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in Arktis und Antarktis



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Saison Antarktis 24-25

Reederei Direkt-Angebote

ab-bis Hafen für individuelle Planungen

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englischsprachiger Termine**

Dates and Rates

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Standard Cabin Premium Cabin

Ocean Explorer

CABIN CATEGORIES													
EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	STUDIO DOUBLE	STUDIO SINGLE	DELUXE VERANDA FORWARD STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA MIDDLE STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA STATEROOM	GRAND VERANDA STATEROOM	JUNIOR SUITE	ROYAL VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA SINGLE	EXPLORER SUITE	OWNERS SUITE
<div>ANTARCTIC OCEAN EXPLORER</div> <div>Falklands, South Georgia, and Antarctica: Explorers and Kings</div> <div>Nov 04 - Nov 23, 2024 (20 days)</div> <div>Start Location: Ushuaia, Argentina End Location: Ushuaia, Argentina Languages: English</div> <div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div>	Brochure Price	€22,100-EUR	€28,600-EUR	€24,900-EUR	€26,300-EUR	€27,200-EUR	€23,500-EUR	€28,600-EUR	€37,800-EUR	€33,200-EUR	€35,000-EUR	€39,100-EUR	€40,100-EUR
	Save 20%	€17,680 EUR	€22,880 EUR	€19,920 EUR	€21,040 EUR	€21,760 EUR	€18,800 EUR	€22,880 EUR	€30,240 EUR	€26,560 EUR	€28,000 EUR	€31,280 EUR	€32,080 EUR
	Availability	Sold Out	Please Call	Please Call	Please Call	5+ cabins	Please Call	1 cabin	4 cabins	2 cabins	Please Call	Sold Out	1 cabin
<div>INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS</div> <div><div> Walking/Hiking</div><div> Polar Plunge</div><div> Zodiac Cruising</div></div> <div><div> Paddling Excursion €280 EUR (13)</div><div> Sea Kayaking €920 EUR (12)</div></div>													

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EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	STUDIO DOUBLE	STUDIO SINGLE	DELUXE VERANDA FORWARD STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA MIDDLE STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA STATEROOM	GRAND VERANDA STATEROOM	JUNIOR SUITE	ROYAL VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA SINGLE	EXPLORER SUITE	OWNERS SUITE
ANTARCTIC OCEAN EXPLORER Antarctic Explorer: Discovering the 7th Continent Nov 22 - Dec 02, 2024 (11 days) Start Location: Ushuaia, Argentina End Location: Ushuaia, Argentina Languages: English REQUEST A QUOTE	Brochure Price	€12,900 EUR	€16,600 EUR	€14,300 EUR	€15,200 EUR	€15,700 EUR	€13,800 EUR	€16,600 EUR	€21,700 EUR	€19,400 EUR	€20,300 EUR	€22,600 EUR	€23,000 EUR
	Save 30%	€9,030 EUR	€11,620 EUR	€10,010 EUR	€10,640 EUR	€10,990 EUR	€9,660 EUR	€11,620 EUR	€15,190 EUR	€13,580 EUR	€14,210 EUR	€15,820 EUR	€16,100 EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 5%	€8,578 EUR	€11,039 EUR	€9,509 EUR	€10,108 EUR	€10,440 EUR	€9,177 EUR	€11,039 EUR	€14,430 EUR	€12,901 EUR	€13,499 EUR	€15,029 EUR	€15,295 EUR
	Availability	1 cabin	1 cabin	1 cabin	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	Please Call	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	1 cabin	1 cabin	1 cabin
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS <div> Walking/Hiking Polar Plunge Zodiac Cruising </div>									PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS <div> Camping €280 EUR (6) Paddling Excursion €280 EUR (20) Sea Kayaking €920 EUR (11) </div>				




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ANTARCTIC OCEAN EXPLORER Antarctic Explorer: Discovering the 7th Continent Dec 01 - Dec 11, 2024 (11 days) Start Location: Ushuaia, Argentina End Location: Ushuaia, Argentina Languages: English REQUEST A QUOTE	Brochure Price	€12,900 EUR	€16,600 EUR	€14,300 EUR	€15,200 EUR	€15,700 EUR	€13,800 EUR	€16,600 EUR	€21,700 EUR	€19,400 EUR	€20,300 EUR	€22,600 EUR	€23,000 EUR
	Save 30%	€9,030 EUR	€11,620 EUR	€10,010 EUR	€10,640 EUR	€10,990 EUR	€9,660 EUR	€11,620 EUR	€15,190 EUR	€13,580 EUR	€14,210 EUR	€15,820 EUR	€16,100 EUR
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	Availability	Sold Out	Sold Out	2 cabins	1 cabin	4 cabins	Please Call	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	3 cabins	Sold Out	1 cabin	1 cabin
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS <div> Walking/Hiking Polar Plunge Zodiac Cruising </div>									PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS <div> Camping €280 EUR (14) Paddling Excursion €280 EUR (26) Sea Kayaking €920 EUR (6) </div>				

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ANTARCTIC OCEAN EXPLORER Antarctic Explorer: Discovering the 7th Continent Dec 10 - Dec 20, 2024 (11 days) Start Location: Ushuaia, Argentina End Location: Ushuaia, Argentina Languages: English REQUEST A QUOTE	Brochure Price	€13,400 EUR	€17,100 EUR	€14,800 EUR	€15,700 EUR	€16,100 EUR	€14,300 EUR	€17,100 EUR	€22,600 EUR	€19,800 EUR	€20,700 EUR	€23,000 EUR	€24,000 EUR
	Save 25%	€10,050 EUR	€12,825 EUR	€11,100 EUR	€11,775 EUR	€12,075 EUR	€10,725 EUR	€12,825 EUR	€16,950 EUR	€14,850 EUR	€15,525 EUR	€17,250 EUR	€18,000 EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 5%	€9,547 EUR	€12,184 EUR	€10,545 EUR	€11,186 EUR	€11,471 EUR	€10,189 EUR	€12,184 EUR	€16,102 EUR	€14,107 EUR	€14,749 EUR	€16,387 EUR	€17,100 EUR
	Availability	Please Call	Sold Out	Please Call	Please Call	5+ cabins	Sold Out	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	1 cabin	1 cabin	1 cabin

INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS

-  Walking/Hiking
-  Polar Plunge
-  Zodiac Cruising

PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS




-  Camping
€280 EUR (0)
-  Paddling Excursion
€280 EUR (0)
-  Sea Kayaking
€950 EUR (12)

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CABIN CATEGORIES

EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	STUDIO DOUBLE	STUDIO SINGLE	DELUXE VERANDA FORWARD STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA MIDDLE STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA STATEROOM	GRAND VERANDA STATEROOM	JUNIOR SUITE	ROYAL VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA SINGLE	EXPLORER SUITE	OWNERS SUITE
ANTARCTIC OCEAN EXPLORER Falklands, South Georgia, and Antarctica: Explorers and Kings 📅 Dec 19 - Jan 07, 2025 (20 days) Start Location: Ushuaia, Argentina End Location: Ushuaia, Argentina Languages: English REQUEST A QUOTE	Brochure Price	€24,400 EUR	€31,300 EUR	€27,600 EUR	€29,000 EUR	€29,900 EUR	€26,300 EUR	€31,300 EUR	€41,400 EUR	€36,800 EUR	€38,700 EUR	€42,800 EUR	€44,200 EUR
	Save 15%	€20,740 EUR	€26,605 EUR	€23,460 EUR	€24,650 EUR	€25,415 EUR	€22,355 EUR	€26,605 EUR	€35,190 EUR	€31,280 EUR	€32,895 EUR	€36,380 EUR	€37,570 EUR
	Availability	Sold Out	Sold Out	Please Call	Please Call	Please Call	Please Call	4 cabins	5+ cabins	3 cabins	Please Call	1 cabin	1 cabin

INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS

-  Walking/Hiking
-  Polar Plunge
-  Zodiac Cruising

PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS




-  Camping
€280 EUR (0)
-  Paddling Excursion
€280 EUR (0)
-  Sea Kayaking
€950 EUR (0)

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EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	STUDIO DOUBLE	STUDIO SINGLE	DELUXE VERANDA FORWARD STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA MIDDLE STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA STATEROOM	GRAND VERANDA STATEROOM	JUNIOR SUITE	ROYAL VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA SINGLE	EXPLORER SUITE	OWNERS SUITE
ANTARCTIC OCEAN EXPLORER Antarctic Express: Fly the Drake 📅 Jan 09 - Jan 16, 2025 (8 days) Start Location: Punta Arenas, Chile End Location: Punta Arenas, Chile Languages: English REQUEST A QUOTE	Brochure Price	€16,100 EUR	€20,700 EUR	€18,000 EUR	€18,900 EUR	€19,400 EUR	€17,100 EUR	€20,700 EUR	€27,200 EUR	€24,000 EUR	€25,300 EUR	€28,100 EUR	€29,000 EUR
	Save 20%	€12,880 EUR	€16,560 EUR	€14,400 EUR	€15,120 EUR	€15,520 EUR	€13,680 EUR	€16,560 EUR	€21,760 EUR	€19,200 EUR	€20,240 EUR	€22,480 EUR	€23,200 EUR
	Availability	Sold Out	Sold Out	Sold Out	Sold Out	Sold Out	Sold Out	3 cabins	5+ cabins	3 cabins	Sold Out	1 cabin	Sold Out

INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS

-  Walking/Hiking
-  Polar Plunge
-  Zodiac Cruising






PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS

-  Paddling Excursion
€280 EUR (7)
-  Sea Kayaking
€950 EUR (10)

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
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EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	STUDIO DOUBLE	STUDIO SINGLE	DELUXE VERANDA FORWARD STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA MIDDLE STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA STATEROOM	GRAND VERANDA STATEROOM	JUNIOR SUITE	ROYAL VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA SINGLE	EXPLORER SUITE	OWNERS SUITE
ANTARCTIC OCEAN EXPLORER Antarctic Express: Fly the Drake 📅 Jan 14 - Jan 21, 2025 (8 days)	Brochure Price	€16,100 EUR	€20,700 EUR	€18,000 EUR	€18,900 EUR	€19,400 EUR	€17,100 EUR	€20,700 EUR	€27,200 EUR	€24,000 EUR	€25,300 EUR	€28,100 EUR	€29,000 EUR
	Save 20%	€12,880 EUR	€16,560 EUR	€14,400 EUR	€15,120 EUR	€15,520 EUR	€13,680 EUR	€16,560 EUR	€21,760 EUR	€19,200 EUR	€20,240 EUR	€22,480 EUR	€23,200 EUR
	Pay in full at time of	€12,880 EUR	€16,560 EUR	€14,400 EUR	€15,120 EUR	€15,520 EUR	€13,680 EUR	€16,560 EUR	€21,760 EUR	€19,200 EUR	€20,240 EUR	€22,480 EUR	€23,200 EUR

Start Location: Punta Arenas, Chile End Location: Punta Arenas, Chile Languages: English	booking & Save 5%	€12,236 EUR	€15,732 EUR	€13,680 EUR	€14,364 EUR	€14,744 EUR	€12,996 EUR	€15,732 EUR	€20,672 EUR	€18,240 EUR	€19,228 EUR	€21,356 EUR	€22,040 EUR
	Availability	Please Call	1 cabin	1 cabin	Sold Out	Sold Out	Sold Out	Sold Out	3 cabins	4 cabins	Sold Out	Sold Out	1 cabin
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS											PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS		
<div><div> Walking/Hiking</div><div> Polar Plunge</div><div> Zodiac Cruising</div></div>											<div><div> Paddling Excursion €280 EUR (3)</div><div> Sea Kayaking €950 EUR (10)</div></div>		






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ANTARCTIC OCEAN EXPLORER Antarctic Express: Fly the Drake <div>Jan 19 - Jan 26, 2025 (8 days)</div> Start Location: Punta Arenas, Chile End Location: Punta Arenas, Chile Languages: English <div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div>	Brochure Price	€16,100 EUR	€20,700 EUR	€18,000 EUR	€18,900 EUR	€19,400 EUR	€17,100 EUR	€20,700 EUR	€27,200 EUR	€24,000 EUR	€25,300 EUR	€28,100 EUR	€29,000 EUR
	Save 20%	€12,880 EUR	€16,560 EUR	€14,400 EUR	€15,120 EUR	€15,520 EUR	€13,680 EUR	€16,560 EUR	€21,760 EUR	€19,200 EUR	€20,240 EUR	€22,480 EUR	€23,200 EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 5%	€12,236 EUR	€15,732 EUR	€13,680 EUR	€14,364 EUR	€14,744 EUR	€12,996 EUR	€15,732 EUR	€20,672 EUR	€18,240 EUR	€19,228 EUR	€21,356 EUR	€22,040 EUR
	Availability	Sold Out	Sold Out	Please Call	4 cabins	Sold Out	Please Call	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	1 cabin	Sold Out	Sold Out
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ANTARCTIC OCEAN EXPLORER Antarctic Express: Crossing the Circle <div>Jan 24 - Feb 03, 2025 (11 days)</div> Start Location: Punta Arenas, Chile End Location: Punta Arenas, Chile Languages: English <div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div>	Brochure Price	€20,700 EUR	€26,300 EUR	€23,000 EUR	€24,400 EUR	€24,900 EUR	€21,700 EUR	€26,300 EUR	€34,600 EUR	€30,900 EUR	€32,200 EUR	€35,900 EUR	€37,300 EUR
	Save 20%	€16,560 EUR	€21,040 EUR	€18,400 EUR	€19,520 EUR	€19,920 EUR	€17,360 EUR	€21,040 EUR	€27,600 EUR	€24,720 EUR	€25,760 EUR	€28,720 EUR	€29,840 EUR
	Availability	Please Call	Please Call	Please Call	Please Call	2 cabins	Please Call	Please Call	4 cabins	2 cabins	Please Call	1 cabin	Please Call
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS											PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS		
<div><div> Walking/Hiking</div><div> Polar Plunge</div><div> Zodiac Cruising</div></div>											<div><div> Paddling Excursion €280 EUR (0)</div><div> Sea Kayaking €950 EUR (6)</div></div>		

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<div>ANTARCTIC OCEAN EXPLORER</div> <div>Crossing the Circle: Southern Expedition</div> <div>Feb 04 - Feb 17, 2025 (14 days)</div> <div>Start Location: Ushuaia, Argentina End Location: Ushuaia, Argentina Languages: English</div> <div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div>	Brochure Price	€18,400 EUR	€23,500 EUR	€20,700 EUR	€21,700 EUR	€22,600 EUR	€19,400 EUR	€23,500 EUR	€31,300 EUR	€27,600 EUR	€29,000 EUR	€32,200 EUR	€33,200 EUR
	Save 30%	€12,880 EUR	€16,450 EUR	€14,490 EUR	€15,190 EUR	€15,820 EUR	€13,580 EUR	€16,450 EUR	€21,910 EUR	€19,320 EUR	€20,300 EUR	€22,540 EUR	€23,240 EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 5%	€12,236 EUR	€15,627 EUR	€13,765 EUR	€14,430 EUR	€15,029 EUR	€12,901 EUR	€15,627 EUR	€20,814 EUR	€18,354 EUR	€19,285 EUR	€21,413 EUR	€22,078 EUR
	Availability	1 cabin	Sold Out	Sold Out	4 cabins	5+ cabins	Sold Out	5+ cabins	3 cabins	4 cabins	Sold Out	1 cabin	1 cabin
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS											PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS		
<div><div></div>Walking/Hiking</div> <div><div></div>Polar Plunge</div> <div><div></div>Zodiac Cruising</div>											<div><div></div>Paddling Excursion €280 EUR (2)</div> <div><div></div>Sea Kayaking €950 EUR (10)</div>		

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<div>ANTARCTIC OCEAN EXPLORER</div> <div>South Georgia and Antarctic Peninsula: Penguin Safari</div> <div>Feb 16 - Mar 05, 2025 (18 days)</div> <div>Start Location: Ushuaia, Argentina End Location: Ushuaia, Argentina Languages: English</div> <div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div>	Brochure Price	€24,000 EUR	€30,900 EUR	€27,200 EUR	€28,600 EUR	€29,000 EUR	€26,300 EUR	€30,900 EUR	€40,600 EUR	€36,900 EUR	€37,800 EUR	€41,900 EUR	€43,700 EUR
	Save 30%	€16,800 EUR	€21,630 EUR	€19,040 EUR	€20,020 EUR	€20,300 EUR	€17,710 EUR	€21,630 EUR	€28,350 EUR	€25,130 EUR	€26,460 EUR	€29,330 EUR	€30,590 EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 5%	€15,960 EUR	€20,548 EUR	€18,088 EUR	€19,019 EUR	€19,285 EUR	€16,824 EUR	€20,548 EUR	€26,932 EUR	€23,873 EUR	€25,137 EUR	€27,863 EUR	€29,060 EUR
	Availability	1 cabin	Sold Out	2 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	Please Call	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	Sold Out	1 cabin	1 cabin
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<div>ANTARCTIC OCEAN EXPLORER</div> <div>Crossing the Circle: Southern Expedition</div> <div>Mar 04 - Mar 17, 2025 (14 days)</div> <div>Start Location: Ushuaia, Argentina End Location: Ushuaia, Argentina Languages: English</div> <div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div>	Brochure Price	€16,600 EUR	€21,200 EUR	€18,400 EUR	€19,400 EUR	€20,300 EUR	€17,500 EUR	€21,200 EUR	€28,100 EUR	€24,900 EUR	€26,300 EUR	€29,000 EUR	€29,900 EUR
	Save 30%	€11,620 EUR	€14,840 EUR	€12,880 EUR	€13,580 EUR	€14,210 EUR	€12,250 EUR	€14,840 EUR	€19,670 EUR	€17,430 EUR	€18,410 EUR	€20,300 EUR	€20,930 EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 5%	€11,039 EUR	€14,098 EUR	€12,236 EUR	€12,901 EUR	€13,499 EUR	€11,637 EUR	€14,098 EUR	€18,686 EUR	€16,558 EUR	€17,489 EUR	€19,285 EUR	€19,883 EUR
	Availability	Sold Out	Sold Out	2 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	Sold Out	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	Sold Out	1 cabin	1 cabin
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS											PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS		
<div><div></div>Walking/Hiking</div> <div><div></div>Polar Plunge</div> <div><div></div>Zodiac Cruising</div>											<div><div></div>Paddling Excursion €280 EUR (15)</div> <div><div></div>Sea Kayaking €950 EUR (13)</div>		









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Included Adventure Options		Paid Adventure Options	
 Flightseeing	 Walking/Hiking	 Polar Plunge	 Exclusive Heli-Landing €370 EUR (0)
 Zodiac Cruising		 Paddling Excursion €280 EUR (20)	 Sea Kayaking €950 EUR (2)
		 Stand-Up Paddleboarding €280 EUR (10)	

INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS



PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS



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CABIN CATEGORIES

Expedition	Promo Offers	Explorer Triple	Explorer Suite	Balcony Suite	Solo Panorama	Deluxe Balcony Suite	Terrace Suite	Penthouse Suite	Owner's Suite	Ultra Suite
<div>ANTARCTIC ULTRAMARINE</div> <div>Crossing the Circle: Southern Expedition</div> <div>Jan 06 - Jan 19, 2025 (14 days)</div> <div>Start Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina End Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina Languages: English, German</div> <div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div>	<div>Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package) ⓘ</div>	€20,450 EUR	€23,650 EUR	€26,050 EUR	€33,150 EUR	€30,750 EUR	€31,750 EUR	€34,050 EUR	€42,050 EUR	€46,350 EUR
	<div>Save 20%</div>	€16,550 EUR	€19,110 EUR	€21,030 EUR	€26,710 EUR	€24,790 EUR	€25,590 EUR	€27,430 EUR	€33,830 EUR	€37,270 EUR
	<div>Availability</div>	Sold Out	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	1 cabin	Sold Out	3 cabins	1 cabin	1 cabin
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS				PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS						
<div>✈️ Flightseeing</div>	<div>🧑 Walking/Hiking</div>	<div>🏊 Polar Plunge</div>	<div>🚤 Zodiac Cruising</div>	<div>🚁 Exclusive Heli-Landing €370 EUR (0)</div>	<div>🛶 Paddling Excursion €280 EUR (15)</div>	<div>🛶 Sea Kayaking €920 EUR (0)</div>	<div>🛶 Stand-Up Paddleboarding €280 EUR (8)</div>			

INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS

PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS



Prices are shown per person

CABIN CATEGORIES

Expedition	Promo Offers	Explorer Triple	Explorer Suite	Balcony Suite	Solo Panorama	Deluxe Balcony Suite	Terrace Suite	Penthouse Suite	Owner's Suite	Ultra Suite
<div>Antarctic ULTRAMARINE</div> <div>Antarctic Explorer: Discovering the 7th Continent</div> <div>📅 Jan 18 - Jan 29, 2025 (12 days)</div> <div>Start Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina End Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina Languages: English, German</div> <div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div>	<div>Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package) ⓘ</div> <div>Save 20%</div> <div>Pay in full at time of booking & Save 5%</div> <div>Availability</div>	€17,050 EUR	€19,850 EUR	€21,750 EUR	€27,450 EUR	€25,550 EUR	€26,450 EUR	€28,450 EUR	€35,050 EUR	€38,850 EUR
		€13,830 EUR	€16,070 EUR	€17,590 EUR	€22,150 EUR	€20,630 EUR	€21,350 EUR	€22,950 EUR	€28,230 EUR	€31,270 EUR
		€13,186 EUR	€15,314 EUR	€16,758 EUR	€21,090 EUR	€19,646 EUR	€20,330 EUR	€21,850 EUR	€26,866 EUR	€29,754 EUR
		Sold Out	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	2 cabins	Sold Out	Sold Out	5+ cabins	Sold Out	Sold Out

INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS

Flightseeing

Walking/Hiking

Polar Plunge

Zodiac Cruising

PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS

Exclusive Heli-Landing
€370 EUR (6)

Paddling Excursion
€280 EUR (11)

Sea Kayaking
€920 EUR (4)

Stand-Up Paddleboarding
€280 EUR (9)

INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS



PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS



Prices are shown per person

CABIN CATEGORIES

EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	EXPLORER TRIPLE	EXPLORER SUITE	BALCONY SUITE	SOLO PANORAMA	DELUXE BALCONY SUITE	TERRACE SUITE	PENTHOUSE SUITE	OWNER'S SUITE	ULTRA SUITE
<div>ANTARCTIC ULTRAMARINE</div> <div>Crossing the Circle: Southern Expedition</div> <div>Feb 07 - Feb 20, 2025 (14 days)</div> <div>Start Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina End Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina Languages: English, French</div> <div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div>	Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package) ⓘ	€19,360 EUR	€22,750 EUR	€25,050 EUR	€31,260 EUR	€29,350 EUR	€30,250 EUR	€32,650 EUR	€40,150 EUR	€44,450 EUR
	Save 20%	€15,670 EUR	€18,390 EUR	€20,230 EUR	€25,190 EUR	€23,670 EUR	€24,390 EUR	€26,310 EUR	€32,310 EUR	€35,750 EUR
	Availability	Please Call	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	1 cabin	1 cabin	Sold Out	5+ cabins	Sold Out	Sold Out
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS				PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS						
<div><div> Flightseeing</div><div> Walking/Hiking</div><div> Polar Plunge</div><div> Zodiac Cruising</div></div>				<div><div> Exclusive Heli-Landing €370 EUR (0)</div><div> Paddling Excursion €280 EUR (20)</div><div> Sea Kayaking €920 EUR (0)</div><div> Stand-Up Paddleboarding €280 EUR (11)</div></div>						

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CABIN CATEGORIES

EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	EXPLORER TRIPLE	EXPLORER SUITE	BALCONY SUITE	SOLO PANORAMA	DELUXE BALCONY SUITE	TERRACE SUITE	PENTHOUSE SUITE	OWNER'S SUITE	ULTRA SUITE
<div>ANTARCTIC ULTRAMARINE</div> <div>Antarctic Explorer: Discovering the 7th Continent</div> <div>Feb 19 - Mar 02, 2025 (12 days)</div> <div>Start Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina End Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina Languages: English, French</div> <div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div>	Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package) ⓘ	€16,050 EUR	€18,450 EUR	€20,450 EUR	€25,550 EUR	€24,150 EUR	€24,650 EUR	€26,450 EUR	€32,650 EUR	€35,950 EUR
	Save 20%	€13,030 EUR	€14,950 EUR	€16,550 EUR	€20,630 EUR	€19,510 EUR	€19,910 EUR	€21,350 EUR	€26,310 EUR	€28,950 EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 5%	€12,426 EUR	€14,250 EUR	€15,770 EUR	€19,646 EUR	€18,582 EUR	€18,962 EUR	€20,330 EUR	€25,042 EUR	€27,550 EUR
	Availability	Sold Out	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	2 cabins	5+ cabins	1 cabin	5+ cabins	Sold Out	1 cabin
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS				PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS						
<div><div> Flightseeing</div><div> Walking/Hiking</div><div> Polar Plunge</div><div> Zodiac Cruising</div></div>				<div><div> Exclusive Heli-Landing €370 EUR (3)</div><div> Paddling Excursion €280 EUR (8)</div><div> Sea Kayaking €920 EUR (4)</div><div> Stand-Up Paddleboarding €280 EUR (14)</div></div>						

Prices are shown per person

CABIN CATEGORIES

EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	EXPLORER TRIPLE	EXPLORER SUITE	BALCONY SUITE	SOLO PANORAMA	DELUXE BALCONY SUITE	TERRACE SUITE	PENTHOUSE SUITE	OWNER'S SUITE	ULTRA SUITE
	Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package) ⓘ	€18,950 EUR	€22,250 EUR	€24,150 EUR	€30,750 EUR	€28,450 EUR	€29,350 EUR	€31,750 EUR	€38,850 EUR	€43,050 EUR

<div>ANTARCTIC ULTRAMARINE</div> <div>Crossing the Circle: Southern Expedition</div> <div>📅 Mar 01 – Mar 14, 2025 (14 days)</div> <div>Start Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina End Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina Languages: English, French</div> <div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div>	Save 30%	€13,550 EUR	€15,860 EUR	€17,190 EUR	€21,810 EUR	€20,200 EUR	€20,830 EUR	€22,510 EUR	€27,480 EUR	€30,420 EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 5%	€12,920 EUR	€15,114 EUR	€16,378 EUR	€20,767 EUR	€19,237 EUR	€19,836 EUR	€21,432 EUR	€26,153 EUR	€28,946 EUR
	Availability	Sold Out	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	1 cabin	4 cabins	1 cabin	5+ cabins	1 cabin	1 cabin
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS					PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS					
<div><div> Flightseeing</div><div> Walking/Hiking</div><div> Polar Plunge</div><div> Zodiac Cruising</div></div>					<div><div> Exclusive Heli-Landing €370 EUR (0)</div><div> Paddling Excursion €280 EUR (12)</div><div> Sea Kayaking €920 EUR (5)</div><div> Stand-Up Paddleboarding €280 EUR (12)</div></div>					

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CABIN CATEGORIES

EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	EXPLORER TRIPLE	EXPLORER SUITE	BALCONY SUITE	SOLO PANORAMA	DELUXE BALCONY SUITE	TERRACE SUITE	PENTHOUSE SUITE	OWNER'S SUITE	ULTRA SUITE
<div>ANTARCTIC ULTRAMARINE</div> <div>Essential Patagonia: Chilean Fjords and Torres del Paine</div> <div>📅 Mar 13 – Mar 27, 2025 (15 days)</div> <div>Start Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina End Location: Santiago, Chile Languages: English</div> <div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div>	Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package) ⓘ	€14,750 EUR	€17,050 EUR	€18,950 EUR	€23,650 EUR	€21,750 EUR	€22,750 EUR	€24,650 EUR	€29,750 EUR	€33,150 EUR
	Save 30%	€10,610 EUR	€12,220 EUR	€13,550 EUR	€16,840 EUR	€15,510 EUR	€16,210 EUR	€17,540 EUR	€21,110 EUR	€23,490 EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 5%	€10,127 EUR	€11,656 EUR	€12,920 EUR	€16,045 EUR	€14,782 EUR	€15,447 EUR	€16,710 EUR	€20,102 EUR	€22,363 EUR
	Availability	2 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	2 cabins	5+ cabins	1 cabin	5+ cabins	1 cabin	Sold Out
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS					PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS					
<div><div> Flightseeing</div><div> Walking/Hiking</div><div> Polar Plunge</div><div> Zodiac Cruising</div></div>					<div><div> Exclusive Heli-Landing (Patagonia) €370 EUR (16)</div><div> Paddling Excursion €280 EUR (16)</div><div> Sea Kayaking €950 EUR (7)</div><div> Stand-Up Paddleboarding €280 EUR (14)</div></div>					

Prices are shown per person


World Explorer


CABIN CATEGORIES


EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	TRIPLE	VERANDA SUITE	INFINITY SUITE	SUPERIOR SUITE	DELUXE SUITE	OWNER'S SUITE
<div>ANTARCTIC WORLD EXPLORER</div> <div>Antarctic Explorer: Discovering the 7th Continent</div> <div>📅 Nov 05 – Nov 15, 2024 (11 days)</div> <div>Start Location: Ushuaia, Argentina End Location: Ushuaia, Argentina Languages: English, French</div>	Brochure Price	€11,900 EUR	€14,800 EUR	€14,800 EUR	€18,200 EUR	€19,500 EUR	€20,900 EUR
	Save 25%	€8,925 EUR	€11,100 EUR	€11,100 EUR	€13,650 EUR	€14,625 EUR	€15,675 EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 5%	€8,479 EUR	€10,545 EUR	€10,545 EUR	€12,967 EUR	€13,894 EUR	€14,891 EUR
	Availability	Please Call	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	3 cabins	Sold Out	2 cabins

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INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS


 Walking/Hiking


 Polar Plunge


 Zodiac Cruising

PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS

 Camping
€280 EUR (14)

 Paddling Excursion
€280 EUR (15)

 Sea Kayaking
€920 EUR (10)

 Stand-Up Paddleboarding
€280 EUR (11)

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CABIN CATEGORIES							
EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	TRIPLE	VERANDA SUITE	INFINITY SUITE	SUPERIOR SUITE	DELUXE SUITE	OWNER'S SUITE
ANTARCTIC WORLD EXPLORER Antarctic Explorer: Discovering the 7th Continent Nov 14 - Nov 24, 2024 (11 days) Start Location: Ushuaia, Argentina End Location: Ushuaia, Argentina Languages: English, French <div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div>	Brochure Price	€12,900 EUR	€15,700 EUR	€15,700 EUR	€10,100 EUR	€20,500 EUR	€21,900 EUR
	Save 30%	€9,030 EUR	€10,990 EUR	€10,990 EUR	€13,370 EUR	€14,350 EUR	€15,330 EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 5%	€8,578 EUR	€10,440 EUR	€10,440 EUR	€12,701 EUR	€13,632 EUR	€14,563 EUR
	Availability	Please Call	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	2 cabins	3 cabins
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS							
PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS							

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CABIN CATEGORIES							
EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	TRIPLE	VERANDA SUITE	INFINITY SUITE	SUPERIOR SUITE	DELUXE SUITE	OWNER'S SUITE
ANTARCTIC WORLD EXPLORER Antarctic Explorer: Discovering the 7th Continent Nov 23 - Dec 03, 2024 (11 days) Start Location: Ushuaia, Argentina End Location: Ushuaia, Argentina Languages: English, French <div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div>	Brochure Price	€10,300 EUR	€12,900 EUR	€12,900 EUR	€15,300 EUR	€16,400 EUR	€17,500 EUR
	Save 15%	€8,755 EUR	€10,965 EUR	€10,965 EUR	€13,005 EUR	€13,940 EUR	€14,875 EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 5%	€8,317 EUR	€10,417 EUR	€10,417 EUR	€12,355 EUR	€13,243 EUR	€14,131 EUR
	Availability	Please Call	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	3 cabins	2 cabins	4 cabins
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS							
PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS							

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CABIN CATEGORIES							

EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	TRIPLE	VERANDA SUITE	INFINITY SUITE	SUPERIOR SUITE	DELUXE SUITE	OWNER'S SUITE
ANTARCTIC WORLD EXPLORER Antarctic Express: Fly the Drake 📅 Dec 05 - Dec 12, 2024 (8 days) Start Location: Punta Arenas, Chile End Location: Punta Arenas, Chile Languages: English <div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div>	Brochure Price	€15,500-EUR	€19,100-EUR	€19,100-EUR	€23,600-EUR	€25,600-EUR	€27,000-EUR
	Free Single Supplement on Standard Cabins	-	✓	✓	-	-	-
	Save 20%	€12,400 EUR	€15,280EUR	€15,280EUR	€18,880EUR	€20,480EUR	€21,600EUR
	Availability	Sold Out	Please Call	Please Call	1 cabin	2 cabins	4 cabins
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS		PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS					
<div><div></div>Walking/Hiking</div> <div><div></div>Polar Plunge</div> <div><div></div>Zodiac Cruising</div>		<div><div></div>Paddling Excursion €280 EUR (5)</div> <div><div></div>Sea Kayaking €950 EUR (13)</div> <div><div></div>Stand-Up Paddleboarding €280 EUR (13)</div>					

Prices are shown per person

CABIN CATEGORIES

EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	TRIPLE	VERANDA SUITE	INFINITY SUITE	SUPERIOR SUITE	DELUXE SUITE	OWNER'S SUITE
ANTARCTIC WORLD EXPLORER Antarctic Express: Fly the Drake 📅 Dec 15 - Dec 22, 2024 (8 days) Start Location: Punta Arenas, Chile End Location: Punta Arenas, Chile Languages: English <div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div>	Brochure Price	€16,500-EUR	€20,100-EUR	€20,100-EUR	€25,000-EUR	€27,000-EUR	€28,600-EUR
	Free Single Supplement on Standard Cabins	-	✓	✓	-	-	-
	Save 20%	€13,200 EUR	€16,080EUR	€16,080EUR	€20,000EUR	€21,600EUR	€22,880EUR
	Availability	Sold Out	Please Call	5+ cabins	3 cabins	2 cabins	4 cabins
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS		PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS					
<div><div></div>Walking/Hiking</div> <div><div></div>Polar Plunge</div> <div><div></div>Zodiac Cruising</div>		<div><div></div>Paddling Excursion €280 EUR (10)</div> <div><div></div>Sea Kayaking €950 EUR (10)</div> <div><div></div>Stand-Up Paddleboarding €280 EUR (8)</div>					

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CABIN CATEGORIES

EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	TRIPLE	VERANDA SUITE	INFINITY SUITE	SUPERIOR SUITE	DELUXE SUITE	OWNER'S SUITE
ANTARCTIC WORLD EXPLORER Antarctic Express: Fly the Drake 📅 Dec 20 - Dec 27, 2024 (8 days) Start Location: Punta Arenas, Chile End Location: Punta Arenas, Chile Languages: English <div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div>	Brochure Price	€16,500-EUR	€20,100-EUR	€20,100-EUR	€25,000-EUR	€27,000-EUR	€28,600-EUR
	Free Single Supplement on Standard Cabins	-	✓	✓	-	-	-
	Save 20%	€13,200 EUR	€16,080EUR	€16,080EUR	€20,000EUR	€21,600EUR	€22,880EUR
	Availability	Sold Out	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	1 cabin	2 cabins	3 cabins
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS		PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS					
<div><div></div>Walking/Hiking</div> <div><div></div>Polar Plunge</div> <div><div></div>Zodiac Cruising</div>		<div><div></div>Paddling Excursion €280 EUR (1)</div> <div><div></div>Sea Kayaking €950 EUR (3)</div> <div><div></div>Stand-Up Paddleboarding €280 EUR (12)</div>					

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CABIN CATEGORIES

EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	TRIPLE	VERANDA SUITE	INFINITY SUITE	SUPERIOR SUITE	DELUXE SUITE	OWNER'S SUITE
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CABIN CATEGORIES

EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	TRIPLE	VERANDA SUITE	INFINITY SUITE	SUPERIOR SUITE	DELUXE SUITE	OWNER'S SUITE
<div>ANTARCTIC WORLD EXPLORER</div> <div>Antarctic Explorer: Discovering the 7th Continent</div> <div>Jan 31 - Feb 10, 2025 (11 days)</div> <div>Start Location: Ushuaia, Argentina End Location: Ushuaia, Argentina Languages: English</div> <div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div>	Brochure Price	€12,900 EUR	€16,200 EUR	€16,200 EUR	€20,000 EUR	€21,500 EUR	€22,900 EUR
	Save 25%	€9,675 EUR	€12,150 EUR	€12,150 EUR	€15,000 EUR	€16,125 EUR	€17,175 EUR
	Availability	1 cabin	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	2 cabins	2 cabins	4 cabins
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS			PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS				
<div> Walking/Hiking</div> <div> Polar Plunge</div> <div> Zodiac Cruising</div>			<div> Paddling Excursion €280 EUR (27)</div> <div> Sea Kayaking €950 EUR (16)</div> <div> Stand-Up Paddleboarding €280 EUR (14)</div>				

Prices are shown per person

CABIN CATEGORIES




EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	TRIPLE	VERANDA SUITE	INFINITY SUITE	SUPERIOR SUITE	DELUXE SUITE	OWNER'S SUITE
<div>ANTARCTIC WORLD EXPLORER</div> <div>Antarctic Explorer: Discovering the 7th Continent</div> <div>Feb 09 - Feb 19, 2025 (11 days)</div> <div>Start Location: Ushuaia, Argentina End Location: Ushuaia, Argentina Languages: English</div> <div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div>	Brochure Price	€12,900 EUR	€16,200 EUR	€16,200 EUR	€20,000 EUR	€21,500 EUR	€22,900 EUR
	Save 25%	€9,675 EUR	€12,150 EUR	€12,150 EUR	€15,000 EUR	€16,125 EUR	€17,175 EUR
	Availability	2 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	1 cabin	2 cabins	4 cabins
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS			PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS				
<div> Walking/Hiking</div> <div> Polar Plunge</div> <div> Zodiac Cruising</div>			<div> Paddling Excursion €280 EUR (7)</div> <div> Sea Kayaking €950 EUR (16)</div> <div> Stand-Up Paddleboarding €280 EUR (13)</div>				

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CABIN CATEGORIES

EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	TRIPLE	VERANDA SUITE	INFINITY SUITE	SUPERIOR SUITE	DELUXE SUITE	OWNER'S SUITE
<div>ANTARCTIC WORLD EXPLORER</div> <div>Antarctic Explorer: Discovering the 7th Continent</div> <div>Feb 18 - Feb 28, 2025 (11 days)</div> <div>Start Location: Ushuaia, Argentina End Location: Ushuaia, Argentina Languages: English</div> <div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div>	Brochure Price	€12,900 EUR	€16,200 EUR	€16,200 EUR	€20,000 EUR	€21,500 EUR	€22,900 EUR
	Save 30%	€9,030 EUR	€11,340 EUR	€11,340 EUR	€14,000 EUR	€15,050 EUR	€16,030 EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 5%	€8,578 EUR	€10,773 EUR	€10,773 EUR	€13,300 EUR	€14,297 EUR	€15,228 EUR
	Availability	1 cabin	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	2 cabins	4 cabins

INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS


-  Walking/Hiking
-  Polar Plunge
-  Zodiac Cruising

PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS




-  Paddling Excursion
€280 EUR (9)
-  Sea Kayaking
€950 EUR (16)
-  Stand-Up Paddleboarding
€280 EUR (13)

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CABIN CATEGORIES

EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	TRIPLE	VERANDA SUITE	INFINITY SUITE	SUPERIOR SUITE	DELUXE SUITE	OWNER'S SUITE
<div>ANTARCTIC WORLD EXPLORER</div> <div>Antarctic Explorer: Discovering the 7th Continent</div> <div><div> Mar 11 - Mar 21, 2025 (11 days)</div><div>Start Location: Ushuaia, Argentina End Location: Ushuaia, Argentina Languages: English</div><div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div></div>	Brochure Price	€10,500 EUR	€13,400 EUR	€13,400 EUR	€16,200 EUR	€17,500 EUR	€19,100 EUR
	Save 30%	€7,350 EUR	€9,380 EUR	€9,380 EUR	€11,340 EUR	€12,250 EUR	€13,370 EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 5%	€6,982 EUR	€8,911 EUR	€8,911 EUR	€10,773 EUR	€11,637 EUR	€12,701 EUR
	Availability	Sold Out	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	Sold Out	2 cabins	4 cabins

INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS

-  Walking/Hiking
-  Polar Plunge
-  Zodiac Cruising

PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS

-  Paddling Excursion
€280 EUR (7)
-  Sea Kayaking
€950 EUR (3)
-  Stand-Up Paddleboarding
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Quark Expeditions completes its first passenger circumnavigation of the Arctic Ocean.

