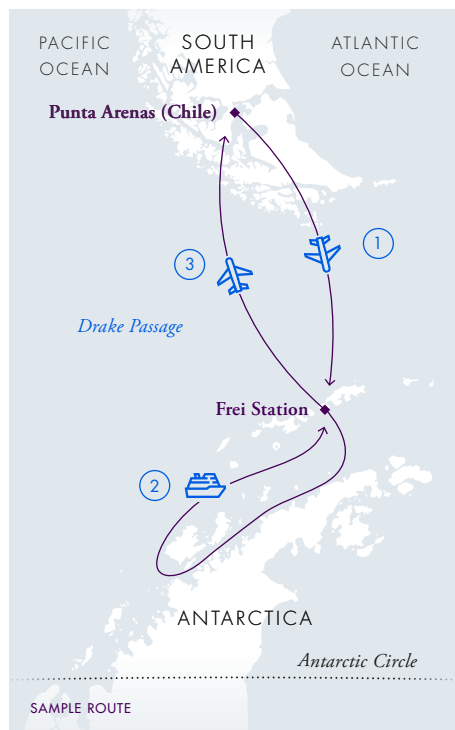
Comfort: Avoid storms in the Drake Passage



Speed: Get to Antarctica quickly and save time



Size: Enjoy a small-ship, small-group experience



What Makes Antarctica21 Unique?

As a niche specialist, we dedicate 100 percent of our time and resources to creating your Antarctic adventure.

Air-Cruise Experts

We pioneered the air-cruise to Antarctica. That remains our focus. As specialists, we understand intimately how to coordinate air and sea operations in the changeable Antarctic environment. We have completed over 300 fly and cruise departures, more than any other company, and we bring that experience to your journey.

Antarctica is our Neighbor

Our company was founded in Punta Arenas, Chile, the gateway for the first Antarctic explorers. As a local company in this remote region, we have built a solid infrastructure and an extensive network of key relationships to support your expedition.

Explorers House: A Warm Welcome

Located only a few blocks from your hotel, Antarctica21's new Explorers House is your exclusive base in Punta Arenas. Feeling like a private club, it is a purpose-built open space where you can prepare for your expedition by attending briefings, practicing your Zodiac-boarding skills, shopping for expedition gear, and more.

Flight Advantages

Unlike some companies, Antarctica21 uses a single flight to carry all guests on an expedition to and from the White Continent. We also have priority over the flight window, allowing us to choose the optimal flight time based on conditions. For you, this means efficient operations and a reduced chance of weather-related delays.

Boutique Ships

Our small expedition ships welcome a maximum of 76 guests. That means disembarking and embarking in Antarctica is faster and smoother. You spend more time exploring, not waiting for your turn.

High Staff-to-Guest Ratio

On every journey, our Antarctica21 team includes at least 12 expert polar guides, and their number one priority is ensuring you have an unforgettable experience. Our team knows the region's unique geography, natural history, wildlife, ecology and loves sharing their expertise with you.



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Our Company



Antarctica21 was founded in 2003 by adventurers who believed there was a better way to travel to Antarctica. 2023 marks 20 years of successful operations for our company.

From the invention of the Antarctic air-cruise to the building of the first Antarctica21 ship, we continue in our quest for innovation and sustainability.



Our Style and Philosophy

As a boutique specialist, we design and deliver adventurous yet comfortable small-scale expeditions to Antarctica. We aim to offer guests the perfect balance between active exploration and high-quality hospitality.

Our Team

International Antarctic pilots, experienced sea captains, expert polar guides, academics, and seasoned travel professionals create the Antarctica21 experience. With passion, creativity, and teamwork, each expedition is handcrafted, unique, and personal.

Commitment

Antarctica21 is the leader in this fast-growing segment of Antarctic tourism, constantly developing and innovating its programs and operations. As a member of the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO), and a CarbonNeutral® certified company, we consider every detail of our planning and operations, working to reduce our environmental impact.

ITINERARIES





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Itineraries at a Glance

During the 2024-25 season, Antarctica21 offers three air-cruise itineraries:

Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

- Our most popular itinerary
- A complete Antarctic experience
- Frequent departures
- Starting at \$11,495 USD

Polar Circle Air-Cruise

10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS

- An in-depth expedition, explore farther, and see more
- Sail farther south to try and reach the Antarctic Circle
- Limited number of departures
- Starting at \$15,995 USD

Antarctica Express Air-Cruise

6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS

- Introductory and affordable
- Visit Cape Horn and Antarctica
- See a variety of seabirds, including albatrosses and giant petrels
- Starting at \$4,995 USD

Note: All prices listed here are per person based on triple occupancy.



Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

Itinerary

Day 1 / Start of the air-cruise

Arrive in Punta Arenas, Chile, before 2 PM, where you are welcomed by Antarctica21 staff and transferred to your hotel. In the afternoon, you are welcomed at Explorers House to attend a mandatory briefing that provides important information about your air-cruise and reviews the essential guidelines for Antarctic visitors. Later, gather for a welcome dinner and meet your fellow adventurers while enjoying a typical regional menu.

Day 2 / Scheduled flight to Antarctica

Your Antarctic adventure begins with a two-hour flight from Punta Arenas to King George Island, in the South Shetland Islands. As you exit the airplane, the clear Antarctic air fills your lungs for the first time. You then walk 2-km (1.25-miles), passing Chile's Frei Station and Russia's Bellingshausen Station to reach the shore and board a Zodiac that will take you to your boutique expedition vessel.

Day 3-6 / Exploring Antarctica

Cruise between the South Shetland Islands and the western coast of the Antarctic Peninsula, sailing along ice-filled fjords and among spectacular icebergs, while enjoying the company of seabirds, penguins, seals, and whales. Each day disembark by Zodiac and explore the landscape together with expert polar guides. On board the ship, attend an engaging program of educational presentations, and enjoy spectacular views from the lounge while sharing your daily adventures with fellow guests.

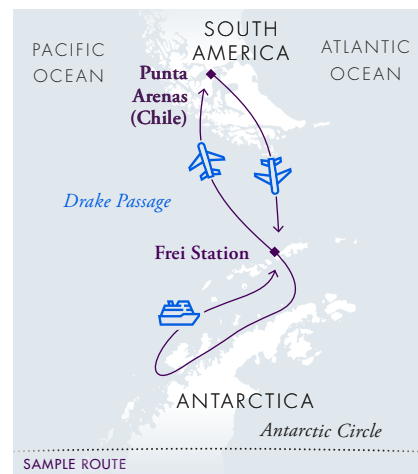
No journey is the same and flexibility is the key to success in Antarctica. The Expedition Team plans the voyage route to take advantage of the ever-changing opportunities provided by nature, crafting a unique and extraordinary experience every time. While the exact itinerary changes with each expedition, you will explore several sites that offer the best possible overview of the varied Antarctic environment. Your voyage may include visits to sites in the South Shetland Islands, the Antarctic Sound, the Gerlache Strait, and the Penola Strait.

Day 7 / Scheduled return flight from Antarctica

Return to King George Island and bid farewell to Antarctica before boarding the flight back to Punta Arenas. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel for the night. (Note: Meals in Punta Arenas are at your leisure and not included in the program).

Day 8 / End of the air-cruise

After breakfast, transfer to the Punta Arenas airport for your onward flight.



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Magellan Explorer & Ocean Nova



Polar Circle Air-Cruise

10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS

Itinerary

Day 1 / Start of the air-cruise

Antarctica21 staff members welcome you in Punta Arenas, Chile, before 2 PM. Transfer to your hotel, visit Explorers House, and attend a mandatory briefing that provides important information about your air-cruise and reviews the essential guidelines for Antarctic visitors. A welcome dinner introduces you to the local gastronomy as you meet fellow adventurers from around the world.

Day 2 / Scheduled flight to Antarctica

A smooth two-hour flight takes you 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. You then walk 2-kms (1.25-miles), passing Chile's Frei Station and Russia's Bellingshausen Station to reach the shore and board a Zodiac that will take you to your boutique expedition vessel.

Day 3-8 / Exploring Antarctica

Sail along ice-filled fjords and among spectacular icebergs, while enjoying the company of seabirds, penguins, seals, and whales. Visit the South Shetland Islands and the western coast of the Antarctic Peninsula, disembarking by Zodiac each day. In small groups, hike to extraordinary sites and take part in exploratory Zodiac excursions to otherwise inaccessible areas. Our 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. Enjoy spectacular views, from the glass-enclosed lounge, while sharing your daily adventures with fellow guests over a drink.

The goal of this expedition is to sail far south in the attempt to reach the Polar Circle. The Expedition Team plans 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 voyage may include visits to sites in the South Shetland Islands,

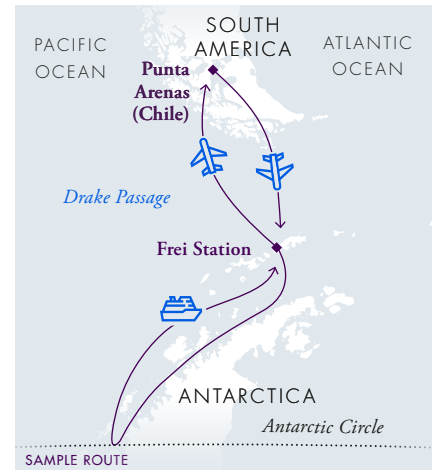
the Antarctic Sound, the Gerlache and Penola Straits, and the Crystal Sound. Each voyage is unique and crafted to provide the best possible overview of the varied Antarctic environment.

Day 9 / Scheduled return flight from Antarctica

Back at King George Island, bid farewell to Antarctica as you board the flight to Punta Arenas. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel for the night. (Note: Meals in Punta Arenas are at your leisure and not included in the program).

Day 10 / End of the air-cruise

After breakfast, transfer to the Punta Arenas airport for your onward flight.



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Antarctica Express Air-Cruise

6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS

Itinerary

Day 1 / Start of the air-cruise

Your journey begins in Ushuaia, Argentina, at the pier. Board your ship in the afternoon and sail along the Beagle Channel towards Puerto Williams, Chile, the southernmost town in the world. Explore the surroundings before setting sail to Cape Horn.

Day 2 / Cape Horn and Drake Passage

After an overnight crossing of Nassau Bay, you awake in full view of legendary Cape Horn! Weather permitting, board a Zodiac and be one of the few privileged adventurers to step foot on this famous and rarely visited island. Back on board, set sail towards Antarctica and cross the famous passage named in honor of Sir Francis Drake, the great 16th-century British explorer.

Day 3 / Drake Passage

As you sail through the Drake Passage en route to King George Island, in the South Shetland Islands, attend an engaging program of lectures and presentations. In the company of expert guides, watch for wildlife from the lounge or the outside decks. You may spot magnificent seabirds, such as albatrosses and petrels, as well as different species of whales on their way south to Antarctica.

Day 4 / Drake Passage and Antarctica

After crossing the Antarctic Convergence, the environment changes noticeably. Keep your camera ready, as this is the time to watch for the first icebergs and the first sight of Antarctic land. Reaching the South Shetland Islands, sail in ice-filled bays, while enjoying the company of seabirds, penguins, seals, and whales. Board a Zodiac for your first memorable shore visit to a penguin colony. Exploration will continue well into the evening taking advantage of the long Antarctic daylight.

Day 5 / Antarctica and scheduled return flight

Upon reaching King George Island, disembark at Fildes Bay. A 2-km (1.25-mile) walk takes you through Chile's Frei Station and Russia's Bellingshausen Station to the aircraft. Bid farewell to Antarctica as you board the flight back to Punta Arenas. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel for the night. (Note: Meals in Punta Arenas are at your leisure and not included in the program).

Day 6 / End of the air-cruise

After breakfast, transfer to the Punta Arenas airport for your onward flight.



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VESSELS & AIRCRAFT



Magellan Explorer

INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY · MODERN DESIGN

Magellan Explorer is a modern expedition vessel custom-built for our Antarctic air-cruises. The ship was constructed in Chile to the latest Polar Code specifications and launched in 2019.

For our air-cruises, Magellan Explorer has seven categories of accommodation, including dedicated single cabins. All cabins except Porthole Cabins feature private balconies. All double cabins, except four, have two twin beds that can be configured as one king-size bed. All cabins feature a wardrobe, an individually controlled heating system, a sitting area, and a private bathroom with a shower.

The ship features a glass-enclosed observation lounge and presentation room with state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment, a spacious and stylish dining room, a well-stocked bar, a library, a meeting room, a gym, a sauna, and a medical clinic. The forward-facing observation deck leads to the ship's bow, which is accessible to guests to offer proximity to marine wildlife. The ship has a fleet of 10 Zodiacs that are well suited for disembarking and wildlife watching.

The fitness center aboard Magellan Explorer has been designed and built by the professionals at Anytime Fitness, the world's only fitness company with boutique gyms on all seven continents. For more information, see anytimefitness.com.

Specifications

Passengers:
76 maximum on air-cruises

Expedition Staff & Crew:
60

Lifeboats:
2, fully enclosed, capacity of 160 (in addition to 8 life rafts, capacity of 160)

Length:
90.7 m

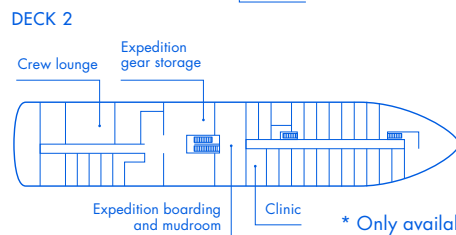
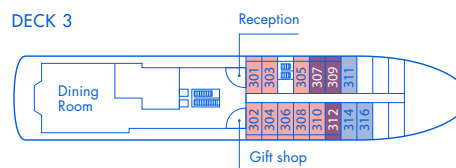
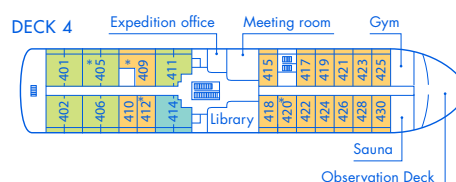
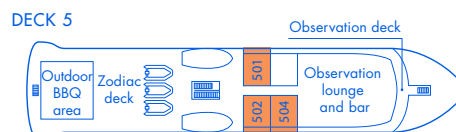
Breadth:
16.2 m

Draft:
4.3 m

Propulsion:
Diesel engines, 3,440 kW

Ice Class:
LR PC6

Cruising Speed:
14 knots in open water



* Only available with queen-size bed

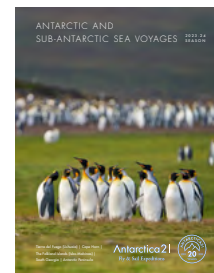
Cabins

Category	Approx. Size	Details
Single Cabin	210 sq. ft 19 sq. m	Cabin with sitting area and balcony
Penthouse Suite	360 sq. ft 33 sq. m	Suite with sitting room, balcony and bedroom area
Suite	480 sq. ft 44 sq. m	Two-room suite with sitting room, balcony and bedroom
Deluxe Veranda Cabin	240 sq. ft 22 sq. m	Cabin with sitting area and balcony
Veranda Cabin	210 sq. ft 19 sq. m	Cabin with sitting area and balcony
Porthole Cabin	200 sq. ft 18 sq. m	Cabin with sitting area and porthole
Triple Suite	480 sq. ft 44 sq. m	Suite with two bedrooms, balcony, and sitting area





ANTARCTIC & SUB-ANTARCTIC SEA VOYAGES



On board Magellan Explorer, our travelers can sail to Cape Horn, the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, and Antarctica. These destinations are rich in history and wildlife experiences. Request a brochure by writing to sales@antarctica21.com.

Ocean Nova

STRONG AND MIGHTY · ACTIVE ADVENTURE

Ocean Nova is a sturdy and nimble expedition vessel. This ship was built in Denmark in 1992 to sail the ice-choked waters of Greenland. It has an ice-strengthened hull that is ideally suited for expedition travel in Antarctica. Fully renovated in 2006, the ship has benefitted from annual upgrades and improvements since then.

The ship's outside cabins offer three categories of accommodation: dedicated Single Cabins, Twin Cabins, and Triple Cabins. All cabins feature a picture window, a writing desk with a chair, a wardrobe, an individually controlled heating system, and a private bathroom with a shower.

In addition to a glass-enclosed observation lounge and a presentation room, Ocean Nova also has a spacious dining room, a bar, a library, a small gym, and an infirmary. The ship has a fleet of 7 Zodiacs that are well suited for disembarking and wildlife watching.

Specifications

Passengers:
67 maximum on air-cruises

Expedition Staff & Crew:
46

Lifeboats:
2, fully enclosed, capacity of 110 (in addition to 4 life rafts, capacity of 100)

Length:
73.0 m

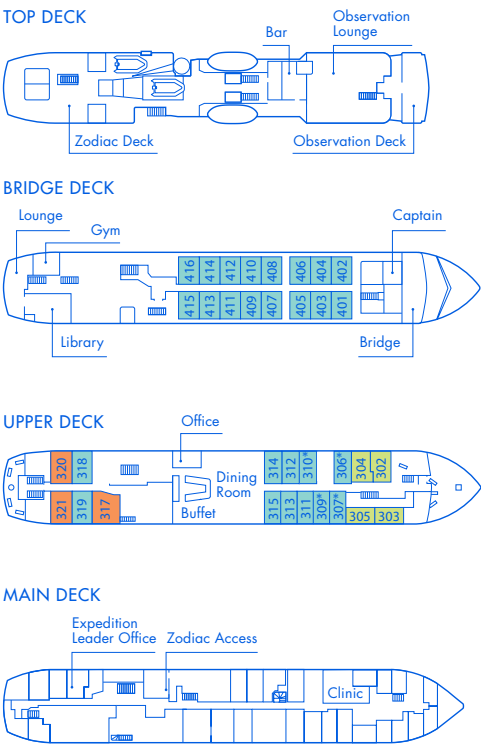
Breadth:
11.0 m

Draft:
3.7 m

Propulsion:
Diesel engines,
2,000-horsepower

Ice Class:
1B, EO (Hull Ice 1A)

Cruising Speed:
12 knots in open water



* Queen-size bed



Cabins

Category	Average size	Details
Single Cabin	87 sq. ft 8 sq. m	One lower single bed
Twin Cabin	106 sq. ft 10 sq. m	Two twin beds or one queen bed
Triple Cabin	150 sq. ft 14 sq. m	Two lower beds and one upper bed



A21 LOYALTY BENEFIT

The A21 Loyalty Benefit gives our returning travelers a 5% reduction on their next trip, including our Antarctic & Sub-Antarctic Sea Voyages. The reduction applies to all repeat travelers with Antarctica21. We hope to see you again!

Aircraft

Specifications

Model:
BAE 146-200, AVRO RJ 85, AVRO RJ 100
Capacity:
76 passengers maximum
Engines:
4 turbofans Honeywell ALF 502R-5
Length:
93 ft 8 in (28.55 m)
Cruise Speed:
465 mph (750 km/h)
Wingspan:
86 ft 5 in (26.34 m)
Service Ceiling:
31,200 ft (9,500 m)

We use three similar aircraft for flight operations: the BAE 146-200, the AVRO RJ 85, and the AVRO RJ 100. These aircraft were manufactured in the United Kingdom by British Aerospace (which later became part of BAE Systems). They are high-wing aircraft with short runway requirements, which make them particularly suited for this kind of destination. It is operated by Aerovias DAP, which has more than 25 years of experience flying in Patagonia and Antarctica.

