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in Arktis und Antarktis

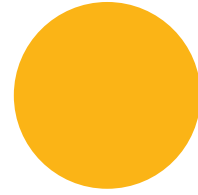


Antarktis Expeditions-Seereisen MV HANS HANSSON

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Hans Hansson

Our intimate small exploration boat goes where larger vessels can't and features a comfortable, homelike atmosphere



Dining area; twin cabin

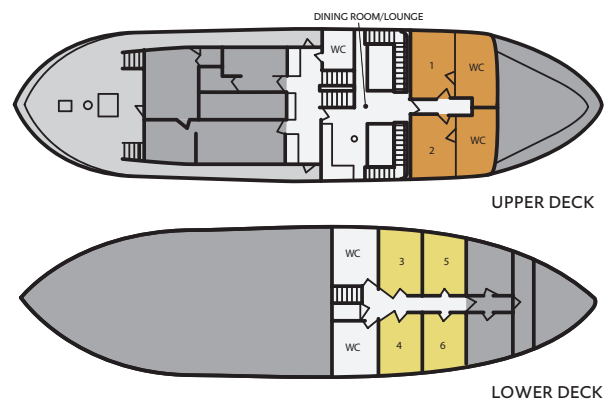
SHIP FEATURES

- Small, intimate vessel, with a capacity of 12 passengers
- Meals served family-style
- Get to know your captain and crew through shared meals throughout the voyage
- Experience day-to-day ship operations by interacting closely with the crew

SHIP SPECIFICATIONS

Staff & Crew	4
Guests	12
Lifeboats	2, partially enclosed
Ice Class	ICE-E
Registered	United Kingdom
Year Built	1960