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Quark Expeditions becomes the first operator to confirm the existence of the Snow Hill Emperor Penguin colony.

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Quark Expeditions breaks Roald Amundsen's record set nearly 100 years earlier, attaining the most southerly latitude of any vessel.

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Quark Expeditions is named World's Leading Polar Expedition Operator at the World Travel Awards in Lisbon.



October 2017

Quark Expeditions launches Quark Academy training program for expedition team members, the first training program of its kind in the industry.

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December 2018

Quark Expeditions is again named World's Leading Polar Expedition Operator at the World Travel Awards.



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Get the full scoop on our Polar Promise sustainability strategy. See page 55

April 2019

Quark Expeditions unveils Polar Promise, the most holistic sustainability policy in the polar expedition industry.



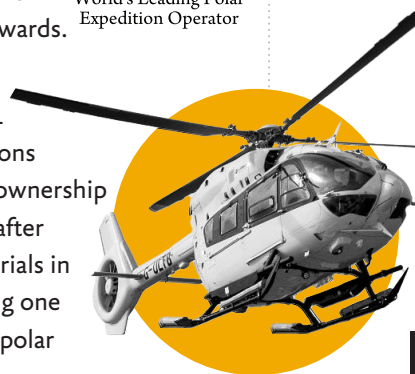
December 2020

Quark Expeditions is named World's Leading Specialist Cruise Line at the World Travel Awards.



April 2021

Quark Expeditions officially takes ownership of *Ultramarine* after successful sea trials in Croatia, marking one of our greatest polar milestones!



July 2022

For the first time ever, guests take to the polar skies in *Ultramarine*'s two twin-engine helicopters.

Hear about our unbeatable helicopter experience on page 32

NORTHERN EXPLORATION

November 2022

We unveil a new Greenland itinerary: *Gems of West Greenland: Fjords, Icebergs, and Culture*.

Find out more about the Arctic. See page 58

January 2023

We introduce yet another new Greenland itinerary: *Greenland Adventure: Explore by Sea, Land and Air*.

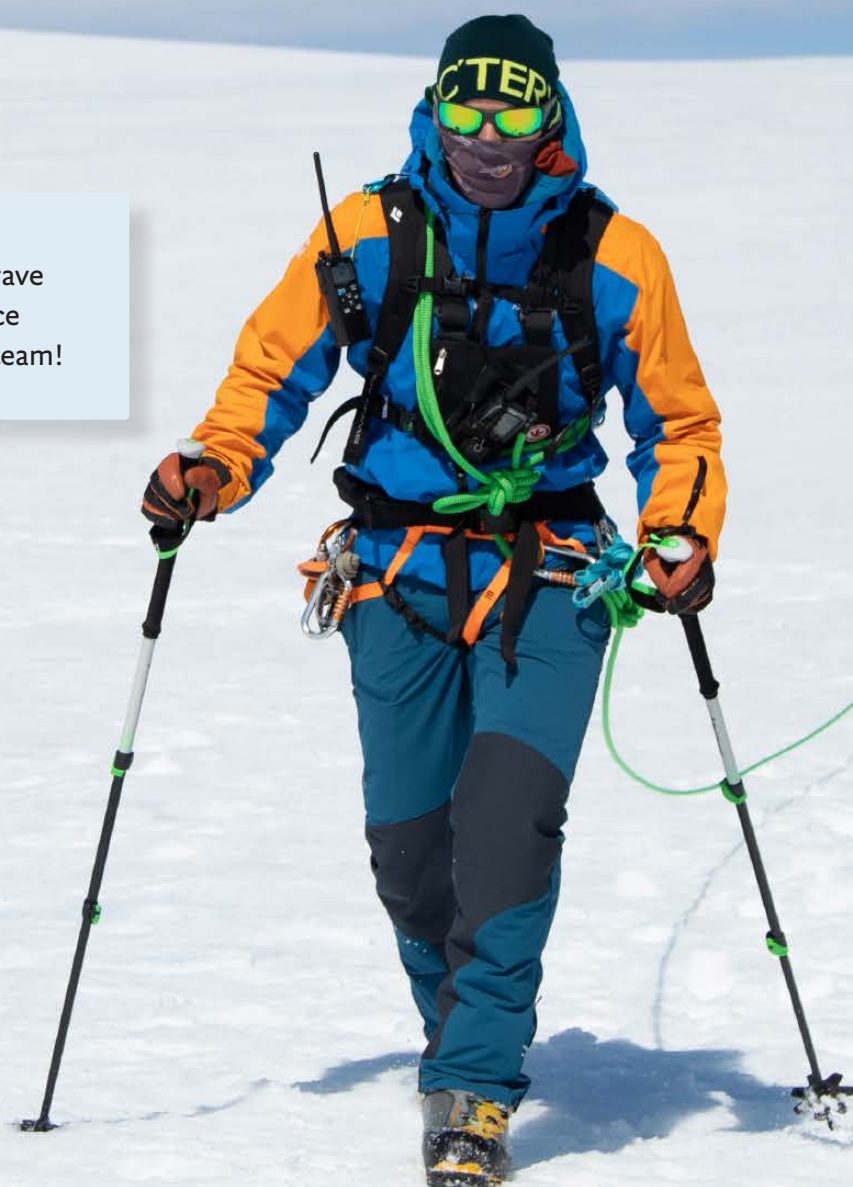


Explore alongside the most seasoned polar experts on Earth.

When past guests are asked to share their favorite memories of their polar voyage, the responses are unanimous: the expedition team. Passionate, determined, superior expertise, safety-conscious, and curious (even witty) have defined the Quark Expeditions team—widely regarded as the best and friendliest in the industry—since 1991. In fact, our entire team—which also includes the ensemble cast of Polar Travel Advisors, helicopter team, adventure guides and other on-ship staff—do everything possible to ensure you have the polar trip of a lifetime.



Guest Review: Hear Angelo rave about his Antarctic experience with the Quark Expeditions team!



A Quark Expeditions guide leading an excursion.



Home base: Ottawa, Ontario

Years of helicopter experience: 22

Polar expeditions to date: 17

Areas of expertise: 20 years as a remote operations helicopter pilot focusing on wildlife surveys, environmental impact studies, fire fighting, rescue and heli-skiing.

Why embrace helicopter adventures in the Polar Regions? "Perspective. If I had to give one reason why it's worth seeing the Polar Regions from above, it would be perspective. Ground-based experiences give you a small glimpse of the Arctic and Antarctic. Heli adventures enable you to see for yourself just how far inland a glacier actually reaches—while landing and walking around on one completely immerses you in the experience."

Our helicopter team: "We operate the helicopter program on *Ultramarine* to the highest possible standards—above and beyond industry requirements. Our world-class heli operations include our highly trained and skilled Helideck Teams, and our Flight Team, who are selected for their aviation experience and for their expertise in flying in the world's most remote regions.

Advice to Polar Travelers: "Prepare yourself for an incredibly unique look at your polar destination from an even more unique vantage point. My tip for aviation enthusiasts: find the pilots and get a personal tour of the aircraft and hangars during downtime."

Your Expedition Leaders.

Our Expedition Leaders are the most experienced in the industry. They possess an incredible range of skills: strong communications; the ability to navigate unexpected itinerary changes; a commitment to safety; and excellence in coordinating, supporting and leading a diverse expedition team to meet and exceed your expectations. All of our Expedition Leaders undergo rigorous training at our very own polar training institute, Quark Academy. In addition, our teams are fully versed in the regulations and guidelines set by the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO), which serves to protect the Antarctic region.



Abbey Weisbrot

Home base: Haida Gwaii, BC, Canada

Years of polar experience: 10

Polar expeditions to date: 90

Areas of expertise: Bachelor of Tourism Management with a major in Adventure Studies. Certified Level 3 Lead Sea Kayak Guide with Sea Kayak Guides Alliance of British Columbia.

Advice to polar travelers: "Consciously slow down and soak up the incredible beauty around you, both big and small. Be present, take opportunities as they arise, and spend as much time out on the outer decks as possible."



Alison Gordon

Home base: Canberra, Australia

Years of polar experience: 9

Polar expeditions to date: 120

Areas of expertise: Alison, who speaks Mandarin, has studied geopolitics and founded a company that tackles the issues of food waste and sustainable protein. She's an avid skier, scuba diver, cyclist, runner and conservationist.

Advice to polar travelers: "Be open to what it feels like to fall in love (again) with our planet and the beauty it contains."



Jake Morrison

Home base: Lake Simcoe, Ontario, Canada

Years of polar experience: 12

Polar expeditions to date: 75

Areas of expertise: With a degree in operations management and after a lifetime on the water, Jake spent six years managing expedition operations from Quark Expeditions' Toronto office before returning to the field to fuel his love for the great outdoors. During his 12 years with Quark Expeditions, Jake has worked on over 10 different expedition vessels and explored nearly every polar destination where Quark Expeditions operates.

Advice to polar travelers: "Slow down, let your soul absorb every majestic moment, and spend plenty of time out on deck."



Christian Geissler

Home base: Cumberland, BC, Canada

Years of polar experience: 15

Polar expeditions to date: 130

Areas of expertise: Christian has developed an expertise in marine mammals and orcas, most recently supporting scientific observations in the Canadian Arctic. Christian is also a skilled artist, creating paintings depicting the wildlife and seascapes of the West Coast of Canada, the Arctic and Antarctica.

Advice to polar travelers: "Being an explorer can be subjective and a personal experience and you're never too old to start."





David Burton

Home base: Shetland Islands, UK

Years of polar experience: 10

Polar expeditions to date: 90

Areas of expertise: History and glaciology

Advice to polar travelers: "Head to the outer decks after dinner to take an evening constitutional. There's no better place than the Polar Regions to take some time and reflect on the serene beauty you've witnessed that day, as well as contemplate the life-changing moments you're experiencing. You never know what you might catch sight of—the majesty of the northern lights or a sighting of some wildlife!"



David (Woody) Wood

Home base: Melbourne, Australia

Years of polar experience: 20

Polar expeditions to date: 300

Areas of expertise: Woody has developed in-depth knowledge of numerous aspects of polar wilderness throughout two decades of polar expedition.

Advice to polar travelers: "Polar voyages touch people in different ways. The polar environment has a power which sets people thinking about their place in our world. Get prepared with gear and have the time of your life! Travel with eyes wide open, with no fixed ideas and be open to the beauty, wonder, tranquility and fury of the polar environment."



Ryan McDevitt

Home base: St. Petersburg, Florida, USA

Years of polar experience: 7

Polar expeditions to date: 75

Areas of expertise: Operations, logistics and helicopter operations

Advice to polar travelers: "Exploring these wild regions is a full sensory experience. Take time to breathe in deeply and absorb the sights, sounds, smells, and tastes of the Polar Regions. If you pack one thing for your expedition, make it a good set of binoculars and spend time using them on the outer decks."



Shane Evoy

Home base: Pointe au Baril, Ontario, Canada

Years of polar experience: 26

Polar expeditions to date: 250

What guests are apt to learn on a polar voyage:

"I hope guests will learn a lot about the areas we go into so they can protect what they love. There's a quote from environmentalist Baba Dioum that I live by when I'm on an expedition: 'In the end, we will conserve only what we love; we will love only what we understand; and we will understand only what we are taught.'"

Advice to polar travelers: "Sit, look, listen, and feel what is around you and take it all in."



Daven Hafey

Home base: San Juan Island, Washington, USA

Years of polar experience: 14

Polar expeditions to date: 115

Areas of expertise: With a background in political science and ecology, Daven focuses on human relationships with the biological world, primarily in the Polar Regions, Alaska, Pacific Northwest and Zambia. David is a former field biologist, park ranger and boat captain.

Advice to polar travelers: "Slow down, let your curiosity wander, and try to put down your phones and cameras. Those moments foster our most vivid, life-lasting memories. We come to the Polar Regions not just to see them, but also to hear, smell and feel them. Allow yourself to get lost in the smaller stories. As they say, faith in the small things is no small thing."



Experience Matters!

Each Expedition Leader brings years of polar experience to their role—as well as vast expertise. Some are marine mammal experts, glaciologists and polar historians, while others have specialties in whale studies, marine logistics, geology and conservation.



Antarctica at a glance.

Summer in Antarctica, which extends from November to April, is essentially three seasons within one. Each time period yields different weather, wildlife sightings (and behaviors) and varying conditions on land. Insider tip: First identify what you'd like to experience and then you'll know the best time to visit.

CHILE

ARGENTINA

RETRACE DARWIN'S FOOTSTEPS

Explore Patagonia's spectacular network of fjords and channels, and the glaciers of Tierra del Fuego, just like Charles Darwin.

FALKLAND ISLANDS: AN ORNITHOLOGIST'S DREAM

Penguins aren't the only winged species here. There are 63 breeding bird species, including the inquisitive striated caracara, which likes to steal shiny objects.



Atlantic Ocean

CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE

Crossing the infamous 800 km (500 mile) wide Drake Passage, between Argentina and Antarctica, is a rite of passage for many polar travelers. Rough seas and high winds give it the name "Drake Shake." When it's calm, it's called "Drake Lake."

WHALE-WATCHING WEATHER

Humpbacks arrive back in Antarctica MID-DECEMBER to MID-FEBRUARY when temperatures reach 40°F/ 5°C, and there are up to 22 hours of sunlight daily.

Drake Passage

NOV 1915-APR 1916
Shackleton and crew drift on ice, then row through rough ocean waters all the way to Elephant Island.

CROSSING THE ANTARCTIC CIRCLE

Sailing to 66°33—the Antarctic Circle—is a milestone few travelers reach!



SUMMER ROMANCE

Penguins exhibit courtship rituals (bowing, preening) from NOVEMBER to MID-DECEMBER on the Antarctic Peninsula. Male gentoo penguins sometimes woo a female by giving her a well-chosen rock!



ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

Weddell Sea

PENGUIN CHICKS!

Wildlife-viewing is excellent in the Antarctic from MID-DECEMBER to MID-FEBRUARY. Especially eye-catching are the penguin chicks.

INCREDIBLE SNOWSCAPES

The Antarctic Peninsula is at its most pristine from NOVEMBER to MID-DECEMBER. As the region wakes up from winter, pure white snowscapes stretch beyond the horizons.

BIRDS OF SOUTH GEORGIA

Albatross and Cape petrels guide your ship to South Georgia, also known as the Galapagos of the South Seas.

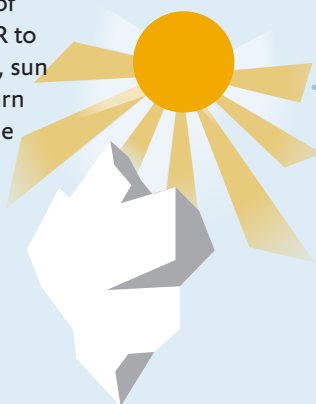


KING PENGUINS

Salisbury Plain, South Georgia, is home to an incredible rookery of about 500,000 King penguins.

BLUE-TINTED ICEBERGS

During the mid-summer period of MID-DECEMBER to MID-FEBRUARY, sun and salt water turn icebergs into blue works of art.



APR-MAY 1916

Shackleton and five crewmen row to South Georgia to find help for the sailors left on Elephant Island.



DEC 5, 1914

Endurance departs Grytviken whaling station on South Georgia.

SOUTH GEORGIA

CALVING GLACIERS!

Thunderous glacier-calving, when chunks of glaciers crash into the sea, is common MID-FEBRUARY to LATE MARCH.

HONORING SHACKLETON

Heroic polar explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton, who died in 1922, is buried in the cemetery at Grytviken on South Georgia Island.



OVERNIGHT CAMPING IN ANTARCTICA

Sleeping outdoors overnight in a bivy sac on the Peninsula is an unforgettable experience.

Temperatures are at their warmest (up to 40°F/ 5°C) MID-NOVEMBER to MID-JANUARY.

ENDURANCE FOUND

A search team, using undersea drones, located Endurance at the bottom of the Weddell Sea in MARCH 2022.



NOV 21, 1915

Endurance sinks to the bottom of the Weddell Sea after being trapped in ice for over a year.

Now that you've explored the highlights of the Antarctic region, discover the wide range of itineraries Quark Expeditions offers.



Where our team can take you.

Our exciting Antarctic season offers 8 itineraries—with 30 departures—to Antarctica, the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and Patagonia. Guests will have the chance to sail on our game-changing ship *Ultramarine*. With its two twin-engine helicopters and 20 quick-deploy Zodiacs, *Ultramarine* enables guests to choose from the largest portfolio of off-ship adventure options in the polar industry and to explore the Antarctic by land, by ice, by sea, and by air.

*Map is not to scale.
Itineraries shown are for illustrative purposes only.
Actual itinerary is dependent on weather and ice conditions.*



Innovative Antarctic itineraries.

Our innovative team has created eight one-of-a-kind itineraries to take you over and beyond—by ship, helicopter, kayak, Zodiac and by foot—in the Antarctic region.

Watch a preview of our
Antarctic 2024/2025 season!

Exclusive Heli-Landing in Antarctica

In This Section

- › Eight itineraries from 8 to 23 days.
- › Explore pristine, unspoiled Patagonia.
See pages 16 and 17
- › Join our expert-led Penguin Safari.
See page 25



1 departure | 15 days

March 13, 2025

📍 **Embarkation:** Ushuaia, Argentina

📍 **Disembarkation:** Punta Arenas, Chile

See Dates and Rates for details.

✈️ **Charter flight:**

Between Santiago, Chile /
Buenos Aires, Argentina

(included in mandatory transfer package)

Ship:

Ultramarine

Adventure Options:

See pages 48-49 for more details.



Essential Patagonia: Chilean Fjords and Torres del Paine

Retrace Charles Darwin's epic voyage to the 'edge of the world' on this 15-day journey into Chile's spectacular network of fjords and channels in remote Patagonia. *Ultramarine's* two twin-engine helicopters enable guests to witness some of the most picturesque landscapes on Earth, as well as blue-toned glaciers, vast colonies of penguins and other wildlife.

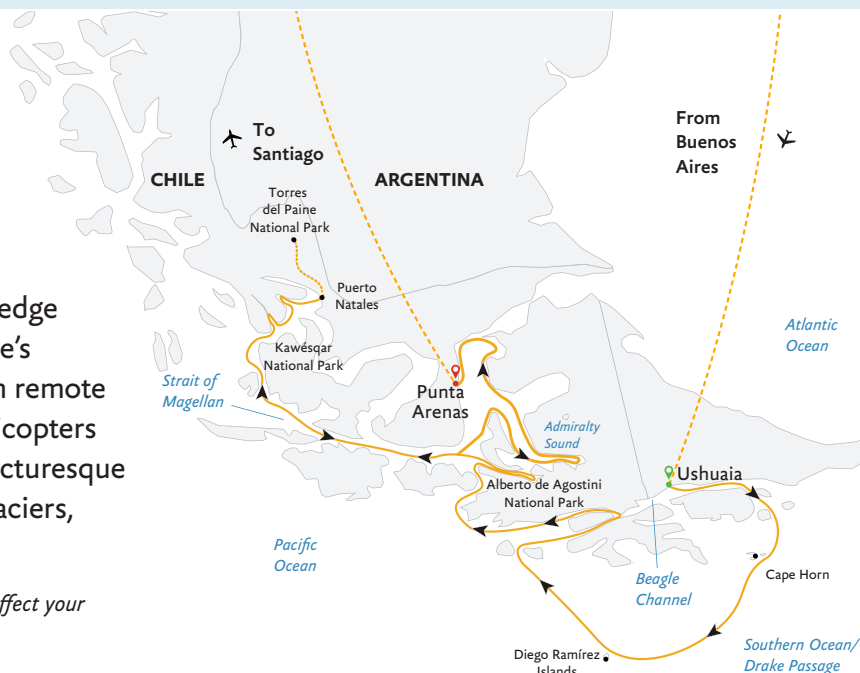
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13 departures | 11 & 12 days

November 2024 through February 2025

📍 Embarkation/Disembarkation:

Ushuaia, Argentina

See Dates and Rates for details.

✈️ **Charter flight:**

To/from Buenos Aires,
Argentina

(included in mandatory transfer
package for Ultramarine only)

Ship:

Ultramarine

World Explorer

Ocean Adventurer

Adventure Options:

Varies according to ship.

See pages 48-49 for more details.



Antarctic Explorer: Discovering the 7th Continent

The classic 11-day expedition, which begins in Ushuaia, lets you revel in the best of the South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula, including opportunities to observe penguins, whales and seabirds. Guests on the 12-day itinerary (with added transfer out of Buenos Aires) travel on *Ultramarine*—which is equipped with two twin-engine helicopters.

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Neha and Amit wanted to explore the raw, rugged terrain of Antarctica. **Hear their guest review!**

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5 departures | 14 days

January through March 2025

♥ Embarkation/Disembarkation:

Ushuaia, Argentina

See Dates and Rates for details.

✈ Charter flight:

To/from Buenos Aires,
Argentina

*(included in mandatory transfer
package for Ultramarine only)*

Ship:

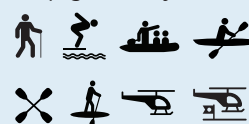
Ultramarine

Ocean Adventurer

Adventure Options:

Varies according to ship.

See pages 48-49 for more details.



Crossing the Circle: Southern Expedition

Embrace true isolation as you journey south to cross the Antarctic Circle. Enjoy the highlights of the western Peninsula as you travel toward 66°33' S! Experience the same wonders (penguins, glaciers) witnessed by early adventurers as you explore by Zodiac, on foot and helicopter.

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Fly/Cruise Express

For time-strapped travelers who really want to visit Antarctica—and perhaps don't want to use up all of their vacation time—Quark Expeditions offers the perfect solution: Our Fly/Cruise Express option.

Instead of spending two days crossing the 800-km Drake Passage, which is also known as the Drake Shake due to the sometimes rough waters, guests can fly from Punta Arenas, Chile, to King George Island, Antarctica, in a staggeringly short two hours.

Choose your Fly/Cruise Express voyage to explore Antarctica with the best expedition team in the industry!





reasons to fly across the Drake Passage

- 1 It's the fastest way to Antarctica.**
By flying you across the Drake Passage, we can shave 2 days off your travel time, meaning you can explore Antarctica with the best expedition team in the industry on an 8-day voyage. Total timesaver!
- 2 Enjoy aerial views of the Antarctic landscape during the crossing.** Guests will enjoy their first glimpse of the dramatic Antarctic landscape as their chartered plane descends in the South Shetland Islands.
- 3 Avoid the potentially choppy waters of the Drake Passage.** While some travelers view the ship crossing as an Antarctic rite of passage, others prefer the comfort of flying.
- 4 Use the time you save to explore Punta Arenas.** The extra days you shave off your schedule by choosing one of our Fly/Cruise Express voyages can be devoted to exploring the lively Chilean metropolis of Punta Arenas.
- 5 You won't forego your dream of a polar adventure!** Time can be a deal-breaker for many travelers who long to explore Antarctica. Our time-efficient Fly/Cruise option can make your polar dream trip a reality!

6 departures | 8 days

December 2024 through January 2025

📍 Embarkation/Disembarkation:

King George Island, Antarctica

See Dates and Rates for details.

✈️ **Charter flight:**

To/From Punta Arenas,
Chile (included)

Ship:

World Explorer
Ocean Adventurer

Adventure Options:

Varies according to ship.

See pages 48-49 for more details.



Antarctic Express: Fly the Drake

Our fastest trip to Antarctica is ideal for first-timers and time-strapped travelers, and those who prefer not to sail the Drake Passage. Fly from Punta Arenas to King George Island to enjoy eight days of wildlife observation, polar history and off-ship adventures!

Nature is the tour guide: Sea, ice, and weather conditions will affect your trip itinerary. Embrace the unexpected.

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1 departure | 11 days

January 24, 2025

📍 Embarkation/Disembarkation:
King George Island, Antarctica
See Dates and Rates for details.

✈ Charter flight:

To/From Punta Arenas,
Chile *(included)*

Ship:

Ocean Adventurer

Adventure Options:

See pages 48-49 for more details.



Antarctic Express: Crossing the Circle

Embrace true isolation as you journey south to cross the Antarctic Circle. Enjoy the highlights of the western Peninsula as you travel toward 66°33' S! Observe penguin colonies, glaciers, birds and other Antarctic wonders as you explore by Zodiac, ship and on foot.

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2 departures | 20 days

November and December 2024

📍 Embarkation/Disembarkation: Ushuaia, Argentina

See Dates and Rates for details.

Ship:

Ocean Adventurer

Adventure Options:

See pages 48-49 for more details.



Falklands (Malvinas), South Georgia and Antarctica: Explorers and Kings

Explore the entire Antarctic region! Wander the quaint British town of Stanley in the Falkland Islands, view 30 bird species and four types of penguins in South Georgia, and explore the 7th Continent by ship, Zodiac, kayak and on foot while learning from polar experts.

Nature is the tour guide: Sea, ice, and weather conditions will affect your trip itinerary. Embrace the unexpected.



Guest Review: Patrick admired the way the expedition team fine-tuned his South Georgia adventure so it was all about discovery.

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2 departures | 18 days

January and February 2025

📍 Embarkation/Disembarkation: Ushuaia, Argentina

See Dates and Rates for details.

Ship:

World Explorer

Ocean Adventurer

Adventure Options:

Varies according to ship.

See pages 48-49 or more details.



South Georgia and Antarctic Peninsula: Penguin Safari

This is the fastest way to explore the Antarctica Peninsula and South Georgia. Expect albatross and petrels to guide your ship toward South Georgia where you'll find beaches teeming with King penguins and seals. You can visit Sir Ernest Shackleton's grave at Grytviken. Then experience vast polar landscapes, penguin rookeries and off-ship adventures on the Peninsula.

Nature is the tour guide: Sea, ice, and weather conditions will affect your flights and trip itinerary. Embrace the unexpected!



Guest Review: "To see that many birds and penguins in one place was like a fantasy!" —Vivian, South Georgia Voyage

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1 departure | 23 days

December 16, 2024

📍 Embarkation/Disembarkation:

Ushuaia, Argentina

See Dates and Rates for details.

✈️ **Charter flight:**

To/from Buenos Aires,
Argentina

Ship:

Ultramarine

Adventure Options:

See pages 48-49 for more details.



Epic Antarctica: Crossing the Circle via the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas) and South Georgia

Experience every highlight of the Antarctic region! This 23-day in-depth voyage includes historic Falkland Islands (home to seals, dolphins and penguins), wildlife-rich South Georgia (known as the "Galapagos of the South Seas") and the iconic Antarctic Peninsula—plus a crossing of the Antarctic Circle.



Guest Review: Ian and Christine's South Georgia and Antarctic voyage included time out with penguins and a "brilliant" lecture program!

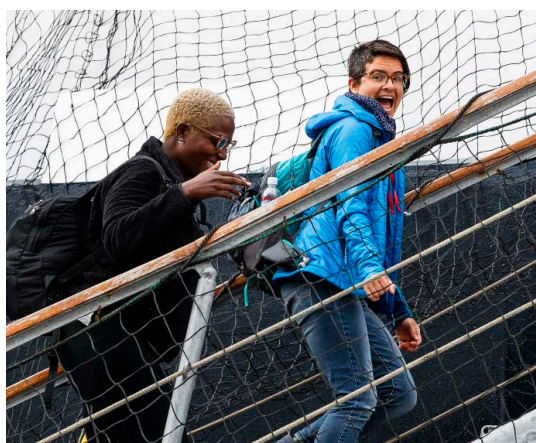
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When it comes to polar expeditions, you're only as good as where your ships can take you.

Quark Expeditions maintains the most diverse fleet of small polar vessels in the industry. Guest capacity ranges from 128 to 199, which creates an intimate and relaxed onboard atmosphere. The small size of our vessels also means we're able to navigate hard-to-reach places in the Antarctic that larger cruise ships can't reach.

Each ship delivers a unique experience of its own. You get to choose. *Ultramarine*, with its two helicopters and 20 quick-deploy Zodiacs, offers the most off-ship adventures in the Polar Regions. The all-balcony suites *World Explorer* is the only ship in the world with a L'Occitane Spa. And the classic touches of *Ocean Adventurer* make it a favorite with guests and crew alike.

Ultramarine

The newest ship in our fleet, *Ultramarine* is designed to go beyond the familiar in polar exploration, to help you explore new places, and to immerse you in the best the region has to offer. Equipped with two twin-engine helicopters, *Ultramarine* offers the most robust portfolio of adventure activities in the industry, and features the category's most spacious suites, breathtaking public spaces, and more outdoor wildlife viewing spaces than other expedition ships its size. *Ultramarine* is equipped with advanced sustainability features that exceed all industry standards.

With all this and more, Ultramarine is perfectly positioned to deliver the ultimate polar expedition experience.

Ship Specifications:



Staff & Crew:
140



Guests:
199



Lifeboats:
4, fully enclosed



Ice Class:
PC6

[Click here](#) to view all
Ultramarine departures.



Explorer Suite

One double or two single beds, picture window, refrigerator, safe, TV, and a private bathroom with shower and heated floors.



Balcony Suite

One double or two single beds, balcony, refrigerator, safe, TV, and a private bathroom with shower and heated floors. Some cabins in this category offer interconnecting rooms.



Penthouse Suite

One double or two single beds, balcony, refrigerator, safe, TV, and a private bathroom with shower, bathtub and heated floors.



Terrace Suite

One double or two single beds, balcony, refrigerator, safe, TV, and a private bathroom with shower, bathtub and heated floors.

Here's a look at some of the accommodations on *Ultramarine*.
You can get all cabin details and descriptions of room amenities by [clicking here!](#)



Unbeatable helicopter experience.

We're proud to be recognized in the polar industry as the Leader of Heli Adventures in the Antarctic. In fact, we have the longest-running helicopter program in the Polar Regions—dating back to 1991. Thanks to our innovative team, Antarctic 2024/25 will be our most helicopter-focused season ever as *Ultramarine's* two twin-engine H145 helicopters enable us to take travelers deeper into the Antarctic than anyone else.

We offer the largest portfolio of off-ship adventure options in the industry. Our numerous helicopter-supported activities—designed to take guests beyond the polar horizons—include, among others:



FLIGHTSEEING



EXCLUSIVE HELI-LANDING





Most experienced crew.

Our team draws on 30 years of heli-expertise. You'll fly with:

- The best trained helicopter pilots in the polar industry
- Pilots who are well-traveled and worldly
- Guides who are personable, and always create an intimate and accessible flight experience.



Adventure meets luxury.

You'll enjoy superior comfort while flying over the pristine polar landscape.

- Best-in-class window sizes for viewing and photography
- Five out of seven guests get a window seat
- Quiet flying experience
- Designed for ultimate comfort.



Advanced sustainability.

In keeping with our Polar Promise, our helicopters were selected for their:

- Status as the most fuel-efficient aircrafts of their category
- Small external footprint
- Reduced noise pollution.



Industry leading polar safety.

Our state-of-the-art aircrafts are equipped with the latest technology that places our helicopters among the safest in their class.

ULTRAMARINE

A day onboard.

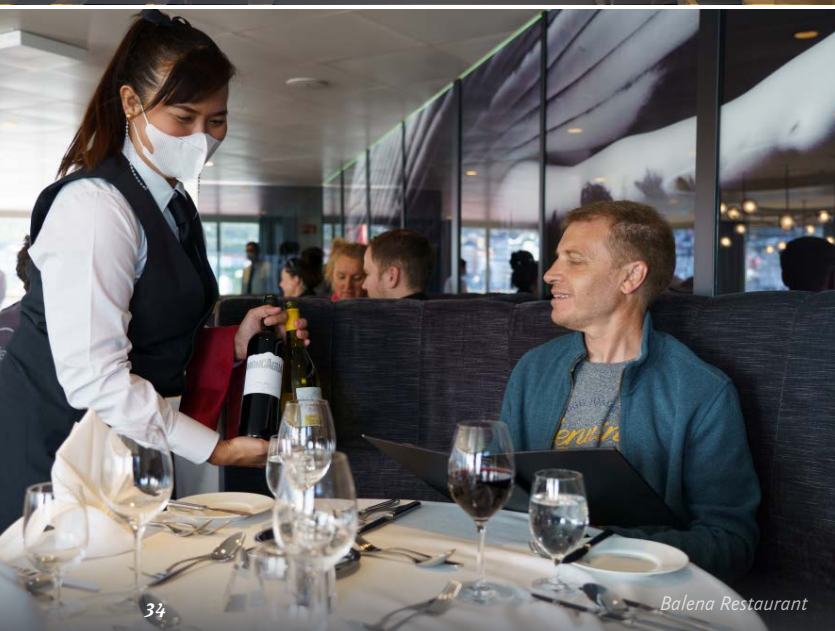
Relax, explore, learn, reflect,
and so much more!



Penthouse Suite



Ready Room



Balena Restaurant

Wake up in your spa-inspired suite.

Every guest on *Ultramarine* wakes up to a view of the polar landscape. Private bathrooms with heated floors add to your morning comfort. Other possible amenities, depending on your suite: a picture window and/or balcony, a walk-in closet and sitting area, among other extra touches.

Join the early birds in Bistro 487.

Consider a quiet walk on the deck and then enjoy a morning cup of java with other early risers before breakfast.

Enjoy breakfast with a view.

Feel free to remain in Bistro 487 for your breakfast, or choose a table in our sleek, modern dining-room, Balena, which is designed with window views in every direction.

Get ready to explore the polar environment.

Get suited up for an off-ship excursion in *Ultramarine's* specially-designed Ready Rooms, complete with individual lockers to store and dry personal items while you enjoy your Zodiac cruise through the polar waters.

Keep your ears open for morning announcements.

Your Expedition Leader will announce any updates to the daily program and share weather announcements over the PA system to help you plan your day.

Enjoy wildlife views from the ship.

Ultramarine has more open deck space for viewing wildlife than any other polar vessel of its size. Watch for whales, birds and other wildlife from the comfort of the ship.

Lunch.

Enjoy a delicious lunch while swapping stories and expedition experiences with fellow guests in our Balena Restaurant or Bistro 487.

Relax in the *Ultramarine* library.

Lose yourself in one of the many books on a wide array of polar subjects in the comfortable library.

Enjoy an unforgettable off-ship Adventure Option.

Choose from *Ultramarine's* robust portfolio of off-ship adventure options, such as sea kayaking or stand-up paddleboarding, or sign up for one of our helicopter-supported adventure options such as exclusive heli-landing. Book in advance.

Relax and rejuvenate back on the ship.

Consider a soothing massage or visit the steam room in Tundra, *Ultramarine's* beautifully designed spa. Or practice yoga in the Studio. Then perhaps experience our sauna with floor-to-ceiling windows that allow you to stay connected to the polar landscape while relaxing indoors.

Attend an expert presentation.

Join fellow guests in *Ultramarine's* Ambassadors Theater to learn from knowledgeable experts who present on various polar subjects. The schedule of these presentations will be determined by the day's activities.

Pre-dinner cocktails.

Enjoy a cocktail with fellow guests while your Expedition Leader enthusiastically shares the daily recap and outlines the plan for the following day.



Dinner is served.

Sit down to a gourmet meal—inspired by cuisines from around the world—in the Balena Restaurant, which features outstanding views from every seat, full access to the 360-degree wraparound deck, and a variety of seating configurations to comfortably accommodate all guests and expedition staff. You also have the option of dining in the more casual and intimate Bistro 487.

Call it a day.

Wrap up your day with a drink in the Panorama Lounge with your new friends, or head out onto the deck to take in the calm, low-light at the end of the day. Then it's back to your spa-inspired cabin to rest up for tomorrow—another life-changing day on *Ultramarine*.



From wilderness to wellness.

Guests on *Ultramarine* have plenty of opportunities to rejuvenate and relax onboard the ship after a day in the polar wilderness, especially in Tundra, our state-of-the-art spa on Deck 7.

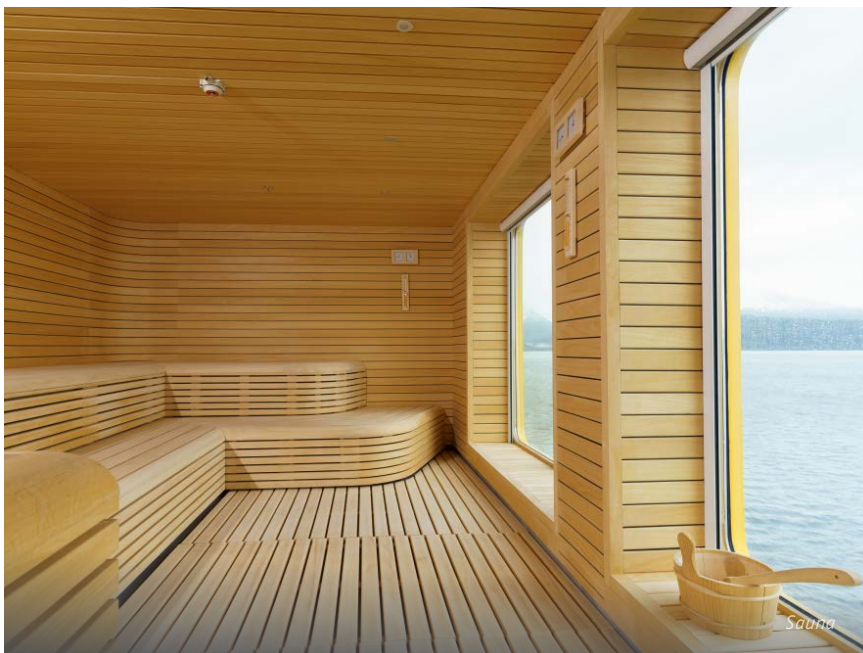


Tundra Spa

In collaboration with VOYA of Ireland, Tundra Spa is the core of our wellness offering on *Ultramarine*.