Seating

Category
● Preferred – Reserved Seating
● Economy – Open Seating
● Seats not in use



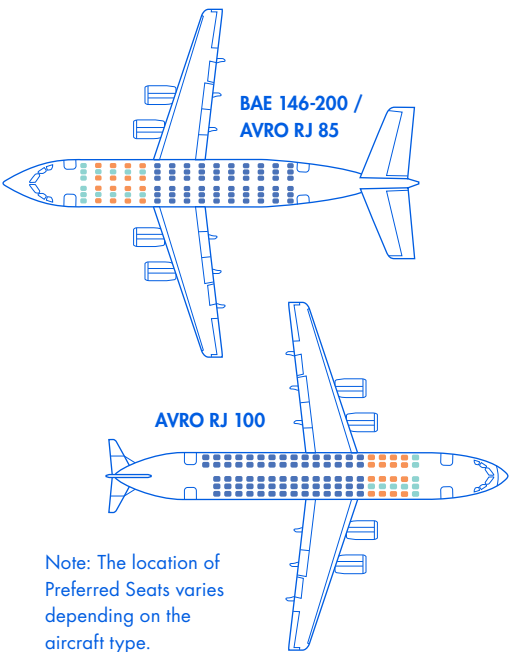
PREFERRED SEATING ON THE ANTARCTIC FLIGHT

For an extra level of comfort, you can purchase Preferred Seats on your Antarctic flight. This option offers you a guaranteed aisle or window seat, priority boarding in Punta Arenas, and an amenities kit. Please note that due to the nature of the operation in Antarctica, priority boarding is not available on the return flight. Capacity is limited and the location of Preferred Seats varies depending on the aircraft type.

Prices per person

Classic Antarctica Air-Cruises (round-trip): \$495 USD
Polar Circle Air-Cruises (round-trip): \$495 USD
Antarctica Express Air-Cruise (one-way): \$245 USD

In the case of cancellation of Preferred Seating 120 days or more prior to departure, Antarctica21 will refund 50% of the amount paid. In the case of cancellation 119 days or less prior to departure, there will be no refund.



DATES & PRICES



Dates & Prices

ABOARD MAGELLAN EXPLORER

Code	Start/End	Days/ Nights	Itinerary	Prices (USD)								
				Triple Suite	Porthole Cabin	Veranda Cabin	Deluxe Veranda Cabin	Suite	PH Suites	Single Cabin	KAY	HS
MAG07-AE	Nov 23 - Nov 28, 2024	6/5	Antarctica Express Air-Cruise	\$5,995	\$6,495	\$6,995	\$7,495	\$8,595	\$8,995	\$8,995	—	—
MAG08-CA	Nov 26 - Dec 3, 2024	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$17,995	\$15,995	\$19,995	\$21,995	\$24,995	\$26,995	\$26,995	\$995	Available
MAG09-CA	Dec 1 - Dec 8, 2024	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$17,995	\$15,995	\$19,995	\$21,995	\$24,995	\$26,995	\$26,995	\$995	Available
MAG10-CA	Dec 6 - Dec 13, 2024	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$17,995	\$15,995	\$19,995	\$21,995	\$24,995	\$26,995	\$26,995	\$995	Available
MAG11-CA	Dec 11 - Dec 18, 2024	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$17,995	\$15,995	\$19,995	\$21,995	\$24,995	\$26,995	\$26,995	\$995	Available
MAG12-CA	Dec 16 - Dec 23, 2024	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$17,995	\$15,995	\$19,995	\$21,995	\$24,995	\$26,995	\$26,995	\$995	Available
MAG13-CA	Dec 21 - Dec 28, 2024	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$19,995	\$18,795	\$22,995	\$24,995	\$27,995	\$29,995	\$29,995	\$995	Available
MAG14-CA	Dec 26, 2024 - Jan 2, 2025	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$19,995	\$18,795	\$22,995	\$24,995	\$27,995	\$29,995	\$29,995	\$995	Available
MAG15-CA	Dec 31, 2024 - Jan 7, 2025	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$19,995	\$18,795	\$22,995	\$24,995	\$27,995	\$29,995	\$29,995	\$995	Available
MAG16-AE	Jan 11 - Jan 16, 2025	6/5	Antarctica Express Air-Cruise	\$5,995	\$6,495	\$6,995	\$7,495	\$8,595	\$8,995	\$8,995	—	—
MAG17-CA	Jan 14 - Jan 21, 2025	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$19,795	\$17,995	\$21,995	\$23,995	\$27,495	\$28,995	\$28,995	\$995	Available
MAG18-CA	Jan 19 - Jan 26, 2025	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$19,795	\$17,995	\$21,995	\$23,995	\$27,495	\$28,995	\$28,995	\$995	Available
MAG19-PC	Jan 24 - Feb 2, 2025	10/9	Polar Circle Air-Cruise	\$24,995	\$22,795	\$26,995	\$29,795	\$32,995	\$36,495	\$36,495	\$995	Available
MAG20-CA	Jan 31 - Feb 7, 2025	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$19,795	\$17,995	\$21,995	\$23,995	\$27,495	\$28,995	\$28,995	\$995	Available
MAG21-CA	Feb 5 - Feb 12, 2025	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$19,795	\$17,995	\$21,995	\$23,995	\$27,495	\$28,995	\$28,995	\$995	Available
MAG22-CA	Feb 10 - Feb 17, 2025	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$19,795	\$17,995	\$21,995	\$23,995	\$27,495	\$28,995	\$28,995	\$995	Available
MAG23-CA	Feb 15 - Feb 22, 2025	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$19,795	\$17,995	\$21,995	\$23,995	\$27,495	\$28,995	\$28,995	\$995	Available
MAG24-CA	Feb 20 - Feb 27, 2025	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$19,795	\$17,995	\$21,995	\$23,995	\$27,495	\$28,995	\$28,995	\$995	Available
MAG25-CA	Feb 25 - Mar 4, 2025	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$17,995	\$15,995	\$19,995	\$21,995	\$24,995	\$26,995	\$26,995	\$995	Available
MAG26-CA	Mar 2 - Mar 9, 2025	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$17,995	\$15,995	\$19,995	\$21,995	\$24,995	\$26,995	\$26,995	\$995	Available

Deposit

An initial deposit of \$3,500 USD per person is required to book a cabin, except for Antarctica Express Air-Cruises, where the deposit is \$1,500 USD per person.

The balance is due in full 120 days prior to departure. Payments can be made by wire transfer or credit card via PayPal. Wire transfer costs are to be borne by the sender. Credit card payments via PayPal are subject to a 2.7% fee (however, the 2.7% fee is not charged on the deposit). Payments received after the due date are subject to a \$250 USD per person late payment fee.

Children

Children are admitted from the age of 8 years if accompanied by an adult who will take responsibility and sign a waiver. A 5% discount on the rate per person is offered for children up to 12 years.

Single Travelers

Single travelers can choose between:

- Booking a dedicated Single Cabin: no supplement is applied for single use of dedicated Single Cabins.
- Booking a Twin Cabin for single use: an 85% supplement will be added to the rate per person when booking a limited number of Porthole and Veranda Cabins on Magellan Explorer and Twin Cabins on Ocean Nova. A 100% supplement applies when booking all other categories.
- Sharing a cabin with another passenger of the same gender: this is available on Magellan Explorer in Porthole and Veranda Cabins and on Ocean Nova in Twin Cabins. Antarctica21 will take care of finding the matching companion. Passengers who book a Twin Cabin on a shared basis are accommodated in single rooms at the hotel in Punta Arenas. Those passengers must pay a Single Hotel Room Supplement that varies based on the departure selected. Please inquire at the time of reservation.

Note: Single travelers who use CPAP machines or other assistive devices, as well as those who have conditions that can be disrupting to others (loud snoring, sleepwalking, etc.), can only book their air-cruise in a Single Cabin or a Twin Cabin for single use. They cannot book on a twin-share basis.

ABOARD OCEAN NOVA

Code	Start/End	Days/ Nights	Itinerary	Prices (USD)				
				Triple Cabin	Twin Cabin	Single Cabin	KAY	HS
OCN03-AE	Nov 29 - Dec 4, 2024	6/5	Antarctica Express Air-Cruise	\$4,995	\$5,995	\$6,995	—	—
OCN04-CA	Dec 2 - Dec 9, 2024	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$11,495	\$13,795	\$17,795	\$895	Available
OCN05-CA	Dec 7 - Dec 14, 2024	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$11,495	\$13,795	\$17,795	\$895	Available
OCN06-CA	Dec 12 - Dec 19, 2024	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$11,495	\$13,795	\$17,795	\$895	Available
OCN07-CA	Dec 17 - Dec 24, 2024	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$11,495	\$13,795	\$17,795	\$895	Available
OCN08-CA	Dec 22 - Dec 29, 2024	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$13,595	\$15,795	\$21,995	\$895	Available
OCN09-CA	Dec 27, 2024 - Jan 3, 2025	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$13,595	\$15,795	\$21,995	\$895	Available
OCN10-PC	Jan 1 - Jan 10, 2025	10/9	Polar Circle Air-Cruise	\$15,995	\$18,795	\$26,395	\$895	Available
OCN11-AE	Jan 14 - Jan 19, 2025	6/5	Antarctica Express Air-Cruise	\$4,995	\$5,995	\$6,995	—	—
OCN12-CA	Jan 17 - Jan 24, 2025	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$13,595	\$15,795	\$21,995	\$895	Available
OCN13-CA	Jan 22 - Jan 29, 2025	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$13,595	\$15,795	\$21,995	\$895	Available
OCN14-CA	Jan 27 - Feb 3, 2025	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$13,595	\$15,795	\$21,995	\$895	Available
OCN15-CA	Feb 1 - Feb 8, 2025	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$13,595	\$15,795	\$21,995	\$895	Available
OCN16-CA	Feb 6 - Feb 13, 2025	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$13,595	\$15,795	\$21,995	\$895	Available
OCN17-CA	Feb 11 - Feb 18, 2025	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$13,595	\$15,795	\$21,995	\$895	Available
OCN18-PC	Feb 16 - Feb 25, 2025	10/9	Polar Circle Air-Cruise	\$15,995	\$18,795	\$26,395	\$895	Available

KAY = Sea Kayaking. We recommend booking the Sea Kayaking program upon reservation of your air-cruise.

HS = Hiking & Snowshoeing is performed only in Antarctica. Available for booking on board the ship at \$85 USD per person, per excursion.

Note: Rates are per voyage and per person in US dollars, based on the selected cabin and occupancy.

Charters and Reservations by Groups

Full-ship charters and reservations made by and for groups of 8 travelers or more are subject to payment and cancellation conditions to be agreed upon contract.

Cancellation

Cancellation of a reservation must be done in writing. The following terms will apply:

- Cancellation received up to 180 days prior to departure: there will be a full refund of the deposit received, less a \$1,000 USD per person processing fee that will be retained by Antarctica21.
- Cancellation received between 179 and 120 days prior to departure: there will be no refund of the deposit paid.
- Cancellation received between 119 and 90 days prior to departure: there will be a refund of 10% of the amount paid, provided that the final payment has been received.

- Cancellation received between 89 and 60 days prior to departure: there will be a refund of 7.5% of the amount paid, provided that the final payment has been received.
- Cancellation received between 59 and 30 days prior to departure: there will be a refund of 5% of the amount paid, provided that the final payment has been received.
- Cancellation received between 29 and the departure date: there will be no refund whatsoever.

Upon cancellation, the passenger releases the canceled cabin back to Antarctica21.

Antarctica21 strongly recommends all guests to protect their travel investment by purchasing a trip cancellation and interruption insurance policy as protection against unforeseen events.



TERMS & CONDITIONS

For a complete list of Terms and Conditions visit www.antarctica21.com/termsconditions, including important details about the following points:

- Booking Terms
- Payment, Cancellation and Refund Policies
- Responsibility
- Itinerary
- Admittance
- Optional Adventure Activities
- Baggage
- Law and Jurisdiction

Inclusions & Exclusions

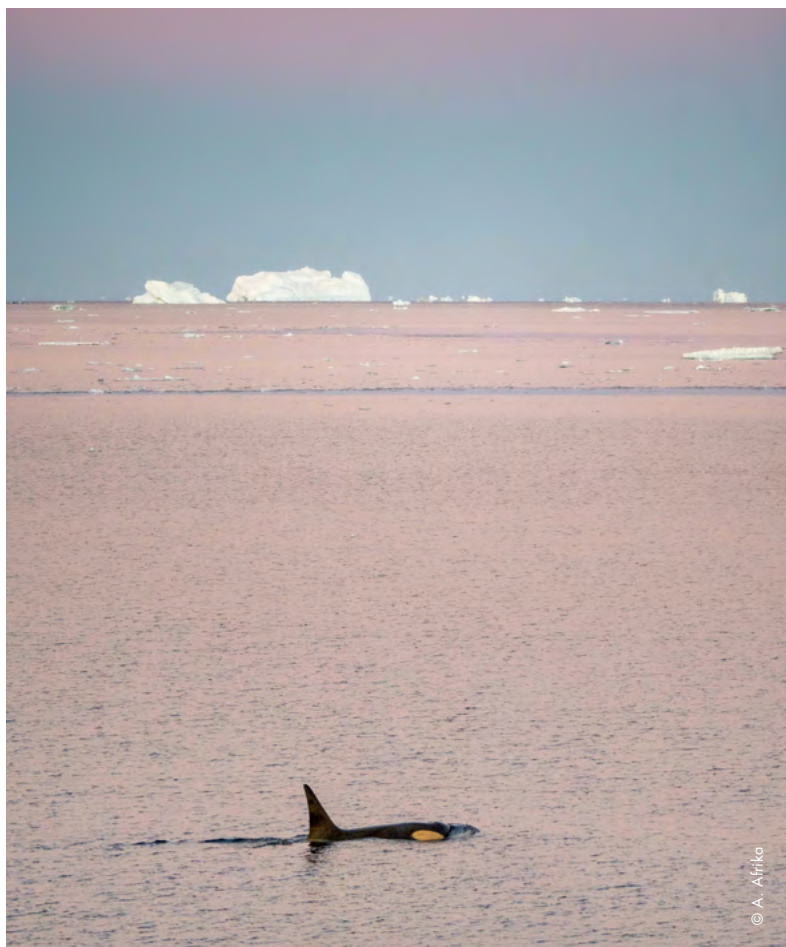
Included in the Rate

- For air-cruises starting in Punta Arenas, Antarctica21-exclusive group transfers airport/hotel on Day 1.
- For air-cruises starting in Punta Arenas, one overnight with breakfast in Punta Arenas at the Cabo de Hornos Hotel or similar, with a welcome dinner including drinks on Day 1.
- One overnight with breakfast in Punta Arenas at the Cabo de Hornos Hotel or similar on the day of the scheduled return flight from Antarctica.
- For air-cruises starting in Punta Arenas, enjoy special access to Explorers House.
- Antarctica21-exclusive group transfers airport/hotel on the day of the scheduled return flight from Antarctica, and Antarctica21-exclusive group transfers hotel/airport on the last day of the air-cruise.
- Flight from Punta Arenas to Frei Station on King George Island and/or vice versa as indicated in the program corresponding to each voyage.
- Ship cruise as indicated in the program corresponding to each voyage.
- Daily buffet breakfast and lunch on board the ship offering a wide choice of dishes.
- Dinner served daily on board the ship offering a choice between one of three main courses.
- Wine, beer, juice, and soft drinks served with lunch and dinner on board.
- Coffee, tea, chocolate, cappuccino, water, and snacks on board the ship throughout the expedition.
- All guided shore excursions.
- Lectures and entertainment on board.
- Comprehensive pre- and post-voyage information material.
- Loan of waterproof boots for landing in Antarctica.
- Contingency Plan as described on page 39.
- IAATO passenger fee.

Not Included in the Rate

Anything that is not specifically listed under the “Included in the Rate” section. For example:

- Accommodation, meals, excursions, and transfers other than those included in the itinerary and the Contingency Plan corresponding to each voyage. Specifically, dinner in Punta Arenas upon return from Antarctica is not included.
- Beverages purchased at the ship’s bar.
- Internet connection on board the ship.
- Personal travel insurance.
- Extra expenses (communication, laundry, souvenirs, etc.).
- Gratuities.
- Visas for Chile and/or Argentina, passport expenses, and any arrival and/or departure tax, if applicable.



EXPERIENCES & ADVENTURES



Explorers House

ANTARCTICA21'S EXPEDITION CENTER

An expedition to Antarctica is an experience like no other and success depends on preparation.

Explorers House is an exclusive facility in Punta Arenas where our team helps you prepare for your expedition. You can attend briefings, try on expedition gear, practice wearing a life jacket, and learn how to board a Zodiac. At Explorers House you can interact with our team, review checklists, and get answers to any questions you may have about your

trip, so you will be ready and confident when you arrive in Antarctica.

Explorers House also functions as our own private club. It provides a modern environment where you can relax with a cup of coffee, review a wonderful collection of Antarctic books, and get to know your travel companions as excitement over the upcoming adventure builds. Explorers House was designed by renowned architects and was built using green building practices. It features a commercial solar panel system to produce electricity and heat.





Explorers House

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The Antarctica21 Expedition Experience



Mariano Curiel
Director of Expedition Operations

Mariano Curiel, Director of Expedition Operations, talks about the expedition experience in Antarctica.

What makes a trip an “expedition”?

The word expedition refers to a journey undertaken by a group of people with a particular purpose, such as exploration or research. With a lot of preparation and just as much flexibility, we lead expedition travelers to Antarctica to deepen their understanding of this remote and otherworldly place.

What surprises Antarctic travelers the most?

In my experience, the most significant impact comes from being exposed to such majestic expressions of nature. In the remote and extreme Antarctic environment, travelers see and feel things that go beyond what they know and are used to in their daily lives. It's the same planet but feels different. For many, it is a life-changing experience.

How do you put together the expedition team?

Members of our expedition team must be able to perform at the highest level in extreme conditions for extended periods of time. Our mission is to connect our guests to the places we explore. To become that link, the team not only needs hard technical skills, and experience, but empathy, which allows them to feel and understand the emotions of our guests. We focus on building diverse teams in terms of gender, nationality, skills, backgrounds, etc. Finally, we look for people who feel deep respect for the Antarctic environment. A team needs to be confident in their plans but ultimately humble to the forces of nature. It's a unique profile we look for.

Antarctica21 only runs small-scale trips, with a maximum of 76 guests. How does that shape the experience?

It gives us several advantages. To begin with, the connection to the places we visit is qualitatively different: less noise, less distraction, a more intimate experience. Then, there is our flexibility: in extreme environments, the only guarantee is that there are no guarantees and plans will have to change. Our small-scale expeditions afford us a lot of flexibility, which is a huge operational advantage. It results in better daily routines. But probably the most important point is that we can establish a personal connection with our guests. We speak with them, we listen, share, and find out what they are experiencing during their trip. That gives us a chance to adapt our plans so that our guests are not simply “passengers” but become active participants in their trip.



Sea Kayaking

Experience Antarctica from the unique vantage point of a sea kayak. The majestic landscape, the icebergs, and the wildlife look different as you paddle quietly through the icy waters.

The Program

The sea kayaking program is an optional small-group experience limited to a maximum of 10 participants. The group enjoys multiple excursions throughout the voyage, under the guidance and leadership of an experienced Kayak Master.

Every day in Antarctica, your Kayak Master will work with the Expedition Team to look for the best kayaking opportunities based on suitable and safe weather conditions. A dedicated safety Zodiac will support the group. Each kayaking excursion will be approximately one and a half hours. The Kayak Master will strive to offer some time at the landing site so you can also explore on land.

To take part in the kayaking program, you must have previous experience and know how to swim. The minimum age for participation is 16 years. Space is limited.

For complete details, please review the “Sea Kayaking” document, which is available upon request.

Ocean Nova: \$895 USD per person

Magellan Explorer: \$995 USD per person

[Book at the time of reservation](#)

Notes: Sea Kayaking is offered as a full program of excursions delivered throughout the expedition to the same group of participants. It is not possible to join individual, one-off kayaking excursions or rotating participation among family members or groups of friends traveling together.

Payment of the sea kayaking participation fee is due at time of reservation. In the case of cancellation 120 days or more prior to departure, Antarctica21 will refund 50% of the participation fee. In the case of cancellation 119 days or less prior to departure, there will be no refund.