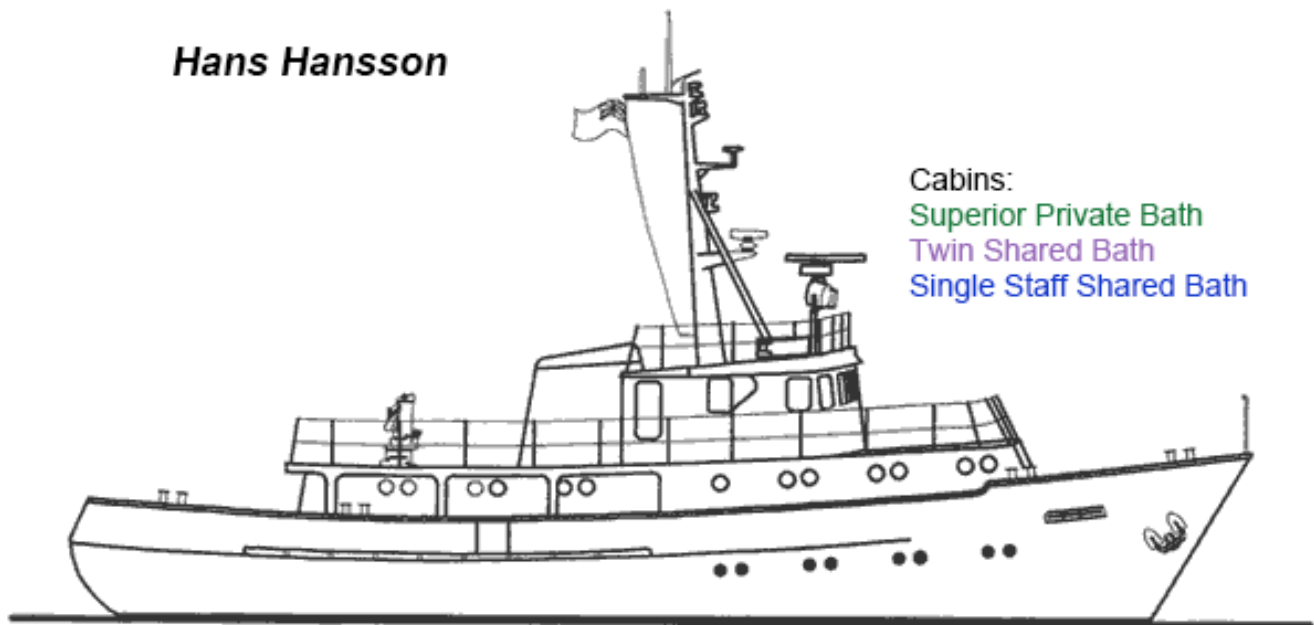
*Limited to
to 12 people
per voyage*



- Superior
- Twin

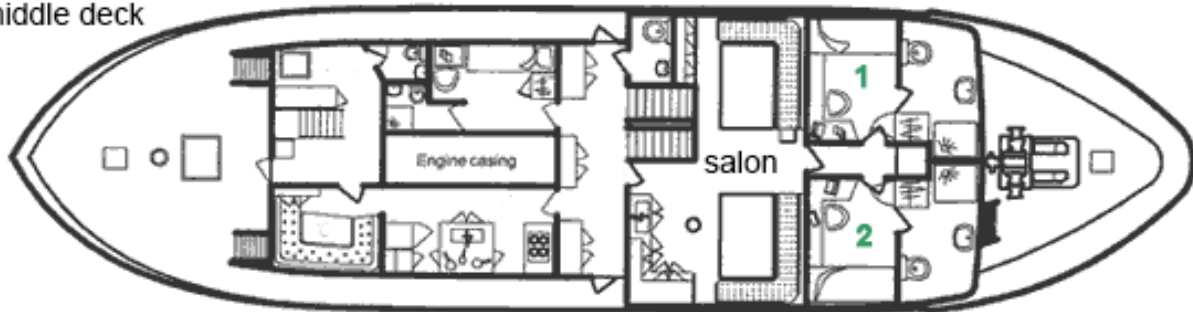
HANS HANSSON DECK PLAN

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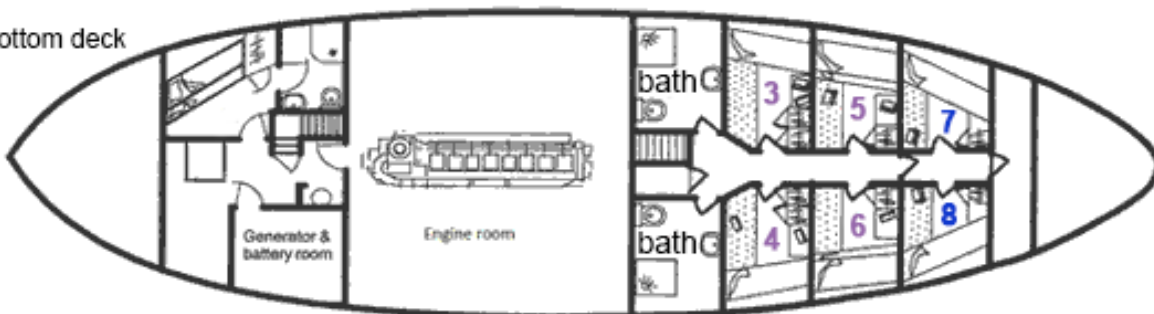


Cabins:
Superior Private Bath
Twin Shared Bath
Single Staff Shared Bath

middle deck



bottom deck



Deck plan is not to scale, and cabin sizes vary slightly.

See cabin descriptions under the *Costs* section on page 5.

Deck plan, cabin arrangements, and cabin amenities are subject to change by ship operator.



Hans Hansson





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Hans Hansson was specifically built to withstand challenging weather. She started her career as a life saving vessel in Norway, was then purchased by Sweden, and has now transitioned to taking passengers to the amazing corners of the world. Her hull – designed to withstand the waters of the infamous North Sea, is perfectly suited for exploring Antarctica. Hans Hansson is an amazing platform from which to watch whales and icebergs – taking amazing photos. She is also small and maneuverable enough to get into smaller places. Hans Hansson is 26.m long and she can take up to 12 passengers. See below for [technical specs](#)