Amenities include:

- › Two dedicated treatment rooms with heated massage beds, as well as shower facilities, hair treatment studio, and a post-treatment relaxation room with ocean views.
- › An array of massages, body scrubs and wraps, including our signature Tundra Hot Stone Massage Journey.
- › All treatments feature VOYA organic skincare products, made with hand-harvested seaweed oils.



Sauna

The sauna on *Ultramarine* features floor-to-ceiling windows, which enable guests to stay connected to the polar landscape outside.

Steam Room

The steam room is the perfect place for guests to relax and rejuvenate after exploring off-ship.

Fitness Center and Studio

Our fitness center is equipped with state-of-the-art equipment by Technogym, and the Studio is equipped with mats and balls for stretching or informal yoga.



Nutritious Meals

Contemporary cuisine with lighter options is served at our two restaurants.

Clean Air

In addition to the fresh Antarctic air, guests breathe easy onboard thanks to *Ultramarine's* advanced air filtration system.





Food & drink.

Food is an integral element on *Ultramarine* voyages. In addition to enjoying fine dining inspired by cuisines from around the world, mealtime is an excellent way to connect with fellow passengers and expedition team members.

Our internationally trained chefs work with local experts across our far-flung destinations to source local items that provide an authentic flavor accent to food and beverage offerings. Desserts are fabulous! Afternoon tea, with pastries or cookies, is offered 4 pm daily. Fresh pastries arrive warm from the oven for early birds about 6 am. Guests on *Ultramarine* can choose from two restaurants, as well as two additional bars. Please inform our team of dietary restrictions when you book your voyage.





Bistro 487

Balena

Balena is our finer dining restaurant on *Ultramarine*, serving contemporary cuisine for breakfast, lunch and dinner with capacity to seat all guests and the entire expedition team at the same time. Expect globally inspired dishes and regional specialties that feature locally sourced and sustainable ingredients. Savor house wines and beers at lunch and dinner or select from the beverage menu. Spirits cost extra. Balena, designed so that every seat has a good view, provides direct access onto the wraparound deck.

Bistro 487

Bistro 487 is the more casual restaurant on Deck 7, serving extended breakfast, lunch, and dinner to accommodate those who rise early or late or simply want a change of scenery. Bistro 487 serves quicker meals and offers “grab and go” staples between meal times. With access to outdoor seating on the aft deck, Bistro 487 hosts the popular barbecues and is ideal for guests who like to enjoy a coffee or cocktail outdoors.



Ambassadors Lounge

Ambassadors

Ambassadors is the main theater/lounge on *Ultramarine*, where guests enjoy informative talks and presentations from expedition staff, polar experts, and special guests. The Ambassadors bar is open during presentation hours and special events.



Panorama Lounge

Panorama Lounge

The Panorama Lounge on Deck 7 is the main bar on *Ultramarine* and features spectacular forward views, comfortable seating and a friendly atmosphere offering an array of specialty cocktails, 24-hour coffee and tea, plus a well-stocked polar library.

World Explorer

World Explorer has been designed for superior comfort, with the beauty of Antarctica right at your doorstep: each cabin is a suite with a private balcony. This is one of the first expedition ships in the world to operate on low-emission, sustainable hybrid technology from Rolls-Royce. Facilities include a glass-domed Observation Lounge, Explorer Lounge and Bar, dining room, auditorium, outdoor running track, gym, sauna, the world's first ever L'Occitane Sea Spa, heated outdoor pool and Polar Boutique.

Ship Specifications:



Staff & Crew:
125



Guests:
172



Lifeboats:
2, fully enclosed



Ice Class:
1B

[Click here](#) to view
all *World Explorer*
departures.



Triple Suite

One double or two single beds and a sofa bed, private bathroom, sitting area and walk-out balcony.



Veranda Suite

One double or two single beds, private bathroom, sitting area and walk-out balcony.



Superior Suite

One double or two single beds, private bathroom, walk-in closet, walk-out balcony and separate sitting area.



Owner's Suite

One double or two single beds, private bathroom with double vanity and bathtub, walk-out balcony and separate sitting area.

Here's a look at some of the accommodations on *World Explorer*.
You can get all cabin details and descriptions of room amenities by [clicking here!](#)



Ocean Adventurer

A guest favorite, *Ocean Adventurer* has undergone a multi-million-dollar renovation. The ship's traditional mahogany and brass décor has been complemented by a completely refreshed lounge and dining room, as well as new bathrooms in public spaces and all cabins, updated Suites, and the addition of six Deluxe and three Owner's Suites. Technical improvements feature two Rolls-Royce engines that increase fuel efficiency and minimize the ship's carbon footprint. Facilities include a dining room, multipurpose lounge and bar, gym, Polar Library and Polar Boutique.

Ship Specifications:



Staff & Crew:
87



Guests:
128



Lifeboats:
4, partially enclosed



Ice Class:
1A

[Click here](#) to view
all *Ocean Adventurer*
departures.



Main Deck Porthole

A Main Deck Twin Porthole cabin has two lower berths, private facilities, and a porthole with exterior views.



Main Deck Twin Window

Two lower beds, private bathroom and window with exterior view.



Deluxe

Two lower beds, private bathroom, windows with exterior views.



Owner's Suite

Double bed, private sitting area, private bathroom, multiple windows with exterior views.

Here's a look at some of the accommodations on *Ocean Adventurer*.
You can get all cabin details and descriptions of room amenities by [clicking here!](#)

Your life onboard.

Quark Expeditions' fleet provides guests with many options to engage, relax, learn and stay connected to the polar environment even when they're onboard the ship.



Onboard enrichment

Daily presentations by experts in glaciology, penguinology, history, ornithology, marine biology and other polar-related subjects deepen your expedition experience.



Daily briefings and recaps

Guests can expect updates each morning on the day's highlights, weather changes and itinerary along with daily summaries in the afternoon/evening.



Opportunities to connect

Connect with fellow guests and expedition team members. Guests frequently interact with expedition team members in the dining room and on outer decks.



Wildlife viewing

Every ship has easy-access spots to observe wildlife while onboard. Our newest ship, *Ultramarine*, has more outdoor wildlife viewing spaces than other expedition ships its size.



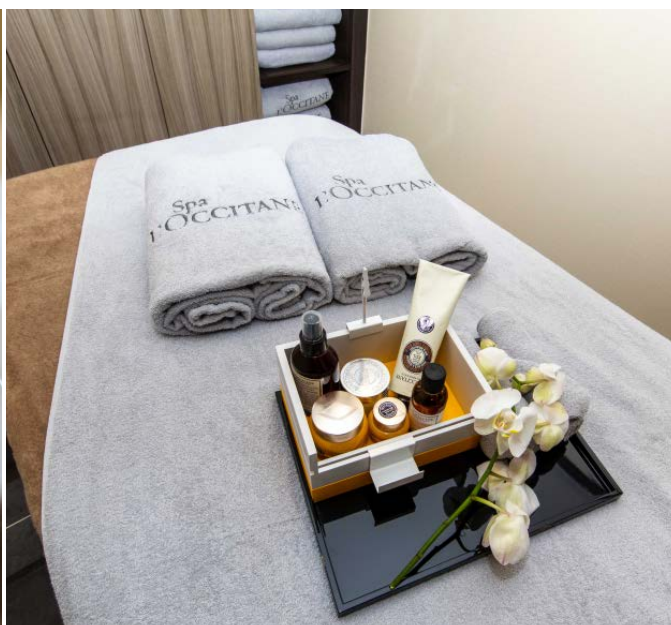
Lounge and bar

Each ship offers a lounge and bar(s) for guests to gather together to enjoy coffee and afternoon snacks, socialize over drinks and for staff presentations.



Superb dining

Our internationally-trained chefs oversee a menu that changes daily. Our culinary team strives to satisfy dietary preferences and tastes. Breakfast and lunch feature a buffet while dinner is a plated service. Afternoon tea (with pastries or cookies) is provided late afternoon, and fresh pastries are available for early birds before breakfast.



Exercise and wellness

Amenities vary from ship to ship and can include outdoor walking tracks, gyms, saunas, spas with change rooms, showers and lockers. *Ultramarine* offers a sauna with floor-to-ceiling windows and fitness studio, while *World Explorer* has the world's only l'Occitane spa at sea.



Quark Expeditions maintains the most robust portfolio of adventure options in the industry—offering guests the opportunity to experience the Antarctic landscape in ways never before imagined. Our new ship *Ultramarine*—with its two twin-engine helicopters and 20 quick-launching Zodiacs—is a game changer in polar adventure. Guests choose from exclusive heli-landing and Zodiac cruising to flightseeing and kayaking and more.



Quark Expeditions' guests soar over and sail beyond the Antarctic horizon.

Choose your off-ship adventure!

Some off-ship activities are included in your expedition package, while others (Adventure Options) cost extra and need to be booked in advance.

All of our Included Activities and Adventure Options are weather-permitting. Activity offerings vary by itinerary. See individual itineraries for specific details.

Included activities



Zodiac Cruising

These reinforced rubber skiffs whisk you safely from ship to shoreline and back, taking you into shallow waters the ship can't reach. Touring by Zodiac on the look-out for wildlife is an intimate and relaxing way to explore.



Walking/Hiking

Hiking in Antarctica is free-form and supervised by our staff, who set out a perimeter at each landing site within which you are free to explore. Some walking poles are available upon request; bring your own if you require them on every landing.



**On Ultramarine voyages only*



Flightseeing

Enjoying a bird's-eye view of the Antarctic—icebergs, glaciers, snow-capped peaks, ocean expanses—from the seat of a helicopter provides a unique perspective of the polar wilderness.



Polar Plunge

As madcap as it looks, this activity sees willing participants jumping into the bone-chilling ocean waters. It's a polar rite of passage—and the photo ops are priceless. Dare yourself to take the plunge!

Adventure Options



Sea Kayaking

Kayaking along the rugged coastlines and through the calm bays with an experienced guide is one of the most inspiring ways to explore pristine Antarctica. Guests in the sea kayaking program typically paddle multiple times during their expedition.



Paddling Excursion

A guided, one-time, one-hour paddle lets you enjoy the tranquil polar surroundings from an intimate perspective. Just imagine yourself gliding along on a stable, sit-on-top kayak, totally at one with the water.



Stand-Up Paddleboarding

Part surfing, part paddling, this water sport is an intimate way to experience Antarctica from the unique vantage point of the water.



Camping

It may sound unbelievable, but camping overnight on the 7th Continent is absolutely wonderful—snug in your warm, water-resistant and breathable bivy under the dim glow of a polar sky with an intimate group of campers.



Exclusive Heli-Landing

A small group of guests (with guides) will be transported by helicopter to a polar site where you'll have time to relax and enjoy your polar surroundings, after which the helicopters will pick up guests in the same spot and return to the ship.



Guest Review: Feel Angelo's excitement as he recalls seeing the Antarctic from the sea, the land—and the sky!

Polar Travel Advisors.

Our dedicated team of polar specialists are available to help you from the first email exchange or initial phone call to the friendly follow-up after you've returned home after your voyage. Trust our team of Polar Travel Advisors to have the information you need to plan your life-changing Antarctic journey.



Polar Experience

All of our Polar Travel Advisors have first-hand experience in the Polar Regions. Some have made multiple polar voyages throughout their career.



Multilingual

Collectively, our Polar Travel Advisors are fluent in English, French, Spanish, Mandarin and Italian.



In-Depth Knowledge

Our Polar Travel Advisors undergo rigorous training. All of them are thoroughly versed in the guidelines and regulations of the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO) and the Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators (AECO).

Why travel with us?

We go to the ends of the earth to chart new adventures, so you can set foot where few ever will. As the Leader in Polar Adventures, we're committed to taking you beyond the ordinary. We'll take you to places no one else can.

| Good explorers respect their environment. Great ones protect it.

Our Polar Promise sustainability plan includes key initiatives like reducing emissions, and reusing or recycling 100% of waste. We're committed to preserving the beauty of the Antarctic.

| Explore alongside the most seasoned polar experts on Earth.

When you venture into the untouched wilds of the Antarctic, you need a great team around you—and we have the greatest. Your guests will join elite guides trained at Quark Academy, and interact directly with world-class polar experts.

| Join the greatest fleet on the frozen seas.

When it comes to polar expeditions, you're only as good as where your ships can take you. And our diverse fleet of small polar vessels can take you to places larger ships can't!

| Venture far beyond the ordinary with us.

Quark Expeditions goes where others simply can't. Or won't. Our expert guides' abilities to read unknown terrain means where there's a will, there's a way—and that way could be by kayak, Zodiac boat or helicopter.

| Set foot where few ever will, and do what few ever dream.

The real adventures occur off-ship in the polar wilds, where we camp, paddleboard, hike, kayak, and explore by helicopter.

| We go to the ends of the earth to chart new adventures.

We've been pioneering new types of polar expeditions for over 30 years. We offer the most itineraries—and the most varied. More places to explore, more ways to explore them.

| Discover Earth's hidden beauty with a team dedicated to polar exploration.

Polar exploration is our life's work. It's the only thing we do—in fact, the only thing we've done since 1991. We understand these unique, otherworldly domains like few others do.

Traveling Solo on a Quark Expeditions Voyage.

Our expeditions are ideal for guests traveling on their own. Here's why:



Cost-savings for solo travelers.

Solo travelers can take advantage of Quark Expeditions' Request-Share program, which pairs you with a cabin mate of the same gender. Neither of you pay the single supplement. If a cabin mate cannot be found, we waive the single supplement!

Small group ambience.

We limit guest capacity to 199, which means you'll be on first-name basis with fellow guests and staff in no time at all.

Intimate atmosphere and instant camaraderie.

The camaraderie on our small ships is almost immediate! Our adventure guides and expert presenters are approachable, and always eager to talk about their polar expertise. You'll never lack for passionate, friendly conversations!

Meals together.

There is no assigned seating. Our restaurants and dining-rooms include tables for two, four, eight and larger groups, and solo travelers are always welcome to dine with fellow guests and new-found friends.

Off-ship adventure options.

Off-ship activities are perfectly suited for connecting and "becoming best buddies" with fellow guests sharing the same exciting polar adventure.

Communal spaces throughout the ship.

Our small vessels are designed with spaces to meet and mingle, discuss the day's adventures, or enjoy a drink at the end of the day. Lounges, lecture theaters (some with small tables and chairs), bars, library, and viewing spaces on the deck nurture spontaneous conversations.

Polar passion is a great connector.

It's impossible to observe majestic wildlife and not turn to the guest next to you to share your excitement. The joy of being with like-minded travelers is one of the best perks for the guests.

We occasionally feature special offers for solo travelers. **Subscribe to our newsletter** to learn about these special promotions, as well as updates on new products and itineraries.

A Polar-Perfect Parka

(yours to keep!)

3-IN-1 HOODED PARKA

Water resistant shell with removable insulating layer can be worn as a stand-alone piece for warmer polar days or your journey home.

REMOVABLE,
ADJUSTABLE HOOD

REFLECTIVE
PATCHES

5 OUTER AND 2 INNER POCKETS

for carrying
camera accessories
and extra gear.

POLAR EXPEDITION

DROP TAIL

For added protection
when seated outdoors.



What's included on your expedition?

In addition to the Quark Parka, you get:

- › Access to the best, most experienced experts in the polar industry
- › Zodiac cruising and shore landings, morning and afternoon, weather permitting
- › Online photo journal post-voyage
- › Three delicious meals a day, plus snacks
- › Port transfers
- › Included hotels
- › The best educational programming led by the top specialists in their fields
- › Wine or beer with dinner, soft drinks any time, coffee and tea around the clock
- › The loan of waterproof neoprene boots
- › Taxes, port charges and emergency evacuation insurance for total peace of mind

Sustainability.

Good explorers respect their environment. Great ones protect it. In April 2019, we reinforced our commitment to the Polar Regions with the unveiling of **POLAR PROMISE**—the most comprehensive and holistic sustainability strategy in place in the Polar Regions. In Polar Promise, Quark Expeditions identifies measurable goals to be reached by 2025.

This infographic reflects
QUARK EXPEDITIONS'
sustainability successes and goals—
celebrating our past while...

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE!

REDUCE SINGLE-USE PLASTICS

Quark Expeditions continues to drastically reduce single-use plastics on board our ships. In 2019, we eliminated:



Single use bottles.
Our guests receive their own reusable water bottles!



Individual yogurt containers.



Parka bags.
Now in bundles versus individual plastic bags.

**FUN
FACTS**

By working with our hotel provider, we've **replaced individually wrapped items** like butter, sugar, jam, honey, and yogurt with bulk versions.

We've **installed water fountains** on our vessels so that guests can refill their own reusable Quark Expeditions water bottle as needed.

Cabins have been **outfitted with soap and shampoo dispensers** to reduce waste, and we provide straws, paper napkins, and receipts only on request.

OFF-SHIP INITIATIVES

USD

Our annual goal to support Polar Research and Conservation.



Quark Expeditions provides free berths to conservation and scientific organizations, giving scientists access to remote regions to further their research. In addition, a portion of the proceeds from our onboard auctions are directed to these organizations.

USD

Auction proceeds supporting South Georgia Heritage Trust and Friends of South Georgia.



The funds, raised since 2014, support the Habitat Restoration project, whose goal was to restore the sub-Antarctic island to its original status as one of the world's most important seabird sites. Funds were used for baiting during the eradication phase and to support rodent-detecting dogs for the current monitoring and maintenance phase.

TRAINING THROUGH NALUNAIQSIJIT:

THE INUIT CRUISE TRAINING INITIATIVE



Through Nalunaiqsijit—The Inuit Cruise Training Initiative (ICTI), Quark Expeditions hired two interns on *Ocean Adventurer* voyages to Nunavut during the Arctic 2019 season, both of whom were hired as staff during the 2019/20 Antarctic season. The goal of this Government of Nunavut program is to equip Nunavummiut with the qualifications and certifications needed to pursue opportunities in the expedition cruise industry.

EVERY PESO COUNTS

Quark Expeditions participated in SeaGreen recycling initiative during our 2018/19 Antarctic season. Proceeds from the sale of our recyclables raised **120,000 PESOS** to assist Argentinians living with a disability.



GREEN TECHNOLOGIES FOR OUR VESSELS

ULTRAMARINE

like *World Explorer*, will be equipped with a Micro Auto Gasification System that thermally breaks down waste, reducing its volume by

UP TO 95%



**40 DAYS
ZERO
WASTE**

These advanced waste systems mean the technologically-advanced vessel can operate for **40 DAYS** and discharge no solid waste!

Ultramarine has sufficient effluent storage to operate at full capacity with **340 PEOPLE** (guests and crew) for **5 DAYS**, eliminating the need for any discharge in particularly sensitive areas.



Ultramarine's LED lighting can potentially use **50% LESS** energy than standard fluorescent lighting.

The future looks bright!



Fuel-efficient *Ultramarine*
We expect the average daily fuel consumption of *Ultramarine* to be approximately half the consumption of older chartered vessels of similar size.

THE CARBON EMISSIONS CHALLENGE!

OUR GOAL BY 2025

Quark Expeditions will reduce carbon emissions by:

10%



**PER PASSENGER
PER DAY**
from the 5-year
rolling average

Our Polar Promise.

See what inspires
our Polar Promise.

*Our sustainability strategy is an ongoing journey. Join us on our voyage to preserve the polar regions for generations to come!
For more on our comprehensive Polar Promise strategy, visit: [QuarkExpeditions.com/Sustainability](https://www.QuarkExpeditions.com/Sustainability)*

Join us at the other end of the earth.

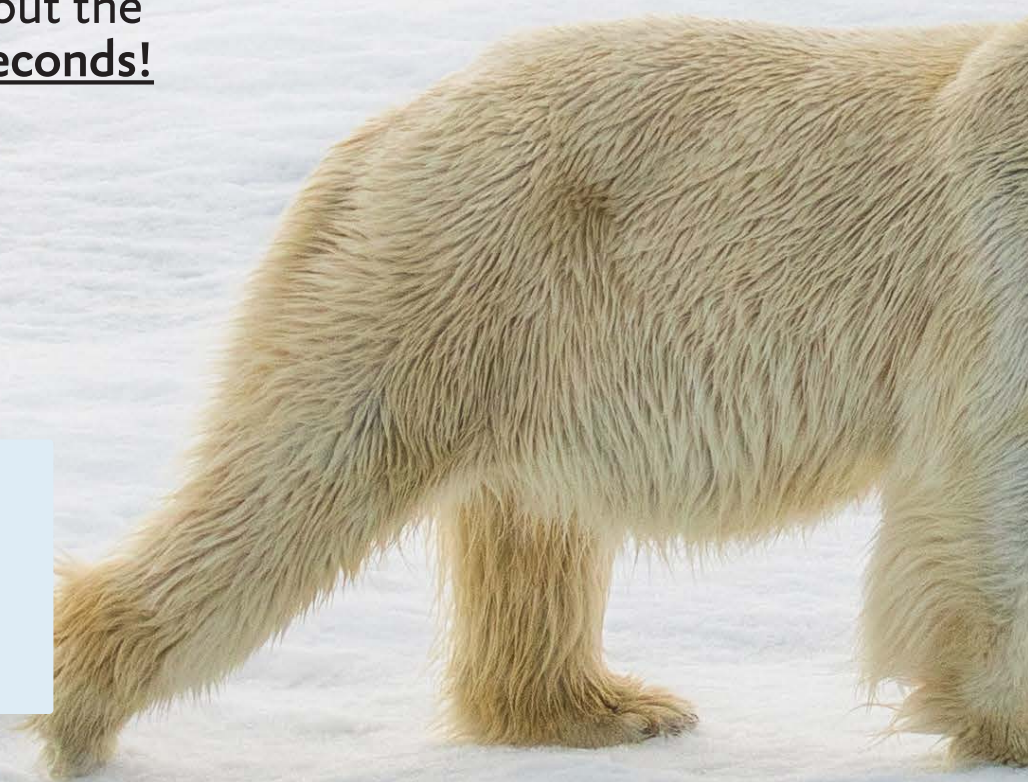
Once you've experienced life-changing adventures in the Antarctic, perhaps you'll want to consider equally immersive voyages in the other Polar Region, the remote Arctic. For decades, we've explored multiple Arctic destinations: Svalbard, the Wildlife Capital of the Arctic; Greenland, the domain of icebergs, polar bears, muskoxen and Viking history; and the remote, ruggedly beautiful Canadian High Arctic known for its beautiful landscapes, wildlife and Inuit culture. We have the passion and unparalleled polar expertise to custom-build the most in-depth and unique adventure for every type of polar traveler.

For details on Arctic voyages, visit www.QuarkExpeditions.com

Let us tell you about the Arctic in just 60 seconds!



Guest review: The chance to walk across a completely alien landscape inspired Brian to visit the Arctic!



Polar bear taking in the Arctic air.

Ways to Save



SHACKLETON CLUB LOYALTY PROGRAM

The Shackleton Club rewards all returning passengers with an additional 5% savings on all future voyages with Quark Expeditions.



BACK-TO-BACK SAILINGS

Combine two or more consecutive voyages and enjoy an additional 5% savings.

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POLAR ADVENTURES

Schiffs- und Flug- Expeditionen
in Arktis und Antarktis

Saison Antarktis 25-26

Reederei Direkt-Angebote

ab-bis Hafen für individuelle Planungen

**alle Abfahrten der Saison inkl.
englischsprachiger Termine**

Dates and Rates

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Standard Cabin

Premium Cabin

Ocean Explorer

CABIN CATEGORIES													
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	Save 30%	€9,446 EUR	€12,106 EUR	€10,636 EUR	€11,126 EUR	€11,476 EUR	€10,076 EUR	€12,106 EUR	€13,926 EUR	€12,526 EUR	€12,876 EUR	€14,486 EUR	€15,606 EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%	€8,501 EUR	€10,895 EUR	€9,572 EUR	€10,013 EUR	€10,328 EUR	€9,068 EUR	€10,895 EUR	€12,500 Chat	€11,273 EUR	€11,588 EUR	€13,037 EUR	€14,045 EUR
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	Save 30%	€18,616 EUR	€23,796 EUR	€20,716 EUR	€21,836 EUR	€22,466 EUR	€19,596 EUR	€23,796 EUR	€27,226 EUR	€24,426 EUR	€25,126 EUR	€28,346 EUR	€30,516 EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%	€16,754 EUR	€21,416 EUR	€18,644 EUR	€19,652 EUR	€20,219 EUR	€17,636 EUR	€21,416 EUR	€24,503 EUR	€21,983 EUR	€22,613 EUR	€25,511 EUR	€27,464 EUR
	Availability	Please Call	Sold Out	4 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	2 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	Sold Out	1 cabin	1 cabin
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ANTARCTIC OCEAN EXPLORER Antarctic Explorer: Discovering the 7th Continent Dec 01 - Dec 11, 2025 (11 days) Start Location: Ushuaia, Argentina End Location: Ushuaia, Argentina Languages: English REQUEST A QUOTE	Brochure Price	€14,505 EUR	€18,505 EUR	€16,105 EUR	€17,005 EUR	€17,405 EUR	€15,305 EUR	€18,505 EUR	€21,205 EUR	€10,005 EUR	€10,505 EUR	€22,105 EUR	€23,805 EUR
	Save 30%	€10,216 EUR	€13,016 EUR	€11,336 EUR	€11,966 EUR	€12,246 EUR	€10,776 EUR	€13,016 EUR	€14,906 EUR	€13,366 EUR	€13,716 EUR	€15,536 EUR	€16,726 EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%	€9,194 EUR	€11,714 EUR	€10,202 EUR	€10,769 EUR	€11,021 EUR	€9,698 EUR	€11,714 EUR	€13,415 EUR	€12,029 EUR	€12,344 EUR	€13,982 EUR	€15,053 EUR
	Availability	2 cabins	Sold Out	4 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	3 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	1 cabin	1 cabin	1 cabin
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS <div><div> Walking/Hiking</div><div> Polar Plunge</div><div> Zodiac Cruising</div></div>										PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS <div><div> Camping €280 EUR (25)</div><div> Paddling Excursion €280 EUR (30)</div><div> Sea Kayaking €950 EUR (13)</div></div>			

Prices are shown per person

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EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	STUDIO DOUBLE	STUDIO SINGLE	DELUXE VERANDA FORWARD STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA MIDDLE STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA STATEROOM	GRAND VERANDA STATEROOM	JUNIOR SUITE	ROYAL VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA SINGLE	EXPLORER SUITE	OWNERS SUITE
ANTARCTIC OCEAN EXPLORER Antarctic Explorer: Discovering the 7th Continent Dec 10 - Dec 20, 2025 (11 days) Start Location: Ushuaia, Argentina End Location: Ushuaia, Argentina Languages: English	Brochure Price	€14,505 EUR	€18,505 EUR	€16,105 EUR	€17,005 EUR	€17,405 EUR	€15,305 EUR	€18,505 EUR	€21,205 EUR	€10,005 EUR	€10,505 EUR	€22,105 EUR	€23,805 EUR
	Save 25%	€10,946 EUR	€13,946 EUR	€12,146 EUR	€12,821 EUR	€13,121 EUR	€11,546 EUR	€13,946 EUR	€15,971 EUR	€14,321 EUR	€14,696 EUR	€16,646 EUR	€17,921 EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%	€9,851 EUR	€12,551 EUR	€10,931 EUR	€11,539 EUR	€11,809 EUR	€10,391 EUR	€12,551 EUR	€14,374 EUR	€12,889 EUR	€13,226 EUR	€14,981 EUR	€16,129 EUR

Languages: English		Availability	2 cabins	Sold Out	4 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	1 cabin	1 cabin	1 cabin
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS										PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS				
Walking/Hiking		Polar Plunge		Zodiac Cruising		Camping €280 EUR (29)		Paddling Excursion €280 EUR (30)		Sea Kayaking €950 EUR (15)				

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EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	STUDIO DOUBLE	STUDIO SINGLE	DELUXE VERANDA FORWARD STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA MIDDLE STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA STATEROOM	GRAND VERANDA STATEROOM	JUNIOR SUITE	ROYAL VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA SINGLE	EXPLORER SUITE	OWNERS SUITE
<div>ANTARCTIC OCEAN EXPLORER</div> <div>Antarctic Explorer: Discovering the 7th Continent</div> <div><div><div>Dec 19 - Dec 29, 2025 (11 days)</div></div><div>Start Location: Ushuaia, Argentina</div><div>End Location: Ushuaia, Argentina</div><div>Languages: English</div></div> <div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div>	Brochure Price	€15,495 EUR	€10,895 EUR	€17,295 EUR	€10,295 EUR	€10,795 EUR	€10,395 EUR	€10,895 EUR	€22,795 EUR	€20,395 EUR	€20,095 EUR	€23,695 EUR	€25,495 EUR
	Save 25%	€11,621 EUR	€14,921 EUR	€12,971 EUR	€13,721 EUR	€14,096 EUR	€12,296 EUR	€14,921 EUR	€17,096 EUR	€15,296 EUR	€15,746 EUR	€17,771 EUR	€19,121 EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%	€10,459 EUR	€13,429 EUR	€11,674 EUR	€12,349 EUR	€12,686 EUR	€11,066 EUR	€13,429 EUR	€15,386 EUR	€13,766 EUR	€14,171 EUR	€15,994 EUR	€17,209 EUR
	Availability	2 cabins	1 cabin	4 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	3 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	1 cabin	1 cabin	1 cabin

INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS

Walking/Hiking

Polar Plunge

Zodiac Cruising

PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS

Camping

€280 EUR (30)

Paddling Excursion

€280 EUR (28)

Sea Kayaking

€950 EUR (16)

Prices are shown per person

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EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	STUDIO DOUBLE	STUDIO SINGLE	DELUXE VERANDA FORWARD STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA MIDDLE STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA STATEROOM	GRAND VERANDA STATEROOM	JUNIOR SUITE	ROYAL VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA SINGLE	EXPLORER SUITE	OWNERS SUITE
<div>ANTARCTIC OCEAN EXPLORER</div> <div>Antarctic Express: Cruise South, Fly North</div> <div><div><div></div><div>Dec 28 - Jan 06, 2026 (10 days)</div></div><div>Start Location: Ushuaia, Argentina</div><div>End Location: Punta Arenas, Chile</div><div>Languages: English</div><div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div></div>	Brochure Price	€16,605 EUR	€21,295 EUR	€18,595 EUR	€10,595 EUR	€20,095 EUR	€17,595 EUR	€21,295 EUR	€24,495 EUR	€21,895 EUR	€22,595 EUR	€25,395 EUR	€27,395 EUR
	Save 20%	€13,356 EUR	€17,036 EUR	€14,876 EUR	€15,676 EUR	€16,076 EUR	€14,076 EUR	€17,036 EUR	€19,596 EUR	€17,516 EUR	€18,076 EUR	€20,316 EUR	€21,916 EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%	€12,020 EUR	€15,332 EUR	€13,388 EUR	€14,108 EUR	€14,468 EUR	€12,668 EUR	€15,332 EUR	€17,636 EUR	€15,764 EUR	€16,268 EUR	€18,284 EUR	€19,724 EUR
	Availability	2 cabins	1 cabin	4 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	1 cabin	1 cabin	1 cabin

INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS

Paddling Excursion

Sea Kayaking

Stand-Up Paddleboarding

PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS

Paddling Excursion

€280 EUR (20)

Sea Kayaking

€950 EUR (16)

Prices are shown per person

CABIN CATEGORIES

EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	STUDIO DOUBLE	STUDIO SINGLE	DELUXE VERANDA FORWARD STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA MIDDLE STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA STATEROOM	GRAND VERANDA STATEROOM	JUNIOR SUITE	ROYAL VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA SINGLE	EXPLORER SUITE	OWNERS SUITE
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ANTARCTIC OCEAN EXPLORER Antarctic Express: Fly the Drake Jan 04 - Jan 11, 2026 (8 days) Start Location: Punta Arenas, Chile End Location: Punta Arenas, Chile Languages: English REQUEST A QUOTE	Brochure Price	€18,805 EUR	€24,105 EUR	€21,005 EUR	€22,105 EUR	€22,705 EUR	€10,895 EUR	€24,105 EUR	€27,705 EUR	€24,805 EUR	€25,405 EUR	€28,805 EUR	€30,005 EUR
	Save 20%	€15,116 EUR	€19,356 EUR	€16,876 EUR	€17,756 EUR	€18,236 EUR	€15,916 EUR	€19,356 EUR	€22,236 EUR	€19,916 EUR	€20,396 EUR	€23,116 EUR	€24,796 EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%	€13,604 EUR	€17,420 EUR	€15,188 EUR	€15,980 EUR	€16,412 EUR	€14,324 EUR	€17,420 EUR	€20,012 EUR	€17,924 EUR	€18,356 EUR	€20,804 EUR	€22,316 EUR
	Availability	2 cabins	Sold Out	4 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	Sold Out	1 cabin	1 cabin
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS Walking/Hiking Polar Plunge Zodiac Cruising											PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS Paddling Excursion €280 EUR (19) Sea Kayaking €950 EUR (15)		

Prices are shown per person

CABIN CATEGORIES

EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	STUDIO DOUBLE	STUDIO SINGLE	DELUXE VERANDA FORWARD STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA MIDDLE STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA STATEROOM	GRAND VERANDA STATEROOM	JUNIOR SUITE	ROYAL VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA SINGLE	EXPLORER SUITE	OWNERS SUITE
ANTARCTIC OCEAN EXPLORER Antarctic Express: Crossing the Circle Jan 09 - Jan 19, 2026 (11 days) Start Location: Punta Arenas, Chile End Location: Punta Arenas, Chile Languages: English REQUEST A QUOTE	Brochure Price	€27,995 EUR	€35,895 EUR	€31,395 EUR	€32,995 EUR	€33,995 EUR	€29,695 EUR	€35,895 EUR	€41,195 EUR	€36,995 EUR	€37,895 EUR	€42,795 EUR	€46,195 EUR
	Save 25%	€20,996 EUR	€26,921 EUR	€23,546 EUR	€24,746 EUR	€25,496 EUR	€22,271 EUR	€26,921 EUR	€30,896 EUR	€27,746 EUR	€28,421 EUR	€32,096 EUR	€34,646 EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%	€18,896 EUR	€24,229 EUR	€21,191 EUR	€22,271 EUR	€22,946 EUR	€20,044 EUR	€24,229 EUR	€27,806 EUR	€24,971 EUR	€25,579 EUR	€28,886 EUR	€31,181 EUR
	Availability	2 cabins	1 cabin	4 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	Sold Out	1 cabin	1 cabin
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS Walking/Hiking Polar Plunge Zodiac Cruising											PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS Paddling Excursion €280 EUR (20) Sea Kayaking €950 EUR (15)		

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CABIN CATEGORIES

EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	STUDIO DOUBLE	STUDIO SINGLE	DELUXE VERANDA FORWARD STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA MIDDLE STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA STATEROOM	GRAND VERANDA STATEROOM	JUNIOR SUITE	ROYAL VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA SINGLE	EXPLORER SUITE	OWNERS SUITE
ANTARCTIC OCEAN EXPLORER Antarctic Express: Fly South, Cruise North Jan 17 - Jan 26, 2026 (10 days) Start Location: Punta Arenas, Chile End Location: Punta Arenas, Chile Languages: English REQUEST A QUOTE	Brochure Price	€15,895 EUR	€20,295 EUR	€17,695 EUR	€18,595 EUR	€19,195 EUR	€16,795 EUR	€20,295 EUR	€20,295 EUR	€20,895 EUR	€21,395 EUR	€24,195 EUR	€26,095 EUR
	Save 25%	€11,921 EUR	€15,221 EUR	€13,271 EUR	€13,946 EUR	€14,396 EUR	€12,596 EUR	€15,221 EUR	€17,471 EUR	€15,671 EUR	€16,046 EUR	€18,146 EUR	€19,571 EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%	€10,729 EUR	€13,699 EUR	€11,944 EUR	€12,551 EUR	€12,956 EUR	€11,336 EUR	€13,699 EUR	€15,724 EUR	€14,104 EUR	€14,441 EUR	€16,331 EUR	€17,614 EUR
	Availability	1 cabin	1 cabin	4 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	3 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	Sold Out	1 cabin	1 cabin
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS Walking/Hiking Snowshoeing Zodiac Cruising											PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS Paddling Excursion €280 EUR (18) Sea Kayaking €950 EUR (16)		

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CABIN CATEGORIES

EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	STUDIO DOUBLE	STUDIO SINGLE	DELUXE VERANDA FORWARD STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA MIDDLE STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA STATEROOM	GRAND VERANDA STATEROOM	JUNIOR SUITE	ROYAL VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA SINGLE	EXPLORER SUITE	OWNERS SUITE
<div>ANTARCTIC OCEAN EXPLORER</div> <div>South Georgia and Antarctic Peninsula: Penguin Safari</div> <div>Jan 24 - Feb 10, 2026 (18 days)</div> <div>Start Location: Ushuaia, Argentina End Location: Ushuaia, Argentina Languages: English</div> <div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div>	Brochure Price	€23,605 EUR	€30,105 EUR	€26,305 EUR	€27,705 EUR	€28,605 EUR	€24,005 EUR	€30,105 EUR	€34,605 EUR	€30,005 EUR	€31,805 EUR	€35,005 EUR	€38,605 EUR
	Save 25%	€17,696 EUR	€22,646 EUR	€19,796 EUR	€20,846 EUR	€21,446 EUR	€18,746 EUR	€22,646 EUR	€25,946 EUR	€23,246 EUR	€23,921 EUR	€26,996 EUR	€29,021 EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%	€15,926 EUR	€20,381 EUR	€17,816 EUR	€18,761 EUR	€19,301 EUR	€16,871 EUR	€20,381 EUR	€23,351 EUR	€20,921 EUR	€21,529 EUR	€24,296 EUR	€26,119 EUR
	Availability	2 cabins	1 cabin	4 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	2 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	Sold Out	1 cabin	1 cabin
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS											PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS		
<div></div> Walking/Hiking	<div></div> Polar Plunge	<div></div> Zodiac Cruising	<div><div></div>Paddling Excursion €280 EUR (30)</div> <div><div></div>Sea Kayaking €950 EUR (16)</div>										

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EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	STUDIO DOUBLE	STUDIO SINGLE	DELUXE VERANDA FORWARD STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA MIDDLE STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA STATEROOM	GRAND VERANDA STATEROOM	JUNIOR SUITE	ROYAL VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA SINGLE	EXPLORER SUITE	OWNERS SUITE
<div>ANTARCTIC OCEAN EXPLORER</div> <div>Crossing the Circle: Southern Expedition</div> <div>Feb 09 - Feb 22, 2026 (14 days)</div> <div>Start Location: Ushuaia, Argentina End Location: Ushuaia, Argentina Languages: English</div> <div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div>	Brochure Price	€18,005 EUR	€23,005 EUR	€20,105 EUR	€21,105 EUR	€21,805 EUR	€10,005 EUR	€23,005 EUR	€26,505 EUR	€23,705 EUR	€24,305 EUR	€27,505 EUR	€20,605 EUR
	Save 25%	€13,571 EUR	€17,321 EUR	€15,146 EUR	€15,896 EUR	€16,421 EUR	€14,321 EUR	€17,321 EUR	€19,946 EUR	€17,846 EUR	€18,296 EUR	€20,696 EUR	€22,271 EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%	€12,214 EUR	€15,589 EUR	€13,631 EUR	€14,306 EUR	€14,779 EUR	€12,889 EUR	€15,589 EUR	€17,951 EUR	€16,061 EUR	€16,466 EUR	€18,626 EUR	€20,044 EUR
	Availability	2 cabins	Sold Out	4 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	3 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	Sold Out	1 cabin	1 cabin

INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS

 Walking/Hiking

 Polar Plunge

 Zodiac Cruising

PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS

 Paddling Excursion
€280 EUR (26)

 Sea Kayaking
€950 EUR (5)

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Ultramarine

CABIN CATEGORIES

Expedition	Promo Offers	Explorer Triple	Explorer Suite	Balcony Suite	Solo Panorama	Deluxe Balcony Suite	Terrace Suite	Penthouse Suite	Owner's Suite	Ultra Suite
Antarctic ULTRAMARINE Emperor Penguin Quest: Expedition to Snow Hill  Nov 15 - Nov 28, 2025 (14 days)	Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package) 	€22,545 EUR	€27,545 EUR	€30,145 EUR	€38,145 EUR	€35,445 EUR	€36,745 EUR	€39,445 EUR	€48,645 EUR	€53,945 EUR
	€1,150 EUR	€20,150 EUR	€25,150 EUR	€27,350 EUR	€35,150 EUR	€34,295 EUR	€35,595 EUR	€38,295 EUR	€47,495 EUR	€52,795 EUR

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EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	EXPLORER TRIPLE	EXPLORER SUITE	BALCONY SUITE	SOLO PANORAMA	DELUXE BALCONY SUITE	TERRACE SUITE	PENTHOUSE SUITE	OWNER'S SUITE	ULTRA SUITE
<div>ANTARCTIC ULTRAMARINE</div> <div><u>Antarctic Explorer: Discovering the 7th Continent</u></div> <div>📅 Dec 17 - Dec 28, 2025 (12 days)</div> <div>Start Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina End Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina Languages: English</div> <div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div>	Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package) ⓘ	€16,845 EUR	€19,645 EUR	€21,645 EUR	€45,652 EUR	€25,345 EUR	€26,245 EUR	€28,145 EUR	€34,645 EUR	€38,345 EUR
	<u>Save 25%</u>	€12,871 EUR	€14,971 EUR	€16,471 EUR	€34,476 EUR	€19,246 EUR	€19,921 EUR	€21,346 EUR	€26,221 EUR	€28,996 EUR
	<u>Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%</u>	€11,679 EUR	€13,569 EUR	€14,919 EUR	€31,123 EUR	€17,416 EUR	€18,024 EUR	€19,306 EUR	€23,694 EUR	€26,191 EUR
	Availability	2 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	1 cabin	5+ cabins	1 cabin	1 cabin

INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS

 Flightseeing

 Walking/Hiking

 Polar Plunge

 Zodiac Cruising

PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS

 Exclusive Heli-Landing
€370 EUR (22)

 Paddling Excursion
€280 EUR (30)

 Sea Kayaking
€950 EUR (10)

 Stand-Up Paddleboarding
€280 EUR (14)

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CABIN CATEGORIES

EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	EXPLORER TRIPLE	EXPLORER SUITE	BALCONY SUITE	SOLO PANORAMA	DELUXE BALCONY SUITE	TERRACE SUITE	PENTHOUSE SUITE	OWNER'S SUITE	ULTRA SUITE
<div>ANTARCTIC ULTRAMARINE</div> <div><u>Antarctic Explorer: Discovering the 7th Continent</u></div> <div>📅 Dec 27 - Jan 07, 2026 (12 days)</div> <div>Start Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina End Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina Languages: English</div> <div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div>	Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package) 	€16,845 EUR	€10,645 EUR	€21,645 EUR	€46,652 EUR	€25,345 EUR	€26,245 EUR	€28,145 EUR	€34,645 EUR	€38,345 EUR
	Save 20%	€13,666EUR	€15,906EUR	€17,506EUR	€36,712EUR	€20,466EUR	€21,186EUR	€22,706EUR	€27,906EUR	€30,866EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%	€12,394EUR	€14,410EUR	€15,850EUR	€33,136EUR	€18,514EUR	€19,162EUR	€20,530EUR	€25,210EUR	€27,874EUR
	Availability	Please Call	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	2 cabins	5+ cabins	1 cabin	1 cabin
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS					PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS					
 Flightseeing	 Walking/Hiking	 Polar Plunge	 Exclusive Helicopter Landing €370 EUR (22)							
			 Paddling Excursion €280 EUR (28)							
			 Sea Kayaking €950 EUR (10)							
			 Stand-Up Paddleboarding €280 EUR (14)							
 Zodiac Cruising										

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CABIN CATEGORIES

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<div>Start Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina</div> <div>End Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina</div> <div>Languages: English</div> <div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div>	Save 20%	€17,266 EUR	€20,146 EUR	€22,146 EUR	€27,826 EUR	€29,906 EUR	€26,866 EUR	€28,786 EUR	€35,506 EUR	€39,266 EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%	€15,634 EUR	€18,226 EUR	€20,026 EUR	€25,138 EUR	€23,410 EUR	€24,274 EUR	€26,002 EUR	€32,050 EUR	€35,434 EUR
	Availability	2 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	2 cabins	5+ cabins	1 cabin	1 cabin
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS				PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS						
<div><div> Flightseeing</div><div> Walking/Hiking</div><div> Polar Plunge</div><div> Zodiac Cruising</div></div>				<div><div> Exclusive Heli-Landing €370 EUR (24)</div><div> Paddling Excursion €280 EUR (30)</div><div> Sea Kayaking €950 EUR (10)</div><div> Stand-Up Paddleboarding €280 EUR (14)</div></div>						

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EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	EXPLORER TRIPLE	EXPLORER SUITE	BALCONY SUITE	SOLO PANORAMA	DELUXE BALCONY SUITE	TERRACE SUITE	PENTHOUSE SUITE	OWNER'S SUITE	ULTRA SUITE
<div>ANTARCTIC ULTRAMARINE</div> <div>Epic Antarctica: Crossing the Circle via Falklands and South Georgia</div> <div> Jan 18 - Feb 09, 2026 (23 days)</div> <div>Start Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina</div> <div>End Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina</div> <div>Languages: English</div> <div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div>	Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package) ⓘ	€36,845 EUR	€43,345 EUR	€47,445 EUR	€60,145 EUR	€56,045 EUR	€58,045 EUR	€62,245 EUR	€77,045 EUR	€85,545 EUR
	Save 25%	€27,871 EUR	€32,746 EUR	€35,821 EUR	€45,346 EUR	€42,196 EUR	€43,771 EUR	€46,921 EUR	€58,021 EUR	€64,396 EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%	€25,179 EUR	€29,566 EUR	€32,334 EUR	€40,906 EUR	€38,071 EUR	€39,489 EUR	€42,324 EUR	€52,314 EUR	€58,051 EUR
	Availability	Please Call	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	2 cabins	5+ cabins	Sold Out	5+ cabins	Sold Out	Sold Out
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS				PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS						
<div><div> Flightseeing</div><div> Walking/Hiking</div><div> Polar Plunge</div><div> Zodiac Cruising</div></div>				<div><div> Exclusive Heli-Landing €370 EUR (6)</div><div> Paddling Excursion €280 EUR (21)</div><div> Sea Kayaking €950 EUR (5)</div><div> Stand-Up Paddleboarding €280 EUR (13)</div></div>						

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CABIN CATEGORIES

EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	EXPLORER TRIPLE	EXPLORER SUITE	BALCONY SUITE	SOLO PANORAMA	DELUXE BALCONY SUITE	TERRACE SUITE	PENTHOUSE SUITE	OWNER'S SUITE	ULTRA SUITE
<div>ANTARCTIC ULTRAMARINE</div> <div>Antarctic Explorer: Discovering the 7th Continent</div> <div> Feb 08 - Feb 19, 2026 (12 days)</div>	Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package) ⓘ	€16,145 EUR	€20,745 EUR	€20,645 EUR	€43,442 EUR	€24,145 EUR	€24,045 EUR	€26,745 EUR	€32,045 EUR	€36,545 EUR
	Save 25%	€12.346 EUR	€15.796 EUR	€15.721 EUR	€32.819 EUR	€18.346 EUR	€18.946 EUR	€20.296 EUR	€24.946 EUR	€27.646 EUR

<div>Start Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina</div> <div>End Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina</div> <div>Languages: English</div> <div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div>	<div>Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%</div>	€11,206 EUR	€14,311 EUR	€14,244 EUR	€29,632 EUR	€16,606 EUR	€17,146 EUR	€18,361 EUR	€22,546 EUR	€24,976 EUR
	Availability	2 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	1 cabin	5+ cabins	1 cabin	1 cabin
	<div>INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS</div> <div><div> Flightseeing</div><div> Walking/Hiking</div><div> Polar Plunge</div><div> Zodiac Cruising</div></div>					<div>PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS</div> <div><div> Exclusive Heli-Landing €370 EUR (24)</div><div> Paddling Excursion €280 EUR (30)</div><div> Sea Kayaking €950 EUR (8)</div><div> Stand-Up Paddleboarding €280 EUR (14)</div></div>				

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CABIN CATEGORIES

EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	EXPLORER TRIPLE	EXPLORER SUITE	BALCONY SUITE	SOLO PANORAMA	DELUXE BALCONY SUITE	TERRACE SUITE	PENTHOUSE SUITE	OWNER'S SUITE	ULTRA SUITE
<div>ANTARCTIC ULTRAMARINE</div> <div>Antarctic Explorer: Discovering the 7th Continent</div> <div>Feb 18 - Mar 01, 2026 (12 days)</div> <div>Start Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina End Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina Languages: English</div> <div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div>	Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package) ⓘ	€16,145 EUR	€20,745 EUR	€20,645 EUR	€43,442 EUR	€24,145 EUR	€24,945 EUR	€26,745 EUR	€22,045 EUR	€26,545 EUR
	Save 30%	€11,586 EUR	€14,806 EUR	€14,736 EUR	€30,694 EUR	€17,186 EUR	€17,746 EUR	€19,006 EUR	€23,346 EUR	€25,866 EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%	€10,522 EUR	€13,420 EUR	€13,357 EUR	€27,720 EUR	€15,562 EUR	€16,066 EUR	€17,200 EUR	€21,106 EUR	€23,374 EUR
	Availability	2 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	2 cabins	5+ cabins	1 cabin	1 cabin

INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS

Flightseeing

Walking/Hiking

Polar Plunge

Zodiac Cruising

PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS

Exclusive Heli-Landing
€370 EUR (24)

Paddling Excursion
€280 EUR (30)

Sea Kayaking
€950 EUR (10)

Stand-Up Paddleboarding
€280 EUR (14)

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<div>ANTARCTIC ULTRAMARINE</div> <div>Crossing the Circle: Southern Expedition</div> <div>Feb 28 - Mar 13, 2026 (14 days)</div> <div>Start Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina</div> <div>End Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina</div> <div>Languages: English</div> <div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div>	Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package) ⓘ	€19,445 EUR	€22,645 EUR	€24,845 EUR	€31,345 EUR	€29,145 EUR	€30,245 EUR	€32,445 EUR	€40,045 EUR	€44,345 EUR
	Save 30%	€13,896 EUR	€16,136 EUR	€17,676 EUR	€22,226 EUR	€20,686 EUR	€21,456 EUR	€22,996 EUR	€28,316 EUR	€31,326 EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%	€12,601 EUR	€14,617 EUR	€16,003 EUR	€20,098 EUR	€18,712 EUR	€19,405 EUR	€20,791 EUR	€25,579 EUR	€28,288 EUR
	Availability	2 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	2 cabins	5+ cabins	1 cabin

INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS

Flightseeing

Walking/Hiking

Polar Plunge

PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS

Exclusive Heli-Landing
€370 EUR (20)

Paddling Excursion
€280 EUR (26)

Sea Kayaking
€950 EUR (10)

Stand-Up Paddleboarding
€280 EUR (12)

Zodiac Cruising

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CABIN CATEGORIES

EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	EXPLORER TRIPLE	EXPLORER SUITE	BALCONY SUITE	SOLO PANORAMA	DELUXE BALCONY SUITE	TERRACE SUITE	PENTHOUSE SUITE	OWNER'S SUITE	ULTRA SUITE
<div>ANTARCTIC ULTRAMARINE</div> <div>Essential Patagonia: Chilean Fjords and Torres del Paine</div> <div><div><div><div>Mar 12 - Mar 26, 2026 (15 days)</div></div></div></div> <div><div>Start Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina</div><div>End Location: Santiago, Chile</div><div>Languages: English</div></div> <div><div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div></div>	<div>Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package) </div>	€15,645 EUR	€18,245 EUR	€20,045 EUR	€25,145 EUR	€23,545 EUR	€24,345 EUR	€26,145 EUR	€22,145 EUR	€35,545 EUR
	<div>Save 30%</div>	€11,236EUR	€13,056EUR	€14,316EUR	€17,886EUR	€16,766EUR	€17,326EUR	€18,586EUR	€22,786EUR	€25,166EUR
	<div>Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%</div>	€10,207EUR	€11,845EUR	€12,979EUR	€16,192EUR	€15,184EUR	€15,688EUR	€16,822EUR	€20,602EUR	€22,744EUR
	Availability	2 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	2 cabins	5+ cabins	1 cabin	1 cabin

INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS

Flightseeing

Walking/Hiking

Polar Plunge

Zodiac Cruising

PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS

Paddling Excursion

€280 EUR (20)

Sea Kayaking

€950 EUR (10)

Stand-Up Paddleboarding

€280 EUR (14)

World Explorer

CABIN CATEGORIES							
EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	TRIPLE	VERANDA SUITE	INFINITY SUITE	SUPERIOR SUITE	DELUXE SUITE	OWNER'S SUITE
<div>ANTARCTIC WORLD EXPLORER</div> <div>Antarctic Explorer: Discovering the 7th Continent</div> <div><div>Nov 06 - Nov 16, 2025 (11 days)</div><div>Start Location: Ushuaia, Argentina End Location: Ushuaia, Argentina Languages: English</div><div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div></div>	Brochure Price	€13,395 EUR	€16,795 EUR	€16,795 EUR	€20,495 EUR	€21,095 EUR	€23,595 EUR
	<u>Save 30%</u>	€9,376EUR	€11,056EUR	€11,056EUR	€14,346EUR	€15,396EUR	€16,516EUR
	<u>Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%</u>	€8,438EUR	€9,950EUR	€9,950EUR	€12,911EUR	€13,856EUR	€14,864EUR
	Availability	4 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	1 cabin	4 cabins

INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS

Walking/Hiking

Polar Plunge

Zodiac Cruising

PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS

Camping
€280 EUR (30)

Paddling Excursion
€280 EUR (30)

Sea Kayaking
€950 EUR (16)

Stand-Up Paddleboarding
€280 EUR (14)

CABIN CATEGORIES							
EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	TRIPLE	VERANDA SUITE	INFINITY SUITE	SUPERIOR SUITE	DELUXE SUITE	OWNER'S SUITE
ANTARCTIC WORLD EXPLORER	Brochure Price	€14,295 EUR	€16,795 EUR	€16,795 EUR	€21,795 EUR	€21,095 EUR	€25,195 EUR

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Nov 24 - Dec 04, 2025 (11 days)

Start Location: Ushuaia, Argentina
End Location: Ushuaia, Argentina
Languages: English

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Save 30%	€10,006EUR	€11,756EUR	€11,756EUR	€15,256EUR	€15,396EUR	€17,636EUR
Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%	€9,005EUR	€10,580EUR	€10,580EUR	€13,730EUR	€13,856EUR	€15,872EUR
Availability	3 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	2 cabins	4 cabins

INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS

Walking/Hiking

Polar Plunge

Zodiac Cruising

PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS

Camping
€280EUR (30)

Paddling Excursion
€280EUR (30)

Sea Kayaking
€950EUR (16)

Stand-Up Paddleboarding
€280EUR (14)

Prices are shown per person

CABIN CATEGORIES

EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	TRIPLE	VERANDA SUITE	INFINITY SUITE	SUPERIOR SUITE	DELUXE SUITE	OWNER'S SUITE
<div>ANTARCTIC WORLD EXPLORER</div> <div>Antarctic Express: Cruise South, Fly North</div> <div>Dec 03 - Dec 12, 2025 (10 days)</div> <div>Start Location: Ushuaia, Argentina End Location: Punta Arenas, Chile Languages: English</div> <div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div>	Brochure Price	€16,695EUR	€18,395EUR	€18,395EUR	€23,895EUR	€25,695EUR	€27,495EUR
	Free Single Supplement on Standard Cabins	-	✓	✓	-	-	-
	Save 30%	€10,986EUR	€12,876EUR	€12,876EUR	€16,726EUR	€17,986EUR	€19,246EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%	€9,887EUR	€11,588EUR	€11,588EUR	€15,053EUR	€16,187EUR	€17,321EUR
	Availability	4 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	2 cabins	3 cabins

INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS

Paddling Excursion

Sea Kayaking

Stand-Up Paddleboarding

PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS

Paddling Excursion
€280EUR (16)

Sea Kayaking
€950EUR (16)

Stand-Up Paddleboarding
€280EUR (14)

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CABIN CATEGORIES

EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	TRIPLE	VERANDA SUITE	INFINITY SUITE	SUPERIOR SUITE	DELUXE SUITE	OWNER'S SUITE
<div>ANTARCTIC WORLD EXPLORER</div> <div>Antarctic Express: Fly the Drake</div> <div>Dec 15 - Dec 22, 2025 (8 days)</div> <div>Start Location: Punta Arenas, Chile End Location: Punta Arenas, Chile Languages: English</div>	Brochure Price	€17,695EUR	€20,795EUR	€20,795EUR	€26,095EUR	€28,095EUR	€31,195EUR
	Free Single Supplement on Standard Cabins	-	✓	✓	-	-	-
	Save 25%	€13,271EUR	€15,596EUR	€15,596EUR	€20,246EUR	€21,821EUR	€23,396EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%	€11,944EUR	€14,036EUR	€14,036EUR	€18,221EUR	€19,639EUR	€21,056EUR

Languages: English

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Availability

3 cabins

5+ cabins


5+ cabins


4 cabins


2 cabins

4 cabins


INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS


 Walking/Hiking


 Polar Plunge

 Zodiac Cruising

PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS

 Paddling Excursion
€280 EUR (19)

 Sea Kayaking
€950 EUR (16)

 Stand-Up Paddleboarding
€280 EUR (13)

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CABIN CATEGORIES

EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	TRIPLE	VERANDA SUITE	INFINITY SUITE	SUPERIOR SUITE	DELUXE SUITE	OWNER'S SUITE
<div>ANTARCTIC WORLD EXPLORER</div> <div>Antarctic Express: Fly South, Cruise North</div> <div> Dec 20 - Dec 29, 2025 (10 days)</div> <div>Start Location: Punta Arenas, Chile End Location: Punta Arenas, Chile Languages: English</div> <div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div>	Brochure Price	€16,795 EUR	€19,795 EUR	€19,795 EUR	€25,695 EUR	€27,695 EUR	€29,495 EUR
	Free Single Supplement on Standard Cabins	-	✓	✓	-	-	-
	Save 25%	€12,596 EUR	€14,846 EUR	€14,846 EUR	€19,196 EUR	€20,696 EUR	€22,121 EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%	€11,336 EUR	€13,361 EUR	€13,361 EUR	€17,276 EUR	€18,626 EUR	€19,909 EUR
	Availability	4 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	2 cabins	4 cabins


INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS

 Walking/Hiking

 Snowshoeing

 Zodiac Cruising

PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS


 Paddling Excursion
€280 EUR (20)

 Sea Kayaking
€950 EUR (16)


 Stand-Up Paddleboarding
€280 EUR (14)


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<div>ANTARCTIC WORLD EXPLORER</div> <div>Antarctic Explorer: Discovering the 7th Continent</div> <div> Dec 27 - Jan 06, 2026 (11 days)</div> <div>Start Location: Ushuaia, Argentina End Location: Ushuaia, Argentina Languages: English</div> <div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div>	Brochure Price	€15,095 EUR	€17,695 EUR	€17,695 EUR	€22,995 EUR	€26,595 EUR	€26,595 EUR
	Save 20%	€12,076 EUR	€14,156 EUR	€14,156 EUR	€18,396 EUR	€21,276 EUR	€21,276 EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%	€10,868 EUR	€12,740 EUR	€12,740 EUR	€16,556 EUR	€19,148 EUR	€19,148 EUR
	Availability	4 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	2 cabins	4 cabins


INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS


 Walking/Hiking


 Polar Plunge


 Zodiac Cruising

PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS

 Camping
€280 EUR (30)

 Paddling Excursion
€280 EUR (30)

 Sea Kayaking
€950 EUR (16)

 Stand-Up Paddleboarding
€280 EUR (14)

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<div>ANTARCTIC WORLD EXPLORER</div> <div>South Georgia and Antarctic Peninsula: Penguin Safari</div> <div>Feb 01 - Feb 18, 2026 (18 days)</div> <div>Start Location: Ushuaia, Argentina End Location: Ushuaia, Argentina Languages: English</div> <div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div>	Brochure Price	€26,995 EUR	€30,495 EUR	€30,495 EUR	€30,795 EUR	€42,795 EUR	€46,795 EUR
	Save 25%	€19,496 EUR	€22,871 EUR	€22,871 EUR	€29,846 EUR	€32,096 EUR	€34,346 EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%	€17,546 EUR	€20,584 EUR	€20,584 EUR	€26,861 EUR	€28,886 EUR	€30,911 EUR
	Availability	4 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	2 cabins	4 cabins
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS				PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS			
<div><div></div>Walking/Hiking</div> <div><div></div>Polar Plunge</div> <div><div></div>Zodiac Cruising</div>				<div><div></div>Paddling Excursion €280 EUR (30)</div> <div><div></div>Sea Kayaking €950 EUR (16)</div> <div><div></div>Stand-Up Paddleboarding €280 EUR (14)</div>			

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CABIN CATEGORIES

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<div>ANTARCTIC WORLD EXPLORER</div> <div>Antarctic Explorer: Discovering the 7th Continent</div> <div>Feb 26 - Mar 08, 2026 (11 days)</div> <div>Start Location: Ushuaia, Argentina End Location: Ushuaia, Argentina Languages: English</div> <div>REQUEST A QUOTE</div>	Brochure Price	€12,295 EUR	€14,495 EUR	€14,495 EUR	€18,795 EUR	€20,195 EUR	€21,695 EUR
	Save 30%	€8,606 EUR	€10,146 EUR	€10,146 EUR	€13,156 EUR	€14,136 EUR	€15,186 EUR
	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%	€7,745 EUR	€9,131 EUR	€9,131 EUR	€11,840 EUR	€12,722 EUR	€13,667 EUR
	Availability	4 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	2 cabins	4 cabins
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS				PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS			
<div><div></div>Walking/Hiking</div> <div><div></div>Polar Plunge</div> <div><div></div>Zodiac Cruising</div>				<div><div></div>Paddling Excursion €280 EUR (30)</div> <div><div></div>Sea Kayaking €950 EUR (16)</div> <div><div></div>Stand-Up Paddleboarding €280 EUR (14)</div>			

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<div>ANTARCTIC WORLD EXPLORER</div> <div>Antarctic Explorer: Discovering the 7th Continent</div> <div>Mar 07 - Mar 17, 2026 (11 days)</div> <div>Start Location: Ushuaia, Argentina End Location: Ushuaia, Argentina Languages: English</div> <div></div>	Brochure Price	€12,295 EUR	€14,495 EUR	€14,495 EUR	€18,795 EUR	€20,195 EUR	€21,695 EUR
	Save 30%	€8,606 EUR	€10,146 EUR	€10,146 EUR	€13,156 EUR	€14,136 EUR	€15,186 EUR
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	Availability	4 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	2 cabins	4 cabins

REQUEST A QUOTE					
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS			PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS		
	Walking/Hiking			Paddling Excursion €280 EUR (30)	
	Polar Plunge			Sea Kayaking €950 EUR (16)	
	Zodiac Cruising			Stand-Up Paddleboarding €280 EUR (14)	

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Antarctic Explorer

Discovering the 7th Continent
with flights from Buenos Aires

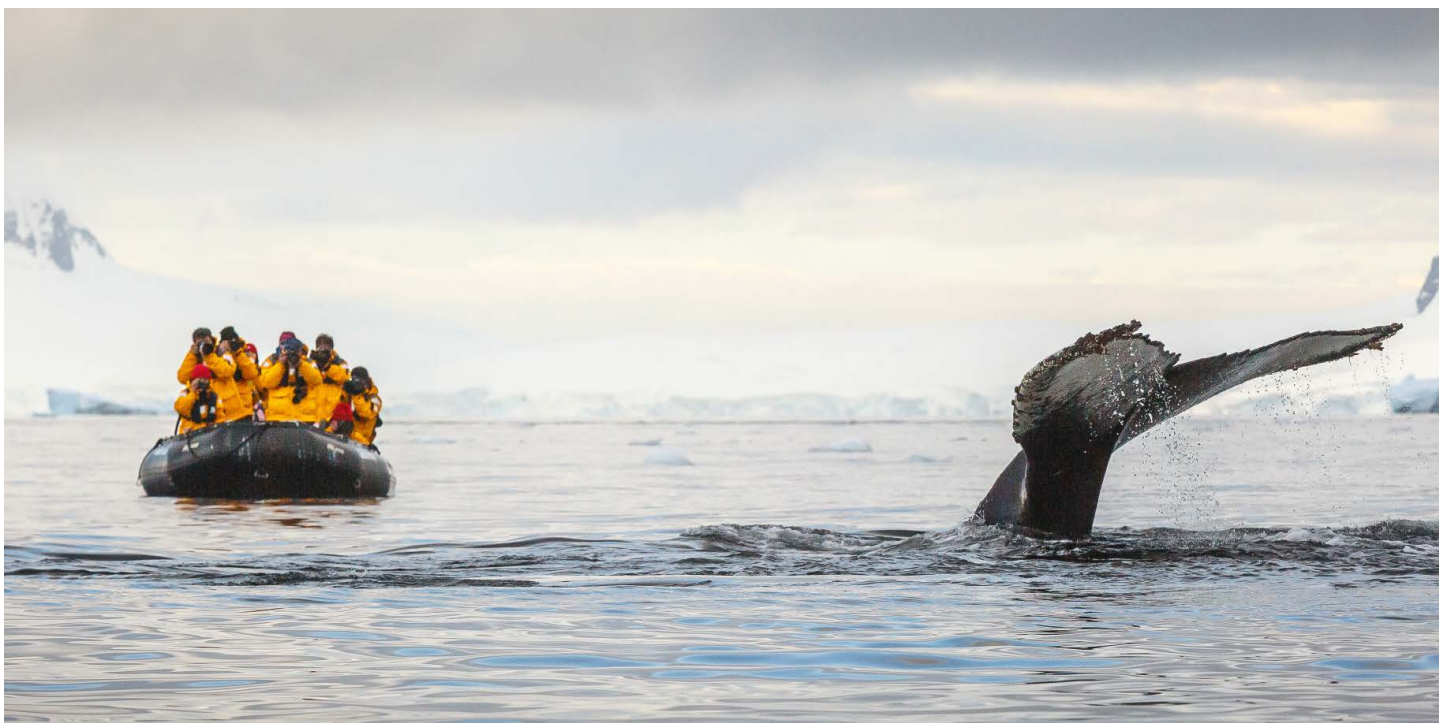


ULTRAMARINE

DESIGNED TO GO BEYOND

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Overview

12-day Antarctic Explorer: Discovering the 7th Continent

Antarctica is an incredible destination with the power to transform those who are fortunate enough to experience its many natural wonders. At Quark Expeditions, we've been delivering transformational polar experiences for over three decades, and in that time we've realized that the more personalized an expedition is, the more enriching the experience will be. That's why we've designed this guide: to help you plan your perfect expedition to the 7th continent.

We've been creating transformational polar experiences in Antarctica for over three decades. In that time, we've realized that personalized expeditions—that match your travel goals and tastes—are more enriching. That's why we're offering this 12-day *Antarctic Explorer: Discovering the 7th Continent* itinerary that enables guests to maximize the helicopter experiences available on our newest ship, *Ultramarine*. Our ultimate goal is to help you plan your perfect polar expedition.

Antarctica has been inspiring explorers for centuries—now it's your turn. Our expedition team—the best in the Polar Regions—will do everything possible to ensure you have the expedition of a lifetime, and that you do it your way. We're excited to host you on your unforgettable adventure! Please feel free to reach out to our team of Polar Travel Advisers, who are happy to answer your questions and provide assistance at any time.



EXPEDITION IN BRIEF



Explore the Antarctic Peninsula with the best team in the polar industry



Arrive in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and enjoy the tango capital of the world



Enjoy flightseeing on *Ultramarine's* two twin-engine helicopters



Enjoy presentations on wildlife, history, glaciology and geology by our onboard polar experts



Observe abundant wildlife, such as penguins, seals and whales



Explore Antarctica on an optional paddling excursion.



Itinerary

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Upon arriving in this splendid city, known for its vibrant Argentinian culture, European architecture and cosmopolitan vibe, you will independently transfer to your group hotel (pre-expedition hotel night included as part of the mandatory transfer package).

DAY 2 | FLY TO USHUAIA AND EMBARK

After an early breakfast at the hotel, the group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Ushuaia, Argentina.

Upon arrival, you will be transferred from the airport to a central downtown location to explore this quaint port town

on your own before making your way to the designated meeting spot pier.

After a late afternoon embarkation, you will sail along the historic Beagle Channel, which transects the Tierra del Fuego archipelago in the extreme south of South America. Excitement builds in anticipation of your next stop: the Antarctic!

DAYS 3 & 4 | CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE

The unpredictable and exciting Drake Passage is an adventure unto itself. While being well taken care of by our expert onboard staff and leaders, you'll have plenty of time to gaze out at the ocean, take pictures of seabirds swooping around the ship, and get to know your Expedition Team and fellow travelers.



ANTARCTIC EXPLORER Discovering the 7th Continent

On board the *Ultramarine*
Flights to/from Buenos Aires

DAYS 5-9 | SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS AND ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

Once the Drake Passage is left in our wake and the South Shetland Islands come into view, your Antarctic adventure truly begins. You will begin to appreciate why this region has long captivated the attention of explorers and travelers alike. On every visit to Antarctica, we witness something new or unexpected, which means your expedition will be unlike any other—a unique, personal experience.

Each day, you will take Zodiac excursions from the ship to explore local bays, channels and landing sites. With wildlife always at the forefront of our minds, you will visit penguin rookeries, scout for humpback and minke whales, and search for a number of southern seal species, including the cunning leopard seal.

The majesty of the Antarctic Peninsula's mountains will enchant as you hike snowy pathways to vantage points offering panoramic views of your surroundings. You will discover that Antarctica is a land of extremes. At one moment you'll be overcome with a feeling of complete isolation and silence, and the next you'll be inspired by nature as a calving glacier crashes into a brilliant blue sea or a penguin waddles by to inspect your footwear.

Amid the serene silence of Antarctica, noisy interludes—such as penguins squabbling over prized pebbles—become indelible memories.

Each day will be different, carefully crafted by your Expedition Team to inspire and educate you about this wonderful part of the world.

DAYS 10 & 11 | CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE

The journey back across the Drake Passage provides a final opportunity to enjoy the invigorating Southern Ocean air. Spend time on the deck watching for seabirds and scouting for whales, enjoy presentations by your Expedition Team, and celebrate the experiences you've shared exploring the remarkable world of Antarctica.

DAY 12 | DISEMBARK IN USHUAIA AND FLY TO BUENOS AIRES

You will arrive in Ushuaia in the morning and disembark after breakfast. You will then make your way towards your group charter flight to Buenos Aires.



EXPEDITION SPIRIT

Embracing the unexpected is part of the legacy—and excitement—of expedition travel. When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. This itinerary is a tentative outline of what you may experience on this voyage; please be aware that no specific itinerary can be guaranteed. By the same token, wildlife encounters as described are expected, but not guaranteed. Your Expedition Team will use their considerable experience to seek out wildlife in known habitats, but the presence of any particular species of bird or marine wildlife is not guaranteed.



Arrival and Departure Details, and International Flight Planning

				
<div></div> <div>DAY 1</div>	<div></div> <div>DAY 2</div>	<div></div> <div>EXPEDITION DAYS</div>	<div></div> <div>FINAL DAY</div>	<div></div>
<div>In-bound international flight* Arrival and independent transfer to hotel night</div>	<div>Group transfer to airport, flight to embarkation point, and embarkation</div>	<div>On ship or landing days</div>	<div>Disembarkation, free airport transfer, and flight to Buenos Aires, International flight onward**</div>	
<div><div>*</div> Arrive anytime on Day 1 or earlier. Day 1 includes an optional briefing.</div> <div><div>**</div> Consider booking your international flight home after the Final Day as charter flight times may vary.</div> <div><div></div> International flights are not included in the cost of the voyage.</div>				

As you prepare for your journey, you may be interested in your arrival and departure details. Since international air transportation is not included in the cost of your expedition, you have some flexibility in planning your flights.

Arrival Day and Embarkation

DAY 1 — ARRIVING IN BUENOS AIRES AND HOTEL NIGHT

Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, you will make your way to the included group hotel. A presentation room will be open from 12 pm to 8 pm for luggage weighing and tagging. A Quark Expeditions representative will be available to answer your questions and give information about the next day's flight and ship embarkation. After an early breakfast the following morning, your group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Ushuaia, Argentina, the southernmost city in the world.

DAY 2 — USHUAIA AND EMBARKATION

In Ushuaia your mandatory transfer package will provide some free time to explore this quaint port town, and also (when flight schedules allow) a tour of Tierra del Fuego National Park. Note: The tour (if available) may take place on either the embarkation or disembarkation day.

We will transfer the group to the ship for embarkation around 4 pm.

PLEASE NOTE

Luggage will be limited to one checked luggage and one cabin baggage on the flights between Buenos Aires and Ushuaia. Luggage weight restrictions will be confirmed in your final documents received 30 days prior to your trip. Should you have additional luggage, it can be stored at the hotel in Buenos Aires. There is NO option to pay for additional luggage.



Final Day and Departure

DISEMBARKATION IN USHUAIA

The ship is scheduled to arrive back at the pier in Ushuaia between 7 am and 8 am. After breakfast you will bid farewell to your Expedition Team before completing your disembarkation. This process takes approximately one hour.

DEPARTING FROM BUENOS AIRES

Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, you may be able to connect directly with your homeward flight, as we will land at Ministro Pistarini International Airport (also known as Ezeiza International Airport, EZE) at 5 pm. Please allow a minimum of three hours between our charter arrival and your international departure. We recommend four hours.

If your plans will take you onward in South America, please check your flight schedule to confirm your connection before booking. Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, you may need to transfer from the international airport (EZE) to the domestic airport, Jorge Newbery (also known as Aeroparque, AEP), which is located about a one-hour drive away under normal traffic conditions. If you must transfer between airports on the final day of the voyage, you can choose to use the efficient airport shuttle service, Manuel Tienda León, or take a *remis* (a pre-paid taxi booked inside the airport). If you prefer, your Polar Travel Adviser can also arrange for a private transfer. As traffic can add time to the commute, we recommend that you allow at least five hours between flights arriving and departing from the different airports in Buenos Aires to allow for transit, check-in, and security clearance.

For the absolute safest travel plans, we recommend that you book an extra hotel night in Buenos Aires between flights.

PLEASE NOTE

Included Hotel Accommodations:

Your included accommodation begins on Day 1 of your itinerary. The specific hotel will be indicated on your final voyage confirmation. If you are arriving prior to Day 1 of your expedition or are staying after the disembarkation day and would like help booking a pre- or post-stay, please contact your preferred travel agent or Quark Expeditions for hotel options. As accommodation space is limited, you are encouraged to request any extra nights as early as possible.

Weather conditions may occasionally delay our arrival, and airline schedule changes have also been known to occur in Argentina. Booking flexible tickets is always encouraged, as we cannot be held responsible for delays due to unforeseen circumstances.

Arrival and Departure Transfers

BUENOS AIRES AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Arrival transfers from your international flights in Buenos Aires are not included; however, your Travel Professional or Polar Travel Advisor can arrange them for you.

We request that you provide your flight details to Quark Expeditions at least 30 days prior to traveling.





Ultramarine



World Explorer



Ocean Explorer

Our Fleet of Small Polar Vessels

Quark Expeditions boasts the most diverse polar-class fleet of any polar operator, and the ability to offer you this incredible voyage on one of our ice strengthened vessels.

The entire Quark Expeditions fleet is built for comfort—and for challenging polar environments, allowing us to take you to places ordinary cruise companies wouldn't dream of going.

Plus, you'll do so while enjoying excellent amenities and superbly comfortable cabins.



Your Ship

ULTRAMARINE

The newest ship in our fleet, *Ultramarine* is designed to go beyond the familiar in polar exploration, to immerse guests in parts of the Polar Regions where few humans have ever set foot.

Equipped with two twin-engine helicopters and 20 quick-launching Zodiacs, *Ultramarine* offers the most off-ship adventure activities in the industry. Guests can enjoy two restaurants (Balena and Bistro 487), Tundra Spa, a sauna-with floor-to-ceiling windows, spacious suites and abundant wildlife-viewing spaces. *Ultramarine* also features advanced sustainability systems—which exceed all industry standards.

Ultramarine is perfectly designed to deliver the ultimate polar expedition experience.

SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

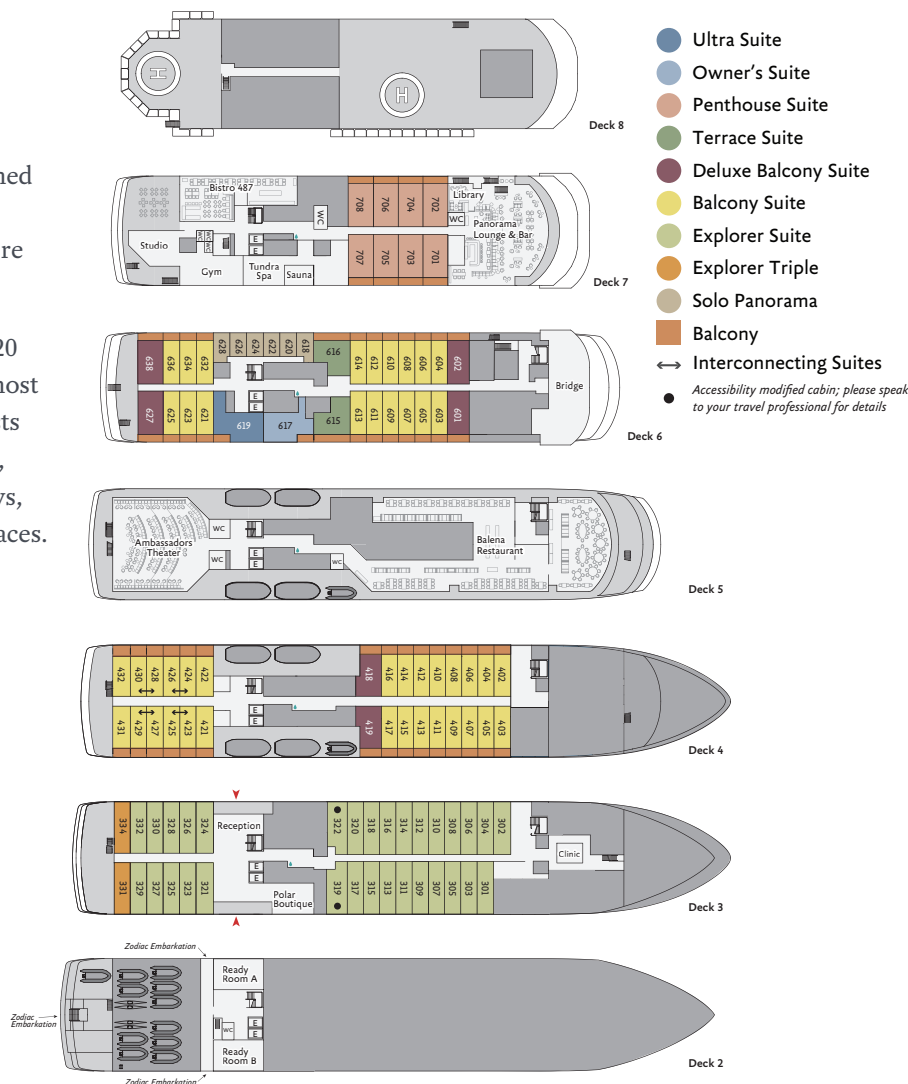
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Guests: 199

Lifeboats: 4, fully enclosed

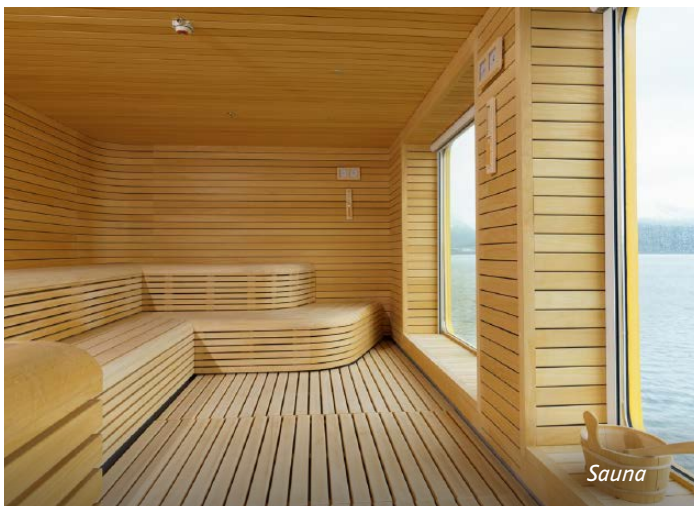
Ice Class: PC6

Visit QuarkExpeditions.com to view deck plan details.





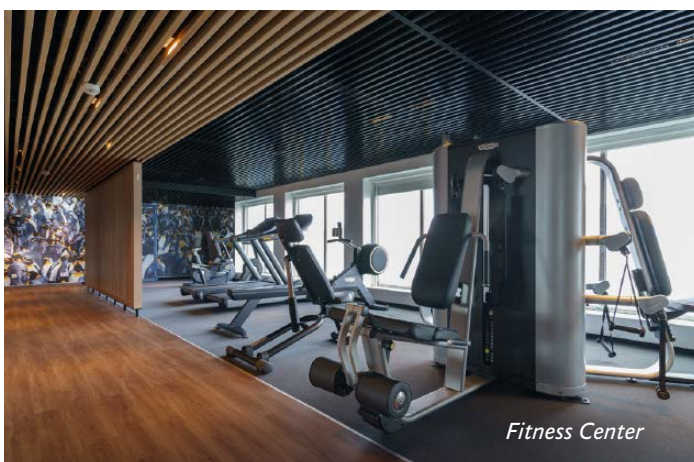
Deluxe Balcony Suite



Sauna



Panorama Lounge



Fitness Center



Balena Restaurant



Included Activities

These are included in your trip package.

Ready for a little adventure beyond your ship? Each Quark Expeditions voyage offers a variety of immersive off-ship activities to enhance your polar experience.

FLIGHTSEEING

While polar landscapes are spectacular from the sea, they are even more striking from the air. On board *Ultramarine* you will experience remarkable aerial perspectives on a 10- to 15-minute flightseeing excursion included in the cost of your voyage.

ZODIAC CRUISING

Zodiacs—rugged inflatable watercraft—are the workhorses of polar expeditions, taking you to places the ships can't access, allowing you to reach remote shorelines, explore shallow inlets and search for unique wildlife. Expedition staff make stepping in and out of them safe and comfortable, and your Zodiac drivers will provide active interpretation, making the landscape come even more alive.

HIKING

Hiking in Antarctica is free-form and supervised by our expert staff, who set out a perimeter or paths at each landing site within which you are free to explore. While you hike, staff will be available to enhance your experience by answering questions about the wildlife, history and geography of the area.

PRESENTATIONS

Enjoy daily chats with and presentations by our world-class onboard polar experts—expedition guides, specialists, photography guides and other special guests who will introduce you to the fascinating history, biology, ornithology, glaciology and geology of the region, and much, much more.

POLAR PLUNGE

This rite of passage, scheduled only once per expedition, gives you the chance to jump safely into the bracing Antarctic waters under the watchful eye of our staff—and just about every single camera on board!

PHOTOGRAPHY

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is a rewarding experience. Our photography guide will help you hone your skills to capture the beauty of the polar regions.

More information about your Included Activities and Adventure Options, including the necessary experience, physical requirements and cost, is available by contacting your Polar Travel Adviser or travel professional.





Adventure Options

These activities cost extra and must be booked in advance of your trip.



PLEASE NOTE

Pre-booking is required for all paid activities. We recommend booking early, as spaces fill quickly. Please see your pre-departure guide for a list of provided gear for each Adventure Option.

✪ SEA KAYAKING

Imagine gliding across the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers. Our Sea Kayaking program is a great way to intimately explore your surroundings. A small group of kayakers will plan to go out multiple times per voyage as an alternative to shore landings or Zodiac cruises.

The number of opportunities to kayak is weather dependent, and will be conducted only during calm conditions. Prior kayaking experience is required, and you must be able to do a wet exit to participate. Beginners interested in kayaking should consider participating in the Paddling Excursion.

✪ PADDLING EXCURSION

If you're interested in kayaking but would like to try something a bit less demanding than Sea Kayaking, you're the perfect candidate to sign up for a one-time paddle on our stable sit-on-top kayaks—perfect for anyone with minimal or no kayaking experience. Small groups of paddlers will be taken out on calm days, with our expert guides always present to provide instruction and help you connect with the polar sea. Pre-book into one of two priority groups. Any subsequent excursions can be booked on board, and groups will be assigned via a lottery as spaces are limited.



PLEASE NOTE

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STAND-UP PADDLEBOARDING

Combining a surfboard with a kayak, stand-up paddleboarding will give you a very personal and unique perspective on Antarctica. Conducted in small groups—in calm bays and harbors, in good weather conditions—and accompanied by a safety Zodiac, one-time stand-up paddleboarding excursions can be pre-booked into one of two priority groups. Any subsequent excursions can be booked on board, and groups will be assigned via a lottery.



EXCLUSIVE HELI-LANDING

Imagine setting foot in an area of the Antarctic that can only be safely accessed by helicopter. With a small group of fellow passengers and expert guides, you'll board one of *Ultramarine's* two twin-engine helicopters to soar off to an exclusive polar site where no ships can navigate. Expect stunning bird's-eye views during your flight, and then, upon arrival, simply sit back, relax and take in the splendor of the Antarctic from "the best seat in the house": glacial amphitheaters, breath-taking summits, and more. At your landing, you'll have time to relax and quietly reflect on the beauty of your polar surroundings, after which you'll be picked up by the helicopters in the same location and returned to *Ultramarine*.

Each heli-landing experience is uniquely curated by our expedition team, taking conditions, regulations and location capacity into consideration.



Departure Dates

Antarctic Explorer: Discovering the 7th Continent

ULTRAMARINE

Dates	Days	Start / End	Adventure Options				
							
ANTARCTIC 2025/2026							
NOV 27 - DEC 8, 2025	12	Buenos Aires	\$	\$	\$	\$	Included
DEC 7 - 18, 2025	12	Buenos Aires	\$	\$	\$	\$	Included
DEC 17 - 28, 2025	12	Buenos Aires	\$	\$	\$	\$	Included
DEC 27, 2025 - JAN 7, 2026	12	Buenos Aires	\$	\$	\$	\$	Included
FEB 8 - 19, 2026	12	Buenos Aires	\$	\$	\$	\$	Included
FEB 18 - MAR 1, 2026	12	Buenos Aires	\$	\$	\$	\$	Included

Raise a Glass and Stay Connected!

See below for specifics on our complimentary Wi-Fi and bar service, which takes effect November 2024.



Inclusions and Exclusions

Inclusions

RATES INCLUDE:

For all voyages:

- An official Quark Expeditions parka to keep
- Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Team, including shore landings and other activities
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising as per the daily program
- All shore landings as per the daily program
- Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage.
- **NEW** Free beer, standard wines, spirits, and cocktails during bar service hours and dinner
- Complimentary coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock
- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled

This expedition will have a separate (and mandatory) Transfer Package charge.

Mandatory Transfer Package Includes:

- One night's pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Buenos Aires with breakfast (Note: The number of guests per room is the same as cabin occupancy on the ship. Due to limited availability, travelers who reserve a suite on board are accommodated in standard rooms at the hotel. Triple rooms may not be available.)
- Group flight departing from Buenos Aires' domestic airport (Aeroparque/AEP) to Ushuaia, and returning to Buenos Aires' international airport (Ezeiza/EZE)

- A photographic journal documenting your expedition
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
- Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin
- **NEW** Complimentary Wi-Fi service on one device permitting basic Internet browsing, email, posting on social media and voice applications. (Premium packages are available for more data-intensive applications.)
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- All luggage handling aboard the ship
- Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person
- One 10- to 15-minute helicopter flightseeing excursion (weather and logistics permitting).

- Group transfer from hotel to airport in Buenos Aires
- Group transfer from Ushuaia airport to the ship, and return (Note: Transfer on arrival in Buenos Aires from airport to hotel at the beginning of the journey is not included. Please make your way to the included hotel.)
- Combined airport transfer and express bus tour of Tierra del Fuego National Park after disembarkation in Ushuaia

Exclusions

RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

For all voyages:

- International airfare
- Passport and applicable visa expenses
- Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned
- Meals unless otherwise specified
- Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended
- Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic flights
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac landing and cruising excursions, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, spa services and other personal charges, unless specified
- Phone charges may vary by location
- Our basic complimentary Wi-Fi service does not include Premium packages which enable more data-intensive applications
- Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for expedition staff and shipboard crew
- Additional overnight accommodation
- Arrival and departure transfers, except where explicitly stated
- Adventure Options not listed in Included Activities.

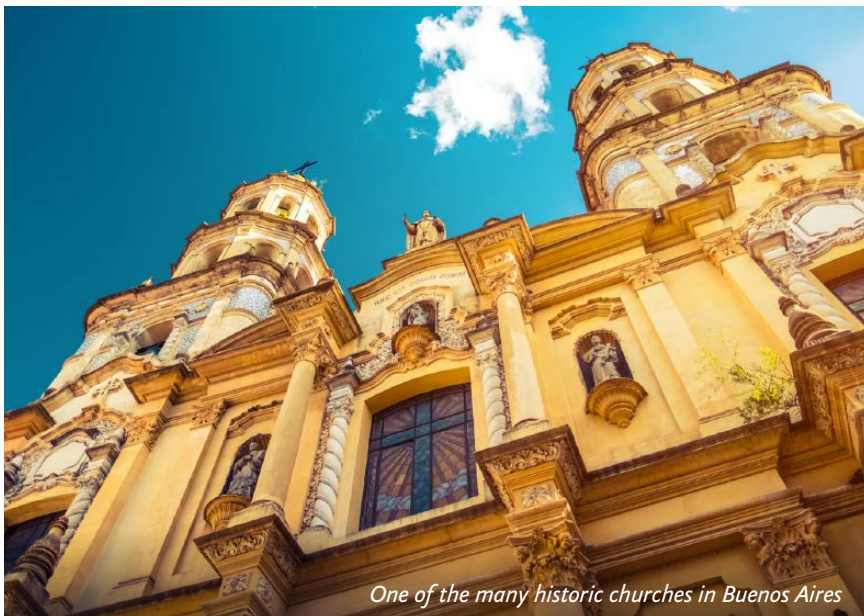


Your Expedition Team

Our Expedition Leaders—the best in the industry—and their teams share their diverse expertise in subjects as varied as polar history, marine biology, glaciology, ornithology and photography. Their knowledge and enthusiasm will greatly enhance your immersion into the polar environment and further deepen your connection to the Antarctic.

With 33 years of experience bringing passengers to remote Polar Regions and an industry-leading staff-to-guest ratio, we know how to safely handle the unexpected. Ensuring this hard-earned experience is passed on, all our expedition staff undergo comprehensive training at Quark Academy, which provides hands-on polar expedition training prior to any staff member's first voyage, as well as ongoing training for experienced staff.





One of the many historic churches in Buenos Aires



Iguazú Falls



Ushuaia Maritime Museum

Extend Your Trip

PRE- AND POST-EXPEDITION TRIP EXTENSIONS

Since you're traveling such a long way, you may want to spend extra time in Buenos Aires. We have a variety of pre- and post-expedition packages in this captivating city, known as the tango capital of the world. Enjoy an extensive city tour, take in a tango show and explore the unique neighborhoods of Recoleta, Palermo and San Telmo. Savor Argentine barbecue at a steakhouse (*parrilla*), then stroll the tree-lined boulevards and marvel at the historic architecture.

Take an extended tour from Buenos Aires to Iguazú Falls, and, if you're daring, walk the catwalks over the falls.

Upon arrival in Ushuaia, you can take in its unique museums, incredible hiking, and Patagonian cuisine. Spend a day in nearby Tierra del Fuego National Park, marvelling at the mountains, birdlife, waterfalls and forests.

To discover the best options for extending your adventure, get in touch with your Travel Professional or a Polar Travel Adviser for seamless, worry-free booking of all trip extensions.

Raise a Glass and Stay Connected!

See below for specifics on our complimentary Wi-Fi and bar service, which takes effect November 2024.



Meals on Board

If there is one constant on board, it is that you'll enjoy delicious meals daily. While meal times may change due to landings and wildlife encounters, you'll always be served three well-prepared meals per day. Most dietary restrictions can be accommodated by letting us know prior to your expedition.

Balena Restaurant, the main diningroom on Deck 7 of *Ultramarine*, features tables that accommodate 2 to 10. Guests can enjoy a quiet dinner with a loved one or join a larger table of new friends. Guests will enjoy views from every seat in addition to direct access to the wraparound deck. Guests can also enjoy a meal in Bistro 487, which offers an indoor/outdoor dining experience—perfect for enjoying the polar landscapes.

Breakfasts and lunches are normally served buffet style, while dinners are served plated. À la carte meals are made at the time of your order, allowing our chefs to prepare each dish to your individual needs, ensuring you receive top-quality meals during the course of your expedition.

Complimentary coffee, tea, cocoa and water stations are available around the clock, while soft drinks and juices are available during meals and when the bar is open—all included in the cost of your package.

NEW Enjoy free beer, standard wines, spirits, and cocktails during bar service hours and dinner as part of our new “Raise a Glass and Stay Connected Free” program. Premium wines and champagne are available at extra cost and can be billed to your shipboard account. The well-stocked bars on the ship are open late morning, afternoon and evening, though hours may occasionally change to accommodate the expedition schedule.





Possible Excursions

When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. The following sites are a sample of what you may experience on your expedition, whether by ship, Zodiac cruise, or shore landing.

Antarctic Peninsula

CIERVA COVE

Cierva Cove boasts jaw dropping icebergs and a glaciated backdrop. A massive glacial face regularly calves into the bay, leaving often spectacular floating ice. Seals can be spotted on ice floes, and later in the season, humpback whales occasionally feed in the icy waters.

CUVERVILLE ISLAND

Rising out of the mouth of the Errera Channel, this tall, steep island is covered by a colorful spectrum of lichens and mosses. A large gentoo penguin rookery is situated on a rocky beach at the north end of the island. Depending on when in the season you arrive, you may see the penguins building nests, incubating eggs, or attending to their chicks.

DAMOY POINT

Damoy Point is the site of a historical ice runway used by the British Antarctic Survey for their flights further south since 1975. The well-maintained hut was used as a staging-post to store supplies and for accommodation while awaiting ideal flying conditions. The point is also home to a penguin rookery and allows for spectacular views of the mountains of Anvers Island.

DANCO ISLAND

Home to gentoo penguins, this small dome-shaped island provides you with a stunning view of the Errera Channel and excellent Zodiac cruising opportunities.

ENTERPRISE ISLAND

Located in Wilhelmina Bay, this island's protected coves were once used by whalers. A Zodiac cruise exploring the island passes the rusting remains of a wrecked whaling ship, and provides opportunities to search for humpback whales.



LEMAIRE CHANNEL

One of the most scenic locations on the peninsula's west coast, this dramatic strait runs between the towering cliffs of Booth Island and the Antarctic Peninsula. The channel may become impassable when ice fills the narrow, 6.8-mile (11 km)-long passageway, so we'll hope for clear waters.

MELCHIOR ISLANDS

This group of low, glaciated islands in Dallmann Bay is where you may see hauled-out male fur seals as they recuperate from their battles for supremacy at the end of their breeding season.

MIKKELSEN HARBOR

Located on the south side of Trinity Island and surrounded by stunning ice cliffs and several reefs, Mikkelsen Harbor is a 1.86-mile (3 km)-wide bay, discovered by a Swedish Antarctic expedition in 1901-04. Enjoy a Zodiac cruise of the beautiful waters, or if conditions allow, land at D'Hainaut Island, home to an Argentine refuge hut and whaling remains in the form of a wooden boat

and whale skeletons. Weddell seals are often seen in the area and a gentoo penguin rookery is situated on the island.

NEKO HARBOUR

Little evidence remains that this bay was once used by the floating whale factory ship *Neko*. You might see whale vertebrae being used by resident gentoo penguins as shelter from the wind.

PARADISE HARBOR

Paradise Harbor is a wide bay and natural harbor on the West Antarctic Peninsula. Mountains, glaciers and ice cliffs offer spectacular views. Icebergs occasionally calve from the glaciers, providing a place for seals, penguins and seabirds to rest and play. An Argentine base, Almirante Brown Station—named after Admiral Guillermo Brown, father of the Argentine Navy—is also located in Paradise Harbor, and was operated from 1951 until a large section of it burned down in 1984. It has since been partially rebuilt and today is used during summer months for scientific research.

PETERMANN ISLAND

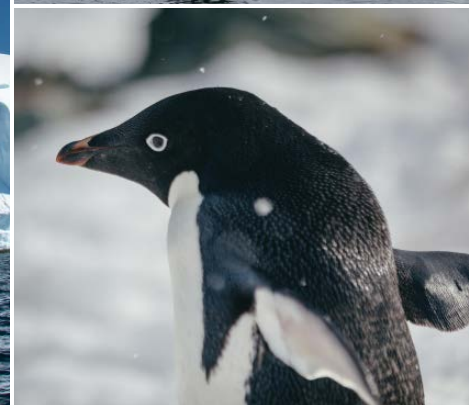
Here, near the Lemaire Channel, you can stand on shore and see the southernmost breeding colony of gentoo penguins. Adélie penguins, shags and south polar skuas also inhabit the island.

PORT LOCKROY

As part of Operation Tabarin during the Second World War, a secret British base was built in this sheltered harbor, located on the west side of Wiencke Island. Now a designated historic site, the base is a museum and post office. Proceeds from your purchases in Port Lockroy support the UK Antarctic Heritage Trust, which preserves British and other historic sites dating to the Heroic Age of Exploration. A large gentoo penguin population resides here.

WILHELMINA BAY

Humpback whales abound in "Whale-mina Bay," as it's nicknamed, and the scenery is spectacular. Sheer cliffs and glaciers surround the calm waters of the protected bay, named after



Wilhelmina, queen of the Netherlands from 1890 to 1948. If you're lucky, you may see the humpbacks bubble-net feeding: they exhale while swimming in a wide circle below the surface, trapping krill in a "net" of bubbles, and then swim straight up from below, mouths open, to engulf their prey. A truly astounding sight!

WATERBOAT POINT

A surveyor and a geologist lived in a makeshift shelter utilizing an up-turned water boat on this point from 1921 to 1922. The remains of their camp have been designated an Antarctic historic site. The aptly named Waterboat Point is also home to a Chilean Antarctic research station, named González Videla Base after the first sitting head of state to visit the Antarctic continent. When the base is manned, you may be welcomed inside for a visit by the base personnel, or you may visit the resident nesting gentoo rookery if the base is inactive.

South Shetland Islands

AITCHO ISLANDS

This group of small islands is situated in the northern entrance of the English Strait. You can often spot a great mix of wildlife in the area, with gentoo and chinstrap penguins having established rookeries on the islands. Southern elephant, fur and Weddell seals frequently haul out here, too.

DECEPTION ISLAND

Deception Island is a flooded circular caldera formed by the collapse of an active volcano. To reach this protected harbor, it is necessary to sail through a narrow passage called Neptune's Bellows. Inside are several bays used at various times for whaling and scientific research. Along with waddling penguins and lounging seals, you'll see the rusting remains of whaling operations on the beach in some locations. The landscape of Deception Island often presents opportunities for longer walks to striking vistas. The stark contrast between snow

and dark volcanic sand and the steam along the shoreline from geothermic activity when the tide is right, gives this location an atmospheric feel.

HALF MOON ISLAND

This crescent-shaped island was known to sealers as early as 1821. While they tried to keep this productive location secret, we're happy to bring you ashore on this impressive island. Many Antarctic birds breed here, including chinstrap penguins, shags, Wilson's storm petrels, kelp gulls, snowy sheathbills, Antarctic terns and skuas.

HANNAH POINT

On the southern coast of Livingston Island at Hannah Point, you may see chinstrap and gentoo penguin rookeries, along with the occasional breeding macaroni penguin. Due to the rather congested area available to the nesting penguins, we are able to visit here only after January 10.



PENGUIN ISLAND

The entire continent of Antarctica has only two species of flowering plants, both of which you can find on Penguin Island: Antarctic hair grass (*Deschampsia antarctica*) and Antarctic pearlwort (*Colobanthus quitensis*). Chinstrap penguins, fur seals and southern elephant seals can also be spotted here.

ROBERT POINT

A beautiful spot for Zodiac cruising, this point was known to sealers as early as 1820. Chinstrap penguins, kelp gulls and pintado petrels breed here, and whales may be seen in the surrounding waters.

TURRET POINT

Chinstrap and Adélie penguin rookeries are found on this point, situated on the

northeast coast of King George Island.

The beaches here are often crowded with southern elephant, fur and Weddell seals hauled out on the rocks.

YANKEE HARBOUR

Gentoo penguins have established a rookery at this harbor, situated on the southwest side of Greenwich Island. Here, you can see an abandoned Argentine refuge hut and a large glacier that stretches along the east and north sides of the bay. An abandoned sealing try pot is all that remains of the activity that brought men thousands of miles in tall ships to seek their fortune. Enjoy a rare chance for a longer walk along the expansive beach, dotted with historical artifacts and wildlife.

EXPEDITION SPIRIT

Embracing the unexpected is part of the legacy—and excitement—of expedition travel. When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, the ice and the weather to guide the route and itinerary details. This itinerary is a tentative outline of what you may experience on this voyage; please be aware that no specific itinerary can be guaranteed. By the same token, wildlife encounters as described are expected, but not guaranteed. Your Expedition Team will use their considerable experience to seek out wildlife in known habitats, but the presence of any particular species of bird or marine wildlife is not guaranteed.



What to pack on your Antarctic expedition

BY SEA AND AIR

All transfers ship to shore, helicopter flights and Zodiac/ship cruising.

- ☐ Waterproof pants (mandatory for every Zodiac and helicopter ride)
- ☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic top*
- ☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic bottom*
- ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece top*
- ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece bottom*
- ☐ Warm wool or synthetic socks (keep a dry pair in your bag, and bring extras for layering)
- ☐ Glove liners * ☐ Hand and feet warmers* ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ Waterproof gloves or mitts (bring an extra pair)
- ☐ Scarf, buff, or other face protection
- ☐ Warm hat that covers ears (bring an extra)
- ☐ Waterproof, lightweight backpack or dry sack and/or rain sleeve for camera or a waterproof phone case (to keep camera and gear dry)
- ☐ Polarized sunglasses with UV protection (consider bringing an eyewear retainer: string/clip etc.)
- ☐ Ski goggles (for Zodiac cruising on snowy or windy days)

*recommended layering depending on the conditions of the day and reflecting your personal thermo-regulation comfort levels.

BY LAND (Shore Excursions and Hiking)

In addition to the gear requirements (as above) mandatory for the transit from ship to shore, it is recommended to bring:

- ☐ Hat, buff or scarf (for wind and weather protection)
- ☐ UV protection (sun hat, polarized sun glasses, sun block, lip balm etc.)
- ☐ Collapsible walking sticks for hikes (if required)
Quantities are available to borrow on every vessel
- ☐ Additional reusable (thermos-regulating) water bottle
(in addition to the reusable collapsible water bottle provided)

WHAT TO BRING! Packing for the Polar Regions doesn't have to be daunting, and to make it easier for you, all Quark Expeditions voyages include a Quark parka to keep, and a loan of insulated waterproof boots. Additional suggested items include:

TO WEAR ON BOARD

- ☐ The complimentary Quark 3-in-1 Parka provided on board is designed with a waterproof shell that can be worn out on deck, and a removable liner that you can wear to stay comfortable indoors)
- ☐ Comfortable casual clothing like lighter shirts, pants or jeans, etc. (in case the ship gets warm)
- ☐ Comfortable non-slip closed-toed, heelless shoes (flip flops, sandals or slip-on shoes should not be worn on board due to safety concerns)
- ☐ Workout attire (for the fitness center!)
- ☐ Swimsuit (for the Polar Plunge! Some vessels may also have a pool, hot tub, sauna and/or steam room. See your ship book for details.)

Just a reminder: No formal evening wear required on our voyages but if you would like to bring something a little more dressy for the Captain's welcome and farewell cocktails you may certainly do so!

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- ☐ Passport, visas, immunization records, travel documents, etc. as required
- ☐ Camera gear—complete with charger, storage medium, transport and cleaning kit (lens cloth etc.) and extra batteries
- ☐ Reusable waterproof bags or plastic bags with zippers (to keep small items organized and cameras dry)
- ☐ Voltage converters and plug adapters (see ship book for details)
- ☐ Seasickness, indigestion, headache, or other medications
- ☐ Earplugs and eye masks for sleeping
- ☐ Moisturizer for face and hands (skin dryness due to wind and temperature changes)
- ☐ Credit card and small amount of local currency (see pre-departure book for more details)

- › To view our packing checklist online, visit:
QuarkExpeditions.com/What-to-Pack/Antarctica
- › Related topics are covered on our Frequently Asked Questions page:
QuarkExpeditions.com/Frequently-Asked-Questions



Scan this QR code or [click here](#) to watch our video on what to pack before you go!

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND TEMPERATURES

Polar weather is extremely variable; temperatures may hover around the freezing mark and winds can be strong. The extended daylight warms sheltered areas so that you may sometimes find it warm enough for t-shirts. However, you may encounter rain, snow squalls, fog and white-outs during an expedition and should be ready for any conditions.

A full-page background image of an Antarctic landscape. In the foreground, a large, jagged ice formation sits in the dark water. Behind it, snow-covered mountains rise, their peaks partially hidden by low-hanging clouds. The sky is filled with heavy, dark clouds, but a bright sunset or sunrise is visible on the right side, casting a warm, golden glow across the scene.

TO BOOK YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE

Contact your Travel Professional

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Overview

Antarctic Explorer: Discovering the 7th Continent

Antarctica offers so many extraordinary things to see and do, and traveling with Quark Expeditions offers multiple options to personalize your experience. We've designed this guide to help you identify what interests you most, so that you can start planning your version of the perfect expedition to the 7th Continent.

If this is your first visit, our classic *Antarctic Explorer* voyage gives you the best of the stunning Antarctic Peninsula. Conquer the famed Drake Passage in your choice of stabilized, polar-class vessels; explore majestic natural environments by Zodiac, kayak or on foot; get excellent views of penguins, whales and other wildlife; and enjoy talks on history, biology and glaciology by onboard polar experts. You can personalize your adventure with options that suit your interests, and cross the 7th Continent off the list—your way.

Antarctica has been inspiring explorers for centuries and our voyages—led by the best expedition teams in the industry—offer the chance for you to discover why. We're excited to host you on your unforgettable adventure! Feel free to reach out to our team of Polar Travel Advisers who can answer your questions and provide assistance at any time.



EXPEDITION IN BRIEF



Set foot on the magical 7th Continent with the best expedition team in the industry



Travel safely and comfortably aboard our ice-strengthened vessel



Enjoy presentations on wildlife, history, glaciology and geology by our onboard polar experts



Experience abundant wildlife, such as penguins, seals and whales



Immerse yourself in the icy realm of the Antarctic, with an optional paddling excursion



Itinerary

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN USHUAIA, ARGENTINA

You will begin your journey in Ushuaia, a small but bustling port town at the tip of South America. This Argentine town is an ideal gateway for you to explore the southern extent of Patagonia while preparing for your adventure ahead. Enjoy the mountains or sample handcrafted chocolate at a café in town.

DAY 2 | EMBARK

Embarkation will occur in the late afternoon, after which your vessel will sail down the historic Beagle Channel, which transects the Tierra del Fuego archipelago in the extreme south of South America. Expect an air of anticipation as you depart—the next time you see land, you'll be on the world's most southern continent!

DAYS 3 & 4 | CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE

Legendary for its high winds and rolling seas, you may get lucky and have surprisingly calm seas through the Drake Passage. Spend your time in the lounge or chatting with your fellow travelers. As you gain your sea legs during the crossing, our Expedition Team will begin their series of presentations to help prepare you for your upcoming Zodiac and land excursions. You officially enter Antarctica when your ship crosses the Antarctic Convergence, a biological boundary that fluctuates around 60° south.

DAYS 5-8 | SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS AND ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

The most common reaction upon reaching the 7th Continent is a sense of reverence and awe. The experience is beyond words, since few places are as



ANTARCTIC EXPLORER Discovering the 7th Continent

— On board the *Ocean Explorer*
or *World Explorer*

untouched and enduring as Antarctica. You will begin to appreciate why this region has long captivated the attention of explorers and travelers alike. Every time we visit Antarctica, we witness something new or unexpected, which means that your expedition will be unlike any other—creating a unique, personal experience.

Each day, you will take Zodiac excursions from the ship to explore glaciated bays, channels and landing sites. Your Expedition Team will take care of you at each landing, whether you are hiking the Antarctic landscape, visiting a research station or consorting with chinstrap, Adélie and gentoo penguins, all of which can be found here. Keep an

eye out for Weddell, fur, crabeater and leopard seals as well as curious whales, such as humpbacks, minke, or perhaps orcas while on a Zodiac cruise. Each excursion will present a new array of creatures to fascinate you and keep your camera busy.

Amid the serene silence of Antarctica, noisy interludes become indelible memories, such as penguins squabbling over prized pebbles, or the boom and crack of a calving glacier.

Every day will be different, having been carefully crafted by your Expedition Team to inspire and educate you about this wonderful part of the world.

DAYS 9 & 10 | CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE

The journey back across the Drake Passage provides final opportunities to enjoy the crisp Antarctic air. Spend time on the deck, watching for seabirds and scouting for whales, enjoy presentations by your Expedition Team and celebrate the experiences shared exploring Antarctica.

DAY 11 | DISEMBARK IN USHUAIA

You will arrive in Ushuaia in the morning, which allows for you to continue your adventure onward or catch your flights home.

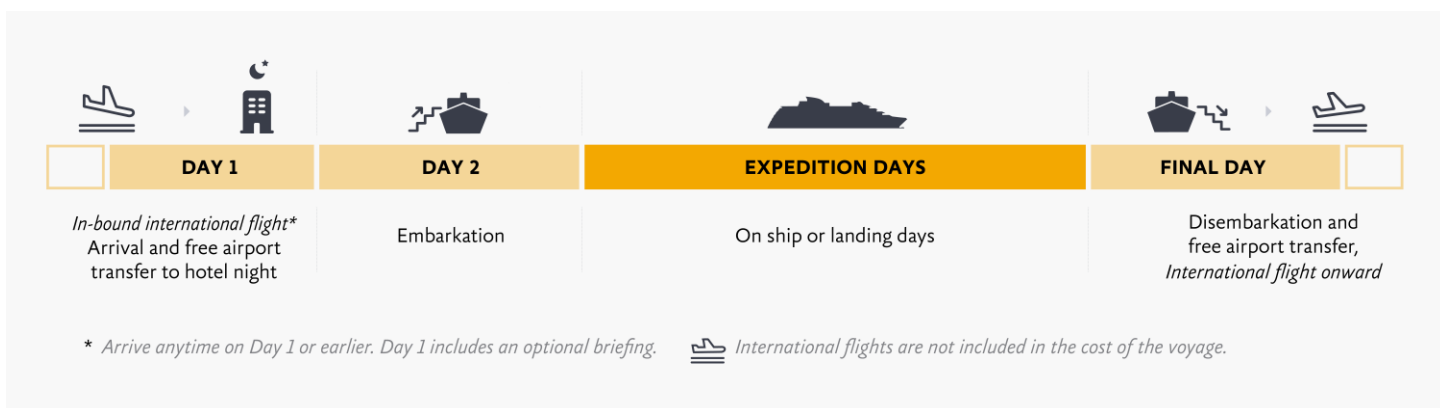


EXPEDITION SPIRIT

Embracing the unexpected is part of the legacy—and excitement—of expedition travel. When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. This itinerary is a tentative outline of what you may experience on this voyage; please be aware that no specific itinerary can be guaranteed. By the same token, wildlife encounters as described are expected, but not guaranteed. Your Expedition Team will use their considerable experience to seek out wildlife in known habitats, but the presence of any particular species of bird or marine wildlife is not guaranteed.



Arrival and Departure Details, and International Flight Planning



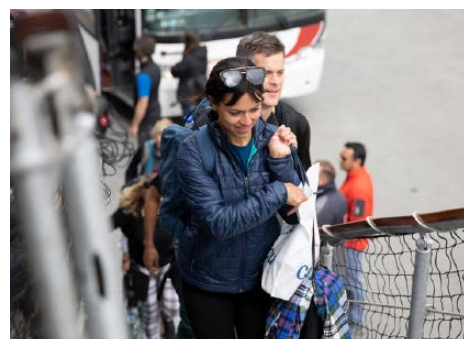
As you prepare for your journey, you may be interested in your arrival and departure details. Since international air transportation is not included in the cost of your expedition, you have some flexibility in planning your flights.

Arrival Day and Embarkation

DAY 1 — ARRIVING IN USHUAIA AND HOTEL NIGHT

You may arrive in Ushuaia at any time during Day 1 of your itinerary. Ushuaia and its mountainous surroundings are destinations worth exploring, so we do encourage you to arrive a day or two before your expedition. Based on the arrival information you send us, we will arrange for a transfer from the airport to your hotel.

A Quark Expeditions representative will be available to answer your questions in the lobby of your hotel in Ushuaia during your optional pre-departure briefing on Day 1, at 6 pm.



DAY 2 — EMBARKATION IN USHUAIA

On the morning of Day 2, your luggage will be collected from the lobby of your hotel, transferred to the ship and stored in your cabin.

Ship embarkation will occur on Day 2 of your itinerary, usually around 4 pm. You and your shipmates will meet at a designated location near the pier, and board the waiting buses for transfer to the ship. Information about embarkation will be posted in your Ushuaia hotel and discussed during your optional pre-departure meeting on Day 1.

Final Day and Departure

DISSEMBARKATION IN USHUAIA AND ONWARD

Your ship is scheduled to arrive at the pier in Ushuaia, usually between 7am and 8am. Once the ship has docked, you will bid farewell to your Expedition Team and shipmates before completing your disembarkation. The process takes about an hour.

Weather conditions can always change our arrival times, and airline schedule changes have also been known to occur in Argentina. Please book your flight home from Ushuaia to depart as late in the day as possible or at a date after the end of your expedition. If you have booked a flight that departs before noon on the date that your expedition ends, you will be at risk of missing your flight.

Quark Expeditions staff in Ushuaia will reconfirm your domestic flight 48 hours prior to disembarkation, provided you give your information to our team ahead of time.

Arrival and Departure Transfers

USHUAIA AIRPORT TRANSFERS

ARRIVAL: A group transfer in Ushuaia is included from the airport to your included pre-expedition hotel on Day 1 of your itinerary.

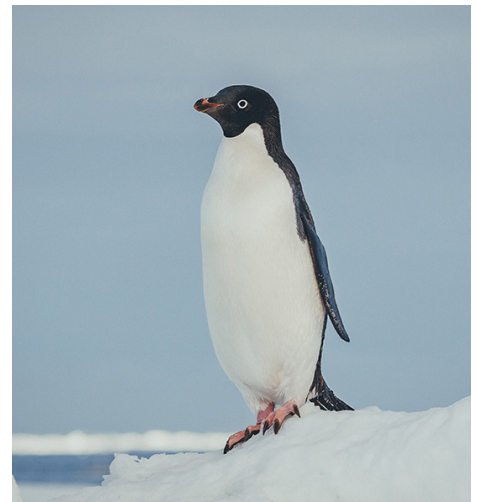
DEPARTURE: A group departure transfer is included from the ship to the airport on the final day of your itinerary. If your flight is later in the day, you may opt to transfer to our luggage storage facility instead and enjoy further activities in Ushuaia on your own. Access to luggage storage is available until 6pm on the disembarkation day only. You will need to arrange your own transfer to the airport if you do not take advantage of the included transfer or if you are leaving Ushuaia after the disembarkation day.

In order to facilitate your transfers, we request that you provide your flight details to Quark Expeditions at least 30 days prior to traveling.

PLEASE NOTE

Included Hotel Accommodations:

Your included accommodation begins on Day 1 of your itinerary, and the specific hotel will be indicated on your final voyage confirmation. Ushuaia accommodations trend toward mid-range properties, and hotel space is limited. A particular property cannot be guaranteed, but space is most often booked at Hotel Las Lenguas, Hotel Los Acebos, and Albatros Hotel. If you are arriving prior to Day 1 of your expedition or are staying after the disembarkation day and would like help booking a pre- or post-stay, please contact your preferred travel agent or Quark Expeditions for hotel options. As accommodation space is limited, you are encouraged to request any extra nights as early as possible.