Hiking & Snowshoeing in Antarctica



See more of the Antarctic landscape with our Hiking & Snowshoeing program. Excursion locations are selected for their scenic appeal and will provide unique vantage points for your photographs.

The Program

The Hiking & Snowshoeing program is an optional small-group experience offered on board the ship as a one-off excursion. A Hiking & Snowshoeing Guide leads the group.

Every day you are in Antarctica, the Hiking & Snowshoeing Guide will work with the Expedition Leader to look for the best hiking or snowshoeing opportunities within the trip's schedule, based on suitable and safe weather conditions. Each excursion will be approximately one and a half hours in duration. Depending on the conditions of the terrain, some excursions may require the use of snowshoes and/or trekking poles, which Antarctica21 provides. Participants can select the excursions they want to join, paying a per-excursion fee. The activity can be booked and paid on board the ship.

To take part in the Hiking & Snowshoeing program, you do not need previous experience. However, your level of physical fitness should be good. The minimum age for participation is 12 years.

For complete details, please review the "Hiking & Snowshoeing in Antarctica" document, which is available upon request.

\$85 USD per person, per excursion
[Book on board](#)

Life on Board

Sandra Walser, Lead Cruise Manager, talks about the experience aboard our expedition ships.

What is life like on an Antarctica21 ship?

The ship is our base, a welcoming place to return to after our excursions. Our goal is to make it feel like your home away from home. We deliver a boutique hospitality experience that is personal, comfortable, and flexible. You can enjoy the privacy of your cabin, or socialize in the lounge, find a space for quiet contemplation in the library, or you can join fellow travelers on deck. Our team interacts with guests throughout the journey, sharing their knowledge and keeping everyone briefed on the trip's progress.

How is the dining experience on board?

Onboard dining gives you a chance to get to know your travel companions and make new friends. With different sized tables and no pre-assigned seating, you can choose to sit privately or join a group; the choice is yours.

Our chefs care about flavor and detail. In the remoteness of Antarctica, they may surprise you with a fresh sprig of rosemary as decoration. All meals offer a variety of choices that appeal to many tastes, including several main courses and side dishes, salads, fruits, and pastries. Our waitstaff serves a full selection of drinks. Beers and premium Chilean wines are included with lunch and dinner. Depending on cruising conditions, a barbecue on deck may be offered.

How are Antarctica21's ships different?

At Antarctica21, we pride ourselves on offering expert and welcoming service on board all our ships. On each ship you can expect a similar expedition program and hospitality experience: briefings, presentations, social time in the lounge, access to the bridge, and daily cabin service are offered with the same standards of excellence. In all cabins we provide a reusable water bottle, refreshing bath products, chocolates at turn down, and more.

While there are many similarities in the onboard experience, there are also some differences in each ship's style and facilities. Magellan Explorer is a new vessel, with a modern design. Nearly all cabins have a private balcony: you can wrap yourself in a blanket and sip a warm beverage as you enjoy views of Antarctica in complete privacy. Ocean Nova offers an informal base for adventurous travelers. The ship's strong hull and excellent maneuverability provide an exceptional expedition experience at a more affordable price.

No matter which one of our small ships you choose for your Antarctica expedition, our goal is to ensure that you enjoy a friendly atmosphere, comfortable cabins, and common areas with knowledgeable and helpful staff.



Sandra Walser
Lead Cruise Manager



Responsible Tourism in Antarctica & Sub-Antarctic Regions



Antarctica21 is a small, independent, Chilean-owned, and managed company. When you travel with Antarctica21, you support specialized, small-scale tourism in Chile. Your travel investment with Antarctica21 creates employment in Chile and directly benefits the developing Chilean economy.

Our team is made up of specialized and passionate individuals who care deeply about Antarctica and the Southern Ocean. We handcraft each experience with love, working as a family and welcoming our expedition guests into that family.

Our team ensures that every Antarctica21 expedition is carried out in a sustainable, responsible way, according to the stringent requirements of the Antarctic Treaty and the rigorous guidelines of the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO), of which Antarctica21 is a full and active member.

Our Expedition Team will lead you on an inspiring and satisfying adventure while maintaining the integrity of Antarctica's environment and wildlife species.



RESPONSIBLE TRAVELER GUIDELINES

- Never disturb or feed wildlife on land or at sea, allow wildlife to instigate all interactions.
- Don't take souvenirs (for example rocks, feathers, bones, etc.)
- Don't leave anything behind. Take home everything you brought with you.
- Never walk on moss and lichens. It takes years to grow back.
- When ashore, keep at least 5 meters (15 feet) distance from all animals.
- While kayaking, keep at least 100 meters (328 feet) distance from whales and seals.
- Avoid blocking the 'walkways' between penguin colonies and their water entry and exit points.
- Use the provided facilities to decontaminate your boots and help protect the ecosystem from foreign bacteria or seeds.



RESPONSIBLE PHOTOGRAPHY GUIDELINES

Always respect animals when taking pictures. Your shot is important, but the wellbeing of wildlife must always take priority.

- Flash photography is not allowed; it might spook the animals.
- Read about Antarctic wildlife species and learn to read their behavior.
- If an animal appears distressed, stop taking photos and move away slowly and immediately.

Commitment to Sustainability

Claudio Bobadilla, Head of Antarctica21's Department of Energy Efficiency and Sustainability, touches on some of the company's innovative programs and operations.

Ships and planes use a lot of energy. How do you manage this aspect of your operation?

We currently operate two expedition ships and a fleet of small jets. This complex operation does use a lot of energy. However, we take all possible measures to reduce our impact. To that end, we work on two main fronts: energy efficiency and offsetting our emissions.

How can the company improve the energy efficiency of its operation?

Firstly, by implementing good management processes that are based on data and analysis. To achieve that objective, my department works with several stakeholders on operational protocols that are designed to optimize and minimize fuel usage. Secondly, by implementing modern technology that is as energy efficient as possible. For example, Magellan Explorer is outfitted with a heat recovery system: the heat produced by the main engines and generators is captured and recycled for the heating of the ship and its water supply. All of this allows us to avoid waste and limit energy use.

What is the role of offsetting emissions in the management of Antarctica21?

Although there is a lot of research and investment in this field, today, there are no alternatives to fossil fuels for our type of operation. However, there are compensation programs that represent a way for a company like ours to reach neutrality. We are a CarbonNeutral® certified company. By purchasing carbon credits, we offset the emissions of our travel operation and the entire operation of our offices, business trips, etc.

What is the benefit of the CarbonNeutral® certification for Antarctica21?

Our purchase of carbon credits supports the production of renewable energy. Aside from that, undergoing the certification process is like doing an X-ray of the business. It's an extremely useful process that helps understand operational processes and identify areas where improvements are possible. Also, the certification is like the company's environmental passport, a symbol of the process we have undergone and of our commitment to sustainability. But while we offset our emissions today, ultimately, our goal is to reach zero emissions, not just to compensate.

How can that goal be achieved?

For that to be achieved, we need propulsion systems that don't emit greenhouse gases. We're in a moment of transition now. With the support of governments and academic institutions, the maritime and aviation industries are developing solutions for the future. We look forward to implementing those new technologies as soon as they become available. In the meantime, synthetic fuels that are made with green energy and use CO₂ captured from the atmosphere may represent an interim step.

Can you give us an example of the concrete actions Antarctica21 is taking to limit its footprint?

One of the practical steps we have taken is installing a state-of-the-art energy monitoring solution on Magellan Explorer. The software, provided by the Icelandic company Marorka, allows us to measure and analyze, minute by minute, all the energy the ship uses, including the fuel consumption of the two main engines, the three generators, and the boiler. With that, we can ensure that each engine is operated at its point of maximum efficiency, optimizing fuel usage and reducing emissions.



Claudio Bobadilla
Head of Energy Efficiency and
Sustainability

Education Program

Antarctica21's education program, A21CONNECT, is an overarching concept where education, experience, and science converge.

Opportunities for understanding and gaining knowledge are weaved throughout your journey, with multiple touch points through this program.

Our expedition team offers engaging presentations on board the ship and interpretation in the field. Additionally, there are several one-on-one moments throughout your journey, where conversations with team members build upon the experiences of the day, leading to contextualized understanding. Thanks to the small-scale of our



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operation, those moments happen frequently: in the lounge, in the dining room, on deck, during a Zodiac cruise and on countless other opportunities. Finally, we offer interactive workshops where you can participate and learn: open discussions, photography workshops, citizen science programs that collect data in support of scientists around the world, and more. Through A21CONNECT, Antarctica, a distant and mysterious region, is revealed in action.

Did you know? If you added up our expedition team members' total time spent in the polar regions, it would amount to over a century!

ANTARCTICA21 FOUNDATION

The Antarctica21 Foundation was established in 2021 as a vehicle for participation in a variety of programs focused on Antarctica. With the support of Antarctica21, the foundation undertakes activities in support of science, art, conservation, and education, thereby contributing to the creation of Antarctic knowledge and to the transfer of that knowledge to wide segments of society.

Projects Under Development

Antarctic Time Tunnel

Located at Explorers House, it is a space that presents the natural and cultural history of Antarctica.

Onboard Science

A program that uses Antarctica21 ships as platforms for the collection of scientific data in Antarctica.

Photography book

An editorial project focused on the unique connection between Punta Arenas and Antarctica.

Green Energy

A pilot project to evaluate the possible use of green hydrogen as an energy source for Antarctic bases.

More information is available at fundaciona21.com



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A large blue whale tail is captured mid-breach, creating a massive splash in the dark blue ocean. In the background, a towering, jagged iceberg rises from the water, its surface showing various textures and shades of blue and white. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

PLANNING YOUR TRIP

Arrival & Departure Details



Review the important details below about arrival and departure for your air-cruise, and make your travel plans accordingly. Ask your booking agent for assistance as needed.

Getting to Your Antarctic Getaway

Depending on your air-cruise itinerary, you will be using Punta Arenas, Chile or/and Ushuaia, Argentina as your Antarctic gateway. Many international airlines land daily at Santiago's Arturo Merino Benitez airport. From there, several airlines connect the capital of Chile and Punta Arenas.

Many international flights also land daily at Buenos Aires' international airport, Ezeiza. Connections to Ushuaia are available from Ezeiza airport and the domestic Aeroparque Airport. Overland transportation by bus between Punta Arenas and Ushuaia, a 12-hour journey, is also available.

Trips Starting in Punta Arenas

If you are joining an air-cruise starting in Punta Arenas, you must plan to arrive with a flight that is scheduled to land in Punta Arenas no later than 2 PM on Day 1 of the itinerary. The same deadline applies to travelers arriving directly at the hotel on Day 1.

That afternoon, all travelers must attend a mandatory safety and Antarctic guidelines briefing and an information session covering important and practical details. You will also receive guidance on sizing and the delivery process for your expedition boots. Participation in these activities is essential for the success of the expedition.

Travelers who miss the 2 PM arrival deadline will be considered "no-show", and they will not be able to participate in the expedition and will receive no refund.

Remember that scheduling tight connections is never wise when traveling to remote places with limited services. Protect your travel investment by building some buffer in your travel plans in case of problems with luggage delivery, flight delays, etc. In case your flight to Punta Arenas is delayed for reasons beyond your control, Antarctica21 will do everything possible to accommodate your late arrival. However, Antarctica21 cannot assume any responsibility for any resulting complications, including your inability to join the expedition. We recommend that you purchase a trip cancellation and interruption insurance policy to cover this risk.

Trips Ending in Punta Arenas

Antarctica21 strongly suggests that any travel plans made for the last day of the expedition do not start until the late afternoon and that a flexible air ticket be held for your journey home in case you need to change your travel arrangement following a delay of the return flight from Antarctica. Please ask your travel consultant for assistance. See also the sections on possible flight delays and related contingency plans outlined on page 39.

Trips Starting in Ushuaia

For Antarctica Express Air-Cruises: boarding in Ushuaia is between 3 PM and 4 PM, directly at the pier. Boarding will close at 4 PM.

Trips Ending in Ushuaia

Arrival back in Ushuaia is planned for the morning. However, delays are possible. Antarctica21 strongly suggests that any travel plans made for the last day of the expedition do not start until the late afternoon.

Hotel & Transfer Package

Most air-cruises start and end in Punta Arenas. Should you wish to arrive in Punta Arenas a day earlier or spend an extra night after you return from Antarctica, we offer a convenient Hotel and Transfer Package.

The package includes accommodation at the Cabo de Hornos Hotel or similar and combines perfectly with your Antarctic air-cruise. With a single check-in you will ensure that the hotel room for your extra night in Punta Arenas is the same as that included in your air-cruise itinerary.

The package is available pre-expedition and post-expedition and includes:

- Dedicated group airport transfers
- 1-night hotel accommodation
- Breakfast
- Drink voucher

Per-person price

[Please inquire at time of reservation](#)

Cancellation Conditions

In the case of cancellation 120 days or more prior to departure, Antarctica21 will refund 50 % of the amount paid. In the case of cancellation 119 days or less prior to departure, there will be no refund.

Please note that Antarctica21 only offers airport transfers as part of its packages. Antarctica21 does not arrange individual airport transfers.



Packing For Your Trip

Suggested Clothing

During the austral summer the average temperature in the Antarctic Peninsula area is about 0°C (32°F), although sometimes it may feel lower because of the wind chill factor. For this reason, it is best to wear several layers of light, warm clothing. The suggested clothing for Antarctica is very similar to that recommended for skiing: thermal underwear, a couple of warm and wicking mid-layers, a windproof and waterproof jacket, plus pants as the outer layer. You will also need a hat, a scarf, waterproof and insulated gloves, and sunglasses with high UV protection. The pre-departure material provides further details. We also suggest packing comfortable clothes to wear on board, as well as rubber-soled shoes for walking around on the outside decks.



EXPEDITION JACKET

Our Signature Waterproof Expedition Jacket has been hand-selected for you as the perfect, technical outer shell for use on our Antarctic air-cruises.

Designed for a wide range of outdoor activities, the Ghost Pro jacket by Ansilta® is compact and lightweight. This versatile garment is ideal when impermeability and breathability are needed. The jacket has a slim and minimalist design, providing a very comfortable fit. It is made with GORE-TEX® fabric combined with Gore C-KNIT Backer Technology, which improves breathability by up to 15% through a less bulky and more robust 3-layer construction.

Only available in the Antarctica21 Gear Shop at www.antarctica21.com

Note: Jacket model and price subject to change. Please review model and price at the time of purchase.

Useful Tips

Waterproof Boots

On the first day of your program, Antarctica21's staff will deliver a pair of boots for landing in Antarctica. Boots are provided at the hotel to guests booked on voyages starting in Punta Arenas. For guests departing from Ushuaia, boots will be distributed on board the ship. Boots are provided on loan and will be collected before the end of the trip.

Face Protection

Good quality UV filtering sunglasses are essential. Glacier glasses have leather flaps at the sides to stop the light from passing through. Due to the high reflectance of UV radiation, you will also need good sunblock lotion for your face (protection factor 30 and above) and lip balm.

Photography

To see the wildlife, you should have a good pair of lightweight binoculars (the suggested magnification is 7× or 8×). If you are passionate about photography, do not forget a good zoom lens to shoot wildlife while avoiding close approaches. Also, pack a good supply of memory cards and spare batteries since cold temperatures can reduce their life span. The recreational use of drones is not allowed in Antarctica.

Travel Requirements

All travelers should check the entry requirements, including vaccinations and visa terms, of the countries visited during their trip, based on their nationality. Antarctica Express Air-Cruises visit Argentina and Chile so the requirements of both countries should be considered.

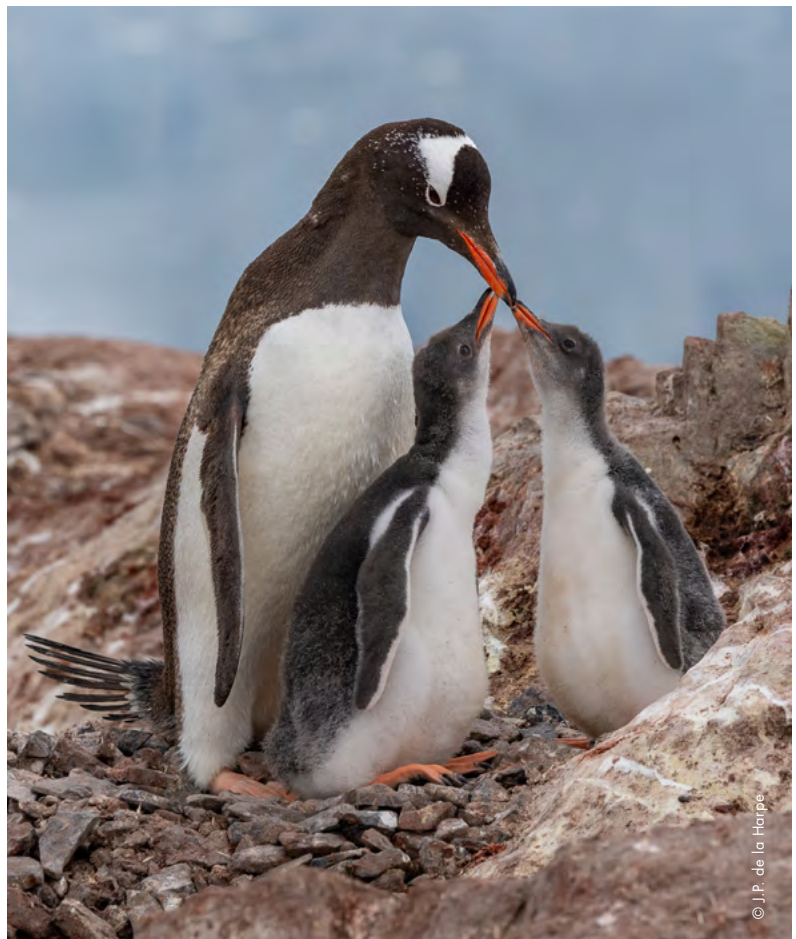
Dietary Information

Requests regarding diets must be made on the Participation Form you receive after your booking confirmation. This information will be passed along to our staff so they can accommodate your needs while on your voyage. Note: Due to the nature of our expeditions and the kitchens onboard the ships, Kosher and vegan meals cannot be accommodated.



IMPORTANT PRE-TRAVEL REMINDERS

- Submit your participation form 120 days prior to your trip
- Book flights according to the required arrival and departure times
- Purchase travel insurance, including medical evacuation and pandemic related coverage
- Review the current Travel Requirements on <https://www.antarctica21.com/travel-requirements/>
- See the clothing and gear recommendations
- Check the validity of your passport and obtain any required entry visas
- Ensure that your total luggage weight, including carry-on luggage, does not exceed the 20 kg (44 lbs) limit
- Review the Contingency Plan applicable to Antarctic flight delays



Important Trip Details

The Nature of Expedition Travel

Our air-cruise expeditions are suitable for adventurous travelers who enjoy full mobility and reasonably good health. Expedition travel to Antarctica requires flexibility and adaptation to ever-changing circumstances. There is no airport or port infrastructure at King George Island, or anywhere in the Antarctic Peninsula. After landing and a walk to shore, travelers reach their ship by Zodiac.

Your Travel Companions

Antarctica21 offers its expeditions worldwide. Each year we welcome travelers from over 40 different countries. They may travel alone, as a family, or as part of a group. While some of your traveling companions may speak different languages and have different customs, they will share your passion for adventure and interest in the natural world.

Participation Form

Participants are required to fill out and submit an online Participation Form and return it to Antarctica21 at least 120 days prior to departure. Based on the medical information provided in the form, Antarctica21's Medical Director may request a medical certificate. All participants 75 years of age and older must submit a medical certificate.

Medical Insurance

Antarctica21 requires participants to be adequately covered by a travel insurance policy that covers aero-medical evacuation from Antarctica in the case of a medical emergency during the trips, including emergencies related to pre-existing health conditions and pandemics.

Cancellation Insurance

Antarctica21 strongly urges participants to be adequately covered by trip cancellation and interruption insurance.