Inside the boat



Superior En Suite



Standard Cabin



Standard Cabin



Main Saloon



Views from the Outside



Technical Specs

Dimensions:	LOA 26.5 m, LWL 23.30 m, beam 7.1 m, draft 3.4 m
Tonnage:	Register 145.78 tons, Displacement 230 tons
Construction:	Ice strengthened steel hull, aluminum superstructure
Machinery:	BergenDiesel 525 bhp @ 312 rpm, variable pitch propeller Ulstein 100 bhp variable pitch bowthruster 2x Volvo 47.5kW, 380/220V generators for auxiliary power, hydraulics, pumps Onan silent 24kW 380/220V generator for domestic power service Watermaker 6 tons/day
Tanks:	Fuel 48 tons, Potable water 15 tons, Blackwater 5 tons
Speed:	11 knots maximum, 8 knots cruise
Endurance:	8,000 nautical miles / 40 days at cruising speed

Navigation:	GPS positioning, electronic chart software 2 radars 2 fluxgate compasses 2 magnetic compasses Autopilot Depthsounder AIS
Communication:	DSC VHF radio, DSC HF radio, SatC, Iridium Pilot
Safety:	Foam/water fire pump 2,200 ltr/min, bilge pump 1,500 ltr/min, Fire detection system FM200 halon fire suppressant 2x 12 person liferafts EPIRB, SART Immersion suits, lifejackets

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Saison Antarktis 2024-25

Angebote ab-bis Hafen zusätzlich
Fluganreise ab D, AT, CH





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OVERVIEW

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Frans Lanting and Chris Eckstrom are long-time Antarctica veterans, having produced a vast body of photographic and video work here on assignment for *National Geographic* and other publications. Their knowledge of Antarctic ecology and the history of Antarctic exploration will impress even the savviest Antarctic traveler. Justin Black, Visionary Wild's founder, is an IAATO-certified Antarctic guide, who cherishes the opportunity to share the Antarctic experience with passionate photographers each year. Our creative focus on this trip will be evenly divided between the wildlife spectacle and sublime landscape. Our route will take us to colonies of Adélie, Chinstrap, and Gentoo penguins (plus the possibility of sighting the odd Emperor or Macaroni), and along the way we will encounter Leopard, Crab-Eater, and Weddell Seals, Orcas and Humpback Whales. and an array of Antarctic birdlife. The dramatic landscape of glacier-covered mountains and islands rises from the various sheltered channels, dotted with immense icebergs. The light at this time of year is perfect for photography. When the weather is clear, golden light endures around sunrise and sunset, and dusk and dawn colors merge into one over the few hours when the sun dips below the horizon. The diffuse light of overcast conditions will be perfect for wildlife portraits.

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Disembark Hans Hansson for the flight back to Punta Arenas. Celebratory final group dinner at one of Punta Arenas's fine restaurants.

Overnight at Hotel Almasur (B,L,D)

February 12: DEPARTURE DAY

Transfer to Punta Arenas airport to catch your departing flight. (B)

INSTRUCTORS



FRANS LANTING

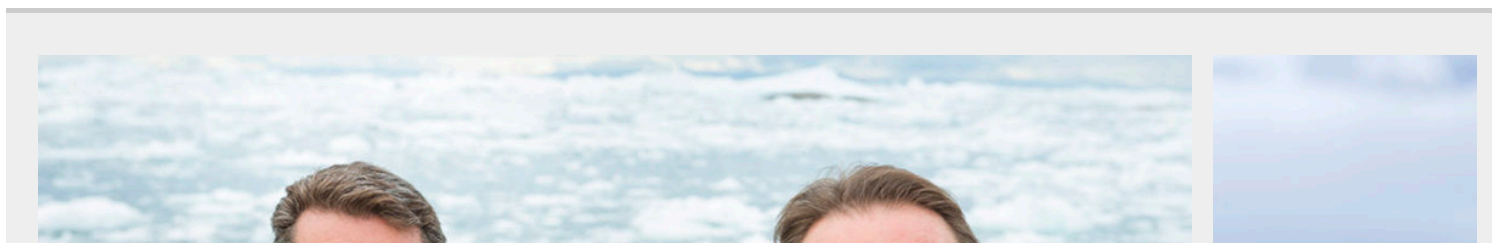
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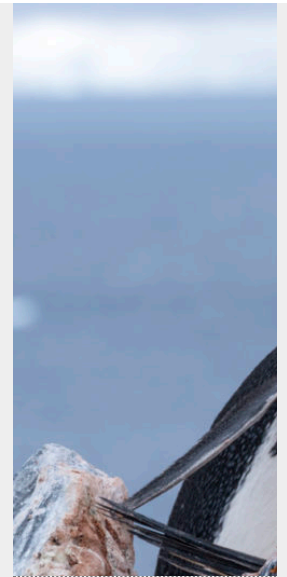


CHRIS ECKSTROM

Christine Eckstrom is a writer, editor, and videographer whose ...