Ultramarine



World Explorer



Ocean Explorer

Our Fleet of Small Polar Vessels

Quark Expeditions boasts the most diverse polar-class fleet of any polar operator, and the ability to offer you this incredible voyage on one of our ice strengthened vessels.

The entire Quark Expeditions fleet is built for comfort—and for challenging polar environments, allowing us to take you to places ordinary cruise companies wouldn't dream of going.

Plus, you'll do so while enjoying excellent amenities and superbly comfortable cabins.



Your Ship

WORLD EXPLORER

A polar powerhouse, *World Explorer*—our first all-suites, all-balcony ice-class ship—lets you discover everything Antarctica has to offer, with the type of service you would experience at premium hotels. *World Explorer* also provides plenty of indoor and outdoor deck spaces to witness the incredible Antarctic wildlife or simply watch the world go by. Enjoy the spacious observation deck for taking in sights outside, the observation lounge with panoramic skyline views, the library for intimate relaxing and reading, and the Explorer Lounge for a drink and a chat. Presentations and discussions are held in a dedicated lecture theater. Health and wellness facilities feature an outdoor running track, small gym and spa—the world’s only l’Occitane Spa at Sea—plus an outdoor swimming pool. With its new and environmentally sustainable hybrid technology and state-of-the-art Rolls-Royce engines and generators, *World Explorer* also boasts reduced fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions.

SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

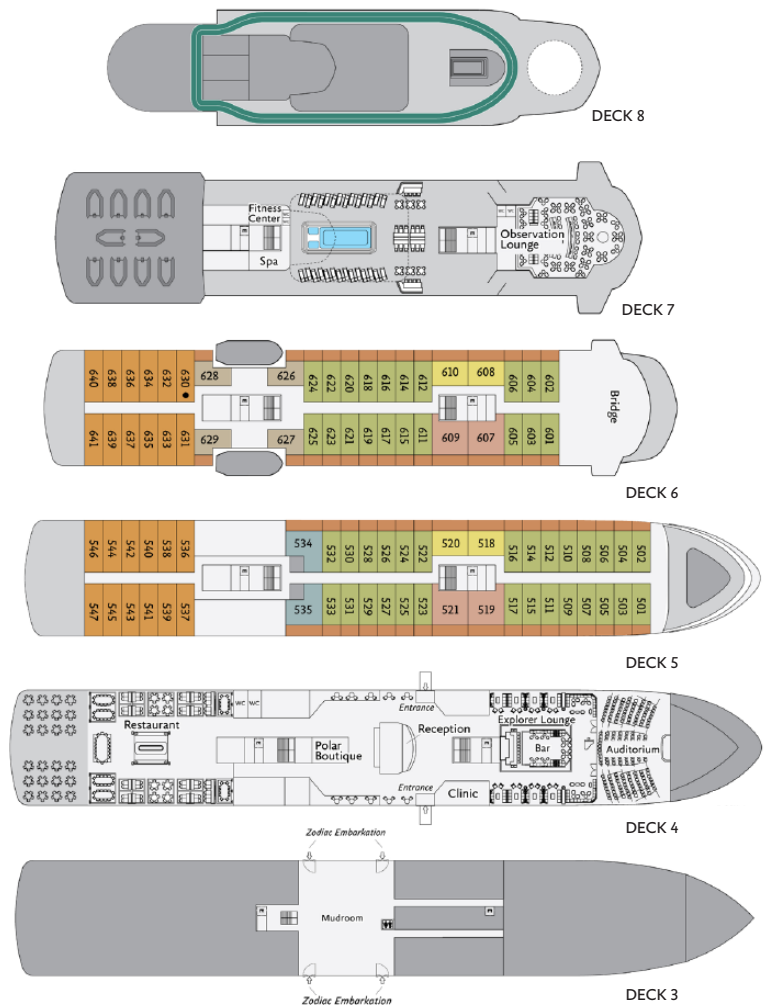
Staff and Crew: 125

Guests: 172

Lifeboats: 2, fully enclosed

Ice Class: 1B

Visit QuarkExpeditions.com to view deck plan details.



- Owner's Suite
- Veranda Suite
- Balcony
- Deluxe Suite
- Infinity Suite
- Superior Suite
- Triple

● Accessibility modified cabin; please speak to your travel professional for details



Your Ship

OCEAN EXPLORER

Ocean Explorer, the newest addition to our fleet, is modern, elegant and purpose-built for polar exploration. The 138-passenger vessel has been designed with the latest in expedition ship technology. One of the ship's key features is the ULSTEIN X-BOW®, a marine engineering innovation that ensures a comfortable and smooth sailing experience thanks to the inverted bow. Located at the bow is the two-story, light-filled library, which introduces a welcome airiness to the expedition ship. Spacious cabins feature a modern, bespoke Scandinavian design and almost all have verandas. Guests can relax and find comfort in the spacious gym, sauna with large windows, and two outdoor Jacuzzis. *Ocean Explorer* features ample outdoor viewing areas and multi-height outer decks, which are ideal for long-view photography and wildlife viewing. The vessel is equipped with a fleet of 15 Zodiacs that enable guests to get off the ship quickly and safely for off-ship adventures. In addition to the well-appointed and spacious public areas, *Ocean Explorer* has an industry-leading mix of sustainability systems, including fuel-efficient Rolls Royce engines.

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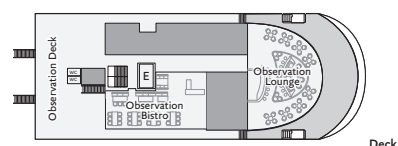
Staff and Crew: 131

Guests: 138

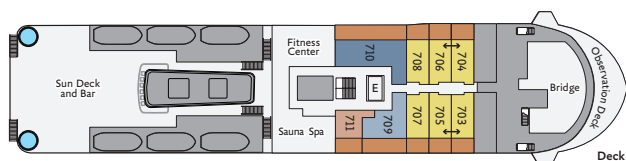
Lifeboats: 2

Ice Class: 1A, PC6

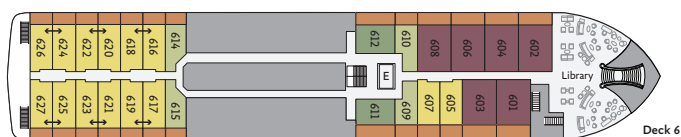
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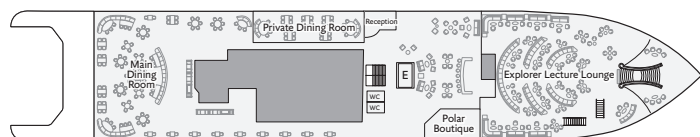
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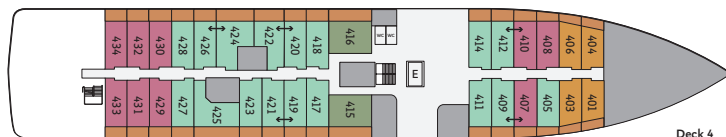
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Deck 5



Deck 4



Deck 3

- Owner's Suite
- Explorer Suite
- Studio Veranda Single
- Royal Veranda Stateroom
- Junior Suite
- Grand Veranda Stateroom
- Studio Veranda Stateroom
- Deluxe Veranda
- Deluxe Veranda Mid
- Deluxe Veranda Fwd
- Studio Double
- Studio Single

↔ Interconnecting Suites

Accessibility modified cabin; please speak to your travel professional for details

■ Balcony



Included Activities

These are included in your trip package.



Ready for a little adventure beyond your ship? Each Quark Expeditions voyage offers a variety of immersive off-ship activities to enhance your polar experience.

ZODIAC CRUISING

Zodiacs—rugged inflatable watercraft—are the workhorses of polar expeditions, taking you to places the ships can't access, allowing you to reach remote shorelines, explore shallow inlets and search for unique wildlife. Expedition

staff make stepping in and out of them safe and comfortable, and your Zodiac drivers will provide active interpretation, making the landscape come even more alive.

HIKING

Hiking in Antarctica is free-form and supervised by our expert staff, who set out a perimeter or paths at each landing site within which you are free to explore. While you hike, staff will be available to enhance your experience by answering questions about the wildlife, history and geography of the area.

PRESENTATIONS

Enjoy daily chats with and presentations by our world-class onboard polar experts—expedition guides, specialists, photography guides and other special guests who will introduce you to the fascinating history, biology, ornithology, glaciology and geology of the region, and much, much more.

POLAR PLUNGE

This rite of passage, scheduled only once per expedition, gives you the chance to jump safely into the bracing Antarctic waters under the watchful eye of our staff—and just about every single camera on board!

PHOTOGRAPHY

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is a rewarding experience. Our photography guide will help you hone your skills to capture the beauty of the polar regions.

More information about your Included Activities and Adventure Options, including the necessary experience, physical requirements and cost, is available by contacting your Polar Travel Adviser or your travel professional.



Adventure Options

These activities cost extra and must be booked in advance of your trip.



PLEASE NOTE

Pre-booking is required for all paid activities. We recommend booking early, as spaces fill quickly. Please see your pre-departure guide for a list of provided gear for each Adventure Option.

✦ SEA KAYAKING

Imagine gliding across the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers. Our Sea Kayaking program is a great way to intimately explore your surroundings. A small group of kayakers will plan to go out multiple times per voyage as an alternative to shore landings or Zodiac cruises.

The number of opportunities to kayak is weather dependent, and will be conducted only during calm conditions. Prior kayaking experience is required, and you must be able to do a wet exit to participate. Beginners interested in kayaking should consider participating in the Paddling Excursion.

✦ PADDLING EXCURSION

If you're interested in kayaking but would like to try something a bit less demanding than Sea Kayaking, you're the perfect candidate to sign up for a one-time paddle on our stable sit-on-top kayaks—perfect for anyone with minimal or no kayaking experience. Small groups of paddlers will be taken out on calm days, with our expert guides always present to provide instruction and help you connect with the polar sea. Pre-book into one of two priority groups. Any subsequent excursions can be booked on board, and groups will be assigned via a lottery as spaces are limited.



STAND-UP PADDLEBOARDING

(only available on World Explorer)

Combining a surfboard with a kayak, stand-up paddleboarding will give you a very personal and unique perspective on Antarctica. Conducted in small groups—in calm bays and harbors, in good weather conditions—and accompanied by a safety Zodiac, one-time stand-up paddleboarding excursions can be pre-booked into one of two priority groups. Any subsequent excursions can be booked on board, and groups will be assigned via a lottery.







CAMPING




Treat yourself to an overnight camping adventure in Antarctica! This is one of the best ways to experience Antarctica in an intimate manner, taking your expedition to the next level. Camping is available on most early-season Antarctic voyages. A mandatory onboard safety briefing gets you fully prepped and ready for an unforgettable night of sleeping under the Antarctic summer sky. Dress warmly and eat a hearty meal before you head out, as no food is allowed ashore. You will be provided with an insulating mat, sleeping bag, and bivy sack (a breathable waterproof outer bag) to keep you comfortable and dry while you sleep on top of the snow. Our popular camping options have limited availability, so book early to secure your space.



Departure Dates

Antarctic Explorer: Discovering the 7th Continent

WORLD EXPLORER			Adventure Options			
Dates	Days	Start / End				
ANTARCTIC 2025/2026						
NOV 6 - 16, 2025	11	Ushuaia	\$	\$	\$	\$
NOV 24 - DEC 4, 2025	11	Ushuaia	\$	\$	\$	\$
DEC 27, 2025 - JAN 6, 2026	11	Ushuaia	\$	\$	\$	\$
JAN 5 - 15, 2026	11	Ushuaia	\$	\$	\$	\$
JAN 14 - 24, 2026	11	Ushuaia	\$	\$	-	\$
JAN 23 - FEB 2, 2026	11	Ushuaia	\$	\$	-	\$
FEB 26 - MAR 8, 2026	11	Ushuaia	\$	\$	-	\$
MAR 7 - 17, 2026	11	Ushuaia	\$	\$	-	\$

OCEAN EXPLORER			Adventure Options		
Dates	Days	Start / End			
ANTARCTIC 2025/2026					
NOV 4 - 14, 2025	11	Ushuaia	\$	\$	\$
DEC 1 - 11, 2025	11	Ushuaia	\$	\$	\$
DEC 10 - 20, 2025	11	Ushuaia	\$	\$	\$
DEC 19 - 29, 2025	11	Ushuaia	\$	\$	\$

Raise a Glass and Stay Connected!

See below for specifics on our complimentary Wi-Fi and bar service, which takes effect November 2024.



Inclusions and Exclusions

Inclusions

RATES INCLUDE:

For all voyages:

- An official Quark Expeditions parka to keep
- Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Team, including shore landings and other activities
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising as per the daily program
- All shore landings as per the daily program
- Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage.
- **NEW** Free beer, standard wines, spirits, and cocktails during bar service hours and dinner
- Complimentary coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock
- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled
- A photographic journal documenting your expedition
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
- Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin
- **NEW** Complimentary Wi-Fi service on one device permitting basic Internet browsing, email, posting on social media and voice applications. (Premium packages are available for more data-intensive applications.)
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- All luggage handling aboard the ship
- Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person
- Group arrival transfer in Ushuaia from airport to pre-expedition hotel on Day 1
- One night's pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Ushuaia with breakfast. (Note: The number of guests per room is the same as cabin occupancy on the ship. Due to limited availability, travelers who reserve a suite on board are accommodated in standard rooms at the hotel. Triple rooms may not be available.)
- Group transfer from hotel to ship on embarkation day
- Group departure transfer upon disembarkation in Ushuaia from ship to local airport or to luggage.

Exclusions

RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

For all voyages:

- International airfare
- Passport and applicable visa expenses
- Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned
- Meals unless otherwise specified
- Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended
- Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic flights
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac landing and cruising excursions, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, spa services and other personal charges, unless specified
- Phone charges may vary by location
- Our basic complimentary Wi-Fi service does not include Premium packages which enable more data-intensive applications
- Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for expedition staff and shipboard crew
- Additional overnight accommodation
- Arrival and departure transfers, except where explicitly stated
- Adventure Options not listed in Included Activities.



Your Expedition Team

Our Expedition Leaders—the best in the industry—and their teams share their diverse expertise in subjects as varied as polar history, marine biology, glaciology, ornithology and photography. Their knowledge and enthusiasm will greatly enhance your immersion into the polar environment and further deepen your connection to the Antarctic.

With 33 years of experience bringing passengers to remote Polar Regions and an industry-leading staff-to-guest ratio, we know how to safely handle the unexpected. Ensuring this hard-earned experience is passed on, all our expedition staff undergo comprehensive training at Quark Academy, which provides hands-on polar expedition training prior to any staff member's first voyage, as well as ongoing training for experienced staff.





One of the many historic churches in Buenos Aires

Extend Your Trip

PRE- AND POST-EXPEDITION TRIP EXTENSIONS

Since you're traveling such a long way, you may want to spend extra time in Buenos Aires. We have a variety of pre- and post-expedition packages in this captivating city, known as the tango capital of the world. Enjoy an extensive city tour, take in a tango show and explore the unique neighborhoods of Recoleta, Palermo and San Telmo. Savor Argentine barbecue at a steakhouse (*parrilla*), then stroll the tree-lined boulevards and marvel at the historic architecture.

Take an extended tour from Buenos Aires to Iguazú Falls, and, if you're daring, walk the catwalks over the falls.

Upon arrival in Ushuaia, you can take in its unique museums, incredible hiking, and Patagonian cuisine. Spend a day in nearby Tierra del Fuego National Park, marvelling at the mountains, birdlife, waterfalls and forests.



Iguazú Falls



Ushuaia Maritime Museum

To discover the best options for extending your adventure, get in touch with your Travel Professional or a Polar Travel Adviser for seamless, worry-free booking of all trip extensions.

Raise a Glass and Stay Connected!

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Meals on Board

If there is one constant on board, it is that you'll enjoy delicious meals daily. While meal times may change due to landings and wildlife encounters, you'll always be served three well-prepared meals per day. Most dietary restrictions can be accommodated by letting us know prior to your expedition.

Breakfasts and lunches are normally served buffet style, while dinners are served plated. À la carte meals are made at the time of your order, allowing our chefs to prepare each dish to your individual needs, ensuring you receive top-quality meals during the course of your expedition.

Complimentary coffee, tea, cocoa and water stations are available around the clock, while soft drinks and juices are available during meals and when the bar is open—all included in the cost of your package.

NEW Enjoy free beer, standard wines, spirits, and cocktails during bar service hours and dinner as part of our new “Raise a Glass and Stay Connected Free” program. Premium wines and champagne are available at extra cost and can be billed to your shipboard account. The well-stocked bars on the ship are open late morning, afternoon and evening, though hours may occasionally change to accommodate the expedition schedule.





Possible Excursions

When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. The following sites are a sample of what you may experience on your expedition, whether by ship, Zodiac cruise, or shore landing.

Antarctic Peninsula

CIERVA COVE

Cierva Cove boasts jaw dropping icebergs and a glaciated backdrop. A massive glacial face regularly calves into the bay, leaving often spectacular floating ice. Seals can be spotted on ice floes, and later in the season, humpback whales occasionally feed in the icy waters.

CUVERVILLE ISLAND

Rising out of the mouth of the Errera Channel, this tall, steep island is covered by a colorful spectrum of lichens and mosses. A large gentoo penguin rookery is situated on a rocky beach at the north end of the island. Depending on when in

the season you arrive, you may see the penguins building nests, incubating eggs, or attending to their chicks.

DAMOY POINT

Damoy Point is the site of a historical ice runway used by the British Antarctic Survey for their flights further south since 1975. The well-maintained hut was used as a staging-post to store supplies and for accommodation while awaiting ideal flying conditions. The point is also home to a penguin rookery and allows for spectacular views of the mountains of Anvers Island.

DANCO ISLAND

Home to gentoo penguins, this small dome-shaped island provides you with a stunning view of the Errera Channel and excellent Zodiac cruising opportunities.

ENTERPRISE ISLAND

Located in Wilhelmina Bay, this island's protected coves were once used by whalers. A Zodiac cruise



exploring the island passes the rusting remains of a wrecked whaling ship, and provides opportunities to search for humpback whales.

LEMAIRE CHANNEL

One of the most scenic locations on the peninsula's west coast, this dramatic strait runs between the towering cliffs of Booth Island and the Antarctic Peninsula. The channel may become impassable when ice fills the narrow, 6.8-mile (11 km)-long passageway, so we'll hope for clear waters.

MELCHIOR ISLANDS

This group of low, glaciated islands in Dallmann Bay is where you may see hauled-out male fur seals as they recuperate from their battles for supremacy at the end of their breeding season.

MIKKELSEN HARBOR

Located on the south side of Trinity Island and surrounded by stunning ice cliffs and several reefs, Mikkelsen Harbor is a 1.86-mile (3 km)-wide bay, discovered

by a Swedish Antarctic expedition in 1901-04. Enjoy a Zodiac cruise of the beautiful waters, or if conditions allow, land at D'Hainaut Island, home to an Argentine refuge hut and whaling remains in the form of a wooden boat and whale skeletons. Weddell seals are often seen in the area and a gentoo penguin rookery is situated on the island.

NEKO HARBOUR

Little evidence remains that this bay was once used by the floating whale factory ship *Neko*. You might see whale vertebrae being used by resident gentoo penguins as shelter from the wind.

PARADISE HARBOR

Paradise Harbor is a wide bay and natural harbor on the West Antarctic Peninsula. Mountains, glaciers and ice cliffs offer spectacular views. Icebergs occasionally calve from the glaciers, providing a place for seals, penguins and seabirds to rest and play. An Argentine base, Almirante Brown Station—named after Admiral Guillermo Brown, father of the Argentine Navy—is also located in Paradise Harbor,

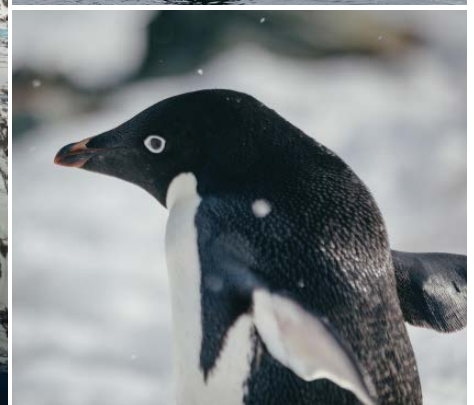
and was operated from 1951 until a large section of it burned down in 1984. It has since been partially rebuilt and today is used during summer months for scientific research.

PETERMANN ISLAND

Here, near the Lemaire Channel, you can stand ashore and see the southernmost breeding colony of gentoo penguins. Adélie penguins, shags and south polar skuas also inhabit the island.

PORT LOCKROY

As part of Operation Tabarin during the Second World War, a secret British base was built in this sheltered harbor, located on the west side of Wiencke Island. Now a designated historic site, the base is a museum and post office. Proceeds from your purchases in Port Lockroy support the UK Antarctic Heritage Trust, which preserves British and other historic sites dating to the Heroic Age of Exploration. A large gentoo penguin population resides here.



WILHELMINA BAY

Humpback whales abound in “Whelmina Bay,” as it’s nicknamed, and the scenery is spectacular. Sheer cliffs and glaciers surround the calm waters of the protected bay, named after Wilhelmina, queen of the Netherlands from 1890 to 1948. If you’re lucky, you may see the humpbacks bubble-net feeding: they exhale while swimming in a wide circle below the surface, trapping krill in a “net” of bubbles, and then swim straight up from below, mouths open, to engulf their prey. A truly astounding sight!

South Shetland Islands

AITCHO ISLANDS

This group of small islands is situated in the northern entrance of the English Strait. You can often spot a great mix of wildlife in the area, with gentoo and chinstrap penguins having established rookeries on the islands. Southern elephant, fur and Weddell seals frequently haul out here, too.

DECEPTION ISLAND

Deception Island is a flooded circular caldera formed by the collapse of an active volcano. To reach this protected

harbor, it is necessary to sail through a narrow passage called Neptune’s Bellows. Inside are several bays used at various times for whaling and scientific research. Along with waddling penguins and lounging seals, you’ll see the rusting remains of whaling operations on the beach in some locations. The landscape of Deception Island often presents opportunities for longer walks to striking vistas. The stark contrast between snow and dark volcanic sand and the steam along the shoreline from geothermic activity when the tide is right, gives this location an atmospheric feel.

HALF MOON ISLAND

This crescent-shaped island was known to sealers as early as 1821. While they tried to keep this productive location secret, we’re happy to bring you ashore on this impressive island. Many Antarctic birds breed here, including chinstrap penguins, shags, Wilson’s storm petrels, kelp gulls, snowy sheathbills, Antarctic terns and skuas.

HANNAH POINT

On the southern coast of Livingston Island at Hannah Point, you may see

chinstrap and gentoo penguin rookeries, along with the occasional breeding macaroni penguin. Due to the rather congested area available to the nesting penguins, we are able to visit here only after January 10.

TURRET POINT

Chinstrap and Adélie penguin rookeries are found on this point, situated on the south coast of King George Island. The beaches here are often crowded with southern elephant, fur and Weddell seals hauled out on the rocks.

YANKEE HARBOUR

Gentoo penguins have established a rookery at this harbor, situated on the southwest side of Greenwich Island. Here, you can see an abandoned Argentine refuge hut and a large glacier that stretches along the east and north sides of the bay. An abandoned sealing try pot is all that remains of the activity that brought men thousands of miles in tall ships to seek their fortune. Enjoy a rare chance for a longer walk along the expansive beach, dotted with historical artifacts and wildlife.



EXPEDITION SPIRIT

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What to pack on your Antarctic expedition

BY SEA

All transfers ship to shore and Zodiac/ship cruising.

- ☐ Waterproof pants (mandatory for every Zodiac ride)
- ☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic top*
- ☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic bottom*
- ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece top*
- ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece bottom*
- ☐ Warm wool or synthetic socks (keep a dry pair in your bag, and bring extras for layering)
- ☐ Glove liners * ☐ Hand and feet warmers* ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ Waterproof gloves or mitts (bring an extra pair)
- ☐ Scarf, buff, or other face protection
- ☐ Warm hat that covers ears (bring an extra)
- ☐ Waterproof, lightweight backpack or dry sack and/or rain sleeve for camera or a waterproof phone case (to keep camera and gear dry)
- ☐ Polarized sunglasses with UV protection (consider bringing an eyewear retainer: string/clip etc.)
- ☐ Ski goggles (for Zodiac cruising on snowy or windy days)

*recommended layering depending on the conditions of the day and reflecting your personal thermo-regulation comfort levels.

BY LAND (Shore Excursions and Hiking)

In addition to the gear requirements (as above) mandatory for the transit from ship to shore, it is recommended to bring:

- ☐ Hat, buff or scarf (for wind and weather protection)
- ☐ UV protection (sun hat, polarized sun glasses, sun block, lip balm etc.)
- ☐ Collapsible walking sticks for hikes (if required)
Quantities are available to borrow on every vessel
- ☐ Additional reusable (thermos-regulating) water bottle
(in addition to the reusable collapsible water bottle provided)

WHAT TO BRING! Packing for the Polar Regions doesn't have to be daunting, and to make it easier for you, all Quark Expeditions voyages include a Quark parka to keep, and a loan of insulated waterproof boots. Additional suggested items include:

TO WEAR ON BOARD

- ☐ The complimentary Quark 3-in-1 Parka provided on board is designed with a waterproof shell that can be worn out on deck, and a removable liner that you can wear to stay comfortable indoors)
- ☐ Comfortable casual clothing like lighter shirts, pants or jeans, etc. (in case the ship gets warm)
- ☐ Comfortable non-slip closed-toed, heelless shoes (flip flops, sandals or slip-on shoes should not be worn on board due to safety concerns)
- ☐ Workout attire (for the fitness center!)
- ☐ Swimsuit (for the Polar Plunge! Some vessels may also have a pool, hot tub, sauna and/or steam room. See your ship book for details.)

Just a reminder: No formal evening wear required on our voyages but if you would like to bring something a little more dressy for the Captain's welcome and farewell cocktails you may certainly do so!

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- ☐ Passport, visas, immunization records, travel documents, etc. as required
- ☐ Camera gear—complete with charger, storage medium, transport and cleaning kit (lens cloth etc.) and extra batteries
- ☐ Reusable waterproof bags or plastic bags with zippers (to keep small items organized and cameras dry)
- ☐ Voltage converters and plug adapters (see ship book for details)
- ☐ Seasickness, indigestion, headache, or other medications
- ☐ Earplugs and eye masks for sleeping
- ☐ Moisturizer for face and hands (skin dryness due to wind and temperature changes)
- ☐ Credit card and small amount of local currency (see pre-departure book for more details)

- › To view our packing checklist online, visit:
QuarkExpeditions.com/What-to-Pack/Antarctica
- › Related topics are covered on our Frequently Asked Questions page:
QuarkExpeditions.com/Frequently-Asked-Questions



Scan this QR code or [click here](#) to watch our video on what to pack before you go!

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND TEMPERATURES

Polar weather is extremely variable; temperatures may hover around the freezing mark and winds can be strong. The extended daylight warms sheltered areas so that you may sometimes find it warm enough for t-shirts. However, you may encounter rain, snow squalls, fog and white-outs during an expedition and should be ready for any conditions.



TO BOOK YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE

Contact your Travel Professional

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ANTARCTIC 2025/2026

Antarctic Express

Crossing the Circle



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Overview

Antarctic Express: Crossing the Circle

Antarctica offers so many extraordinary things to see and do, and traveling with Quark Expeditions offers multiple options to personalize your experience. We've designed this guide to help you identify what interests you most, so that you can start planning your version of the perfect expedition to the 7th Continent.

Check off a travel milestone by crossing the Antarctic Circle with the best expedition team in the industry. Fly over the notorious Drake Passage by charter plane to land at King George Island before exploring the Antarctic Peninsula by ship. Simply combine our exciting *Crossing the Circle: Southern Expedition* itinerary with a direct round-trip flight from Chile to your polar-ready ship, to enjoy our 11-day *Antarctic Express: Crossing the Circle* voyage. Then, explore the wonders of the Antarctic Peninsula by sea, and continue further to reach 66°33' south. Check other achievements off your bucket list as well, such as sea kayaking through channels dotted with icebergs.

Antarctica has been inspiring explorers for centuries and our expeditions offer the chance for you to discover why. We're excited to host you on your unforgettable adventure! Feel free to reach out to our team of Polar Travel Advisers who can answer your questions and provide assistance at any time.



EXPEDITION IN BRIEF



Cross the Antarctic Circle with the best expedition team in the industry



Fly over the Drake Passage and experience the fastest, most direct way to Antarctica



Witness iconic Antarctic wildlife, such as penguins, seals and whales



Celebrate crossing the Antarctic Circle with a toast



Enjoy presentations on wildlife, history, glaciology and geology by our onboard polar experts



Itinerary

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN PUNTA ARENAS, CHILE

Your adventure begins in Punta Arenas, Chile, the most populated city in southern Patagonia. If you arrive early, there are many museums, restaurants and shops to keep you busy for days. By early afternoon, a Quark Expeditions representative will meet you at the official starting point hotel, where you'll enjoy a welcome dinner and be briefed on preparations for your embarkation day.

DAY 2 | FLY TO KING GEORGE ISLAND AND EMBARK

Your charter flight from Punta Arenas to Antarctica enables you to cross the legendary Drake Passage in only two hours, while far below your ship will approach King George Island for your

arrival. Your first glimpse of dramatic Antarctic landscapes will be from a unique perspective, as your plane descends for landing in the South Shetland Islands. After landing, make your way to the shore, before being transferred by Zodiac to your ship to set sail for the Antarctic Peninsula!

DAYS 3-5 | ANTARCTIC PENINSULA AND SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS

There are few places in the world as evocative as Antarctica. The Antarctic Continent is indescribable and can only be fully appreciated through your own eyes.



ANTARCTIC EXPRESS Crossing the Circle

- On board the *Ocean Explorer*
- - - Flights to/from Punta Arenas

Even more exciting are your land excursions. Your first Zodiac landing is something you'll never forget! Setting foot on a beach inhabited by thousands of penguins is the most intimate way to experience the unique wildlife of Antarctica.

Each landing is different and dependent on weather, but every day presents new sightings and photo opportunities, and it won't be long before you can tell the difference between an Adélie, gentoo and chinstrap penguin.

You may take a Zodiac cruise in search of whales and icebergs one day, followed by a hike to a penguin rookery the next day. From the booming sound of a calving glacier to the thrill of spotting apex predators like leopard seals and orcas in action, you'll wake up early and

welcome each day with a sense of adventure and a desire to explore this unrivaled wilderness experience.

Your Expedition Team will accompany you along the way, ensuring safety and providing insights into the places you visit. Our expert education team will also provide in-depth explanations of the glaciology, history and wildlife of the region.

DAYS 6 & 7 | ANTARCTIC CIRCLE

Crossing the Antarctic Circle is both a memorable experience and impressive achievement, as few travelers reach so far south. If conditions allow us to cross this famed latitude of 66°33' S, we'll toast the first explorers who ventured here, and you can raise a glass and take pride in knowing you've made it to a part of the world visited by very few people. This

is raw Antarctica, home of the midnight sun, Weddell seals, and your best chances of encountering sea ice – the foundation of the Antarctic marine ecosystem.

DAYS 8 & 9 | NORTHBOUND ALONG THE PENINSULA

If you haven't had your fill of Antarctic wildlife and icebergs by now, you'll surely be satisfied by the time you return to King George Island. You will continue to explore by Zodiac or on land as you travel north along the western Antarctic Peninsula.

Your Expedition Team will always be on the lookout for species of seabirds, seals and whales that may have eluded you on your journey south.



DAY 10 | DISEMBARK AND FLY TO PUNTA ARENAS

After your week of exploration, you'll say goodbye to your Expedition Team and disembark at King George Island. Your two-hour flight across the Drake Passage to Punta Arenas, Chile, brings your adventure to an end. After your group transfer to the hotel, you are free to explore and enjoy an evening on your own, in the city or at the hotel to reminisce about the sights and sounds of Antarctica.

DAY 11 | DEPART PUNTA ARENAS

After breakfast, you are welcome to continue on your own travels or make your way to the Punta Arenas airport for your homeward flights.

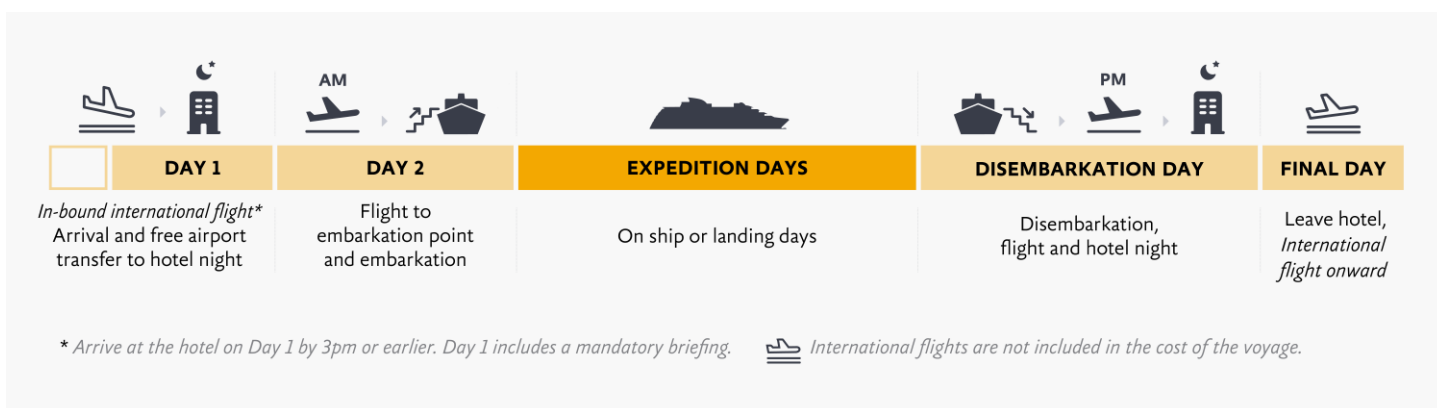
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Arrival and Departure Details, and International Flight Planning



As you prepare for your journey, you may be interested in your arrival and departure details. Since international air transportation is not included in the cost of your expedition, you have some flexibility in planning your flights.

Arrival Day and Embarkation

DAY 1 — ARRIVING IN PUNTA ARENAS AND HOTEL NIGHT

Please be sure to book a flight that will land with enough time to arrive at the hotel prior to 3 pm on Day 1 of your expedition. You will be greeted at the airport and transferred to the included group hotel. For passengers arriving before Day 1 of the itinerary, taxis are available to take you from the airport to your hotel for approximately \$50 USD.

On arrival at your hotel, either check in, and then make your way to the Quark Expeditions meeting room, or if you have arrived before check-in begins at 3 pm, you can head directly to the meeting room, which is open from 12 pm. Here you will collect your boots and parka, which you will need for the following day's flight. You will also need to bring the luggage you are planning to travel with to the meeting room, to have it weighed and checked for biosecurity clearance, which may involve vacuuming out any debris from outer clothing and backpacks, part of our commitment to protecting the sensitive Antarctic environment. After these procedures, the mandatory briefing will start at 6 pm in the meeting room. A welcome dinner hosted by a Quark Expeditions representative will follow the briefing.

PLEASE NOTE

It is important that you arrive at the hotel in Punta Arenas no later than 3 pm, in order to have time for check in, luggage weighing and tagging, boot and parka distribution, and biosecurity clearance, prior to the mandatory briefing at 6pm.

DAY 2 — FLIGHT TO KING GEORGE ISLAND AND EMBARKATION

Your flight to Antarctica is expected to depart from Punta Arenas for King George Island on Day 2 of your itinerary, after breakfast. Although the flight is scheduled to depart first thing in the morning, there is significant variability based on weather conditions. You should be prepared to depart the hotel for the airport on our group transfer at any time.

CONTINGENCY PLAN

In the unlikely event that the plane is unable to depart on the planned date of the charter flight, you will be provided with a night of hotel accommodation in Punta Arenas, meals included. You may be required to be on standby and remain close to the hotel, as a weather window may open with very little notice. If the weather is not suitable on Day 3, you will enjoy additional nights of accommodation and meals in Punta Arenas. On Day 4, should the charter flight not be able to take off, Quark Expeditions will officially cancel the voyage and provide a letter for you to submit to your travel insurance provider for coverage of flight changes and other associated non-cruise costs under the trip delay/interruption and cancellation clause.

Quark Expeditions will make every effort to ensure that your program takes place, but due to complex and variable weather conditions, flying in this region is challenging and is beyond our control. Safety is paramount to your expedition, and our pilots follow strict weather assessment procedures. Quark Expeditions will offer a refund of your cruise package and any adventure options in the event of a cancellation as a result of the charter flight being unable to depart as planned.

We strongly recommend that all expedition guests purchase a comprehensive travel insurance policy, including trip delay, cancellation and interruption insurance, in addition to the required medical coverage. Please note that international airfare may not be covered by insurance in the event of a cancellation. Please ask your Polar Travel Adviser about travel insurance.

PLEASE NOTE

There is a strict luggage limit of 39 lbs (18 kg) checked luggage and 22 lbs (10 kg) cabin baggage on the flights between Punta Arenas and King George Island. Should you have additional luggage, it can be stored at the hotel in Punta Arenas. There is NO option to pay for additional luggage.

Weather conditions can always delay our arrival, and airline schedule changes have also been known to occur. Booking flexible tickets is always encouraged, as we cannot be held responsible for delays due to unforeseen circumstances.



Disembarkation, Final Day and Departure

DISEMBARKATION AT KING GEORGE ISLAND

Ship disembarkation will generally occur in the late morning, on King George Island. After you disembark, you will take a short one-mile walk (1.6 km) from the beach to the airport to meet your plane. Your luggage will be transferred to the plane. After a two-hour flight, you will land at the Punta Arenas airport (PUQ).

DEPARTING FROM PUNTA ARENAS

On arrival in Punta Arenas, you will be transferred from the airport to your post-expedition hotel for one final night. Please note that a departure transfer from the hotel to the Punta Arenas airport is not included.

Arrival and Departure Transfers

PUNTA ARENAS AIRPORT TRANSFERS

ARRIVAL: Upon your arrival in Punta Arenas, a group transfer is included from the airport to your included pre-expedition hotel on Day 1 of your itinerary. Group transfers are also included in conjunction with the charter flights to and from Antarctica.

DEPARTURE: A departure transfer in Punta Arenas is not included, however your Travel Professional or Polar Travel Advisor can arrange one for you.

In order to facilitate your transfers, we request that you provide your flight details to Quark Expeditions at least 30 days prior to traveling.

PLEASE NOTE

Included Hotel Accommodations:

Your included accommodation begins on Day 1 of your itinerary, and the specific hotel will be indicated on your final voyage confirmation. Hotel accommodation is also provided for the final night at the end of your voyage. If you are arriving prior to Day 1 of your expedition and would like help booking a pre- or post-stay, please contact your preferred travel agent or Quark Expeditions for hotel options. As accommodation space is limited, you are encouraged to request any extra nights as early as possible.





Ultramarine



World Explorer



Ocean Explorer

Our Fleet of Small Polar Vessels

Quark Expeditions boasts the most diverse polar-class fleet of any polar operator, and the ability to offer you this incredible voyage on one of our ice strengthened vessels.