Itinerary

Every effort will be made to adhere to the planned program. However, with this type of adventurous travel to Antarctica, changes to the itinerary may occur due to severe and changeable weather. We need to emphasize the fact that weather conditions are unpredictable, and safety is always the paramount concern on any Antarctic voyage. For this reason,

Antarctica21 reserves the right to change the itinerary described due to weather conditions or other factors beyond Antarctica21's control without consulting the participants.

Baggage and Baggage Allowance

We recommend that clients avoid expensive designer luggage that is easily damaged. We also strongly recommend that clients take out a luggage insurance policy that covers the cost of repairs or replacement in case their luggage is damaged. Due to the nature of the expedition, and as stated in our Terms and Conditions of Sale, Antarctica21 cannot be responsible for any damage to a customer's luggage.

The maximum weight allowed on the flights to and from Antarctica is 20 kg (44 lbs) per person, including hand luggage. For Classic Antarctica and Polar Circle Air-Cruises, excess luggage will be kept in custody in Punta Arenas and returned to travelers after their time in Antarctica. For the Antarctica Express Air-Cruise, excess luggage will be disembarked at Puerto Williams and sent to Punta Arenas by air cargo at the traveler's expense. It will be available for pick up in Punta Arenas upon the traveler's return from Antarctica.

The baggage weight limit is a technical requirement imposed by the flight operation. Unfortunately, it is not possible to purchase extra allowance.

Note: At certain points during the expedition, you will be required to handle your own luggage.

Expedition Language

The official expedition language of our air-cruises is English. The voyage will take travelers to remote destinations where interaction with our polar guides is essential. In the interest of safety and for the enjoyment of the experience we strongly recommend that travelers who do not understand English be accompanied by someone who does, such as a friend, a family member, or a Tour Leader.

Antarctic Flights and Contingency Plan

Flights to and from Antarctica operate based on weather conditions. Occasionally, flight plans have to be adjusted, impacting itineraries. Carefully review page 39 and the Terms & Conditions located on our website and check the Contingency Plan applicable to your voyage. Speak to your booking agent if you have any questions.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

For a complete list of Terms and Conditions visit www.antarctica21.com/termsconditions.

Contingency Plan

Antarctica21 has been organizing Antarctic air-cruises since 2003. Over these years we have gained extensive experience in the delicate coordination of land, air, and sea operations in the extreme Antarctic environment. While historically most flights have operated on the scheduled day, in some instances weather conditions have required that adjustments to the departure time of Antarctic flights be made to avoid protracted delays. In the unlikely event that the flight to or from Antarctica cannot take place on the scheduled day due to unfavorable weather conditions, we will apply a Contingency Plan.

The Contingency Plan is included in the cost of your expedition. The primary goal of the plan is to provide an engaging and comfortable travel experience while we adapt to the weather and we keep you informed of developments, whether in Punta Arenas or Antarctica. A change in the flight schedule can impact travel to Antarctica or return to Punta Arenas, and the plan includes a range of activities determined by the circumstances. Additionally, the Contingency Plan offers you financial protection by providing a refund should weather conditions prevent us from reaching Antarctica.

The Highlights

In case the outbound flight to Antarctica is moved forward

In some cases, it may be necessary to move forward the Antarctic flight to the afternoon or evening of Day 1 of the itinerary. This will result in an early departure from Punta Arenas and early arrival in Antarctica. It is one reason why it is important that guests arrive in Punta Arenas by 2 PM on Day 1 of the itinerary. Travelers who miss the 2 PM arrival deadline will be considered “no-show”.

In case the outbound flight to Antarctica is delayed

The group will remain in Punta Arenas while waiting for an improvement in the weather and for the opportunity to fly to Antarctica. Included are accommodation, meals, and, when possible, based on the circumstances, guided excursions to local attractions. If by 2 PM on Day 4 of the itinerary it is still impossible to depart for Antarctica, the trip will be interrupted, and the cruise fare will be refunded.



In case the return flight to Punta Arenas is moved forward

In those cases when the forecast suggests the likelihood of unfavorable weather conditions in Antarctica persisting for several days, the flight back to Punta Arenas may be moved forward to the previous day to avoid a protracted delay in Antarctica. Accommodation is included upon arrival. All other inclusions will remain per the original itinerary. No refund will be extended.

In case the return flight to Punta Arenas is delayed

The group will remain in Antarctica and wait for the opportunity to fly to Punta Arenas. In the unlikely event that the delay exceeds 2 days and the weather forecast indicates the impossibility to fly over several more days, the captain of the vessel may decide to sail back to South America for safety reasons. Included are meals and accommodation on the ship and local excursions. Upon arrival in Punta Arenas, the trip will end at the airport. Travelers are responsible for any expenses associated with the rescheduling of their airline tickets or onward travel plans.



TERMS & CONDITIONS

Please refer to the Contingency Plan section of our Terms and Conditions. You can find our full terms and conditions at www.antarctica21.com/termsconditions.



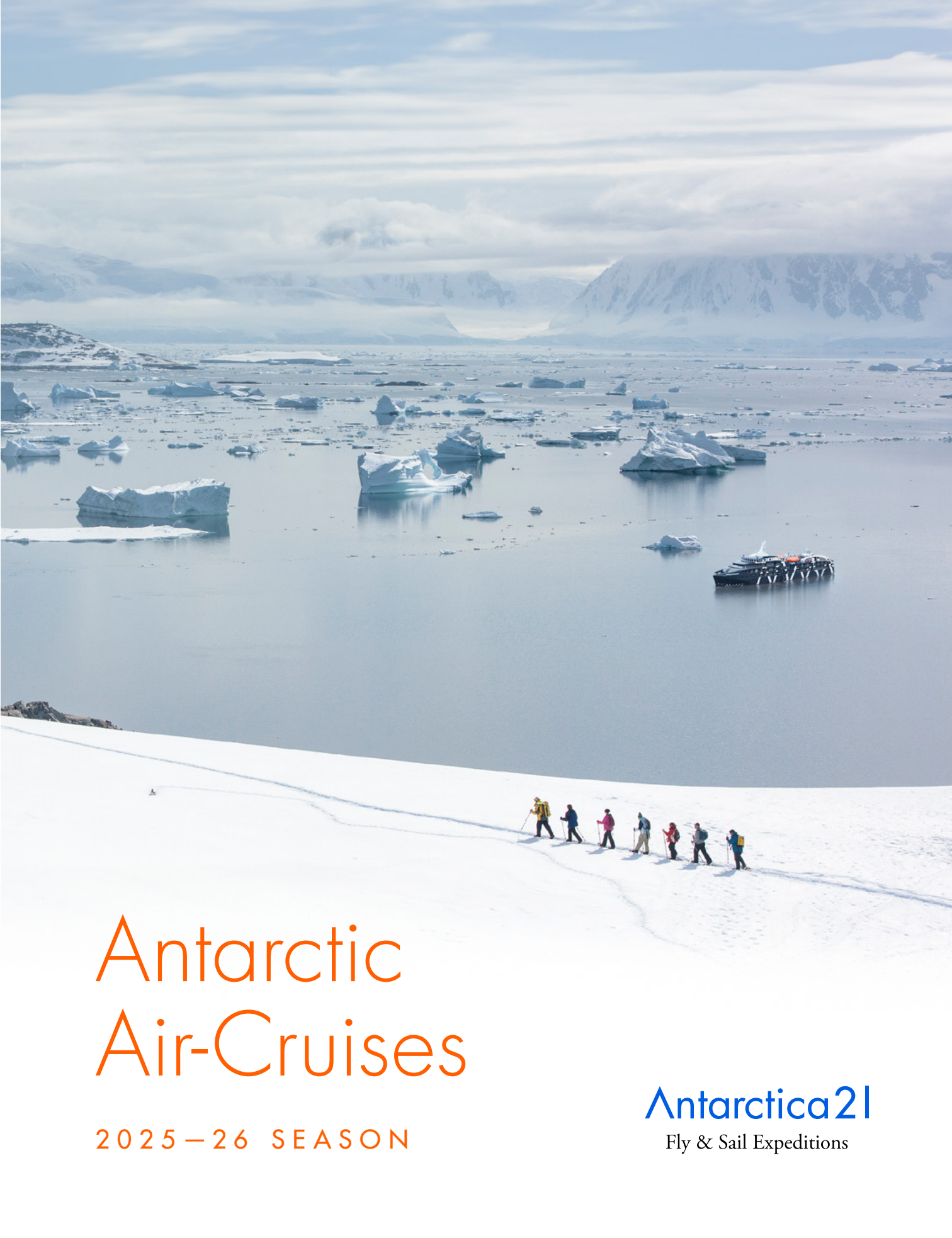
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Antarctica, an Expedition to Planet Earth

Landscape

A land that holds 90% of Earth's ice, Antarctica stuns visitors with its awe-inspiring beauty. See peaceful bays dotted with colossal icebergs; cruise along deep fjords and see massive glaciers; be amazed by sharp snowy peaks that jut out of the sea.

Adventure

Feel the spray of seawater on your cheeks as you cruise in a Zodiac to shore. Follow in the footsteps of early explorers as you hike on Antarctic soil. Join our optional Sea Kayaking and Hiking & Snowshoeing programs and discover more from different vantage points.

Wildlife

Penguins, whales, seals, and seabirds congregate in Antarctica and South Georgia during the austral summer. Present in large numbers, you can move along in their world and find endless inspiration for photographs.

Memories

Setting foot on the seventh continent is a privilege and an honor. You will bring home unforgettable tales, and your journey will arouse curiosity and admiration, and create inspiring narratives that will be cherished and recounted for years to come.



The Antarctic Air-Cruise

We pioneered a new way to travel to Antarctica and what we believe is a better way — providing quick, intimate access to the White Continent.

Before Antarctica21, travelers who wanted to reach the Antarctic Peninsula had only one option: a 2-day sail across the notoriously rough seas of the Drake Passage. However, since 2003, our boutique wilderness adventures have offered a more comfortable alternative.

Fly the Drake

Our two-hour flight takes you from Punta Arenas, the Chilean gateway to Patagonia, directly to Antarctica, where you then board your expedition ship. No stormy crossing. No seasickness. Just quick, total immersion in your Antarctic adventure.

Explore Antarctica

Our small expedition vessels are more like private yachts, offering direct access to areas along the Antarctic shore that larger ships simply can't reach. Since we have fewer guests, you get on and off faster, so your time ashore is focused where it should be: savoring every moment of a travel experience unlike any other.

KEY BENEFITS



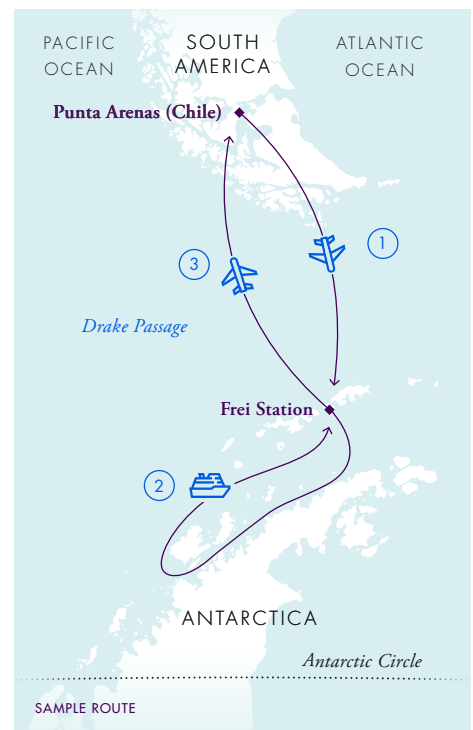
Comfort: Avoid storms in the Drake Passage



Speed: Get to Antarctica quickly and save time



Size: Enjoy a small-ship, small-group experience



What Makes Antarctica21 Unique?

As a niche specialist, we dedicate 100 percent of our time and resources to creating your Antarctic adventure.

Air-Cruise Experts

We pioneered the air-cruise to Antarctica. That remains our focus. As specialists, we understand intimately how to coordinate air and sea operations in the changeable Antarctic environment. We have completed over 300 fly and cruise departures, more than any other company, and we bring that experience to your journey.

Antarctica is our Neighbor

Our company was founded in Punta Arenas, Chile, the gateway for the first Antarctic explorers. As a local company in this remote region, we have built a solid infrastructure and an extensive network of key relationships to support your expedition.

Explorers House: A Warm Welcome

Located only a few blocks from your hotel, Antarctica21's new Explorers House is your exclusive base in Punta Arenas. Feeling like a private club, it is purpose-built for you to prepare for your expedition by attending briefings, shopping for expedition gear, and more.

Flight Advantages

Unlike some companies, Antarctica21 uses a single flight to carry all guests on an expedition to and from the White Continent. We also have priority over the flight window, allowing us to choose the optimal flight time based on conditions. For you, this means efficient operations and a reduced chance of weather-related delays.

Boutique Ships

Our small expedition ships welcome a maximum of 76 guests. That means disembarking and embarking in Antarctica is faster and smoother. You spend more time exploring, not waiting for your turn.

High Staff-to-Guest Ratio

On every journey, our Antarctica21 team includes at least 12 expert polar guides, and their number one priority is ensuring you have an unforgettable experience. Our team knows the region's unique geography, natural history, wildlife, ecology and loves sharing their expertise with you.

Antarctica21 App

Designed to enhance your Antarctica21 expedition from beginning to end with exclusive content and features for guests on board Magellan Explorer. It is your travel companion with a wealth of information, live updates, and educational content tailored to make your journey as enriching and comfortable as possible.



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Our Company



Antarctica21 was founded in 2003 by adventurers who believed there was a better way to travel to Antarctica. 2023 marked 20 years of successful operations for our company.

From the invention of the Antarctic air-cruise to building the first Antarctica21 ship, we continue in our quest for innovation and sustainability.



Our Style and Philosophy

As a boutique specialist, we design and deliver adventurous yet comfortable small-scale expeditions to Antarctica. We aim to offer guests the perfect balance between active exploration and high-quality hospitality.

Our Team

International Antarctic pilots, experienced sea captains, expert polar guides, academics, and seasoned travel professionals create the Antarctica21 experience. As a PTGA (Polar Tourism Guide Association) certified company, we ensure that our team is trained to the latest and highest polar guiding standards. With passion, creativity, and teamwork, each expedition is handcrafted, unique, and personal.

Commitment

Antarctica21 is the leader in this fast-growing segment of Antarctic tourism, constantly developing and innovating its programs and operations. As a member of the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO) and a CarbonNeutral® certified company, we consider every detail of our planning and operations, working to reduce our environmental impact.

ITINERARIES





Itineraries at a Glance

During the 2025-26 season, Antarctica21 offers four air-cruise itineraries:

Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

- Our most popular itinerary
- A complete Antarctic experience
- Frequent departures
- Starting at \$11,495 USD

Polar Circle Air-Cruise

10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS

- An in-depth expedition, explore farther, and see more
- Sail farther south to try and reach the Antarctic Circle
- Limited number of departures
- Starting at \$15,995 USD

Antarctica & South Georgia Air-Cruise

18 DAYS / 17 NIGHTS

- Explore Antarctica and South Georgia
- See South Georgia's distinctive wildlife, such as king penguins
- Only one departure
- Starting at \$17,995 USD per person

Antarctica Express Air-Cruise

6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS

- Introductory and affordable expedition to Antarctica with an opportunity to see Cape Horn
- See a variety of seabirds, including albatrosses and giant petrels
- Limited number of departures
- Starting at \$4,995 USD

Note: All prices listed here are per person based on triple occupancy.



Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS • ITINERARY

Day 1 / Start of the air-cruise

You must arrive in Punta Arenas, Chile, before 2 PM, whether you join us at the airport for a transfer to our hotel, or you meet us directly at the hotel. In the afternoon, you are welcomed at Explorers House to attend a mandatory briefing that provides important information about your air-cruise and reviews the essential guidelines for Antarctic visitors. Later, gather for a welcome dinner and meet your fellow adventurers while enjoying the regional cuisine.

Day 2 / Scheduled flight to Antarctica

Your Antarctic adventure begins with a two-hour flight from Punta Arenas to King George Island, in the South Shetland Islands. As you exit the airplane, the clear Antarctic air fills your lungs for the first time. You then board a transfer vehicle and pass Chile's Frei Station and Russia's Bellingshausen Station on your way to the shore, where you board a Zodiac that takes you to your boutique expedition vessel.

Day 3-6 / Exploring Antarctica

Cruise between the South Shetland Islands and the western coast of the Antarctic Peninsula, sailing along ice-filled fjords and among spectacular icebergs while enjoying the company of seabirds, penguins, seals, and whales. Each day, disembark by Zodiac and explore the landscape together with expert polar guides. On board the ship, attend an engaging program of educational presentations and enjoy spectacular views from the lounge while sharing your daily adventures with fellow guests.

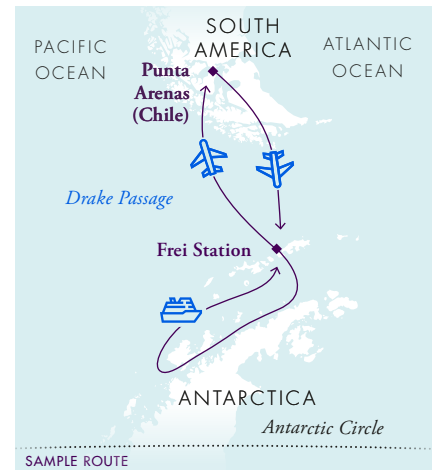
No journey is the same, and flexibility is the key to success in Antarctica. The Expedition Team plans the voyage route to take advantage of the ever-changing opportunities provided by nature, crafting a unique and extraordinary experience every time. While the exact itinerary changes with each expedition, you will explore several sites that offer the best possible overview of the varied Antarctic environment. Your voyage may include visits to sites in the South Shetland Islands, the Antarctic Sound, the Gerlache Strait, and the Penola Strait.

Day 7 / Scheduled return flight from Antarctica

Return to King George Island and bid farewell to Antarctica before boarding the flight back to Punta Arenas. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel for the night. (Note: Meals in Punta Arenas are at your leisure and not included in the program).

Day 8 / End of the air-cruise

After breakfast, transfer to the Punta Arenas airport for your onward flight.



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Magellan Explorer & Ocean Nova



Polar Circle Air-Cruise

10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS · ITINERARY

Day 1 / Start of the air-cruise

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Day 2 / Scheduled flight to Antarctica

A smooth two-hour flight takes you 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. You then board a transfer vehicle and pass Chile's Frei Station and Russia's Bellingshausen Station on your way to the shore, where you board a Zodiac that takes you to your boutique expedition vessel.

Day 3-8 / Exploring Antarctica

Sail along ice-filled fjords and among spectacular icebergs while enjoying the company of seabirds, penguins, seals, and whales. Visit the South Shetland Islands and the western coast of the Antarctic Peninsula, disembarking by Zodiac each day. In small groups, hike to extraordinary sites and take part in exploratory Zodiac excursions to otherwise inaccessible areas. Our 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. Enjoy spectacular views from the glass-enclosed lounge while sharing your daily adventures with fellow guests over a drink.

The goal of this expedition is to sail far south in the attempt to reach the Polar Circle. The Expedition Team plans 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 voyage may include visits to sites in the South Shetland Islands,

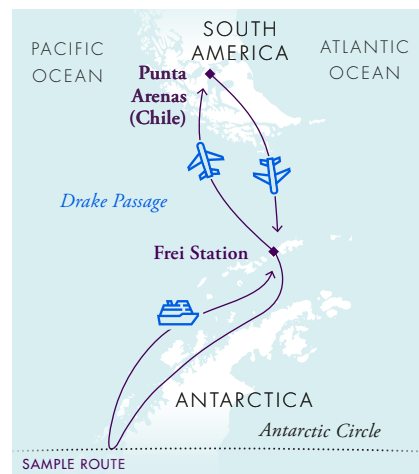
the Antarctic Sound, the Gerlache and Penola Straits, and the Crystal Sound. Each voyage is unique and crafted to provide the best possible overview of the varied Antarctic environment.