GALLERY





PRICING

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Select number of spots [Waitlist](#)

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY \$32,995 (WAITLIST)

Select number of spots [Waitlist](#)

STANDARD

SINGLE OCCUPANCY \$55,240

☒ Deposit \$16,572 [Register](#)

☐ Full \$55,240

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All costs are per person.

Superior Cabin: Larger cabin on the upper deck with twin bunks, a private en suite bathroom, desk, wardrobe, and portholes with exterior views.

Standard Cabin: Standard size cabin on the lower deck with twin bunks, a wash basin, desk, storage space, and portholes with exterior views, sharing two spacious

bathrooms with shower, sink, toilet, and changing bench, located on the corridor, very close to the cabins.

SINGLE OCCUPANCY

Due to our exclusive charter of the *Hans Hansson* and the fact that our group's flight reservations have to be contracted for in advance by the ship's operator based on the maximum possible number of guests (that is, on the flights we have to pay for two seats per ship's cabin, regardless of whether the cabin is ultimately occupied by one or two guests), the rates for single-occupancy bookings have to be nearly double the rate for double-occupancy cabins.

INDIVIDUAL TRAVELERS BOOKING DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

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PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- 30% deposit is required upon registration
- 30% payment due by April 27, 2024
- 40% final payment due by September 29, 2024

Please note that due to the significant commitments involved in chartering the vessel and Drake Passage flights for this expedition, deposits and all payments are non-refundable. **Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended** to enable recovery of deposits in the event of a need to cancel participation for medical or personal reasons covered by the policy.

INCLUDED

- Photographic instruction throughout by Frans Lanting, with support by Christine Eckstrom
- Private charter of M/V *Hans Hansson* and its two Zodiacs
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NOT INCLUDED

- R/T airfare to and from our starting and ending point in Punta Arenas, Chile
- Additional hotel nights, meals or other costs for arrivals prior to the start date or departures after the end date
- Cost of passports, any necessary entry visas or reciprocity fees, vaccinations, or other personal travel expenses
- Travel insurance, emergency medical insurance and evacuation insurance/coverage from the Antarctic Peninsula. (**REQUIRED**)
- Alcoholic beverages other than those offered at dinner
- Telephone or internet charges
- Any private excursions, activities, or services not included in the itinerary
- Personal purchases, souvenirs, additional activities, and anything else not listed as included
- Gratuities for the ship's crew and expedition staff, at your discretion

HIGHLIGHTS

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- Frequent landings at penguin colonies and our favorite locations to make the most of photographic opportunities along the coast and on the islands.
- Excursions by Zodiac among the icebergs get us close to seals, whales, and scores of penguins “porpoising” through the water.
- Generous and personalized photographic instruction throughout by Frans Lanting
- Highly experienced, gracious, and accommodating professional captain and crew, with whom we have developed an excellent working relationship.
- Family-style meals prepared fresh throughout the day by the Hansson’s chef, accommodating a variety of dietary restrictions.

ACCOMMODATIONS

- Three nights (Jan 27, 28, and Feb 11) at Hotel Almasur in central Punta Arenas
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TRAVEL



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- e from just below to just above freezing. Wind chill can drop the effective temperature
- , however, and sunny, calm days can be surprisingly comfortable on deck.

EXPECTATIONS

TRAVELING TO ANTARCTICA

The photographic opportunities and the experience of exploring the Antarctic in a vessel are unparalleled, but it is important to be aware of the conditions of this expedition and ensure that it is suitable for you. We will be traveling to remote destinations far from medical facilities, and there will be little to no communications with family, friends, and the outside world while on board Hans Hansson. Although participating in this expedition does not require a particularly high level of physical fitness, you should be able to:

- Be without medical assistance for up to 30 days
- Swim or float on your back
- Get in and out of a Zodiac boat on a beach with a little wave action
- Walk a mile on uneven and slightly hilly terrain at a steady pace without getting exhausted
- Climb a 6 ft (2m) step ladder

You will be required to submit a medical history form to the vessel's operator, Quixote Expeditions, as well as a **confirmation from your physician** that you are fit enough to participate in this expedition. If you have any questions or concerns about the nature of this expedition or any health or fitness concerns that may present a challenge to participating on it, please contact us.