The entire Quark Expeditions fleet is built for comfort—and for challenging polar environments, allowing us to take you to places ordinary cruise companies wouldn't dream of going.

Plus, you'll do so while enjoying excellent amenities and superbly comfortable cabins.



Your Ship

OCEAN EXPLORER

Ocean Explorer, the newest addition to our fleet, is modern, elegant and purpose-built for polar exploration. The 138-passenger vessel has been designed with the latest in expedition ship technology. One of the ship's key features is the ULSTEIN X-BOW®, a marine engineering innovation that ensures a comfortable and smooth sailing experience thanks to the inverted bow. Located at the bow is the two-story, light-filled library, which introduces a welcome airiness to the expedition ship. Spacious cabins feature a modern, bespoke Scandinavian design and almost all have verandas. Guests can relax and find comfort in the spacious gym, sauna with large windows, and two outdoor Jacuzzis. *Ocean Explorer* features ample outdoor viewing areas and multi-height outer decks, which are ideal for long-view photography and wildlife viewing. The vessel is equipped with a fleet of 15 Zodiacs that enable guests to get off the ship quickly and safely for off-ship adventures. In addition to the well-appointed and spacious public areas, *Ocean Explorer* has an industry-leading mix of sustainability systems, including fuel-efficient Rolls Royce engines.

SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

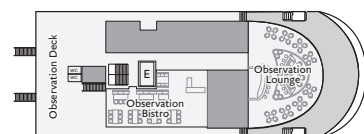
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Guests: 138

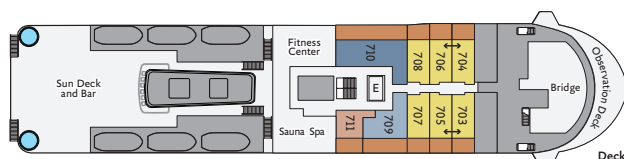
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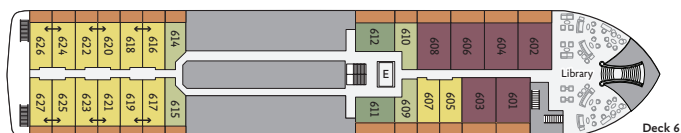
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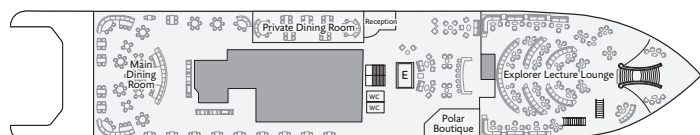
Deck 8



Deck 7



Deck 6



Deck 5



Deck 4



Deck 3

- Owner's Suite
- Junior Suite
- Deluxe Veranda Mid
- Explorer Suite
- Grand Veranda Stateroom
- Deluxe Veranda Fwd
- Studio Veranda Single
- Studio Veranda Stateroom
- Studio Double
- Royal Veranda Stateroom
- Deluxe Veranda
- Studio Single

Interconnecting Suites

Accessibility modified cabin; please speak to your travel professional for details

Balcony



Included Activities

These are included in your trip package.



Ready for a little adventure beyond your ship? Each Quark Expeditions voyage offers a variety of immersive off-ship activities to enhance your polar experience.

ZODIAC CRUISING

Zodiacs—rugged inflatable watercraft—are the workhorses of polar expeditions, taking you to places the ships can't access, allowing you to reach remote shorelines, explore shallow inlets and search for unique wildlife. Expedition

staff make stepping in and out of them safe and comfortable, and your Zodiac drivers will provide active interpretation, making the landscape come even more alive.

HIKING

Hiking in Antarctica is free-form and supervised by our expert staff, who set out a perimeter or paths at each landing site within which you are free to explore. While you hike, staff will be available to enhance your experience by answering questions about the wildlife, history and geography of the area.

PRESENTATIONS

Enjoy daily chats with and presentations by our world-class onboard polar experts—expedition guides, specialists, photography guides and other special guests who will introduce you to the fascinating history, biology, ornithology, glaciology and geology of the region, and much, much more.

POLAR PLUNGE

This rite of passage, scheduled only once per expedition, gives you the chance to jump safely into the bracing Antarctic waters under the watchful eye of our staff—and just about every single camera on board!

PHOTOGRAPHY

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is a rewarding experience. Our photography guide will help you hone your skills to capture the beauty of the polar regions.

More information about your Included Activities and Adventure Options, including the necessary experience, physical requirements and cost, is available by contacting your Polar Travel Adviser or your travel professional.



Adventure Options

These activities cost extra and must be booked in advance of your trip.



PLEASE NOTE

Pre-booking is required for all paid activities. We recommend booking early, as spaces fill quickly. Please see your pre-departure guide for a list of provided gear for each Adventure Option.

SEA KAYAKING

Imagine gliding across the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers. Our Sea Kayaking program is a great way to intimately explore your surroundings. A small group of kayakers will plan to go out multiple times per voyage as an alternative to shore landings or Zodiac cruises.

The number of opportunities to kayak is weather dependent, and will be conducted only during calm conditions. Prior kayaking experience is required, and you must be able to do a wet exit to participate. Beginners interested in kayaking should consider participating in the Paddling Excursion.

PADDLING EXCURSION

If you're interested in kayaking but would like to try something a bit less demanding than Sea Kayaking, you're the perfect candidate to sign up for a one-time paddle on our stable sit-on-top kayaks—perfect for anyone with minimal or no kayaking experience. Small groups of paddlers will be taken out on calm days, with our expert guides always present to provide instruction and help you connect with the polar sea. Pre-book into one of two priority groups. Any subsequent excursions can be booked on board, and groups will be assigned via a lottery as spaces are limited.



Departure Dates

Antarctic Express: Crossing the Circle

OCEAN EXPLORER			Adventure Options	
Dates	Days	Start / End		
ANTARCTIC 2025/2026				
JAN 9 - 19, 2026	11	Punta Arenas	\$	\$

Raise a Glass and Stay Connected!

See below for specifics on our complimentary Wi-Fi and bar service, which takes effect November 2024.



Inclusions and Exclusions

Inclusions

RATES INCLUDE:

For all voyages:

- An official Quark Expeditions parka to keep
- Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Team, including shore landings and other activities
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising as per the daily program
- All shore landings as per the daily program
- Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage.
- **NEW** Free beer, standard wines, spirits, and cocktails during bar service hours and dinner
- Complimentary coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock
- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled
- A photographic journal documenting your expedition
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
- Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin
- **NEW** Complimentary Wi-Fi service on one device permitting basic Internet browsing, email, posting on social media and voice applications. (Premium packages are available for more data-intensive applications.)
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- All luggage handling aboard the ship
- Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person
- A group arrival transfer in Punta Arenas from airport to pre-expedition hotel on Day 1
- One night's pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Punta Arenas with breakfast. (Note: The number of guests per room is the same as cabin occupancy on the ship. Due to limited availability, travelers who reserve a suite on board are accommodated in standard rooms at the hotel. Triple rooms may not be available.)
- A briefing dinner on Day 1 in Punta Arenas
- A pre-expedition group transfer in Punta Arenas from the hotel to the airport
- Flights to and from King George Island
- A post-expedition group transfer in Punta Arenas from the airport to the hotel
- One night's post-expedition hotel accommodation (with breakfast) in Punta Arenas, as well as luggage storage.

Exclusions

RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

For all voyages:

- International airfare
- Passport and applicable visa expenses
- Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned
- Meals unless otherwise specified
- Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended
- Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic flights
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac landing and cruising excursions, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, spa services and other personal charges, unless specified
- Phone charges may vary by location
- Our basic complimentary Wi-Fi service does not include Premium packages which enable more data-intensive applications
- Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for expedition staff and shipboard crew
- Additional overnight accommodation
- Arrival and departure transfers, except where explicitly stated
- Adventure Options not listed in Included Activities.



Your Expedition Team

Our Expedition Leaders—the best in the industry—and their teams share their diverse expertise in subjects as varied as polar history, marine biology, glaciology, ornithology and photography. Their knowledge and enthusiasm will greatly enhance your immersion into the polar environment and further deepen your connection to the Antarctic.

With 33 years of experience bringing passengers to remote Polar Regions and an industry-leading staff-to-guest ratio, we know how to safely handle the unexpected. Ensuring this hard-earned experience is passed on, all our expedition staff undergo comprehensive training at Quark Academy, which provides hands-on polar expedition training prior to any staff member's first voyage, as well as ongoing training for experienced staff.





Santiago, Chile

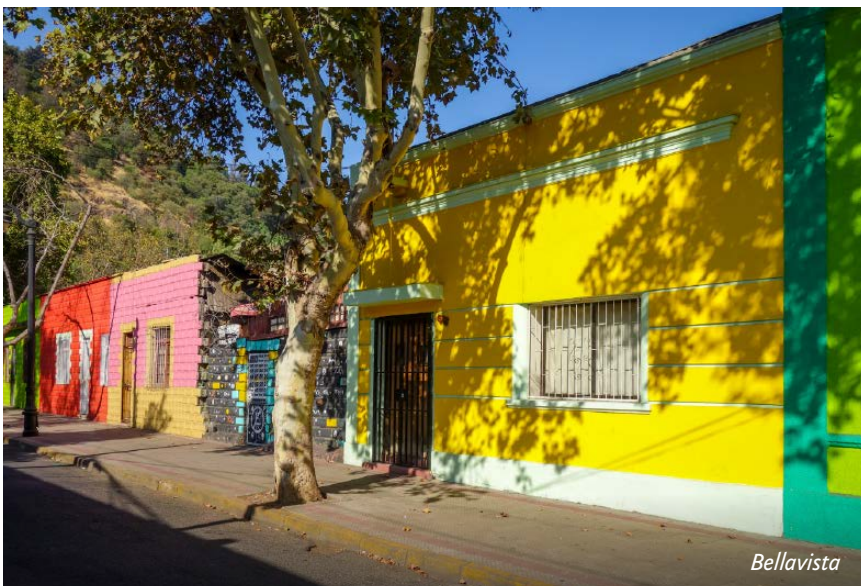


Santiago Wine Bar

Extend Your Trip

PRE- AND POST-EXPEDITION TRIP EXTENSIONS

Since you're traveling such a long way, you may want to spend extra time in Santiago. Chile's capital city has a rejuvenating and modern vibe. Its cool, cultural current resonates, from the hillside parks to the sidewalk cafés. The city's burgeoning culinary scene is fast becoming Santiago's calling card. Enjoy new wine bars, tapas cafés and high-end restaurants. Make neighborhood-hopping a holiday highlight and head to trendy Barrio Lastarria, Barrio Italia and Bellavista, the city's boho quarter.



Bellavista

To discover the best options for extending your adventure, get in touch with your Travel Professional or a Polar Travel Adviser for seamless, worry-free booking of all trip extensions.

Raise a Glass and Stay Connected!

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Meals on Board

If there is one constant on board, it is that you'll enjoy delicious meals daily. While meal times may change due to landings and wildlife encounters, you'll always be served three well-prepared meals per day. Most dietary restrictions can be accommodated by letting us know prior to your expedition.

Breakfasts and lunches are normally served buffet style, while dinners are served plated. À la carte meals are made at the time of your order, allowing our chefs to prepare each dish to your individual needs, ensuring you receive top-quality meals during the course of your expedition.

Complimentary coffee, tea, cocoa and water stations are available around the clock, while soft drinks and juices are available during meals and when the bar is open—all included in the cost of your package.

NEW Enjoy free beer, standard wines, spirits, and cocktails during bar service hours and dinner as part of our new “Raise a Glass and Stay Connected Free” program. Premium wines and champagne are available at extra cost and can be billed to your shipboard account. The well-stocked bars on the ship are open late morning, afternoon and evening, though hours may occasionally change to accommodate the expedition schedule.





Possible Excursions

When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. The following sites are a sample of what you may experience on your expedition, whether by ship, Zodiac cruise, or shore landing.

Antarctic Peninsula

ANTARCTIC CIRCLE

Although not a shore landing, the crossing of the Antarctic Circle is a moment to remember for life. The event will happen while at sea, so be sure to head out on deck to toast the achievement.

CIERVA COVE

Cierva Cove boasts jaw dropping icebergs and a glaciated backdrop. A massive glacial face regularly calves into the bay, leaving often spectacular floating ice. Seals can be spotted on ice floes, and later in the season, humpback whales occasionally feed in the icy waters.

CUVERVILLE ISLAND

A gentoo penguin rookery is situated on a rocky beach at the north end of the island. Depending on when in the season you arrive, you may see the penguins building nests or attending to their chicks. Giant petrels and kelp gulls breed on the island.

DAMOY POINT

Damoy Point is the site of a historical ice runway used by the British Antarctic Survey for their flights further south since 1975. The well-maintained hut was used as a staging-post to store supplies and for accommodation while awaiting ideal flying conditions. The point is also home to a penguin rookery and allows for spectacular views of the mountains of Anvers Island.

DANCO ISLAND

Home to gentoo penguins, this small dome-shaped island provides you with a stunning view of the Errera Channel and excellent Zodiac cruising opportunities.



DETAILLE ISLAND

Detaille Island lies in Lallemand Fjord, just south of the Antarctic Circle. The hut at this site is the British Antarctic Survey's Station W, which was evacuated in 1959 when sea ice and weather made relief by ship impossible, and base personnel were forced to close the station and transfer to Station Y at Horseshoe Island. Research undertaken at Detaille Island site focused on surveying, geology and meteorology. The hut was cleaned up by the British Antarctic Survey in 1996-97, and more recently restored by the UK Antarctic Heritage Trust.

ENTERPRISE ISLAND

Located in Wilhelmina Bay, this island's protected coves were once used by whalers. A Zodiac cruise exploring the island passes the rusting remains of a wrecked whaling ship, and provides opportunities to search for humpback whales.

LEMAIRE CHANNEL

One of the most scenic locations on the peninsula's west coast, this dramatic strait runs between the towering cliffs of Booth Island and the Antarctic Peninsula. The channel may become impassable when ice fills the narrow, 6.8-mile (11 km)-long passageway, so we'll hope for clear waters.

MELCHIOR ISLANDS

This group of low, glaciated islands in Dallmann Bay is where you may see hauled-out male fur seals as they recuperate from their battles for supremacy at the end of their breeding season.

NEKO HARBOUR

Little evidence remains that this bay was once used by the floating whale factory ship *Neko*. You might see whale vertebrae being used by resident gentoo penguins as shelter from the wind.

PETERMANN ISLAND

Here, near the Lemaire Channel, you can stand ashore and see the southernmost breeding colony of gentoo penguins. Adélie penguins, shags and south polar skuas also inhabit the island.

PORT LOCKROY

As part of Operation Tabarin during the Second World War, a secret British base was built in this sheltered harbor, located on the west side of Wiencke Island. Now a designated historic site, the base is a museum and post office. Proceeds from your purchases in Port Lockroy support the UK Antarctic Heritage Trust, which preserves British and other historic sites dating to the Heroic Age of Exploration. A large gentoo penguin population resides here.



STONINGTON ISLAND

Two abandoned research stations can be found on this island south of the Antarctic Circle. The first women to overwinter in Antarctica were housed at East Base. The British built Base E is about 656 feet (200 m) away from East Base, which was built by the United States Antarctic Service Expedition.

WATERBOAT POINT

A surveyor and a geologist lived in a makeshift shelter utilizing an up-turned water boat on this point from 1921 to 1922. The remains of their camp have been designated an Antarctic historic site. The aptly named Waterboat Point is also home to a Chilean Antarctic research station, named González Videla Base after the first sitting head of state to visit the Antarctic continent. When the base is manned, you may be welcomed inside for a visit by the base personnel, or you may visit the resident nesting gentoo rookery if the base is inactive.

YALOUR ISLANDS

These islands were named for an Argentine Navy lieutenant who rescued the shipwrecked members of the Swedish Antarctic Expedition in 1903. Approximately 8,000 pairs of Adélie penguins nest in the islands, sometimes parading for visitors. Yellow lichens and grass give color to the landscape, and icebergs are easy to spot from your Zodiac cruise.

South Shetland Islands

AITCHO ISLANDS

This group of small islands is situated in the northern entrance of the English Strait. You can often spot a great mix of wildlife in the area, with gentoo and chinstrap penguins having established rookeries on the islands. Southern elephant and fur seals frequently haul out here, too.

DECEPTION ISLAND

Deception Island is a flooded circular caldera formed by the collapse of an active volcano. To reach this protected harbor, it is necessary to sail through a narrow passage called Neptune's Bellows. Inside are several bays used at various times for whaling and scientific research. Along with waddling penguins and lounging seals, you'll see the rusting remains of whaling operations on the beach in some locations. The landscape of Deception Island often presents opportunities for longer walks to striking vistas. The stark contrast between snow and dark volcanic sand and the steam along the shoreline from geothermic activity when the tide is right, gives this location an atmospheric feel.



HALF MOON ISLAND

This crescent-shaped island was known to sealers as early as 1821. While they tried to keep this productive location secret, we're happy to bring you ashore on this impressive island. Many Antarctic birds breed here, including chinstrap penguins, shags, Wilson's storm petrels, kelp gulls, snowy sheathbills, Antarctic terns and skuas.

HANNAH POINT

On the southern coast of Livingston Island at Hannah Point, you may see chinstrap and gentoo penguin rookeries, along with the occasional breeding macaroni penguin. Due to the rather congested area available to the nesting penguins, we are able to visit here only after January 10.

PENGUIN ISLAND

Antarctica has two flowering plants, both of which you can find on Penguin Island: Antarctic hair grass (*Deschampsia antarctica*) and Antarctic pearlwort (*Colobanthus quitensis*). Chinstrap penguins, fur seals and southern elephant seals can also be spotted here.

ROBERT POINT

A beautiful spot for Zodiac cruising, this point was known to sealers as early as 1820. Chinstrap penguins, kelp gulls and pintado petrels breed here, and whales may be seen in the surrounding waters.

TURRET POINT

Chinstrap and Adélie penguin rookeries are found on this point, situated on the south coast of King George Island. The beaches here are often crowded with southern elephant, fur and Weddell seals hauled out on the rocks.

YANKEE HARBOUR

Gentoo penguins have established a rookery at this harbor, situated on the southwest side of Greenwich Island. Here, you can see an abandoned Argentine refuge hut and a large glacier that stretches along the east and north sides of the bay. An abandoned sealing try pot is all that remains of the activity that brought men thousands of miles in tall ships to seek their fortune. Enjoy a rare chance for a longer walk along the expansive beach, dotted with historical artifacts and wildlife.

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What to pack on your Antarctic expedition

BY SEA

All transfers ship to shore and Zodiac/ship cruising.

- ☐ Waterproof pants (mandatory for every Zodiac ride)
- ☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic top*
- ☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic bottom*
- ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece top*
- ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece bottom*
- ☐ Warm wool or synthetic socks (keep a dry pair in your bag, and bring extras for layering)
- ☐ Glove liners * ☐ Hand and feet warmers* ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ Waterproof gloves or mitts (bring an extra pair)
- ☐ Scarf, buff, or other face protection
- ☐ Warm hat that covers ears (bring an extra)
- ☐ Waterproof, lightweight backpack or dry sack and/or rain sleeve for camera or a waterproof phone case (to keep camera and gear dry)
- ☐ Polarized sunglasses with UV protection (consider bringing an eyewear retainer: string/clip etc.)
- ☐ Ski goggles (for Zodiac cruising on snowy or windy days)

*recommended layering depending on the conditions of the day and reflecting your personal thermo-regulation comfort levels.

BY LAND (Shore Excursions and Hiking)

In addition to the gear requirements (as above) mandatory for the transit from ship to shore, it is recommended to bring:

- ☐ Hat, buff or scarf (for wind and weather protection)
- ☐ UV protection (sun hat, polarized sun glasses, sun block, lip balm etc.)
- ☐ Collapsible walking sticks for hikes (if required)
Quantities are available to borrow on every vessel
- ☐ Additional reusable (thermos-regulating) water bottle
(in addition to the reusable collapsible water bottle provided)

WHAT TO BRING! Packing for the Polar Regions doesn't have to be daunting, and to make it easier for you, all Quark Expeditions voyages include a Quark parka to keep, and a loan of insulated waterproof boots. Additional suggested items include:

TO WEAR ON BOARD

- ☐ The complimentary Quark 3-in-1 Parka provided on board is designed with a waterproof shell that can be worn out on deck, and a removable liner that you can wear to stay comfortable indoors)
- ☐ Comfortable casual clothing like lighter shirts, pants or jeans, etc. (in case the ship gets warm)
- ☐ Comfortable non-slip closed-toed, heelless shoes (flip flops, sandals or slip-on shoes should not be worn on board due to safety concerns)
- ☐ Workout attire (for the fitness center!)
- ☐ Swimsuit (for the Polar Plunge! Some vessels may also have a pool, hot tub, sauna and/or steam room. See your ship book for details.)

Just a reminder: No formal evening wear required on our voyages but if you would like to bring something a little more dressy for the Captain's welcome and farewell cocktails you may certainly do so!

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- ☐ Passport, visas, immunization records, travel documents, etc. as required
- ☐ Camera gear—complete with charger, storage medium, transport and cleaning kit (lens cloth etc.) and extra batteries
- ☐ Reusable waterproof bags or plastic bags with zippers (to keep small items organized and cameras dry)
- ☐ Voltage converters and plug adapters (see ship book for details)
- ☐ Seasickness, indigestion, headache, or other medications
- ☐ Earplugs and eye masks for sleeping
- ☐ Moisturizer for face and hands (skin dryness due to wind and temperature changes)
- ☐ Credit card and small amount of local currency (see pre-departure book for more details)

- › To view our packing checklist online, visit:
QuarkExpeditions.com/What-to-Pack/Antarctica
- › Related topics are covered on our Frequently Asked Questions page:
QuarkExpeditions.com/Frequently-Asked-Questions



Scan this QR code or [click here](#) to watch our video on what to pack before you go!

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND TEMPERATURES

Polar weather is extremely variable; temperatures may hover around the freezing mark and winds can be strong. The extended daylight warms sheltered areas so that you may sometimes find it warm enough for t-shirts. However, you may encounter rain, snow squalls, fog and white-outs during an expedition and should be ready for any conditions.

A group of seven people in bright orange and blue expedition gear are in a black inflatable boat on a dark, choppy sea. In the foreground, a large, dark whale tail is visible, partially submerged. The background shows a hazy, overcast sky and distant icebergs.

TO BOOK YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE

Contact your Travel Professional

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Antarctic Express

Fly the Drake



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Overview

Antarctic Express: Fly the Drake

Antarctica offers so many extraordinary things to see and do, and traveling with Quark Expeditions offers multiple options to personalize your experience. We've designed this guide—with the expertise of the best expedition team in the industry—to help you identify what interests you most, so that you can start planning your version of the perfect expedition to the 7th Continent.

Answer the call of Antarctica by flying over the notorious Drake Passage by charter plane to land at King George Island before exploring the Antarctic Peninsula by ship. In just 8 adventure-packed days, you'll experience rewarding shore visits and Zodiac cruises, marvel at intimate wildlife encounters, explore historic sites and make the most of your landmark visit to the 7th Continent. Select from a range of adventure options and onboard activities that match your personal interests and make your expedition uniquely yours.

Antarctica has been inspiring explorers for centuries and our expeditions offer the chance for you to discover why. We're excited to host you on your unforgettable adventure! Feel free to reach out to our team of Polar Travel Advisers who can answer your questions and provide assistance at any time.



EXPEDITION IN BRIEF



Explore Antarctica with the best expedition team in the industry



Fly over the Drake Passage and experience the fastest, most direct way to Antarctica



Spot iconic Antarctic wildlife, such as penguins, seals and whales



Enjoy presentations on wildlife, history, glaciology and geology by our onboard polar experts



Cruise in a Zodiac to get water-level views of icebergs, wildlife and more



Itinerary

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN PUNTA ARENAS, CHILE

Your adventure begins in Punta Arenas, Chile, the most populated city in southern Patagonia. If you arrive early, there are many museums, restaurants and shops to keep you busy for days. By early afternoon, a Quark Expeditions representative will meet you at the official starting point hotel, where you'll enjoy a welcome dinner and be briefed about preparing for your embarkation day.

DAY 2 | FLY TO KING GEORGE ISLAND AND EMBARK

Your charter flight from Punta Arenas to Antarctica will enable you to cross the legendary Drake Passage in only two hours, while far below, the ship will approach King George Island

for your arrival. Your first glimpse of dramatic Antarctic landscapes will be from a unique perspective, as your plane descends onto the South Shetland Islands. After landing, make your way to the shore, before being transferred by Zodiac to your ship to set sail for the Antarctic Peninsula!

DAYS 3-6 | ANTARCTIC PENINSULA AND SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS

There are few places in the world as evocative as Antarctica. The Antarctic Continent is indescribable and can only be fully appreciated through your own eyes.



ANTARCTIC EXPRESS Fly the Drake

- On board the *Ocean Explorer* or *World Explorer*
- - - - - Flights to/from Punta Arenas

As your Captain and Expedition Team keep a lookout for whales and seabirds, you'll be alerted to any new sightings. Our team of expert presenters will deepen your experience with explanations of the glaciology, history and wildlife of the region, and presentations on photography to help you take memory-catching images.

Even more exciting are your daily excursions. Your first Zodiac landing is something you'll never forget! Walking on a shore inhabited by thousands of penguins is the most intimate way to experience the unique wildlife of Antarctica.

Each landing is different and is dependent on weather, but every day presents new sightings and photo opportunities, and it won't be long before you can tell the difference between Adélie, gentoo and chinstrap penguins.

You may take a Zodiac cruise in search of whales and icebergs one day, followed by a hike to a penguin rookery the next day. From the booming sound of a calving glacier to the thrill of spotting apex

predators like leopard seals and orcas in action, you'll wake up early and welcome each day with a sense of adventure and a desire to explore during this unrivaled wilderness experience.

Your Expedition Team will accompany you all along the way, providing insights into the places you visit.

DAY 7 | DISEMBARK AND FLY TO PUNTA ARENAS

After your week of exploration, you'll say goodbye to your Expedition Team and disembark at King George Island. Your two-hour flight across the Drake Passage to Punta Arenas, Chile, brings your adventure to an end. After your group transfer to the hotel, you are free to explore and enjoy an evening on your own, in the city or at the hotel to reminisce about the sights and sounds of Antarctica.

DAY 8 | DEPART PUNTA ARENAS

After breakfast, you are welcome to continue on your own travels or make your way to the Punta Arenas airport for your homeward flights.

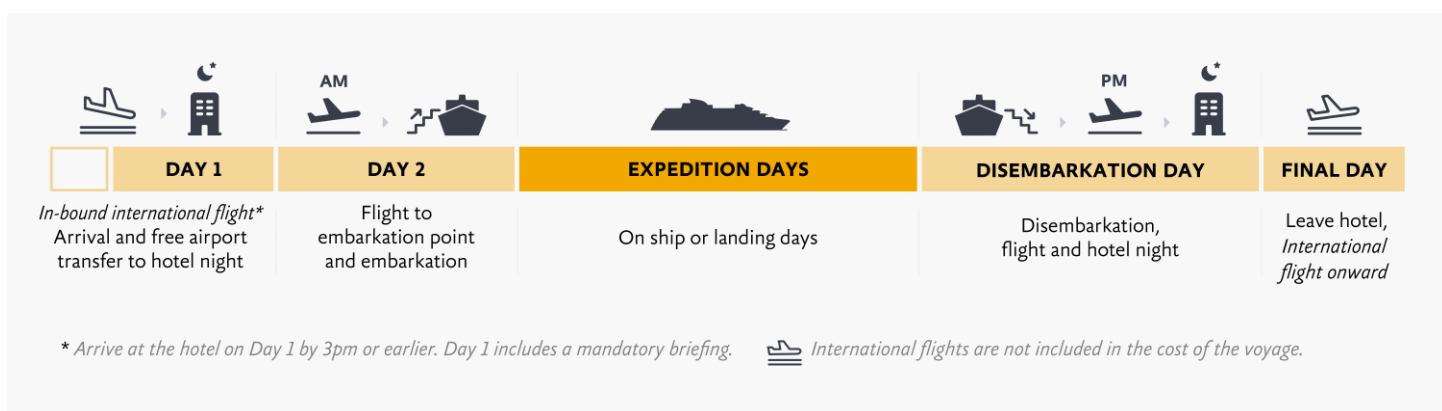
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Arrival and Departure Details, and International Flight Planning



As you prepare for your journey, you may be interested in your arrival and departure details. Since international air transportation is not included in the cost of your expedition, you have some flexibility in planning your flights.

Arrival Day and Embarkation

DAY 1 — ARRIVING IN PUNTA ARENAS AND HOTEL NIGHT

Please be sure to book a flight that will land with enough time to arrive at the hotel prior to 3 pm on Day 1 of your expedition. You will be greeted at the airport and transferred to the included group hotel. For passengers arriving before Day 1 of the itinerary, taxis are available to take you from the airport to your hotel for approximately \$50 USD.

On arrival at your hotel, either check in, and then make your way to the Quark Expeditions meeting room, or if you have arrived before check-in begins at 3 pm, you can head directly to the meeting room, which is open from 12 pm. Here you will collect your boots and parka, which you will need for the following day's flight. You will also need to bring the luggage you are planning to travel with to the meeting room, to have it weighed and checked for biosecurity clearance, which may involve vacuuming out any debris from outer clothing and backpacks, part of our commitment to protecting the sensitive Antarctic environment. After these procedures, the mandatory briefing will start at 6 pm in the meeting room. A welcome dinner hosted by a Quark Expeditions representative will follow the briefing.

PLEASE NOTE

It is important that you arrive at the hotel in Punta Arenas no later than 3 pm, in order to have time for check in, luggage weighing and tagging, boot and parka distribution, and biosecurity clearance, prior to the mandatory briefing at 6pm.

DAY 2 — FLIGHT TO KING GEORGE ISLAND AND EMBARKATION

Your flight to Antarctica is expected to depart from Punta Arenas for King George Island on Day 2 of your itinerary, after breakfast. Although the flight is scheduled to depart first thing in the morning, there is significant variability based on weather conditions. You should be prepared to depart the hotel for the airport on our group transfer at any time.

CONTINGENCY PLAN

In the unlikely event that the plane is unable to depart on the planned date of the charter flight, you will be provided with a night of hotel accommodation in Punta Arenas, meals included. You may be required to be on standby and remain close to the hotel, as a weather window may open with very little notice. If the weather is not suitable on Day 3, you will enjoy additional nights of accommodation and meals in Punta Arenas. On Day 4, should the charter flight not be able to take off, Quark Expeditions will officially cancel the voyage and provide a letter for you to submit to your travel insurance provider for coverage of flight changes and other associated non-cruise costs under the trip delay/interruption and cancellation clause.

Quark Expeditions will make every effort to ensure that your program takes place, but due to complex and variable weather conditions, flying in this region is challenging and is beyond our control. Safety is paramount to your expedition, and our pilots follow strict weather assessment procedures. Quark Expeditions will offer a refund of your cruise package and any adventure options in the event of a cancellation as a result of the charter flight being unable to depart as planned.

We strongly recommend that all expedition guests purchase a comprehensive travel insurance policy, including trip delay, cancellation and interruption insurance, in addition to the required medical coverage. Please note that international airfare may not be covered by insurance in the event of a cancellation. Please ask your Polar Travel Adviser about travel insurance.

PLEASE NOTE

There is a strict luggage limit of 39 lbs (18 kg) checked luggage and 22 lbs (10 kg) cabin baggage on the flights between Punta Arenas and King George Island. Should you have additional luggage, it can be stored at the hotel in Punta Arenas. There is NO option to pay for additional luggage.

Weather conditions can always delay our arrival, and airline schedule changes have also been known to occur. Booking flexible tickets is always encouraged, as we cannot be held responsible for delays due to unforeseen circumstances.



Disembarkation, Final Day and Departure

DISEMBARKATION AT KING GEORGE ISLAND

Ship disembarkation will generally occur in the late morning, on King George Island. After you disembark, you will take a short one-mile walk (1.6 km) from the beach to the airport to meet your plane. Your luggage will be transferred to the plane. After a two-hour flight, you will land at the Punta Arenas airport (PUQ).

DEPARTING FROM PUNTA ARENAS

On arrival in Punta Arenas, you will be transferred from the airport to your post-expedition hotel for one final night. Please note that a departure transfer from the hotel to the Punta Arenas airport is not included.

Arrival and Departure Transfers

PUNTA ARENAS AIRPORT TRANSFERS

ARRIVAL: Upon your arrival in Punta Arenas, a group transfer is included from the airport to your included pre-expedition hotel on Day 1 of your itinerary. Group transfers are also included in conjunction with the charter flights to and from Antarctica.

DEPARTURE: A departure transfer in Punta Arenas is not included, however your Travel Professional or Polar Travel Advisor can arrange one for you.

In order to facilitate your transfers, we request that you provide your flight details to Quark Expeditions at least 30 days prior to traveling.

PLEASE NOTE

Included Hotel Accommodations:

Your included accommodation begins on Day 1 of your itinerary, and the specific hotel will be indicated on your final voyage confirmation. Hotel accommodation is also provided for the final night at the end of your voyage. If you are arriving prior to Day 1 of your expedition and would like help booking a pre- or post-stay, please contact your preferred travel agent or Quark Expeditions for hotel options. As accommodation space is limited, you are encouraged to request any extra nights as early as possible.





Ultramarine



World Explorer



Ocean Explorer

Our Fleet of Small Polar Vessels

Quark Expeditions boasts the most diverse polar-class fleet of any polar operator, and the ability to offer you this incredible voyage on one of our ice strengthened vessels.

The entire Quark Expeditions fleet is built for comfort—and for challenging polar environments, allowing us to take you to places ordinary cruise companies wouldn't dream of going.

Plus, you'll do so while enjoying excellent amenities and superbly comfortable cabins.



Your Ship

WORLD EXPLORER

A polar powerhouse, *World Explorer*—our first all-suites, all-balcony ice-class ship—lets you discover everything Antarctica has to offer, with the type of service you would experience at premium hotels. *World Explorer* also provides plenty of indoor and outdoor deck spaces to witness the incredible Antarctic wildlife or simply watch the world go by. Enjoy the spacious observation deck for taking in sights outside, the observation lounge with panoramic skyline views, the library for intimate relaxing and reading, and the Explorer Lounge for a drink and a chat. Presentations and discussions are held in a dedicated lecture theater. Health and wellness facilities feature an outdoor running track, small gym and spa—the world’s only l’Occitane Spa at Sea—plus an outdoor swimming pool. With its new and environmentally sustainable hybrid technology and state-of-the-art Rolls-Royce engines and generators, *World Explorer* also boasts reduced fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions.

SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

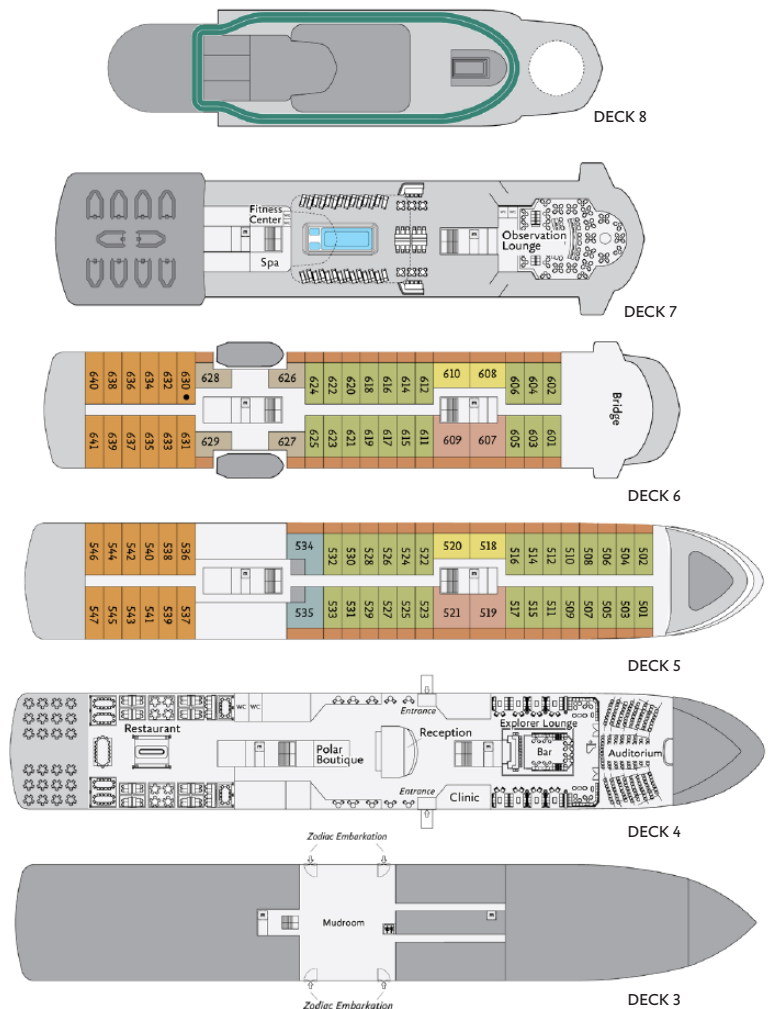
Staff and Crew: 125

Guests: 172

Lifeboats: 2, fully enclosed

Ice Class: 1B

Visit QuarkExpeditions.com to view deck plan details.



- Owner's Suite
- Veranda Suite
- Balcony
- Deluxe Suite
- Infinity Suite
- Superior Suite
- Triple

● Accessibility modified cabin; please speak to your travel professional for details



Your Ship

OCEAN EXPLORER

Ocean Explorer, the newest addition to our fleet, is modern, elegant and purpose-built for polar exploration. The 138-passenger vessel has been designed with the latest in expedition ship technology. One of the ship's key features is the ULSTEIN X-BOW®, a marine engineering innovation that ensures a comfortable and smooth sailing experience thanks to the inverted bow. Located at the bow is the two-story, light-filled library, which introduces a welcome airiness to the expedition ship. Spacious cabins feature a modern, bespoke Scandinavian design and almost all have verandas. Guests can relax and find comfort in the spacious gym, sauna with large windows, and two outdoor Jacuzzis. *Ocean Explorer* features ample outdoor viewing areas and multi-height outer decks, which are ideal for long-view photography and wildlife viewing. The vessel is equipped with a fleet of 15 Zodiacs that enable guests to get off the ship quickly and safely for off-ship adventures. In addition to the well-appointed and spacious public areas, *Ocean Explorer* has an industry-leading mix of sustainability systems, including fuel-efficient Rolls Royce engines.

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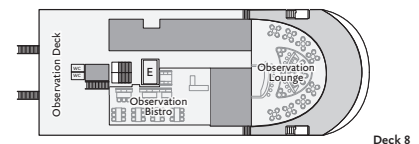
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Guests: 138

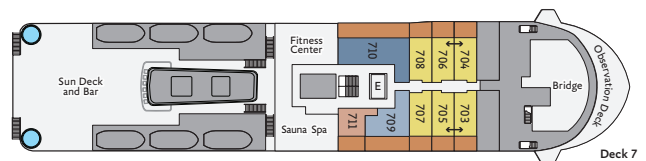
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Ice Class: 1A, PC6

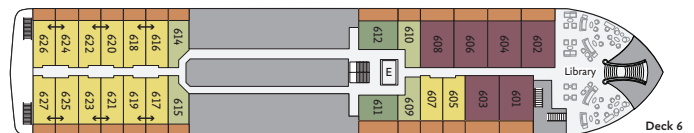
Visit QuarkExpeditions.com to view deck plan details.