Day 9 / Scheduled return flight from Antarctica

Back at King George Island, bid farewell to Antarctica as you board the flight to Punta Arenas. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel for the night. (Note: Meals in Punta Arenas are at your leisure and not included in the program).

Day 10 / End of the air-cruise

After breakfast, transfer to the Punta Arenas airport for your onward flight.



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Magellan Explorer & Ocean Nova



Antarctica & South Georgia Air-Cruise

18 DAYS / 17 NIGHTS · ITINERARY

Day 1 / Start of the air-cruise

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Day 2 / Scheduled flight to Antarctica

A smooth two-hour flight takes you from Punta Arenas to King George Island, in the South Shetland Islands. Your adventure begins as you exit the airplane, and the clear Antarctic air fills your lungs for the first time. A short vehicle transfer takes you to the shore of Fildes Bay where a Zodiac takes you to your boutique expedition vessel.

Day 3-6 / Exploring Antarctica

Cruise between the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula, sailing along ice-filled fjords and among spectacular icebergs, while enjoying the company of seabirds, penguins, seals, and whales. Each day, disembark by Zodiac and explore the landscape together with expert polar guides. On board the ship, attend an engaging program of educational presentations and enjoy spectacular views from the lounge while sharing your daily adventures with fellow guests.

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Day 7 / Elephant Island

Sailing north, we hope to stop at Elephant Island. It was here that the crew of Shackleton's Endurance found refuge while he and five

handpicked men carried on to South Georgia. While the stormy conditions of this area rarely allow a shore landing, you will see the island from the ship.

Day 8-9 / Sailing to South Georgia

As we sail northward, our historian and our naturalist guides offer a series of presentations. There is time to socialize in the ship's lounge while keeping an eye out for the region's abundant birdlife.

Day 10-13 / Exploring South Georgia

The island of South Georgia is a diverse landscape of majestic mountains, massive glaciers, grassy uplands, and deep fjords. Visit the former whaling outpost of Grytviken, where you may pay your respects at the simple grave of Ernest Shackleton. At St. Andrew's Bay be overwhelmed by the sight of 150,000 king penguins. At Cooper Island, the nesting home of thousands of black-browed albatrosses, see a large colony of macaroni penguins. At the peak of the breeding season, it is said to have the highest concentration of wildlife per square meter on the planet. If the weather is favorable, visits are also planned at Fortuna Bay, Salisbury Plains, Prion Island, and Elsehul Bay.

Day 14-16 / Sailing towards South America

As the ship heads to South America, the program of presentations continues. Use this time to enhance your understanding of the region and its history.

Day 17 / At sea and Beagle Channel

Approach the South American continent and sail along the Beagle Channel. Take in the beauty of Tierra del Fuego and Navarino Island as you make your way to Ushuaia.

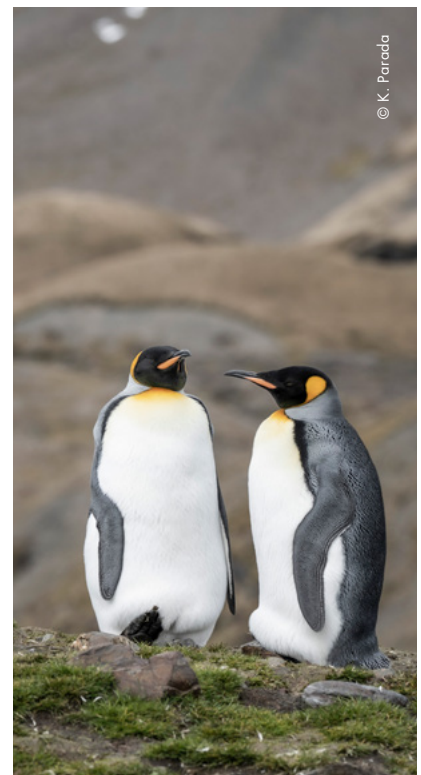
Day 18 / Ushuaia, Argentina

Arrival to Ushuaia, where your journey ends.



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Magellan Explorer



Antarctica Express Air-Cruise

6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS · ITINERARY

Day 1 / Start of the air-cruise

Your journey begins in Ushuaia, Argentina, at the pier. Board your ship in the afternoon and sail along the Beagle Channel towards Puerto Williams, Chile, the southernmost town in the world. Explore the surroundings before setting sail to Cape Horn.

Day 2 / Cape Horn and Drake Passage

After an overnight crossing of Nassau Bay, you awake in full view of the legendary Cape Horn! Weather permitting, board a Zodiac and be one of the few privileged adventurers to step foot on this famous and rarely visited island. Back on board, set sail towards Antarctica and cross the famous passage named in honor of Sir Francis Drake, the great 16th-century British explorer.

Day 3 / Drake Passage

As you sail through the Drake Passage en route to King George Island, in the South Shetland Islands, attend an engaging program of lectures and presentations. In the company of expert guides, watch for wildlife from the lounge or the outside decks. You may spot magnificent seabirds, such as albatrosses and petrels, as well as different species of whales on their way south to Antarctica.

Day 4 / Drake Passage and Antarctica

After crossing the Antarctic Convergence, the environment changes noticeably. Keep your camera ready, as this is the time to watch for the first icebergs and the first sight of Antarctic land. Reaching the South Shetland Islands, sail in ice-filled bays while enjoying the company of seabirds, penguins, seals, and whales. Board a Zodiac for your first memorable shore visit to a penguin colony. Exploration will continue well into the evening taking advantage of the long Antarctic daylight.

Day 5 / Antarctica and scheduled return flight

Upon reaching King George Island, disembark at Fildes Bay. You then board a vehicle and transfer to the aircraft. Bid farewell to Antarctica as you board the flight back to Punta Arenas. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel for the night. (Note: Meals in Punta Arenas are at your leisure and not included in the program).

Day 6 / End of the air-cruise

After breakfast, transfer to the Punta Arenas airport for your onward flight.



OPERATED ON

Magellan Explorer & Ocean Nova



VESSELS & AIRCRAFT



Magellan Explorer

INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY · MODERN DESIGN

Magellan Explorer is a modern expedition vessel custom-built for our Antarctic air-cruises. The ship was constructed in Chile to the latest Polar Code specifications and launched in 2019.

For our air-cruises, Magellan Explorer has seven categories of accommodation, including dedicated single cabins. All cabins except Porthole Cabins feature private balconies. All double cabins, except four, have two twin beds that can be configured as one king-size bed. All cabins feature a wardrobe, an individually controlled heating system, a sitting area, and a private bathroom with a shower.

The ship features a glass-enclosed observation lounge and presentation room with state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment, a spacious and stylish dining room, a well-stocked bar, a library, a meeting room, a gym, a sauna, and a medical clinic. The forward-facing observation deck leads to the ship's bow, which is accessible to guests to offer proximity to marine wildlife. The ship has a fleet of 10 Zodiacs that are well suited for disembarking and wildlife watching.

The fitness center aboard Magellan Explorer has been designed and built by the professionals at Anytime Fitness, the world's only fitness company with boutique gyms on all seven continents. For more information, see anytimefitness.com.

Specifications

Passengers:
76 maximum on air-cruises

Expedition Staff & Crew:
60

Lifeboats:
2, fully enclosed, capacity of 160 (in addition to 8 life rafts, capacity of 160)

Length:
90.7 m

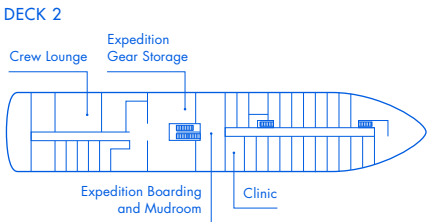
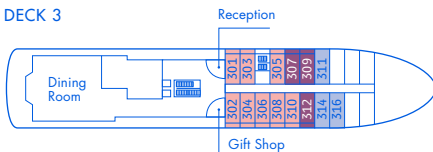
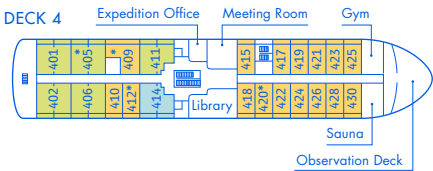
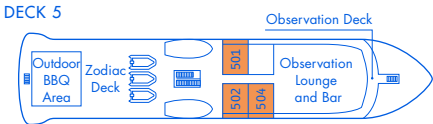
Breadth:
16.2 m

Draft:
4.3 m

Propulsion:
Diesel engines, 3,440 kW

Ice Class:
LR PC6

Cruising Speed:
14 knots in open water



* Only available with queen-size bed

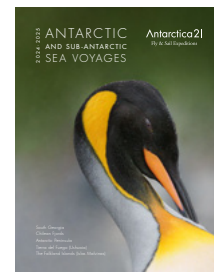
Cabins

Category	Approx. Size	Details
Single Cabin	210 sq. ft 19 sq. m	Cabin with sitting area and balcony
Penthouse Suite	360 sq. ft 33 sq. m	Suite with sitting room, balcony and bedroom area
Suite	480 sq. ft 44 sq. m	Two-room suite with sitting room, balcony and bedroom
Deluxe Veranda Cabin	240 sq. ft 22 sq. m	Cabin with sitting area and balcony
Veranda Cabin	210 sq. ft 19 sq. m	Cabin with sitting area and balcony
Porthole Cabin	200 sq. ft 18 sq. m	Cabin with sitting area and porthole
Triple Suite	480 sq. ft 44 sq. m	Suite with two bedrooms, balcony, and sitting area





ANTARCTIC & SUB-ANTARCTIC SEA VOYAGES



On board Magellan Explorer, our travelers can sail to Cape Horn, the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, and Antarctica. These destinations are rich in history and wildlife experiences. Request a brochure by writing to sales@antarctica21.com.

Ocean Nova

STRONG AND MIGHTY · ACTIVE ADVENTURE

Ocean Nova is a sturdy and nimble expedition vessel. This ship was built in Denmark in 1992 to sail the ice-choked waters of Greenland. It has an ice-strengthened hull that is ideally suited for expedition travel in Antarctica. Fully renovated in 2006, the ship has benefitted from annual upgrades and improvements since then.

The ship's outside cabins offer three categories of accommodation: dedicated Single Cabins, Twin Cabins, and Triple Cabins. All cabins feature a picture window, a writing desk with a chair, a wardrobe, an individually controlled heating system, and a private bathroom with a shower.

In addition to a glass-enclosed observation lounge and a presentation room, Ocean Nova also has a spacious dining room, a bar, a library, a small gym, and an infirmary. The ship has a fleet of 7 Zodiacs that are well suited for disembarking and wildlife watching.

Specifications

Passengers:
67 maximum on air-cruises

Expedition Staff & Crew:
46

Lifeboats:
2, fully enclosed, capacity of 110 (in addition to 4 life rafts, capacity of 100)

Length:
73.0 m

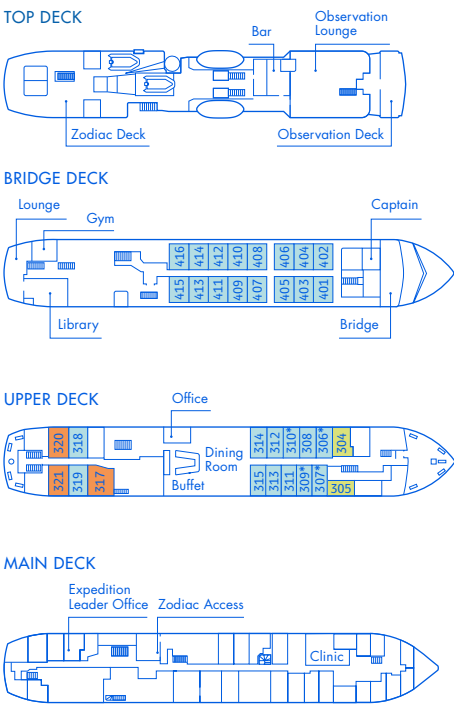
Breadth:
11.0 m

Draft:
3.7 m

Propulsion:
Diesel engines,
2,000-horsepower

Ice Class:
1B, EO (Hull Ice 1A)

Cruising Speed:
12 knots in open water



* Queen-size bed



Cabins

Category	Average size	Details
Single Cabin	87 sq. ft 8 sq. m	One lower single bed
Twin Cabin	106 sq. ft 10 sq. m	Two twin beds or one queen bed
Triple Cabin	150 sq. ft 14 sq. m	Two lower beds and one upper bed



A21 LOYALTY BENEFIT

The A21 Loyalty Benefit gives our returning travelers a 5% reduction on their next trip, including our Antarctic & Sub-Antarctic Sea Voyages. The reduction applies to all repeat travelers with Antarctica21. We hope to see you again!

Aircraft

Specifications

Model:

BAE 146-200,
AVRO RJ 85,
AVRO RJ 100

Capacity:

76 passengers
maximum

Engines:

4 turbofans Honeywell
ALF 502R-5

Length:

93 ft 8 in (28.55 m)

Cruise Speed:

465 mph (750 km/h)

Wingspan:

86 ft 5 in (26.34 m)

Service Ceiling:

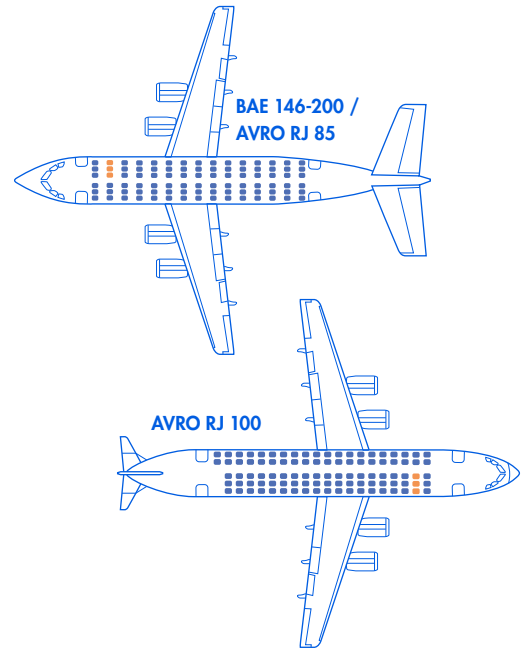
31,200 ft (9,500 m)

We use three similar aircraft for flight operations: the BAE 146-200, the AVRO RJ 85, and the AVRO RJ 100. These aircraft were manufactured in the United Kingdom by British Aerospace (which later became part of BAE Systems). They are high-wing aircraft with short runway requirements, which make them particularly suited for this kind of destination. It is operated by Aerovías DAP, which has more than 40 years of experience flying in Patagonia and Antarctica.

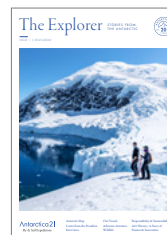
Seating

Category

- Open Seating
- Seats not in use



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DATES & PRICES



Dates & Prices

ABOARD MAGELLAN EXPLORER

Code	Start/End	Days/ Nights	Itinerary	Prices (USD)								
				Triple Suite	Porthole Cabin	Veranda Cabin	Deluxe Veranda Cabin	Suite	PH Suite	Single Cabin	KAY	HS
MAG06-AE	Nov 18 – 23, 2025	6/5	Antarctica Express Air-Cruise	\$5,995	\$6,795	\$7,495	\$7,795	\$8,595	\$8,995	\$8,995	—	—
MAG07-CA	Nov 21 – 28, 2025	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$17,995	\$15,995	\$19,995	\$21,995	\$24,995	\$26,995	\$26,995	\$895	Available
MAG08-CA	Nov 26 – Dec 3, 2025	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$17,995	\$15,995	\$19,995	\$21,995	\$24,995	\$26,995	\$26,995	\$895	Available
MAG09-CA	Dec 1 – 8, 2025	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$20,995	\$18,995	\$23,495	\$25,495	\$28,995	\$30,495	\$30,495	\$895	Available
MAG10-CA	Dec 6 – 13, 2025	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$20,995	\$18,995	\$23,495	\$25,495	\$28,995	\$30,495	\$30,495	\$895	Available
MAG11-CA	Dec 11 – 18, 2025	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$20,995	\$18,995	\$23,495	\$25,495	\$28,995	\$30,495	\$30,495	\$895	Available
MAG12-CA	Dec 16 – 23, 2025	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$20,995	\$18,995	\$23,495	\$25,495	\$28,995	\$30,495	\$30,495	\$895	Available
MAG13-CA	Dec 21 – 28, 2025	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$22,495	\$19,995	\$24,995	\$26,995	\$30,795	\$32,395	\$32,395	\$895	Available
MAG14-CA	Dec 26, 2025 – Jan 2, 2026	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$22,495	\$19,995	\$24,995	\$26,995	\$30,795	\$32,395	\$32,395	\$895	Available
MAG15-CA	Dec 31, 2025 – Jan 7, 2026	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$22,495	\$19,995	\$24,995	\$26,995	\$30,795	\$32,395	\$32,395	\$895	Available
MAG16-CA	Jan 5 – 12, 2026	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$20,995	\$18,995	\$23,495	\$25,495	\$28,995	\$30,495	\$30,495	\$895	Available
MAG17-CA	Jan 10 – 17, 2026	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$20,995	\$18,995	\$23,495	\$25,495	\$28,995	\$30,495	\$30,495	\$895	Available
MAG18-CA	Jan 15 – 22, 2026	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$20,995	\$18,995	\$23,495	\$25,495	\$28,995	\$30,495	\$30,495	\$895	Available
MAG19-CA	Jan 20 – 27, 2026	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$20,995	\$18,995	\$23,495	\$25,495	\$28,995	\$30,495	\$30,495	\$895	Available
MAG20-CA	Jan 25 – Feb 1, 2026	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$20,995	\$18,995	\$23,495	\$25,495	\$28,995	\$30,495	\$30,495	\$895	Available
MAG21-PC	Jan 30 – Feb 8, 2026	10/9	Polar Circle Air-Cruise	\$26,995	\$24,995	\$29,795	\$31,995	\$35,995	\$38,995	\$38,995	\$895	Available
MAG22-CA	Feb 6 – 13, 2026	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$20,995	\$18,995	\$23,495	\$25,495	\$28,995	\$30,495	\$30,495	\$895	Available
MAG23-CA	Feb 11 – 18, 2026	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$20,995	\$18,995	\$23,495	\$25,495	\$28,995	\$30,495	\$30,495	\$895	Available
MAG24-CA	Feb 16 – 23, 2026	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$20,995	\$18,995	\$23,495	\$25,495	\$28,995	\$30,495	\$30,495	\$895	Available
MAG25-CA	Feb 21 – 28, 2026	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$20,995	\$18,995	\$23,495	\$25,495	\$28,995	\$30,495	\$30,495	\$895	Available
MAG26-CA	Feb 26 – Mar 5, 2026	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$20,995	\$18,995	\$23,495	\$25,495	\$28,995	\$30,495	\$30,495	\$895	Available
MAG27-CA	Mar 3 – 10, 2026	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$17,995	\$15,995	\$19,995	\$21,995	\$24,995	\$26,995	\$26,995	\$895	Available
MAG28-AS	Mar 8 – 25, 2026	18/17	Antarctica & South Georgia Air-Cruise	\$17,995	\$15,995	\$19,995	\$21,995	\$24,995	\$26,995	\$26,995	\$895*	Available*

Deposit

An initial deposit of \$4,000 USD per person is required to book a cabin, except for Antarctica Express Air-Cruises, where the deposit is \$1,500 USD per person.

The balance is due in full 120 days prior to departure. Payments can be made by wire transfer or credit card via PayPal, and more payment options are available via WeTravel. Wire transfer costs are to be borne by the sender. Credit card payments via PayPal are subject to a 2.7% fee (however, the 2.7% fee is not charged on the deposit). Payments received after the due date are subject to a \$250 USD per person late payment fee.

Children

Children are admitted from the age of 8 years if accompanied by an adult who will take responsibility and sign a waiver. A 5% discount on the rate per person is offered for children under 12 years.