INSURANCE

It is important to be aware that weather conditions – most commonly poor visibility due to fog – do from time to time delay the Antarctica Airways flights between Punta Arenas and King George Island and back. The goal of the airline is to identify the best weather window each day, and operate all the day's flights during that period,

so it is best to think of our flight being scheduled for a particular day rather than a particular time. So long as we fly on the scheduled days, we consider that a success. Delays are usually brief (minutes, a few hours, or perhaps one day), and sometimes the flight schedule is moved up a day earlier to get ahead of incoming bad weather, which is one of the reasons that we spend two nights in Punta Arenas at the start of the trip. That said, a few years ago a large group operated by another company aboard a cruise ship was delayed in Punta Arenas for several days due to uncommonly bad weather, resulting in outright cancellation of the trip. It is also possible that the flight will be delayed returning to Punta Arenas, which may necessitate additional hotel nights and rebooking flights. Therefore, we ***strongly recommend obtaining travel insurance that provides full coverage for the cost of your trip in the event of trip cancellation***, as well as travel interruption or delays that may impact your arrival or departure from this expedition. Visionary Wild is not responsible for additional costs incurred due to weather or travel delays.

Emergency medical treatment and evacuation coverage (minimum US\$300,000) are required for this expedition.

BOOKING TRAVEL

All guests should plan to arrive in Punta Arenas on January 27. This will also allow some additional time in case of flight or baggage delays. The flight is scheduled for January 29, but as mentioned above the timing is weather dependent and is not decided until the day of travel. It is even possible that the group may need to fly to King George Island on the evening of January 28th if there is incoming bad weather forecast for January 29th. Once our flight departs Punta Arenas for King George Island, it will not be possible for anyone arriving late to catch up with and join the group.

We recommend that you use a travel agent to book your flights to Punta Arenas, Chile, as it would be possible to email your travel agent from the vessel, who would then be able to work on rebooking your international flights on your behalf in the event of a delay of the return flight from King George Island to Punta Arenas.

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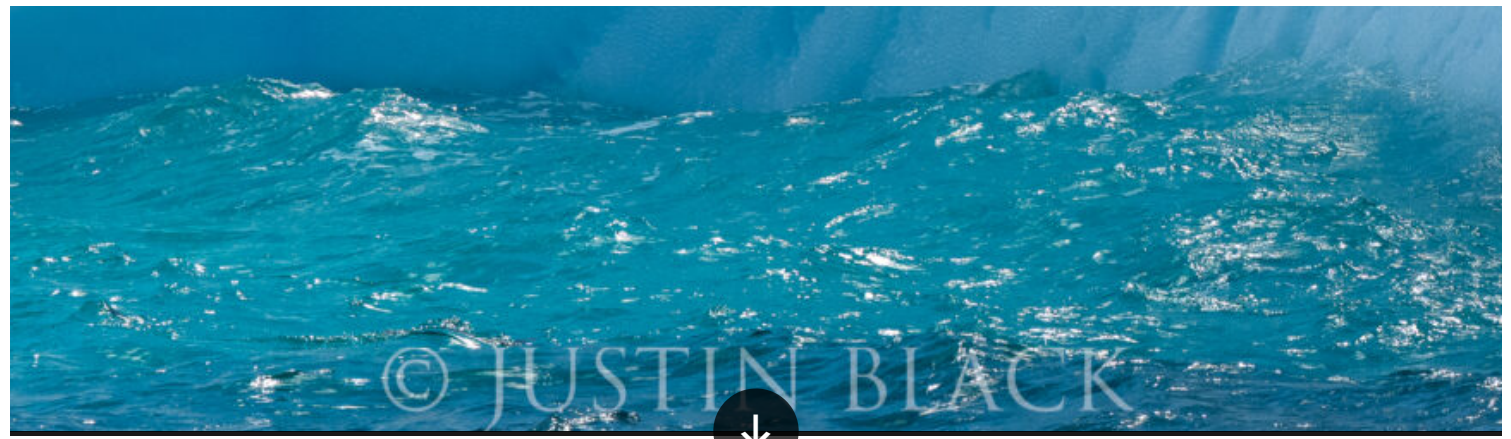
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A dream journey is behind us... The photographic travel company Visionary Wild from the USA under the direction of Lena and Justin Black had offered the trip for ambitious and enthusiastic photographers... Antarctica is not a classic tourist resort. It requires high demands of the organization of the trip and preparation of travelers, and this was done perfectly by Visionary Wild. –Dr. Diether Schenkel and Agnes Schenkel