Single Travelers

Single travelers can choose between:

- Booking a dedicated Single Cabin: no supplement is applied for single use of dedicated Single Cabins.
- Booking a Twin Cabin for single use: an 85% supplement will be added to the rate per person when booking a limited number of Porthole and Veranda Cabins on Magellan Explorer and Twin Cabins on Ocean Nova. A 100% supplement applies when booking all other categories.
- Sharing a cabin with another passenger of the same gender: this is available on Magellan Explorer in Porthole and Veranda Cabins and on Ocean Nova in Twin Cabins. Antarctica21 will take care of finding the matching companion. Passengers who book a Twin Cabin on a shared basis are accommodated in single rooms at the hotel in Punta Arenas. Those passengers must

pay a Single Hotel Room Supplement that varies based on the departure selected. Please inquire at the time of reservation.

Note: Single travelers who use CPAP machines or other assistive devices, as well as those who have conditions that can be disrupting to others (loud snoring, sleepwalking, etc.), can only book their air-cruise in a Single Cabin or a Twin Cabin for single use. They cannot book on a twin-share basis.

Family Savings

For bookings of 6 travelers or more, contact your sales agent to receive a 5% reduction and information about special booking conditions.

ABOARD OCEAN NOVA

Code	Start/End	Days/ Nights	Itinerary	Prices (USD)				
				Triple Cabin	Twin Cabin	Single Cabin	KAY	HS
OCN03-AE	Nov 29 - Dec 4, 2025	6/5	Antarctica Express Air-Cruise	\$4,995	\$5,995	\$6,995	—	—
OCN04-CA	Dec 2 - 9, 2025	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$11,495	\$13,795	\$17,795	\$695	Available
OCN05-CA	Dec 7 - 14, 2025	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$11,495	\$13,795	\$17,795	\$695	Available
OCN06-CA	Dec 12 - 19, 2025	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$11,495	\$13,795	\$17,795	\$695	Available
OCN07-CA	Dec 17 - 24, 2025	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$11,495	\$13,795	\$17,795	\$695	Available
OCN08-CA	Dec 22 - 29, 2025	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$13,595	\$15,795	\$21,995	\$695	Available
OCN09-CA	Dec 27, 2025 - Jan 3, 2026	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$13,595	\$15,795	\$21,995	\$695	Available
OCN10-PC	Jan 1 - 10, 2026	10/9	Polar Circle Air-Cruise	\$15,995	\$18,795	\$26,395	\$695	Available
OCN11-AE	Jan 14 - 19, 2026	6/5	Antarctica Express Air-Cruise	\$4,995	\$5,995	\$6,995	—	—
OCN12-CA	Jan 17 - 24, 2026	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$13,595	\$15,795	\$21,995	\$695	Available
OCN13-CA	Jan 22 - 29, 2026	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$13,595	\$15,795	\$21,995	\$695	Available
OCN14-CA	Jan 27 - Feb 3, 2026	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$13,595	\$15,795	\$21,995	\$695	Available
OCN15-PC	Feb 1 - 10, 2026	10/9	Polar Circle Air-Cruise	\$15,995	\$18,795	\$26,395	\$695	Available
OCN16-CA	Feb 8 - 15, 2026	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$13,595	\$15,795	\$21,995	\$695	Available
OCN17-CA	Feb 13 - 20, 2026	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$13,595	\$15,795	\$21,995	\$695	Available
OCN18-CA	Feb 18 - 25, 2026	8/7	Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise	\$13,595	\$15,795	\$21,995	\$695	Available

KAY = Sea Kayaking. We recommend booking the Sea Kayaking program upon reservation of your air-cruise.

HS = Hiking & Snowshoeing. Available for booking on board the ship at \$85 USD per person, per excursion.

* Activities performed only in Antarctica.

Note: Rates are per voyage and per person in US dollars, based on the selected cabin and occupancy.

Charters and Reservations by Groups

Full-ship charters and reservations made by and for groups of 8 travelers or more are subject to payment and cancellation conditions to be agreed upon contract.

Cancellation

Cancellation of a reservation must be done in writing. The following terms will apply:

- Cancellation received up to 180 days prior to departure: there will be a full refund of the deposit received, less a \$1,000 USD per person processing fee that will be retained by Antarctica21.
- Cancellation received between 179 and 120 days prior to departure: there will be no refund of the deposit paid.
- Cancellation received between 119 and 90 days prior to departure: there will be a refund of 10% of the amount paid, provided that the final payment has been received.

- Cancellation received between 89 and 60 days prior to departure: there will be a refund of 7.5% of the amount paid, provided that the final payment has been received.
- Cancellation received between 59 and 30 days prior to departure: there will be a refund of 5% of the amount paid, provided that the final payment has been received.
- Cancellation received between 29 and the departure date: there will be no refund whatsoever.

Upon cancellation, the passenger releases the canceled cabin back to Antarctica21.

Antarctica21 strongly recommends all guests to protect their travel investment by purchasing a trip cancellation and interruption insurance policy as protection against unforeseen events.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

For a complete list of Terms and Conditions, visit www.antarctica21.com/termsconditions, including important details about the following points:

- Booking Terms
- Payment, Cancellation and Refund Policies
- Responsibility
- Itinerary
- Admittance
- Optional Adventure Activities
- Baggage
- Law and Jurisdiction

Inclusions & Exclusions

Included in the Rate

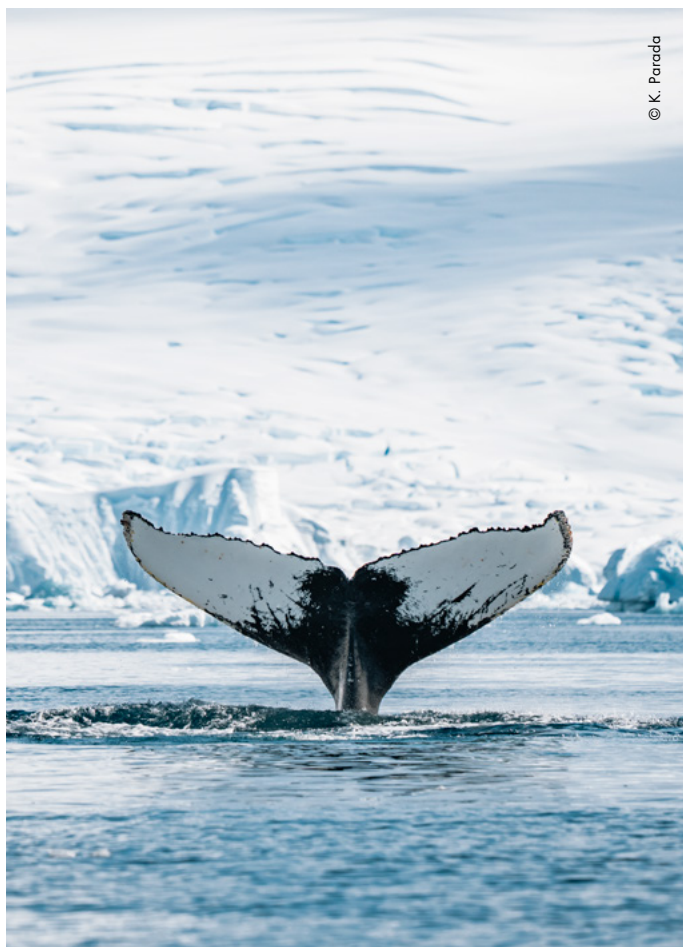
- For air-cruises starting in Punta Arenas, Antarctica21-exclusive group transfers airport/hotel on Day 1.
- For air-cruises starting in Punta Arenas, one night at the Cabo de Hornos hotel in Punta Arenas or similar with breakfast and a welcome dinner including drinks on Day 1.
- One night at the Cabo de Hornos hotel in Punta Arenas or similar with breakfast on the day of the scheduled return flight from Antarctica.
- For air-cruises starting in Punta Arenas, enjoy special access to Explorers House.
- Antarctica21-exclusive group transfers airport/hotel on the day of the scheduled return flight from Antarctica, and Antarctica21-exclusive group transfers hotel/airport on the last day of the air-cruise.

- Flight from Punta Arenas to Frei Station on King George Island and/or vice versa as indicated in the program corresponding to each voyage.
- Ship cruise as indicated in the program corresponding to each voyage.
- Daily buffet breakfast and lunch on board the ship offering a variety of dishes.
- Dinner served daily on board the ship offering a choice between one of three main courses.
- Wine, beer, juice, and soft drinks served with lunch and dinner on board.
- Coffee, tea, chocolate, cappuccino, water, and snacks on board the ship throughout the expedition.
- All guided shore excursions.
- Lectures and entertainment on board.
- Comprehensive pre- and post-voyage information material.
- Loan of waterproof boots for landing in Antarctica.
- Access to exclusive content on the Antarctica21 app on board Magellan Explorer.
- Contingency Plan as described on page 39.
- IAATO passenger fee.

Not Included in the Rate

Anything that is not specifically listed under the “Included in the Rate” section. For example:

- Accommodation, meals, excursions, and transfers other than those included in the itinerary and the Contingency Plan corresponding to each voyage. Specifically, dinner in Punta Arenas upon return from Antarctica is not included.
- Beverages purchased at the ship’s bar.
- Internet connection on board the ship.
- Personal travel insurance.
- Extra expenses (communication, laundry, souvenirs, etc.).
- Gratuities.
- Visas for Chile and/or Argentina, passport expenses, and any arrival and/or departure tax, if applicable.



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EXPERIENCES & ADVENTURES



Explorers House

ANTARCTICA21'S EXPEDITION CENTER

Explorers House is your gateway to Antarctica and Patagonia, the beginning of an experience like no other.

Explorers House is an exclusive facility in Punta Arenas where our team helps you prepare for your expedition. Here, you can attend briefings, interact with our expert team before your journey, review checklists, and get answers to any questions you may

have, so you will be ready and confident when you arrive in Antarctica.

With an area of over 2,000 square meters (21,500 sq ft), you can use this facility like your private club. Relax with a cup of coffee, review a wonderful collection of Antarctic books, and get to know your travel companions as excitement over the upcoming adventure builds. Explorers House was designed by renowned architects and was built using green building practices. It features a commercial solar panel system to produce electricity and heat.





HIGHLIGHTS

Here are some of the services and amenities that you can find at Explorers House.

- Bar
- Coffee station
- Food and drink services
- Library
- Relaxing lounges
- Amphitheater-style presentation room
- Reception area
- Gear rental and gift shop
- Interactive touch screens
- Garden
- Gift shop

A Glimpse into Expedition Cruising



Nicolás Gildemeister
Director of Operation,
Expedition and Product Department

Nicolás Gildemeister, Director of Operation, Expedition and Product Department, shares four key aspects of Antarctica21's expedition cruising experience.

What makes expedition cruising a unique way of traveling?

Unlike traditional cruises focused on entertainment, expedition cruising is about adventure and education, generally to remote and challenging destinations. We have a clear objective – to create an intimate experience that connects our guests with each destination. These trips require smaller, specifically designed vessels with a unique balance of crew expertise and guest capacity. Antarctica21 offers boutique comfort and adaptability, coupled with a team of polar experts with specialized knowledge, setting it apart from conventional cruises.

Why is the experience on smaller ships crucial to the Antarctic journey?

The size of the ship is key. Smaller vessels offer greater flexibility and personalization,

facilitating quick transfers, boardings, and disembarkations. Low passenger capacity and high guide-to-guest ratio enable spontaneous itinerary adjustments and unique wildlife encounters, ensuring a dynamic and tailored voyage that larger ships cannot match. If we know a pod of whales is nearby, we can change our route, adjusting our plans with ease. The Antarctic Treaty limits the number of guests ashore to a maximum of 100. Larger ships must therefore organize shore visits in groups, with guests taking turns. On the other hand, all guests on Antarctica21's small ships can disembark at once, maximizing their time ashore. There are other differences. For example, during meals, our polar experts sit with guests for one-on-one conversations, creating meaningful connections and delving deeper into any topic of interest.

How does Antarctica21 adapt its itineraries in response to the unpredictable Antarctic conditions while ensuring rich exploration opportunities?

Antarctica's ever-changing weather and challenging conditions require a flexible approach to itinerary planning. You cannot fight nature. Instead, you need to adapt with creativity. We have been organizing fly and cruise expeditions in Antarctica for more than 20 years, and we have extensive experience in navigating these changes, adapting plans swiftly and strategically, much like a game of chess. This adaptive strategy allows for a fulfilling exploration experience, prioritizing flexibility and the opportunity to witness the unique wonders of Antarctica up close.

How would you describe the guests' expedition experience?

At the heart of Antarctica21's expeditions lies the creation of a small community of explorers. We invite travelers not only to observe but to be active participants in this journey, adding their own chapter to the story of exploration. This shared adventure binds guests, expedition guides, and crew members in a mutual appreciation of Antarctica's majestic beauty, creating lasting memories and personal transformations.



Sea Kayaking

Experience Antarctica from the unique vantage point of a sea kayak. The majestic landscape, the icebergs, and the wildlife presents a unique perspective as you paddle quietly through the icy waters.

The Program

The sea kayaking program is an optional small-group experience limited to a maximum of 20 participants per expedition who will go on excursions in two separate groups of 10 guests each, on an alternating basis. Each group of 10 guests enjoy 1-2 excursions throughout the voyage, under the guidance and leadership of an experienced Kayak Master.

During your trip in Antarctica, your Kayak Master will work with the Expedition Team to look for the best kayaking opportunities based on suitable and safe weather conditions. A dedicated safety Zodiac will support the group. Each kayaking excursion will be approximately one and a half hours. The Kayak Master will strive to offer some time at the landing site so you can also explore on land.

To take part in the kayaking program, you must have previous experience, know how to swim, and be able to communicate in English. The minimum age for participation is 15 years. Space is limited.

For complete details, please review the "Sea Kayaking" document, which is available upon request.

Ocean Nova: \$695 USD per person
Magellan Explorer: \$895 USD per person
[Book at the time of reservation](#)

Note: Sea Kayaking is offered as a full program of 1-2 excursions delivered throughout the expedition to the same group of participants. It is not possible to join individual, one-off kayaking excursions or rotating participation among family members or groups of friends traveling together.

Payment of the sea kayaking participation fee is due at the time of reservation. In the case of cancellation 120 days or more prior to departure, Antarctica21 will refund 50% of the participation fee. In the case of cancellation 119 days or less prior to departure, there will be no refund.



Hiking & Snowshoeing in Antarctica



See more of the Antarctic landscape with our Hiking & Snowshoeing program. Excursion locations are selected for their scenic appeal and will provide unique vantage points for your photographs.

The Program

The Hiking & Snowshoeing program is an optional small-group experience offered on board the ship as a one-off excursion. A Hiking & Snowshoeing Guide leads the group.

During your trip in Antarctica, the Hiking & Snowshoeing Guide will work with the Expedition Leader to look for the best hiking or snowshoeing opportunities within the trip's schedule, based on suitable and safe weather conditions. Each excursion will be approximately one and a half hours in duration. Depending on the time of the year and the conditions of the terrain, some excursions may require the use of snowshoes and/or trekking poles, which Antarctica21 provides. November, December, and January, generally offer good snowshoeing opportunities. Snowshoes are usually not needed in February and March. Participants can select the excursions they want to join, paying a per-excursion fee. The activity can be booked and paid on board the ship.

To take part in the Hiking & Snowshoeing program, you do not need previous experience. However, your level of physical fitness should be good. The minimum age for participation is 15 years.

For complete details, please review the "Hiking & Snowshoeing in Antarctica" document, which is available upon request.

\$85 USD per person, per excursion

[Book on board](#)

Life on Board

Sandra Walser, Lead Cruise Manager, talks about the experience aboard our expedition ships.

What is life like on an Antarctica21 ship?

The ship is our base, a welcoming place to return to after our excursions. Our goal is to make it feel like your home away from home. We deliver a boutique hospitality experience that is personal, comfortable, and flexible. You can enjoy the privacy of your cabin, or socialize in the lounge, find a space for quiet contemplation in the library, or you can join fellow travelers on deck. Our team interacts with guests throughout the journey, sharing their knowledge and keeping everyone briefed on the trip's progress.

How is the dining experience on board?

Onboard dining gives you a chance to get to know your travel companions and make new friends. With different sized tables and no pre-assigned seating, you can choose to sit privately or join a group; the choice is yours.

Our chefs care about flavor and detail. In the remoteness of Antarctica, they may surprise you with a fresh sprig of rosemary as decoration. All meals offer a variety of choices that appeal to many tastes, including several main courses and side dishes, salads, fruits, and pastries. Our waitstaff serves a full selection of drinks. Beers and premium Chilean wines are included with lunch and dinner. Depending on cruising conditions, a barbecue on deck may be offered.

How are Antarctica21's ships different?

At Antarctica21, we pride ourselves on offering expert and welcoming service on board all our ships. On each ship you can expect a similar expedition program and hospitality experience: briefings, presentations, social time in the lounge, access to the bridge, and daily cabin service are offered with the same standards of excellence. In all cabins we provide a reusable water bottle, refreshing bath products, chocolates at turn down, and more.

While there are many similarities in the onboard experience, there are also some differences in each ship's style and facilities. Magellan Explorer is a new vessel, with a modern design. Nearly all cabins have a private balcony: you can wrap yourself in a blanket and sip a warm beverage as you enjoy views of Antarctica in complete privacy. Ocean Nova offers an informal base for adventurous travelers. The ship's strong hull and excellent maneuverability provide an exceptional expedition experience at a more affordable price.

No matter which one of our small ships you choose for your Antarctica expedition, our goal is to ensure that you enjoy a friendly atmosphere, comfortable cabins, and common areas with knowledgeable and helpful staff.



Sandra Walser
Lead Cruise Manager



Responsible Tourism in Antarctica & Sub-Antarctic Regions



Antarctica21 is a small, independent, Chilean-owned, and managed company. When you travel with Antarctica21, you support specialized, small-scale tourism in Chile. Your travel investment with Antarctica21 creates employment in Chile and directly benefits the developing Chilean economy.

Our team is made up of specialized and passionate individuals who care deeply about Antarctica and the Southern Ocean. We handcraft each experience with love, working as a family and welcoming our expedition guests into that family.

Our team ensures that every Antarctica21 expedition is carried out in a sustainable, responsible way, according to the stringent requirements of the Antarctic Treaty and the rigorous guidelines of the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO), of which Antarctica21 is a full and active member.

Our Expedition Team will lead you on an inspiring and satisfying adventure while maintaining the integrity of Antarctica's environment and wildlife species.



RESPONSIBLE TRAVELER GUIDELINES

- Never disturb or feed wildlife on land or at sea, allow wildlife to instigate all interactions.
- Don't take souvenirs (for example rocks, feathers, bones, etc.)
- Don't leave anything behind. Take home everything you brought with you.
- Never walk on moss and lichens. It takes years to grow back.
- When ashore, keep at least 5 meters (15 feet) distance from all animals.
- While kayaking, keep at least 100 meters (328 feet) distance from whales and seals.
- Avoid blocking the 'walkways' between penguin colonies and their water entry and exit points.
- Use the provided facilities to decontaminate your boots and help protect the ecosystem from foreign bacteria or seeds.
- There are no bathrooms available at landings in Antarctica. Make sure to use the facilities on board before excursions.



RESPONSIBLE PHOTOGRAPHY GUIDELINES

Always respect animals when taking pictures. Your shot is important, but the wellbeing of wildlife must always take priority.

- Flash photography is not allowed; it might spook the animals.
- Read about Antarctic wildlife species and learn to read their behavior.
- If an animal appears distressed, stop taking photos and move away slowly and immediately.

Our Commitment to Sustainability

Antarctica21 is committed to leading sustainable travel in Antarctica, setting the highest standard in environmental protection, travelers' safety, and the promotion of science, education, and awareness about this unique ecosystem.