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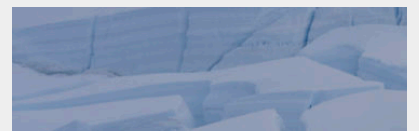
Michael Frye is a professional photographer specializing in landscapes and nature. His photographs and articles about art and technique of photography have appeared in publications around the world, including ...

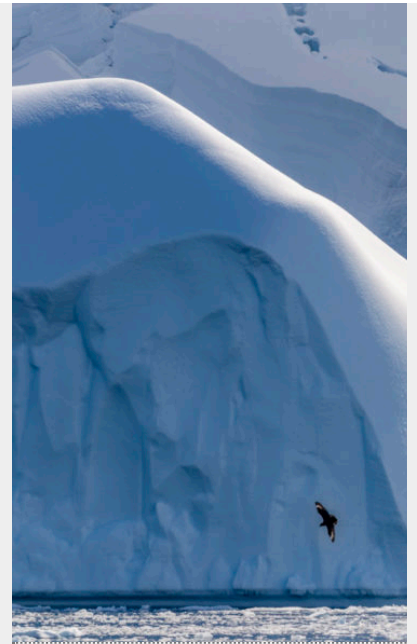


JUSTIN BLACK

JUSTIN BLACK is a photographer, writer, editor, expedition leader, photo workshops instructor, a Fellow of the International League of Conservation Writers (ILCW), a former executive director of the International ...

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TRAVEL



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Necessary transfers between Punta Arenas airport to Hotel Almasur are included.



13 nights aboard M/V Hans Hansson, exploring the Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands.



Walks at our field locations range from easy to moderate in difficulty, always with a short, easy option.

Terrain tends to be uneven and will include rocky areas, sandy beaches, snowfields, and slick wet surfaces. See [Traveling to Antarctica](#) below for more information about fitness and other considerations for this expedition.



We will be there during Antarctic summer, with temperatures moderated by the ocean and tending to range from just below to just above freezing. Wind chill can drop the effective temperature considerably, however, and sunny, calm days can be surprisingly comfortable on deck.

EXPECTATIONS

TRAVELING TO ANTARCTICA

The photographic opportunities and the experience of exploring the Antarctic in a small vessel are unparalleled, but it is important to be aware of the conditions of this expedition and ensure that it is suitable for you. We will be traveling to remote destinations far from medical facilities, and there will be little to no communications with family, friends, and the outside world while on board Hans Hansson. Although participating in this expedition does not require a particularly high level of physical fitness, you should be able to:

• about the nature of this expedition or any health or fitness concerns that may present a challenge to participating on it, please contact us.

•INSURANCE

• It is important to be aware that weather conditions – most commonly poor visibility due to fog – do from time to time delay the Antarctica Airways flights between Punta Arenas and King George Island and back. The goal of the airline is to identify the

- best weather window each day, and operate all the day's flights during that period,
- so it is best to think of our flight being scheduled for a particular day rather than a particular time. So long as we fly on the scheduled days, we consider that a success. Delays are usually brief (minutes, a few hours, or perhaps one day), and sometimes the flight schedule is moved up a day earlier to get ahead of incoming bad weather, which is one of the reasons that we spend two nights in Punta Arenas at the start of the trip. That said, a few years ago a large group operated by another company aboard a cruise ship was delayed in Punta Arenas for several days due to uncommonly bad weather, resulting in outright cancellation of the trip. It is also possible that the flight will be delayed returning to Punta Arenas, which may necessitate additional hotel nights and rebooking flights. Therefore, we **strongly recommend obtaining travel insurance that provides full coverage for the cost of your trip in the event of trip cancellation**, as well as travel interruption or delays that may impact your arrival or departure from this expedition. Visionary Wild is not responsible for additional costs incurred due to weather or travel delays.