Our vision for 2030 is to be recognized as an exemplary model of responsible travel in Antarctica and Sub-Antarctica, providing unique and unforgettable experiences that inspire people from around the world to value and preserve this last wild and unexplored corner of our planet. Through continuous innovation, collaboration with the scientific community, and respect for wildlife and ecosystems, we are committed to ensuring that future generations can enjoy and learn from this iconic region just as we do today.

Our Ongoing Sustainability Efforts

Technological Innovation: Magellan Explorer is equipped with advanced technologies for the efficient use of resources, including a heat recovery system for the ship's heating and water supply, reducing waste and energy use. Additionally, Marorka's onboard software helps optimize the ship's fuel consumption and lower emissions by monitoring the use of engines and generators.

Carbon Offsetting: In addition to efforts to reduce our carbon emissions, we purchase carbon credits in wind energy projects in Chile and Guatemala to offset emissions and support renewable energy production. Our certification process helps identify improvement areas, and while we currently offset emissions, our goal is to achieve net-zero emissions.

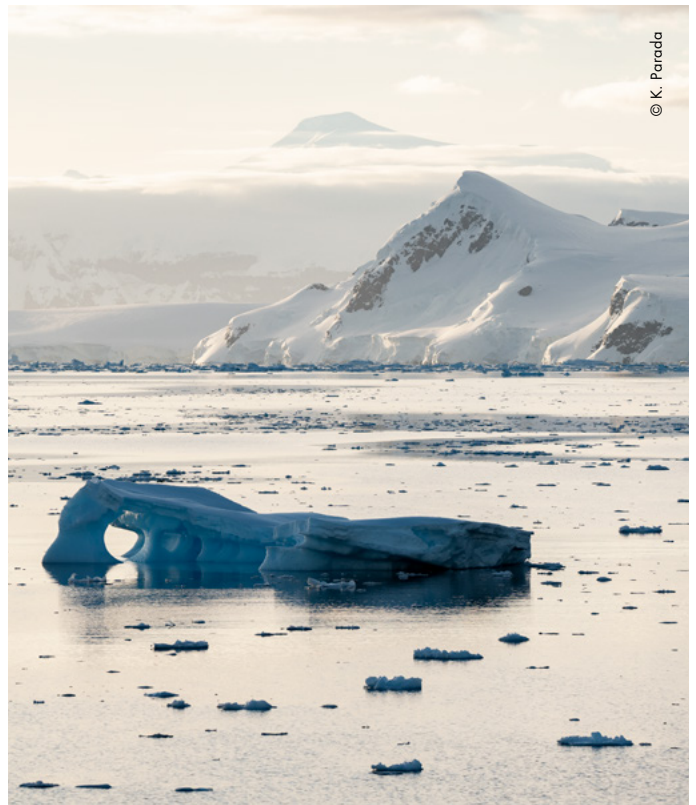
Environmental Protection: Being a member of the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO), and a CarbonNeutral® certified company, we prioritize every detail to minimize our impact on this delicate ecosystem. We have also partnered with Deloitte to establish a comprehensive sustainability strategy based on the environmental, social, and governance (ESG) framework.

Antarctica21's Sustainability Policy

At Antarctica21, we aim to foster a sustainable corporate culture focused on good governance and societal and environmental practices. The policy includes:

- Sustainable Business & Excellence
- Social & Scientific Impact
- Environmental Responsibility

Learn more at www.antarctica21.com/sustainability



Antarctica21's education program, A21CONNECT, is an overarching concept where education, experience, and science converge.

Our expedition team offers engaging presentations on board the ship and interpretation in the field. Additionally, there are several one-on-one moments throughout your journey, where conversations with team members build upon the experiences of the day, leading to contextualized understanding. Thanks to the small-scale of our operation, those

Did you know? If you added up our expedition team members' total time spent in the polar regions, it would amount to over a century!



The Antarctica21 Foundation was established in 2021 as a vehicle for participation in a variety of programs focused on Antarctica. The foundation undertakes activities in support of science, art, conservation, and education, thereby contributing to the creation of Antarctic knowledge and to the transfer of that knowledge to wide segments of society.

Projects Under Development

Located at Explorers House, it is a space that presents the natural and cultural history of Antarctica.

A program that uses Antarctica21 ships as platforms for the collection of scientific data in Antarctica.

A pilot project to evaluate the possible use of green hydrogen as an energy source for Antarctic bases.

A photograph of three people, likely researchers, standing on a boat in a cold, snowy environment. They are wearing orange and red expedition jackets. The person on the left is wearing a blue cap with 'A21' on it. The person in the middle is holding a rope. The person on the right is smiling. The background shows a snowy landscape and a body of water.

PLANNING YOUR TRIP



Arrival & Departure Details

Review the important details below about arrival and departure for your air-cruise, and make your travel plans accordingly. Ask your booking agent for assistance as needed.

Getting to Your Antarctic Gateway

Depending on your air-cruise itinerary, you will be using Punta Arenas, Chile or/and Ushuaia, Argentina as your Antarctic gateway.

Many international airlines land daily at Santiago's Arturo Merino Benitez airport. From there, several airlines connect the capital of Chile and Punta Arenas.

Many international flights also land daily at Buenos Aires' international airport, Ezeiza. Connections to Ushuaia are available from Ezeiza airport and the domestic Aeroparque Airport. Overland transportation by bus between Punta Arenas and Ushuaia, a 12-hour journey, is also available.

Trips Starting in Punta Arenas

If you are joining an air-cruise starting in Punta Arenas, you must plan to arrive with a flight that is scheduled to land in Punta Arenas before 2 PM on Day 1 of the itinerary. If you plan to arrive directly at our hotel, for example from Torres Del Paine National Park, you must arrive before 2 PM.

That afternoon, all travelers must attend a mandatory safety and Antarctic guidelines briefing and an information session covering important and practical details. You will also receive guidance on sizing and the delivery process for your expedition boots. Participation in these activities is essential for the success of the expedition.

Travelers who miss the 2 PM arrival deadline will be considered "no-show", and they will not be able to participate in the expedition and will receive no refund.

Remember that scheduling tight connections is never wise when traveling to remote places with limited services. Protect your travel investment by building some buffer in your travel plans in case of problems with luggage delivery, flight delays, etc. In case your flight to Punta Arenas is delayed for reasons beyond your control, Antarctica21 will do everything possible to accommodate your late arrival. However, Antarctica21 cannot assume any responsibility for any resulting complications, including your inability to join the expedition. We recommend that you purchase a trip cancellation and interruption insurance policy to cover this risk.

Trips Ending in Punta Arenas

Antarctica21 strongly suggests that any travel plans made for the last day of the expedition do not start until the late afternoon and that a flexible air ticket be held for your journey home in case you need to change your travel arrangement following a delay of the return flight from Antarctica. Please ask your travel consultant for assistance. See also the sections on possible flight delays and related contingency plans outlined on page 39.

Trips Starting in Ushuaia

For Antarctica Express Air-Cruises: boarding in Ushuaia is between 3 PM and 4 PM, directly at the pier. Boarding will close at 4 PM.

Trips Ending in Ushuaia

Arrival back in Ushuaia is planned for the morning. However, delays are possible. Antarctica21 strongly suggests that any travel plans made for the last day of the expedition do not start until the late afternoon.



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Hotel & Transfer Package

Most air-cruises start and end in Punta Arenas. Should you wish to arrive in Punta Arenas a day earlier or spend an extra night after you return from Antarctica, we offer a convenient Hotel and Transfer Package.

The package includes accommodation at the Cabo de Hornos Hotel or similar and combines perfectly with your Antarctic air-cruise. With a single check-in you will ensure that the hotel room for your extra night in Punta Arenas is the same as that included in your air-cruise itinerary.

The package is available pre-expedition and post-expedition and includes:

- Dedicated group airport transfers
- 1-night hotel accommodation
- Breakfast
- Drink voucher
- Access to Explorers House

[Please inquire at time of reservation](#)

Cancellation Conditions

In the case of cancellation 120 days or more prior to departure, Antarctica21 will refund 50% of the amount paid. In the case of cancellation 119 days or less prior to departure, there will be no refund.

Please note that Antarctica21 only offers airport transfers as part of its packages. Antarctica21 does not arrange individual airport transfers.



Packing For Your Trip

Suggested Clothing

During the austral summer the average temperature in the Antarctic Peninsula area is about 0°C (32°F), although sometimes it may feel lower because of the wind chill factor. For this reason, it is best to wear several layers of light, warm clothing. The suggested clothing for Antarctica is very similar to that recommended for skiing: thermal underwear, a couple of warm and wicking mid-layers, a windproof and waterproof jacket, plus pants as the outer layer. You will also need a hat, a scarf, waterproof and insulated gloves, and sunglasses with high UV protection. The pre-departure material provides further details. We also suggest packing comfortable clothes to wear on board, as well as rubber-soled shoes for walking around on the outside decks.



EXPEDITION JACKET

Our Signature Waterproof Expedition Jacket has been hand-selected for you as the perfect, technical outer shell for use on our Antarctic air-cruises.

Designed for a wide range of outdoor activities, the Ghost Pro jacket by Ansilta® is compact and lightweight. This versatile garment is ideal when impermeability and breathability are needed. The jacket has a slim and minimalist design, providing a very comfortable fit. It is made with GORE-TEX® fabric combined with Gore C-KNIT Backer Technology, which improves breathability by up to 15% through a less bulky and more robust 3-layer construction.

Only available in the Antarctica21 Gear Shop at www.antarctica21.com

Note: Jacket model is subject to change. Please review model and price at the time of purchase.



Useful Tips

Waterproof Boots & Clothing

On the first day of your program, Antarctica21's staff will deliver a pair of boots for landing in Antarctica. For guests departing from Ushuaia, boots will be distributed on board the ship. Boots are provided on loan and will be collected before the end of the trip. We highly recommend that you pack waterproof outer layers to keep dry during Zodiac excursions and landings.

Face Protection

Good quality UV filtering sunglasses are essential. Glacier glasses have leather flaps at the sides to stop the light from passing through. Due to the high reflectance of UV radiation, you will also need good sunblock lotion for your face (protection factor 30 and above) and lip balm.

Photography

To see the wildlife, you should have a good pair of lightweight binoculars (the suggested magnification is 7× or 8×). If you are passionate about photography, do not forget a good zoom lens to shoot wildlife while avoiding close approaches. Also, pack a good supply of memory cards and spare batteries since cold temperatures can reduce their life span. The recreational use of drones is not allowed in Antarctica.

Travel Requirements

All travelers should check the entry requirements, including vaccinations and visa terms, of the countries visited during their trip, based on their nationality. Antarctica Express and Antarctica & South Georgia Air-Cruises visit Argentina and so the requirements of both countries should be considered.

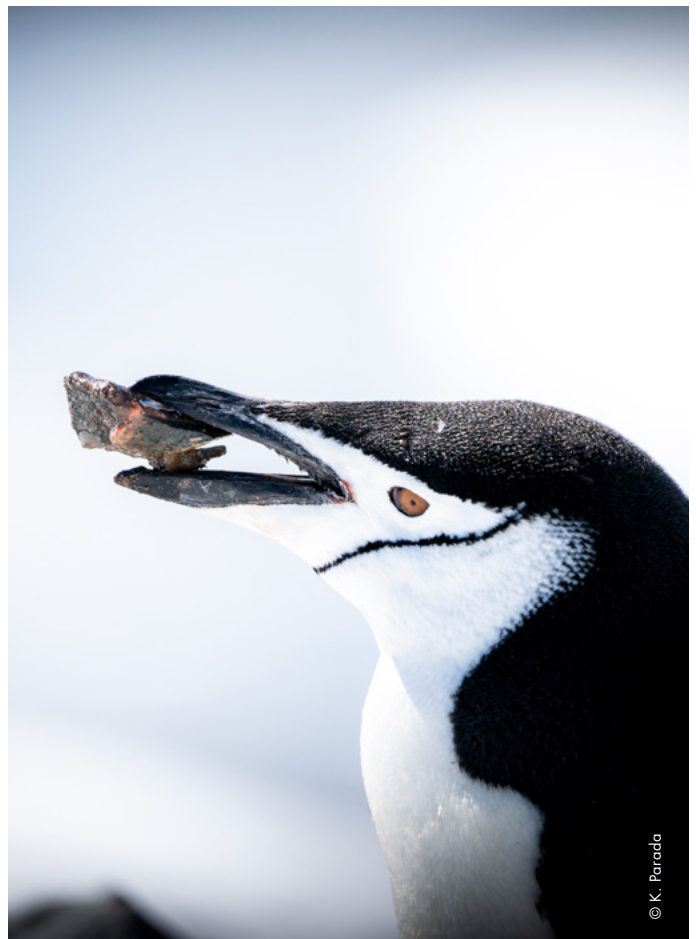
Dietary Information

Requests regarding diets must be made on the Participation Form you receive after your booking confirmation. This information will be passed along to our staff so they can accommodate your needs while on your voyage.



IMPORTANT PRE-TRAVEL REMINDERS

- Submit your participation form 90 days prior to your trip
- Book flights according to the required arrival and departure times
- Purchase travel insurance, including medical evacuation coverage
- Review the current Travel Requirements on <https://www.antarctica21.com/travel-requirements/>
- See the clothing and gear recommendations
- Check the validity of your passport and obtain any required entry visas
- Ensure that your total checked luggage weight does not exceed the 20 kg (44 lbs) weight limit, and that your carry-on luggage does not exceed the 5 kg (11 lbs) weight limit.
- Review the Contingency Plan applicable to Antarctic flight delays



Important Trip Details

The Nature of Expedition Travel

Our air-cruise expeditions are suitable for adventurous travelers who enjoy full mobility and reasonably good health. Expedition travel to Antarctica requires flexibility and adaptation to ever-changing circumstances. There is no airport or port infrastructure at King George Island, or anywhere in the Antarctic Peninsula. After landing and a walk to shore, travelers reach their ship by Zodiac.

Your Travel Companions

Antarctica21 offers its expeditions worldwide. Each year we welcome travelers from over 40 different countries. They may travel alone, as a family, or as part of a group. While some of your traveling companions may speak different languages and have different customs, they will share your passion for adventure and interest in the natural world.

Participation Form

Participants are required to fill out and submit an online Participation Form and return it to Antarctica21 at least 90 days prior to departure, including a declaration confirming the participant is in good health to take part in the voyage.

Medical Insurance

Antarctica21 requires participants to be adequately covered by a travel insurance policy that covers aero-medical evacuation from Antarctica in the case of a medical emergency during the trips, including emergencies related to pre-existing health conditions and pandemics.

Cancellation Insurance

Antarctica21 strongly urges participants to be adequately covered by trip cancellation and interruption insurance.

Itinerary

Every effort will be made to adhere to the planned program. However, with this type of adventurous travel to Antarctica, changes to the itinerary may occur due to severe and changeable weather. We need to emphasize the fact that weather conditions are unpredictable, and safety is always the paramount concern on any Antarctic voyage. For this reason, Antarctica21 reserves the right to change the itinerary described due to weather conditions or

other factors beyond Antarctica21's control without consulting the participants.

Baggage and Baggage Allowance

We recommend that clients avoid expensive designer luggage that can be easily damaged. We also strongly recommend that clients take out a luggage insurance policy that covers the cost of repairs or replacement in case their luggage is damaged. Due to the nature of the expedition, and as stated in our Terms and Conditions of Sale, Antarctica21 cannot be responsible for any damage to a customer's luggage.

The maximum weight allowed on the flights to and from Antarctica is 25 kg (55 lbs) per person, including hand luggage, with each item not exceeding 20 kg (44 lbs). For Classic Antarctica and Polar Circle Air-Cruises, excess luggage will be kept in custody in Punta Arenas and returned to travelers after their time in Antarctica.

The baggage weight limit is a technical requirement imposed by the flight operation. Unfortunately, it is not possible to purchase extra allowance.

Note: At certain points during the expedition, you will be required to handle your own luggage.

Expedition Language

The official expedition language of our air-cruises is English. The voyage will take travelers to remote destinations where interaction with our polar guides is essential. In the interest of safety and for the enjoyment of the experience we strongly recommend that travelers who do not understand English be accompanied by someone who does, such as a friend, a family member, or a Tour Leader.

Antarctic Flights and Contingency Plan

Flights to and from Antarctica operate based on weather conditions. Occasionally, flight plans have to be adjusted, impacting itineraries. Carefully review page 39 and the Terms & Conditions located on our website and check the Contingency Plan applicable to your voyage. Speak to your booking agent if you have any questions.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

For a complete list of Terms and Conditions visit www.antarctica21.com/termsconditions

Contingency Plan

Antarctica21 has been organizing Antarctic air-cruises since 2003. Over these years we have gained extensive experience in the delicate coordination of land, air, and sea operations in the extreme Antarctic environment. While historically most flights have operated on the scheduled day, in some instances weather conditions have required that adjustments to the departure time of Antarctic flights be made to avoid protracted delays. In the unlikely event that the flight to or from Antarctica cannot take place on the scheduled day due to unfavorable weather conditions, we will apply a Contingency Plan.

The Contingency Plan is included in the cost of your expedition. The primary goal of the plan is to provide an engaging and comfortable travel experience while we adapt to the weather and we keep you informed of developments, whether in Punta Arenas or Antarctica. A change in the flight schedule can impact travel to Antarctica or return to Punta Arenas, and the plan includes a range of activities determined by the circumstances. Additionally, the Contingency Plan offers you financial protection by providing a refund should weather conditions prevent us from reaching Antarctica.

The Highlights

In case the outbound flight to Antarctica is moved forward

In some cases, it may be necessary to move forward the Antarctic flight to the afternoon or evening of Day 1 of the itinerary. This will result in an early departure from Punta Arenas and early arrival in Antarctica. It is one reason why it is important that guests arrive in Punta Arenas by 2 PM on Day 1 of the itinerary. Travelers who miss the 2 PM arrival deadline will be considered “no-show”.

In case the outbound flight to Antarctica is delayed

The group will remain in Punta Arenas while waiting for an improvement in the weather and for the opportunity to fly to Antarctica. Included are accommodation, meals, and, when possible, based on the circumstances, guided excursions to local attractions. If by 2 PM on Day 4 of the itinerary it is still impossible to depart for Antarctica, the trip will be interrupted, and the cruise fare will be refunded.



In case the return flight to Punta Arenas is moved forward

In those cases when the forecast suggests the likelihood of unfavorable weather conditions in Antarctica persisting for several days, the flight back to Punta Arenas may be moved forward to the previous day to avoid a protracted delay in Antarctica. Accommodation is included upon arrival. All other inclusions will remain per the original itinerary. No refund will be extended.

In case the return flight to Punta Arenas is delayed

The group will remain in Antarctica and wait for the opportunity to fly to Punta Arenas. In the unlikely event that the delay exceeds 2 days and the weather forecast indicates the impossibility to fly over several more days, the captain of the vessel may decide to sail back to South America for safety reasons. Included are meals and accommodation on the ship and local excursions. Upon arrival in Punta Arenas, the trip will end at the airport. Travelers are responsible for any expenses associated with the rescheduling of their airline tickets or onward travel plans.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Please refer to the Contingency Plan section of our Terms and Conditions. You can find our full terms and conditions at www.antarctica21.com/termsconditions.



Explorers House

A private club for Antarctica21 guests

Last updated on January 9, 2024

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Explorers House is your gateway to
Antarctica and Patagonia, the beginning
of an experience like no other.

Explorers House

Explorers House is Antarctica21's new expedition center in Punta Arenas. It is a dedicated facility built from a converted heritage building, with an area of over 2,000 sq mt (21,500 sq ft) on two floors.

Here, our guests can prepare for their expedition by attending briefings, reviewing checklists, trying on expedition gear, practicing wearing a life jacket, and learning how to board a Zodiac.

They can also interact with our team and get answers to any questions they may have about their trip so they will be ready and confident when they arrive in Antarctica.