Emergency medical treatment and evacuation coverage (minimum US\$300,000) are required for this expedition.

BOOKING TRAVEL

All guests should plan to arrive in Punta Arenas on January 14. This will also allow some additional time in case of flight or baggage delays. The flight is scheduled for January 16, but as mentioned above the timing is weather dependent and is not decided until the day of travel. It is even possible that the group may need to fly to King George Island on the evening of January 15th if there is incoming bad weather forecast for January 16th. Once our flight departs Punta Arenas for King George Island, it will not be possible for anyone arriving late to catch up with and join the group.

We recommend that you use a travel agent to book your flights to Punta Arenas, Chile, as it would be possible to email your travel agent from the vessel, who would then be able to work on rebooking your international flights on your behalf in the event of a delay of the return flight from King George Island to Punta Arenas.

OUTCOMES

TRIP REPORT

TRIP REPORT: *read what two of our clients from Germany thought of our 2023 Antarctica Expedition aboard Hans Hansson, led by Frans Lanting, Christine Eckstrom, and Justin Black:*

A dream journey is behind us... The photographic travel company Visionary Wild from the USA under the direction of Lena and Justin Black had offered the trip for ambitious and enthusiastic photographers... Antarctica is not a classic tourist resort. It requires high demands of the organization of the trip and preparation of travelers, and this was done perfectly by Visionary Wild. –Dr. Diether Schenkel and Agnes Schenkel



Travel Report: **Antarctica with Visionary Wild** **January 2023**

A dream journey is behind us. After two years of corona pandemic, it could finally start. The photographic travel company Visionary Wild from the USA under the direction of Lena and Justin Black had offered the trip for ambitious and enthusiastic photographers. With the help of a German travel agency, we were able to book a cabin two years ago. Antarctica is not a classic tourist resort. It requires high demands of the organization of the trip and preparation of travelers, and this was done perfectly by Visionary Wild. Not only in terms of equipment and clothing, but also important tips for photo equipment were given. At a Zoom meeting, the participants were able to get to know each other and ask questions about the trip. Everyone was picked up from the airport in Punta Arenas. We were the only Germans, the others came from all parts of the USA. Our tour guides were Justin Black, an excellent photographer, Chris Eckström a very well-known writer and videographer, and Frans Lanting, one of the best landscape and wildlife photographers of our time.



The journey started from Punta Arenas in the south of Chile. In the hotel in Punta Arenas the last instructions were provided before we flew by plane to King George Island, thus avoiding the dreaded rough seas of the Drake passage. Two Zodiacs took us out to our private ship, the Hans Hansson – ice class, 27-meters long, and 11 knots fast. She has 6 cabins for guests on 2 decks.



The crew consisted of 7 people, the captain, 3 helmsmen, 1 engineer, 1 stewardess, and the chef in the galley. Due to the size of the ship, we were able to anchor overnight in the shelter of small bays. Two to four times each day, we were brought ashore with the two Zodiacs to make extended photo excursions led by Frans, Chris, and Justin.



The scenery and wildlife were overwhelming. Trips to the icebergs were also undertaken. The crew was very helpful and always concerned about our safety.

So we were able to experience Antarctica up close.



The daily program was discussed in detail every day with a briefing and tips for the photo equipment were given.



Periodically, we had the opportunity to download and review the pictures. Several times, a selection of pictures by each participant were discussed and constructively critiqued by Justin Black and Frans Lanting, with very good tips. Justin Black also gave very interesting lectures on recording and image processing techniques. So we also received very good training. During the day there was breakfast, usually at 7 o'clock to make the most of the day, at noon and in the evening a warm meal, which was very tastily prepared by the English cook with love



Thanks to the great organization and support of Visionary Wild, this trip was an absolute highlight and will remain unforgettable. In addition to the great team, special thanks to Justin Black, Chris Eckström and Frans Lanting !

Agnes and Diether Schenkel



Papenburg / Germany, 13.2.2023

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