Explorers House Features

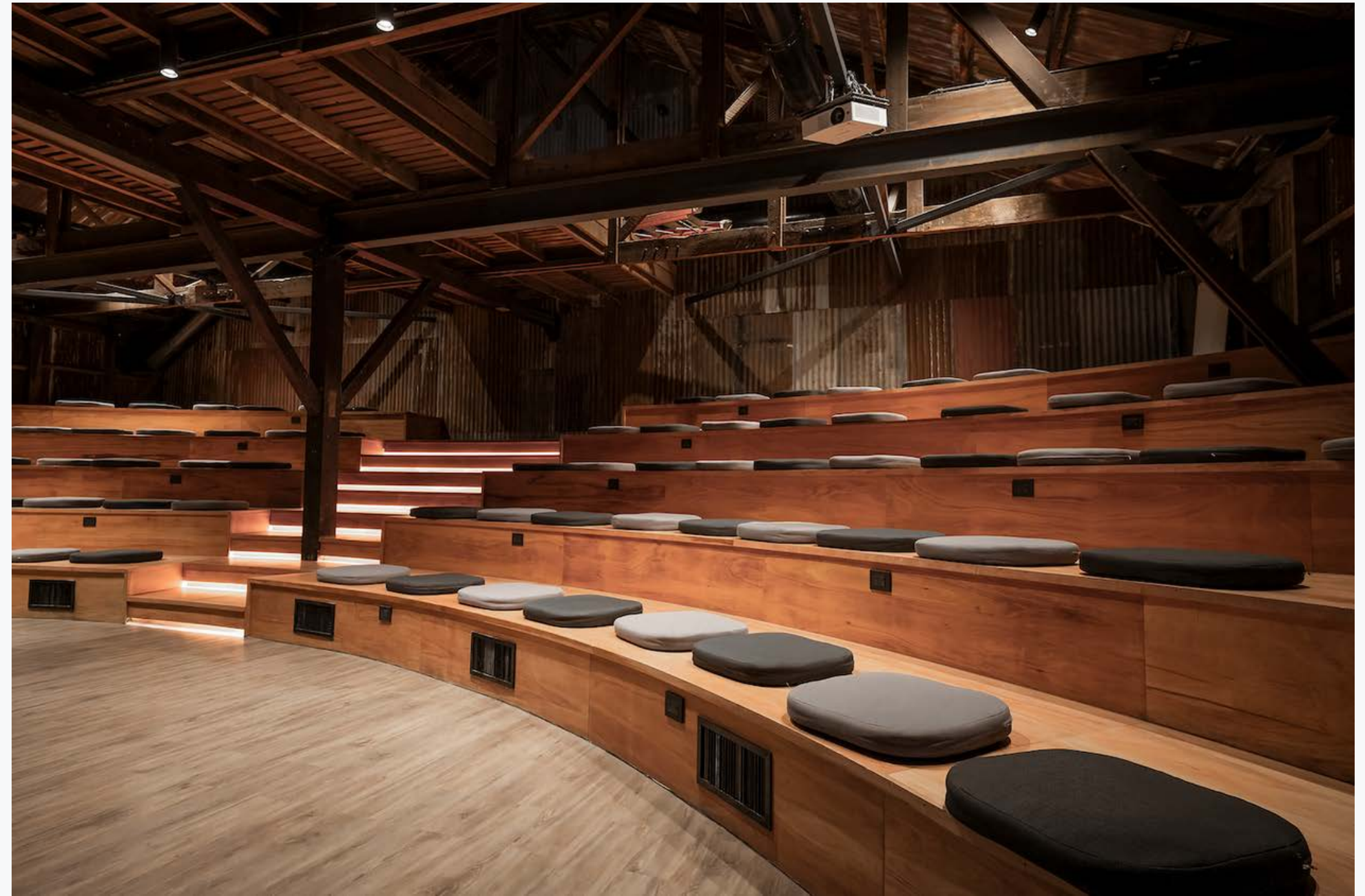
Explorers House also functions as an exclusive private club for Antarctica21 guests. It provides a modern environment where visitors can relax with a cup of coffee, review a wonderful collection of Antarctic books, and get to know their travel companions as excitement builds over the upcoming adventure.

Features include a reception area, an amphitheater-style presentation room, relaxing lounges, a library, a garden area, a gear rental and gift shop, a coffee station, interactive and live information touch screens, a bar, and food and drink services.



A2I • Explorers House

Touchscreens located on both floors offer guests rich and interactive content. They provide an opportunity to get more familiar with their next destination: Antarctica.



The amphitheater-style presentation room can host up to 100 guests for welcome talks and pre-departure briefing sessions.





A21 • Explorers House



Enjoy traditional Chilean dishes paired with wine during our welcome dinner at Explorers House.



Guests can relax in spacious areas, and enjoy a coffee or a drink.



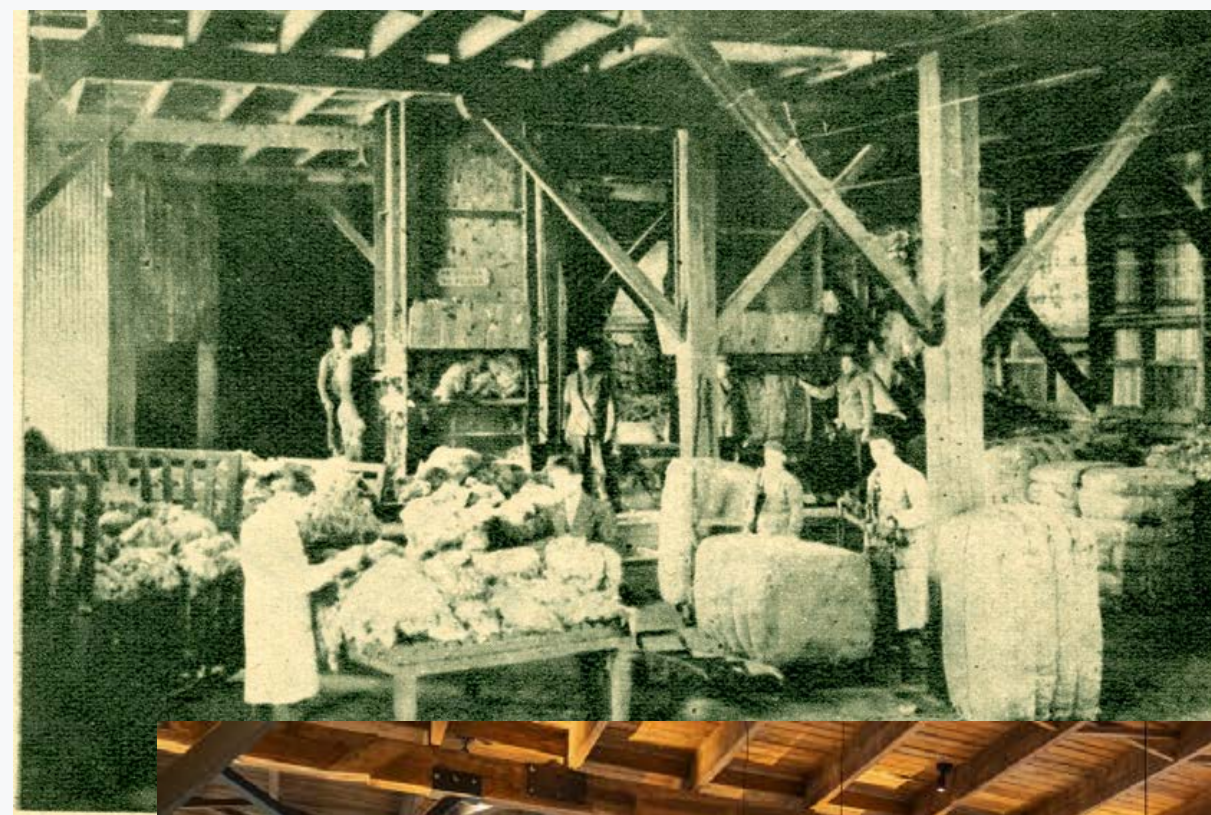
Browse over 100 specialized polar books before your expedition to Antarctica.

Explorers House History

Explorers House, formerly the Salles y Bianco Wool Warehouse, is a converted heritage *barraca* in Punta Arenas, historically processing and selling Patagonian wool and leather.

This early 20th-century storage barracks has two levels with spacious, well-equipped spaces made entirely of wood, supported by sturdy pillars and cross beams. Covered in corrugated iron sheets, it features a skylight along its peak for natural illumination and large windows on the northern and southern ends.

The framework of the original structure has been retained in its lanolin-stained, natural state as an homage to the history and people of the region. Some of the original machinery, including two large wool presses, have also been preserved and integrated in the design of the building.



Interview

Explorers House & Our Expedition Experience

Jaime Vásquez, President of Antarctica21, and Andrea Tellez, Manager of Explorers House, led the project taking Explorers House from an idea to reality.





What was the vision that led to the development of Explorers House?

Jaime Vásquez: The vision behind Explorers House was to create a welcome center to provide a more fitting and personalized experience for guests traveling with Antarctica21. This initiative stemmed from a desire to enhance the overall guest experience, aligning it more closely with the essence of what Antarctica21 offers.

Previously, we carried out our pre-departure processes at a hotel in Punta Arenas, with limited and busy public spaces. While the spaces were functional, they did not fully align with the inspiring, comfortable experience that Antarctica21 aims to deliver. With Explorers House, we sought to welcome our guests in a way that sets the stage for their Antarctic adventures. Explorers House serves functional hospitality needs but is also an inspiring retreat for our guests to relax in and feel at home as they await their departure.

What facilities and amenities does Explorers House offer that enhance the Antarctica21 experience?

Andrea Tellez: Explorers House functions as a private club for our air-cruise guests. It is a relaxed yet elegant environment for travelers to get ready for their Antarctic voyage. Travelers can arrive and immerse themselves in our space, learning about their destination and their upcoming expedition. Following long international and domestic flights, our guests are greeted by a welcoming reception and can unwind in a lounge with comfortable plush seating. We have a dining area serving local dishes during our welcome dinner, a library with books on Patagonia and Antarctica, and a gift shop for Antarctic gear and a carefully curated selection of wonderful souvenirs. The second floor features interactive touchscreens for educational content and an amphitheater for our briefing sessions. It's a space where discovery is waiting at every turn.

Guests can try on expedition gear, practice wearing a life jacket, and learn how to board a Zodiac, ensuring they are ready and confident for their Antarctic adventure. Guests can also meet the Antarctica21 team, review checklists, and get answers to any questions they might have about their trip.

What do you hope guests will feel or take away from their visit to Explorers House?

Jaime Vásquez: While Antarctica is the objective, Punta Arenas is the gateway. As we set the stage for what's to come in the White Continent, I would like guests to feel an appreciation for the rich heritage of this region. Having been raised in a sheep ranching family in Tierra del Fuego, the restoration of a century-old building in Punta Arenas, which was in a dilapidated state, holds deep significance for me. It's more than a business project for me; it's a personal journey. My aim is for guests to feel a sense of connection to my city and to Patagonia. They traveled a long way to get here. I want them to feel the rich history and culture of this area, intertwined with the exciting anticipation of their Antarctic expedition.

Andrea Tellez: At Explorers House, we want our travelers to feel at home in a cozy and private place. This quiet time in an exclusive space with soul is important. During the Age of Discovery, daring seafarers undertook long voyages to these remote lands. During the Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration,

many important expeditions departed from Punta Arenas on the way to Antarctica. In this wonderful building full of character, we hope that modern-day explorers can connect with that heritage, thus enhancing their overall journey of discovery and appreciation of this remote corner of the world.

How do you view the importance of sustainability in this project?

Jaime Vásquez: Sustainability is a central pillar in all our projects. From the construction of Explorers House to the operations of Antarctica21, we focus on environmental consciousness. At Explorers House, we have incorporated several sustainable features designed to minimize its environmental impact and enhance energy efficiency. These include using sustainable building materials, energy-saving practices, and minimizing our environmental footprint, ensuring our operations are eco-friendly and responsible.

A large commercial solar panel system has been installed to harness solar energy. This is particularly efficient during the summer months when there's

ample daylight, helping to power the facility sustainably. The building features radiant floor heating systems powered by heat pumps. These systems utilize the stored solar energy, ensuring efficient and eco-friendly heating. The building has 18 cm of insulation, providing effective thermal protection. This approach helps maintain a comfortable interior temperature while minimizing energy loss.

Andrea Tellez: During the restoration and construction of Explorers House, sustainable materials and practices were employed. For example, the rusted metal sheets that made up the old structure's exterior have been preserved. They now add a unique look to the building, while modern, environmentally friendly materials were used for the new additions and renovations. Explorers House also includes collection tanks that gather rainwater from the roof. This collected rainwater is then used in the bathrooms, reducing the reliance on the city's water supply and conserving freshwater resources. These features demonstrate a commitment to sustainability and environmental responsibility in providing eco-conscious travel experiences.



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Interview

Explorers House

Architecture & Design

Explorers House has been designed by a renowned Chilean team. The leading architect on the project is Pedro Kovacic, who, among other projects, led the conversion of the Singular Patagonia Hotel. The interior design is by Enrique Concha & Co., the studio that was also responsible for the interiors of Magellan Explorer.





What is the vision behind Explorers House?

Pedro Kovacic: The vision was to create a space that resonates with the spirit of exploration and respect for history. We wanted Explorers House to align with the journey Antarctica21 guests are about to undertake – a blend of discovery, respect for nature, and an appreciation of history. The project was not just a renovation. It was also about reviving a piece of Punta Arenas's heritage and making it a pivotal part of the modern Antarctic exploration experience.

Enrique Concha: From an interior design perspective, our vision was to craft an environment that complements the Antarctic experience with Antarctica21. We wanted the interiors to be a prelude to the adventure that awaits on Antarctica, infusing modern design elements with historical significance and elegance. The space is designed to be comfortable and stimulating, reflecting the unique blend of modern elegance and adventure that characterizes Antarctica21's expeditions.

Is Explorers House architecturally significant?

Pedro Kovacic: Explorers House is a unique blend of historical and contemporary architecture. Originally, it was a humble building, simple and quite basic. Over time, it served different purposes – from a wool storage facility to a hardware store depot. With this project, my objective has been to preserve the historical essence of the original building while ensuring compliance with today's building codes. We replaced the deteriorating wooden parts with metallic elements, such as braces and beams. In my view, it is this dialogue between the old and the new that makes Explorers House architecturally significant today.

What were the main challenges you faced during the construction of Explorers House?

Pedro Kovacic: One of the biggest challenges was integrating elements of the past with contemporary interventions. For example, we had to reconstruct the foundations, which involved cutting the pillars and adding metallic plates. It was a significant effort.

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Enrique, how did your firm approach the interior design of Explorers House?

Enrique Concha: Our approach was to create a seamless connection between the interior design and the architecture. We were meticulous in selecting furniture and layout to ensure functionality and aesthetic harmony. Our choices respected the original wooden structure and the newly incorporated black metal framework. We focused on creating a sense of place that resonates with the spirit of Antarctica. The floor color recalls the hues of Antarctic icebergs. Every piece of furniture was carefully chosen to fit the space and the building's character. We have also added a touch of red, energizing the overall design and alluding to the cabin doors on Magellan Explorer.

How does Explorers House contribute to the overall experience of Antarctica21 guests?

Pedro Kovacic: Explorers House is more than just a starting point for Antarctica21 guests. It's an introduction to the Antarctic experience. The building

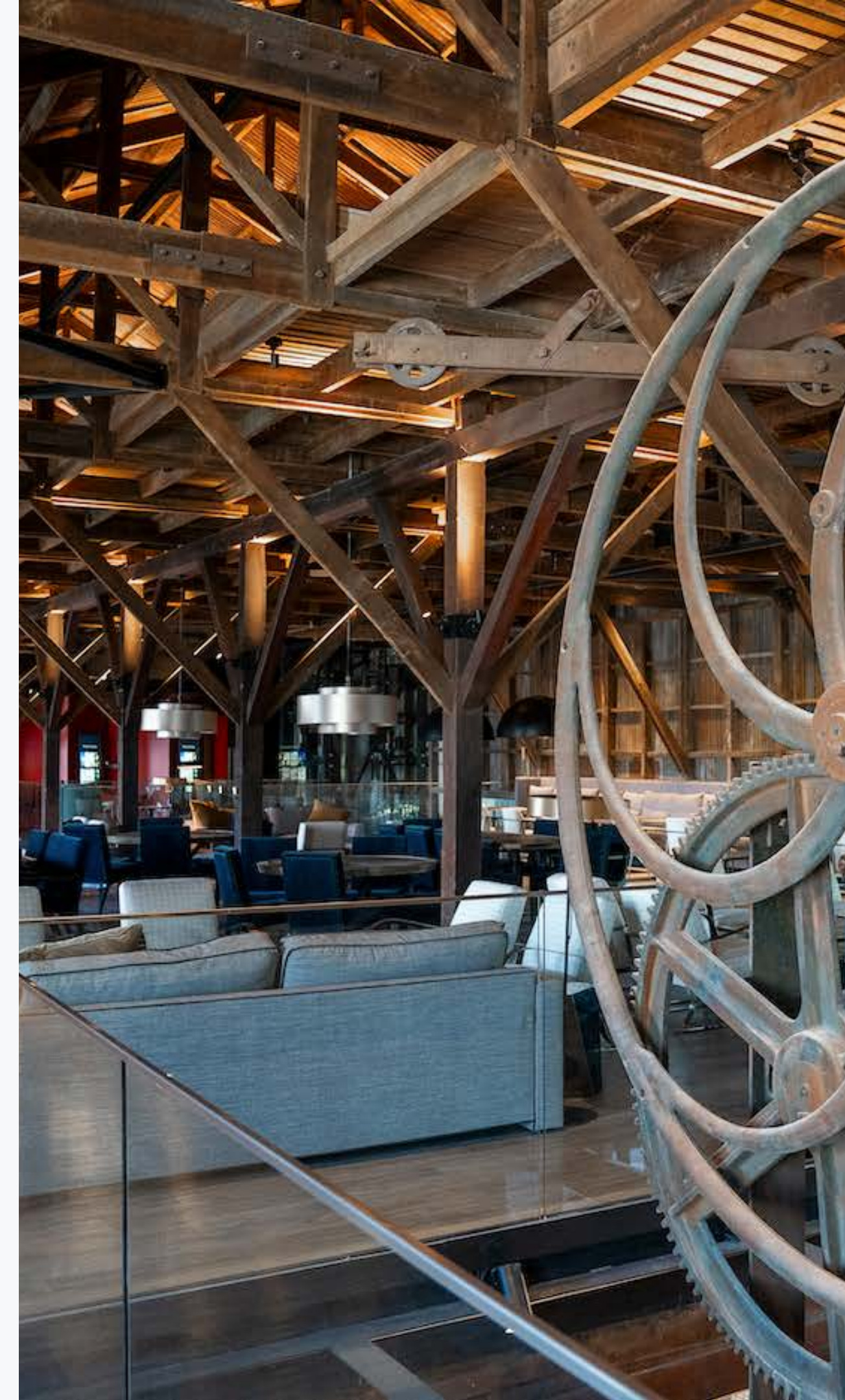
itself, with its rich history and modern adaptations, mirrors the journey our guests embark on – a blend of adventure and comfort, the old and the new.

Enrique Concha: It sets the tone for the guests' journey. The design, while echoing the harsh yet beautiful Antarctic environment, offers comfort and luxury. It's a place where guests can gather, share stories, and prepare for their adventure, all while being surrounded by a design that tells a story of its own.

What will guests take away from their visit?

Pedro Kovacic: I hope they sense the deep connection between the past and present and appreciate the efforts to preserve history while adapting to modern needs. The building stands as a testament to the respect we hold for our architectural heritage and our innovative spirit.

Enrique Concha: I want guests to feel inspired and moved by the space. The goal was to create an environment that not only serves as a gateway to their Antarctic journey but also leaves a lasting impression of beauty and thoughtfulness in design.



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