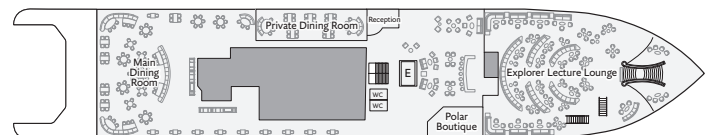
Deck 8



Deck 7



Deck 6



Deck 5



Deck 4



Deck 3

- Owner's Suite
- Explorer Suite
- Studio Veranda Single
- Royal Veranda Stateroom
- Junior Suite
- Grand Veranda Stateroom
- Studio Veranda Stateroom
- Deluxe Veranda
- Deluxe Veranda Mid
- Deluxe Veranda Fwd
- Studio Double
- Studio Single

Interconnecting Suites

Accessibility modified cabin; please speak to your travel professional for details





Included Activities

These are included in your trip package.



Ready for a little adventure beyond your ship? Each Quark Expeditions voyage offers a variety of immersive off-ship activities to enhance your polar experience.

ZODIAC CRUISING

Zodiacs—rugged inflatable watercraft—are the workhorses of polar expeditions, taking you to places the ships can't access, allowing you to reach remote shorelines, explore shallow inlets and search for unique wildlife. Expedition

staff make stepping in and out of them safe and comfortable, and your Zodiac drivers will provide active interpretation, making the landscape come even more alive.

HIKING

Hiking in Antarctica is free-form and supervised by our expert staff, who set out a perimeter or paths at each landing site within which you are free to explore. While you hike, staff will be available to enhance your experience by answering questions about the wildlife, history and geography of the area.

PRESENTATIONS

Enjoy daily chats with and presentations by our world-class onboard polar experts—expedition guides, specialists, photography guides and other special guests who will introduce you to the fascinating history, biology, ornithology, glaciology and geology of the region, and much, much more.

POLAR PLUNGE

This rite of passage, scheduled only once per expedition, gives you the chance to jump safely into the bracing Antarctic waters under the watchful eye of our staff—and just about every single camera on board!

PHOTOGRAPHY

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is a rewarding experience. Our photography guide will help you hone your skills to capture the beauty of the polar regions.

More information about your Included Activities and Adventure Options, including the necessary experience, physical requirements and cost, is available by contacting your Polar Travel Adviser or your travel professional.



Adventure Options

These activities cost extra and must be booked in advance of your trip.



SEA KAYAKING

Imagine gliding across the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers. Our Sea Kayaking program is a great way to intimately explore your surroundings. A small group of kayakers will plan to go out multiple times per voyage as an alternative to shore landings or Zodiac cruises.

The number of opportunities to kayak is weather dependent, and will be conducted only during calm conditions. Prior kayaking experience is required, and you must be able to do a wet exit to participate. Beginners interested in kayaking should consider participating in the Paddling Excursion.



PLEASE NOTE

For all paid activities pre-booking is required. We recommend booking early as spaces fill quickly. Please see your pre-departure guide for a list of provided gear for each Adventure Option.

PADDLING EXCURSION

If you're interested in kayaking but would like to try something a bit less demanding than Sea Kayaking, you're the perfect candidate to sign up for a one-time paddle on our stable sit-on-

top kayaks—perfect for anyone with minimal or no kayaking experience. Small groups of paddlers will be taken out on calm days, with our expert guides always present to provide instruction and help you connect with the polar sea. Pre-book into one of two priority groups. Any subsequent excursions can be booked on board, and groups will be assigned via a lottery as spaces are limited.

STAND-UP PADDLEBOARDING (on *World Explorer* only)

Combining a surfboard with a kayak, stand-up paddleboarding will give you a very personal and unique perspective on Antarctica. Conducted in small groups—in calm bays and harbors, in good weather conditions—and accompanied by a safety Zodiac, one-time stand-up paddleboarding excursions can be pre-booked into one of two priority groups. Any subsequent excursions can be booked on board, and groups will be assigned via a lottery.






Departure Dates

Antarctic Express: Fly the Drake



WORLD EXPLORER

Adventure Options

Dates	Days	Start / End			
ANTARCTIC 2025/2026					
DEC 15 - 22, 2025	8	Punta Arenas	\$	\$	\$

OCEAN EXPLORER

Adventure Options

Dates	Days	Start / End		
ANTARCTIC 2025/2026				
JAN 4 - 11, 2026	8	Punta Arenas	\$	\$

Raise a Glass and Stay Connected!

See below for specifics on our complimentary Wi-Fi and bar service, which takes effect November 2024.



Inclusions and Exclusions

Inclusions

RATES INCLUDE:

For all voyages:

- An official Quark Expeditions parka to keep
- Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Team, including shore landings and other activities
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising as per the daily program
- All shore landings as per the daily program
- Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage.
- **NEW** Free beer, standard wines, spirits, and cocktails during bar service hours and dinner
- Complimentary coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock
- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled
- A photographic journal documenting your expedition
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
- Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin
- **NEW** Complimentary Wi-Fi service on one device permitting basic Internet browsing, email, posting on social media and voice applications. (Premium packages are available for more data-intensive applications.)
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- All luggage handling aboard the ship
- Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person
- A group arrival transfer in Punta Arenas from airport to pre-expedition hotel on Day 1
- One night's pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Punta Arenas with breakfast. (Note: The number of guests per room is the same as cabin occupancy on the ship. Due to limited availability, travelers who reserve a suite on board are accommodated in standard rooms at the hotel. Triple rooms may not be available.)
- A briefing dinner on Day 1 in Punta Arenas
- A pre-expedition group transfer in Punta Arenas from the hotel to the airport
- Flights to and from King George Island
- A post-expedition group transfer in Punta Arenas from the airport to the hotel
- One night's post-expedition hotel accommodation (with breakfast) in Punta Arenas, as well as luggage storage.

Exclusions

RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

For all voyages:

- International airfare
- Passport and applicable visa expenses
- Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned
- Meals unless otherwise specified
- Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended
- Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic flights
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac landing and cruising excursions, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, spa services and other personal charges, unless specified
- Phone charges may vary by location
- Our basic complimentary Wi-Fi service does not include Premium packages which enable more data-intensive applications
- Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for expedition staff and shipboard crew
- Additional overnight accommodation
- Arrival and departure transfers, except where explicitly stated
- Adventure Options not listed in Included Activities.



Your Expedition Team

Our Expedition Leaders—the best in the industry—and their teams share their diverse expertise in subjects as varied as polar history, marine biology, glaciology, ornithology and photography. Their knowledge and enthusiasm will greatly enhance your immersion into the polar environment and further deepen your connection to the Antarctic.

With 33 years of experience bringing passengers to remote Polar Regions and an industry-leading staff-to-guest ratio, we know how to safely handle the unexpected. Ensuring this hard-earned experience is passed on, all our expedition staff undergo comprehensive training at Quark Academy, which provides hands-on polar expedition training prior to any staff member's first voyage, as well as ongoing training for experienced staff.





Santiago, Chile



Santiago Wine Bar

Extend Your Trip

PRE- AND POST-EXPEDITION TRIP EXTENSIONS

Since you're traveling such a long way, you may want to spend extra time in Santiago. Chile's capital city has a rejuvenating and modern vibe. Its cool, cultural current resonates, from the hillside parks to the sidewalk cafés. The city's burgeoning culinary scene is fast becoming Santiago's calling card. Enjoy new wine bars, tapas cafés and high-end restaurants. Make neighborhood-hopping a holiday highlight and head to trendy Barrio Lastarria, Barrio Italia and Bellavista, the city's boho quarter.



Bellavista

To discover the best options for extending your adventure, get in touch with your Travel Professional or a Polar Travel Adviser for seamless, worry-free booking of all trip extensions.

Raise a Glass and Stay Connected!

See below for specifics on our complimentary Wi-Fi and bar service, which takes effect November 2024.



Meals on Board

If there is one constant on board, it is that you'll enjoy delicious meals daily. While meal times may change due to landings and wildlife encounters, you'll always be served three well-prepared meals per day. Most dietary restrictions can be accommodated by letting us know prior to your expedition.

Breakfasts and lunches are normally served buffet style, while dinners are served plated. À la carte meals are made at the time of your order, allowing our chefs to prepare each dish to your individual needs, ensuring you receive top-quality meals during the course of your expedition.

Complimentary coffee, tea, cocoa and water stations are available around the clock, while soft drinks and juices are available during meals and when the bar is open—all included in the cost of your package.

NEW Enjoy free beer, standard wines, spirits, and cocktails during bar service hours and dinner as part of our new “Raise a Glass and Stay Connected Free” program. Premium wines and champagne are available at extra cost and can be billed to your shipboard account. The well-stocked bars on the ship are open late morning, afternoon and evening, though hours may occasionally change to accommodate the expedition schedule.





Possible Excursions

When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. The following sites are a sample of what you may experience on your expedition, whether by ship, Zodiac cruise, or shore landing.

Antarctic Peninsula

CIERVA COVE

Cierva Cove boasts jaw dropping icebergs and a glaciated backdrop. A massive glacial face regularly calves into the bay, leaving often spectacular floating ice. Seals can be spotted on ice floes, and later in the season, humpback whales occasionally feed in the icy waters.

CUVERVILLE ISLAND

A gentoo penguin rookery is situated on a rocky beach at the north end of the island. Depending on when in the season you arrive, you may see the penguins building nests or attending to their chicks. Giant petrels and kelp gulls breed on the island.

DAMOY POINT

Damoy Point is the site of a historical ice runway used by the British Antarctic Survey for their flights further south since 1975. The well-maintained hut was used as a staging-post to store supplies and for accommodation while awaiting ideal flying conditions. The point is also home to a penguin rookery and allows for spectacular views of the mountains of Anvers Island.

DANCO ISLAND

Home to gentoo penguins, this small dome-shaped island provides you with a stunning view of the Errera Channel and excellent Zodiac cruising opportunities.

ENTERPRISE ISLAND

Located in Wilhelmina Bay, this island's protected coves were once used by whalers. A Zodiac cruise exploring the island passes the rusting remains of a wrecked whaling ship, and provides opportunities to search for humpback whales.



LEMAIRE CHANNEL

One of the most scenic locations on the peninsula's west coast, this dramatic strait runs between the towering cliffs of Booth Island and the Antarctic Peninsula. The channel may become impassable when ice fills the narrow, 6.8-mile (11 km)-long passageway, so we'll hope for clear waters.

MELCHIOR ISLANDS

This group of low, glaciated islands in Dallmann Bay is where you may see hauled-out male fur seals as they recuperate from their battles for supremacy at the end of their breeding season.

NEKO HARBOUR

Little evidence remains that this bay was once used by the floating whale factory ship *Neko*. You might see whale vertebrae being used by resident gentoo penguins as shelter from the wind.

PETERMANN ISLAND

Here, near the Lemaire Channel, you can stand ashore and see the southernmost breeding colony of gentoo penguins. Adélie penguins, shags and south polar skuas also inhabit the island.

PORT LOCKROY

As part of Operation Tabarin during the Second World War, a secret British base was built in this sheltered harbor, located on the west side of Wiencke Island. Now a designated historic site, the base is a museum and post office. Proceeds from your purchases in Port Lockroy support the UK Antarctic Heritage Trust, which preserves British and other historic sites dating to the Heroic Age of Exploration. A large gentoo penguin population resides here.

WATERBOAT POINT

A surveyor and a geologist lived in a makeshift shelter utilizing an up-turned water boat on this point from 1921 to 1922. The remains of their camp have

been designated an Antarctic historic site. The aptly named Waterboat Point is also home to a Chilean Antarctic research station, named González Videla Base after the first sitting head of state to visit the Antarctic continent. When the base is manned, you may be welcomed inside for a visit by the base personnel, or you may visit the resident nesting gentoo rookery if the base is inactive.

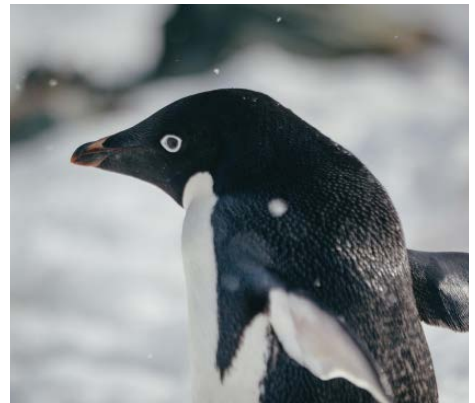
South Shetland Islands

AITCHO ISLANDS

This group of small islands is situated in the northern entrance of the English Strait. You can often spot a great mix of wildlife in the area, with gentoo and chinstrap penguins having established rookeries on the islands. Southern elephant and fur seals frequently haul out here, too.

DECEPTION ISLAND

Deception Island is a flooded circular caldera formed by the collapse of an active volcano. To reach this protected harbor, it is necessary to sail through a narrow passage called Neptune's Bellows. Inside are several bays used at various times for whaling and scientific research. Along with waddling penguins and lounging seals, you'll see the rusting remains of whaling operations on the beach in some locations. The landscape of Deception Island often presents opportunities for longer walks to striking vistas. The stark contrast between snow and dark volcanic sand and the steam along the shoreline from geothermic activity when the tide is right, gives this location an atmospheric feel.



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HALF MOON ISLAND

This crescent-shaped island was known to sealers as early as 1821. While they tried to keep this productive location secret, we're happy to bring you ashore on this impressive island. Many Antarctic birds breed here, including chinstrap penguins, shags, Wilson's storm petrels, kelp gulls, snowy sheathbills, Antarctic terns and skuas.

HANNAH POINT

On the southern coast of Livingston Island at Hannah Point, you may see chinstrap and gentoo penguin rookeries, along with the occasional breeding macaroni penguin. Due to the rather congested area available to the nesting penguins, we are able to visit here only after January 10.

PENGUIN ISLAND

Antarctica has two flowering plants, both of which you can find on Penguin Island: Antarctic hair grass (*Deschampsia antarctica*) and Antarctic pearlwort (*Colobanthus quitensis*). Chinstrap penguins, fur seals and southern elephant seals can also be spotted here.

ROBERT POINT

A beautiful spot for Zodiac cruising, this point was known to sealers as early as 1820. Chinstrap penguins, kelp gulls and pintado petrels breed here, and whales may be seen in the surrounding waters.

TURRET POINT

Chinstrap and Adélie penguin rookeries are found on this point, situated on the south coast of King George Island. The

beaches here are often crowded with southern elephant, fur and Weddell seals hauled out on the rocks.

YANKEE HARBOUR

Gentoo penguins have established a rookery at this harbor, situated on the southwest side of Greenwich Island. Here, you can see an abandoned Argentine refuge hut and a large glacier that stretches along the east and north sides of the bay. An abandoned sealing try pot is all that remains of the activity that brought men thousands of miles in tall ships to seek their fortune. Enjoy a rare chance for a longer walk along the expansive beach, dotted with historical artifacts and wildlife.



What to pack on your Antarctic expedition

BY SEA

All transfers ship to shore and Zodiac/ship cruising.

- ☐ Waterproof pants (mandatory for every Zodiac ride)
- ☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic top*
- ☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic bottom*
- ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece top*
- ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece bottom*
- ☐ Warm wool or synthetic socks (keep a dry pair in your bag, and bring extras for layering)
- ☐ Glove liners * ☐ Hand and feet warmers* ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ Waterproof gloves or mitts (bring an extra pair)
- ☐ Scarf, buff, or other face protection
- ☐ Warm hat that covers ears (bring an extra)
- ☐ Waterproof, lightweight backpack or dry sack and/or rain sleeve for camera or a waterproof phone case (to keep camera and gear dry)
- ☐ Polarized sunglasses with UV protection (consider bringing an eyewear retainer: string/clip etc.)
- ☐ Ski goggles (for Zodiac cruising on snowy or windy days)

*recommended layering depending on the conditions of the day and reflecting your personal thermo-regulation comfort levels.

BY LAND (Shore Excursions and Hiking)

In addition to the gear requirements (as above) mandatory for the transit from ship to shore, it is recommended to bring:

- ☐ Hat, buff or scarf (for wind and weather protection)
- ☐ UV protection (sun hat, polarized sun glasses, sun block, lip balm etc.)
- ☐ Collapsible walking sticks for hikes (if required)
Quantities are available to borrow on every vessel
- ☐ Additional reusable (thermos-regulating) water bottle
(in addition to the reusable collapsible water bottle provided)

WHAT TO BRING! Packing for the Polar Regions doesn't have to be daunting, and to make it easier for you, all Quark Expeditions voyages include a Quark parka to keep, and a loan of insulated waterproof boots. Additional suggested items include:

TO WEAR ON BOARD

- ☐ The complimentary Quark 3-in-1 Parka provided on board is designed with a waterproof shell that can be worn out on deck, and a removable liner that you can wear to stay comfortable indoors)
- ☐ Comfortable casual clothing like lighter shirts, pants or jeans, etc. (in case the ship gets warm)
- ☐ Comfortable non-slip closed-toed, heelless shoes (flip flops, sandals or slip-on shoes should not be worn on board due to safety concerns)
- ☐ Workout attire (for the fitness center!)
- ☐ Swimsuit (for the Polar Plunge! Some vessels may also have a pool, hot tub, sauna and/or steam room. See your ship book for details.)

Just a reminder: No formal evening wear required on our voyages but if you would like to bring something a little more dressy for the Captain's welcome and farewell cocktails you may certainly do so!

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- ☐ Passport, visas, immunization records, travel documents, etc. as required
- ☐ Camera gear—complete with charger, storage medium, transport and cleaning kit (lens cloth etc.) and extra batteries
- ☐ Reusable waterproof bags or plastic bags with zippers (to keep small items organized and cameras dry)
- ☐ Voltage converters and plug adapters (see ship book for details)
- ☐ Seasickness, indigestion, headache, or other medications
- ☐ Earplugs and eye masks for sleeping
- ☐ Moisturizer for face and hands (skin dryness due to wind and temperature changes)
- ☐ Credit card and small amount of local currency (see pre-departure book for more details)

- › To view our packing checklist online, visit:
QuarkExpeditions.com/What-to-Pack/Antarctica
- › Related topics are covered on our Frequently Asked Questions page:
QuarkExpeditions.com/Frequently-Asked-Questions



Scan this QR code or [click here](#) to watch our video on what to pack before you go!

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND TEMPERATURES

Polar weather is extremely variable; temperatures may hover around the freezing mark and winds can be strong. The extended daylight warms sheltered areas so that you may sometimes find it warm enough for t-shirts. However, you may encounter rain, snow squalls, fog and white-outs during an expedition and should be ready for any conditions.

TO BOOK YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE

Contact your Travel Professional



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ANTARCTIC 2025/2026

Crossing the Circle

Southern Expedition
with flights from Buenos Aires



ULTRAMARINE

DESIGNED TO GO BEYOND

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Overview

14-day Crossing the Circle: Southern Expedition

Relatively few humans set foot on the remote 7th Continent. Even fewer achieve the incomparable polar milestone of crossing the Antarctic Circle. While navigating beyond 66°33' South is the highlight of the 14-day *Crossing the Circle: Southern Expedition*, this voyage encompasses many extraordinary immersive adventures and breath-taking polar landscapes. Traveling with Quark Expeditions on *Ultramarine*—with its two helicopters, 20 quick-deploy Zodiacs, superb on-board amenities and the most robust portfolio of off-ship adventure options in the industry—enables you to personalize your experience by choosing from multiple options. We've designed this guide to help you identify what interests you most, so that you can enjoy your ideal Antarctic expedition.

In addition to navigating beyond 66°33' South—which is marked by a special on-board celebration—you'll be able to explore penguin colonies, glaciers, remote bays and historical sites of the Peninsula by ship, Zodiac and helicopter—and experience the awe of splendid isolation. Our ultimate goal is to allow you to customize your adventure as you cross the 7th Continent off your bucket list.

Reach out to our team of Polar Travel Advisers for assistance at any time.



EXPEDITION IN BRIEF



Explore Antarctica with the best expedition team in the industry.



Be one of the few travelers to venture to 66°33'S



Witness abundant Antarctic wildlife, including penguins, seals and whales



Experience western Antarctic Peninsula highlights and visit iconic landing sites



Enjoy presentations on wildlife, history, glaciology and geology by our on-board polar experts



Enjoy unique perspectives of the Antarctic landscape while flightseeing on one of *Ultramarine's* two helicopters



Itinerary

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Upon arriving in this cosmopolitan city, known for its architecture and rich European heritage, you will independently transfer to your group hotel (pre-expedition hotel night included as part of the mandatory transfer package).

DAY 2 | FLY TO USHUAIA AND EMBARK

After an early breakfast at the hotel, the group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Ushuaia, Argentina.

Upon arrival, you will be transferred from the airport to a central downtown location for free time on your own to explore this quaint port town before making your way to the pier.

As the ship sets sail in the late afternoon, you will begin your Antarctic journey, passing through the historic Beagle Channel. Named after the famed ship on which Charles Darwin voyaged, the channel presents great photo opportunities of landscapes and seabirds. Eventually the channel opens up to the Southern Ocean, and onwards to Antarctica.

DAYS 3 & 4 | CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE

Your days at sea are filled with presentations led by your Expedition Team on photography, wildlife, glaciology, and history. You can also spend time on deck looking for wildlife, or chatting with your shipmates over a drink at the bar.



CROSSING THE CIRCLE Southern Expeditions

- On board the *Ultramarine*
- - - Flights to/from Buenos Aires

DAYS 5-7 | SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS AND ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

The most common reaction upon reaching the Antarctic Peninsula is a sense of reverence and awe. The experience is beyond words, since few places are as untouched and enduring as Antarctica. You will begin to appreciate why this region has long captivated the attention of explorers and travelers alike. Every visit to Antarctica, we witness something new or unexpected, which means that your expedition will be unlike any other—creating a unique, personal experience.

Each day, you will take Zodiac excursions from the ship to explore local bays, channels and landing sites. With wildlife always at the forefront of our minds, you will visit penguin rookeries, scout for humpback and minke whales, and search

for a number of southern seal species, including the elusive leopard seal.

Your Expedition Team will take care of you at each landing, whether you are exploring the Antarctic terrain, visiting a research station or consorting with penguin colonies. Chinstrap, Adélie and gentoo penguins are found here, along with five different species of seals. Zodiac cruising can offer opportunities to view some of the larger local marine mammals more intimately, such as Antarctic minke and humpback whales. Days 5 to 7 are also ideal times to experience *Ultramarine's* portfolio of helicopter-supported adventures exclusive to Quark Expeditions.

Your days will be busy spotting wildlife and being mesmerized by the astounding beauty of Antarctica. Listening to the crackling and crumbling of icebergs and

glaciers and watching penguins waddling on the beach will become your daily entertainment, while heli flightseeing, sea kayaking or paddle excursions are optional activities available on select voyages (at an extra cost).

DAYS 8 & 9 | ANTARCTIC CIRCLE

Crossing the Antarctic Circle is both a memorable experience and impressive achievement, as few travelers reach so far south. If conditions allow us to cross this famed latitude of 66°33' S, we'll toast the first explorers who ventured here, and you can raise a glass and take pride in knowing you've made it to a part of the world visited by very few people. This is raw Antarctica, home of the midnight sun, Weddell seals, and your best chances of encountering sea ice—the very foundations of the Antarctic marine ecosystem.



DAYS 10 & 11 | NORTHBOUND ALONG THE PENINSULA

By now, your knowledge of Adélie, chinstrap and gentoo penguins will be matched by your ability to differentiate between a leopard, crabeater and Weddell seal. Terms like ‘bergy bits’ and ‘pancake ice’ will become part of your vocabulary, yet there are still many tales to be told. As you head north, Zodiac excursions will fill your days, and your Expedition Team will continue looking out for species of seabirds, seals and whales that may have eluded you on your journey south.

DAYS 12 & 13 | CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE

As you recross the Drake, Antarctica fades away, leaving you with a collection of memories to last a lifetime. Excited conversations with your newfound

friends will make the crossing fly by, regardless of weather and sea conditions. Your Expedition Team will round up its series of presentations as well, with a slideshow of the adventures you’ve shared and wildlife you’ve witnessed over the course of your voyage. Be sure to take some time to reflect on everything you’ve experienced so far.

DAY 14 | DISEMBARK IN USHUAIA AND FLY TO BUENOS AIRES

You will arrive in Ushuaia in the morning and disembark after breakfast. The mandatory transfer package includes a little taste of Patagonia with a Tierra del Fuego National Park tour before transferring to the airport for the return group charter flight to Buenos Aires.

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Arrival and Departure Details, and International Flight Planning



As you prepare for your journey, you may be interested in your arrival and departure details. Since international air transportation is not included in the cost of your expedition, you have some flexibility in planning your flights.

Arrival Day and Embarkation

DAY 1 — ARRIVING IN BUENOS AIRES AND HOTEL NIGHT

Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, you will make your way to the included group hotel. A presentation room will be open from 12 pm to 8 pm for luggage weighing and tagging. A Quark Expeditions representative will be available to answer your questions and give information about the next day's flight and ship embarkation. After an early breakfast the following morning, your group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Ushuaia, Argentina, the southernmost city in the world.

DAY 2 — USHUAIA AND EMBARKATION

In Ushuaia your mandatory transfer package will provide some free time to explore this quaint port town, and also (when flight schedules allow) a tour of Tierra del Fuego National Park. Note: The tour (if available) may take place on either the embarkation or disembarkation day.

We will transfer the group to the ship for embarkation around 4 pm.

PLEASE NOTE

Luggage will be limited to one checked luggage and one cabin baggage on the flights between Buenos Aires and Ushuaia. Luggage weight restrictions will be confirmed in your final documents received 30 days prior to your trip. Should you have additional luggage, it can be stored at the hotel in Buenos Aires. There is NO option to pay for additional luggage.



Final Day and Departure

DISEMBARKATION IN USHUAIA

The ship is scheduled to arrive back at the pier in Ushuaia between 7 am and 8 am. After breakfast you will bid farewell to your Expedition Team before completing your disembarkation. This process takes approximately one hour.

DEPARTING FROM BUENOS AIRES

Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, you may be able to connect directly with your homeward flight, as we will land at Ministro Pistarini International Airport (also known as Ezeiza International Airport, EZE) at 5 pm. Please allow a minimum of three hours between our charter arrival and your international departure. We recommend four hours.

If your plans will take you onward in South America, please check your flight schedule to confirm your connection before booking. Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, you may need to transfer from the international airport (EZE) to the domestic airport, Jorge Newbery (also known as Aeroparque, AEP), which is located about a one-hour drive away under normal traffic conditions. If you must transfer between airports on the final day of the voyage, you can choose to use the efficient airport shuttle service, Manuel Tienda León, or take a *remis* (a pre-paid taxi booked inside the airport). If you prefer, your Polar Travel Adviser can also arrange for a private transfer. As traffic can add time to the commute, we recommend that you allow at least five hours between flights arriving and departing from the different airports in Buenos Aires to allow for transit, check-in, and security clearance.

For the absolute safest travel plans, we recommend that you book an extra hotel night in Buenos Aires between flights.

PLEASE NOTE

Included Hotel Accommodations:

Your included accommodation begins on Day 1 of your itinerary. The specific hotel will be indicated on your final voyage confirmation. If you are arriving prior to Day 1 of your expedition or are staying after the disembarkation day and would like help booking a pre- or post-stay, please contact your preferred travel agent or Quark Expeditions for hotel options. As accommodation space is limited, you are encouraged to request any extra nights as early as possible.

Weather conditions may occasionally delay our arrival, and airline schedule changes have also been known to occur in Argentina. Booking flexible tickets is always encouraged, as we cannot be held responsible for delays due to unforeseen circumstances.

Arrival and Departure Transfers

BUENOS AIRES AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Arrival transfers from your international flights in Buenos Aires are not included; however, your Travel Professional or Polar Travel Advisor can arrange them for you.

We request that you provide your flight details to Quark Expeditions at least 30 days prior to traveling.





Ultramarine



World Explorer



Ocean Explorer

Our Fleet of Small Polar Vessels

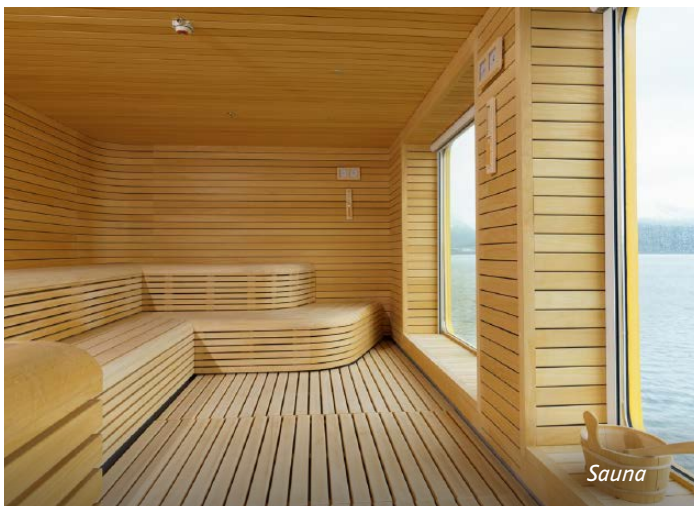
Quark Expeditions boasts the most diverse polar-class fleet of any polar operator, and the ability to offer you this incredible voyage on one of our ice strengthened vessels.

The entire Quark Expeditions fleet is built for comfort—and for challenging polar environments, allowing us to take you to places ordinary cruise companies wouldn't dream of going.

Plus, you'll do so while enjoying excellent amenities and superbly comfortable cabins.



Deluxe Balcony Suite



Sauna



Panorama Lounge



Fitness Center



Balena Restaurant



Included Activities

These are included in your trip package.

Ready for a little adventure beyond your ship? Each Quark Expeditions voyage offers a variety of immersive off-ship activities to enhance your polar experience.

FLIGHTSEEING

While polar landscapes are spectacular from the sea, they are even more striking from the air. On board *Ultramarine* you will experience remarkable aerial perspectives on a 10- to 15-minute flightseeing excursion included in the cost of your voyage.

ZODIAC CRUISING

Zodiacs—rugged inflatable watercraft—are the workhorses of polar expeditions, taking you to places the ships can't access, allowing you to reach remote shorelines, explore shallow inlets and search for unique wildlife. Expedition staff make stepping in and out of them safe and comfortable, and your Zodiac drivers will provide active interpretation, making the landscape come even more alive.

HIKING

Hiking in Antarctica is free-form and supervised by our expert staff, who set out a perimeter or paths at each landing site within which you are free to explore. While you hike, staff will be available to enhance your experience by answering questions about the wildlife, history and geography of the area.

PRESENTATIONS

Enjoy daily chats with and presentations by our world-class onboard polar experts—expedition guides, specialists, photography guides and other special guests who will introduce you to the fascinating history, biology, ornithology, glaciology and geology of the region, and much, much more.

POLAR PLUNGE

This rite of passage, scheduled only once per expedition, gives you the chance to jump safely into the bracing Antarctic waters under the watchful eye of our staff—and just about every single camera on board!

PHOTOGRAPHY

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is a rewarding experience. Our photography guide will help you hone your skills to capture the beauty of the polar regions.

More information about your Included Activities and Adventure Options, including the necessary experience, physical requirements and cost, is available by contacting your Polar Travel Adviser or travel professional.





Adventure Options

These activities cost extra and must be booked in advance of your trip.



PLEASE NOTE

Pre-booking is required for all paid activities. We recommend booking early, as spaces fill quickly. Please see your pre-departure guide for a list of provided gear for each Adventure Option.

✪ SEA KAYAKING

Imagine gliding across the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers. Our Sea Kayaking program is a great way to intimately explore your surroundings. A small group of kayakers will plan to go out multiple times per voyage as an alternative to shore landings or Zodiac cruises.

The number of opportunities to kayak is weather dependent, and will be conducted only during calm conditions. Prior kayaking experience is required, and you must be able to do a wet exit to participate. Beginners interested in kayaking should consider participating in the Paddling Excursion.

✪ PADDLING EXCURSION

If you're interested in kayaking but would like to try something a bit less demanding than Sea Kayaking, you're the perfect candidate to sign up for a one-time paddle on our stable sit-on-top kayaks—perfect for anyone with minimal or no kayaking experience. Small groups of paddlers will be taken out on calm days, with our expert guides always present to provide instruction and help you connect with the polar sea. Pre-book into one of two priority groups. Any subsequent excursions can be booked on board, and groups will be assigned via a lottery as spaces are limited.



PLEASE NOTE

Pre-booking is required for all paid activities. We recommend booking early, as spaces fill quickly. Please see your pre-departure guide for a list of provided gear for each Adventure Option.



STAND-UP PADDLEBOARDING

Combining a surfboard with a kayak, stand-up paddleboarding will give you a very personal and unique perspective on Antarctica. Conducted in small groups—in calm bays and harbors, in good weather conditions—and accompanied by a safety Zodiac, one-time stand-up paddleboarding excursions can be pre-booked into one of two priority groups. Any subsequent excursions can be booked on board, and groups will be assigned via a lottery.



EXCLUSIVE HELI-LANDING

Imagine setting foot in an area of the Antarctic that can only be safely accessed by helicopter. With a small group of fellow passengers and expert guides, you'll board one of *Ultramarine's* two twin-engine helicopters to soar off to an exclusive polar site where no ships can navigate. Expect stunning bird's-eye views during your flight, and then, upon arrival, simply sit back, relax and take in the splendor of the Antarctic from "the best seat in the house": glacial amphitheaters, breath-taking summits, and more. At your landing, you'll have time to relax and quietly reflect on the beauty of your polar surroundings, after which you'll be picked up by the helicopters in the same location and returned to *Ultramarine*.

Each heli-landing experience is uniquely curated by our expedition team, taking conditions, regulations and location capacity into consideration.



Departure Dates

Crossing the Circle: Southern Expedition

ULTRAMARINE

Dates	Days	Start / End					
ANTARCTIC 2025/2026							
JAN 6 - 19, 2026	14	Buenos Aires	\$	\$	\$	\$	Included
FEB 28 - MAR 13, 2026	14	Buenos Aires	\$	\$	\$	\$	Included

Raise a Glass and Stay Connected!

See below for specifics on our complimentary Wi-Fi and bar service, which takes effect November 2024.



Inclusions and Exclusions

Inclusions

RATES INCLUDE:

For all voyages:

- An official Quark Expeditions parka to keep
- Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Team, including shore landings and other activities
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising as per the daily program
- All shore landings as per the daily program
- Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage.
- **NEW** Free beer, standard wines, spirits, and cocktails during bar service hours and dinner
- Complimentary coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock
- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled

This expedition will have a separate (and mandatory) Transfer Package charge.

Mandatory Transfer Package Includes:

- One night's pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Buenos Aires with breakfast (Note: The number of guests per room is the same as cabin occupancy on the ship. Due to limited availability, travelers who reserve a suite on board are accommodated in standard rooms at the hotel. Triple rooms may not be available.)
- Group flight departing from Buenos Aires' domestic airport (Aeroparque/AEP) to Ushuaia, and returning to Buenos Aires' international airport (Ezeiza/EZE)

- A photographic journal documenting your expedition
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
- Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin
- **NEW** Complimentary Wi-Fi service on one device permitting basic Internet browsing, email, posting on social media and voice applications. (Premium packages are available for more data-intensive applications.)
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- All luggage handling aboard the ship
- Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person
- One 10- to 15-minute helicopter flightseeing excursion (weather and logistics permitting).

- Group transfer from hotel to airport in Buenos Aires
- Group transfer from Ushuaia airport to the ship, and return (Note: Transfer on arrival in Buenos Aires from airport to hotel at the beginning of the journey is not included. Please make your way to the included hotel.)
- Combined airport transfer and express bus tour of Tierra del Fuego National Park after disembarkation in Ushuaia

Exclusions

RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

For all voyages:

- International airfare
- Passport and applicable visa expenses
- Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned
- Meals unless otherwise specified
- Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended
- Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic flights
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac landing and cruising excursions, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, spa services and other personal charges, unless specified
- Phone charges may vary by location
- Our basic complimentary Wi-Fi service does not include Premium packages which enable more data-intensive applications
- Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for expedition staff and shipboard crew
- Additional overnight accommodation
- Arrival and departure transfers, except where explicitly stated
- Adventure Options not listed in Included Activities.



Your Expedition Team

Our Expedition Leaders—the best in the industry—and their teams share their diverse expertise in subjects as varied as polar history, marine biology, glaciology, ornithology and photography. Their knowledge and enthusiasm will greatly enhance your immersion into the polar environment and further deepen your connection to the Antarctic.

With 33 years of experience bringing passengers to remote Polar Regions and an industry-leading staff-to-guest ratio, we know how to safely handle the unexpected. Ensuring this hard-earned experience is passed on, all our expedition staff undergo comprehensive training at Quark Academy, which provides hands-on polar expedition training prior to any staff member's first voyage, as well as ongoing training for experienced staff.





One of the many historic churches in Buenos Aires

Extend Your Trip

PRE- AND POST-EXPEDITION TRIP EXTENSIONS

Since you're traveling such a long way, you may want to spend extra time in Buenos Aires. We have a variety of pre- and post-expedition packages in this captivating city, known as the tango capital of the world. Enjoy an extensive city tour, take in a tango show and explore the unique neighborhoods of Recoleta, Palermo and San Telmo. Savor Argentine barbecue at a steakhouse (*parrilla*), then stroll the tree-lined boulevards and marvel at the historic architecture.

Take an extended tour from Buenos Aires to Iguazú Falls, and, if you're daring, walk the catwalks over the falls.

Upon arrival in Ushuaia, you can take in its unique museums, incredible hiking, and Patagonian cuisine. Spend a day in nearby Tierra del Fuego National Park, marvelling at the mountains, birdlife, waterfalls and forests.



Iguazú Falls



Ushuaia Maritime Museum

To discover the best options for extending your adventure, get in touch with your Travel Professional or a Polar Travel Adviser for seamless, worry-free booking of all trip extensions.

Raise a Glass and Stay Connected!

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Meals on Board

If there is one constant on board, it is that you'll enjoy delicious meals daily. While meal times may change due to landings and wildlife encounters, you'll always be served three well-prepared meals per day. Most dietary restrictions can be accommodated by letting us know prior to your expedition.

Balena Restaurant, the main diningroom on Deck 7 of *Ultramarine*, features tables that accommodate 2 to 10. Guests can enjoy a quiet dinner with a loved one or join a larger table of new friends. Guests will enjoy views from every seat in addition to direct access to the wraparound deck. Guests can also enjoy a meal in Bistro 487, which offers an indoor/outdoor dining experience—perfect for enjoying the polar landscapes.

Breakfasts and lunches are normally served buffet style, while dinners are served plated. À la carte meals are made at the time of your order, allowing our chefs to prepare each dish to your individual needs, ensuring you receive top-quality meals during the course of your expedition.

Complimentary coffee, tea, cocoa and water stations are available around the clock, while soft drinks and juices are available during meals and when the bar is open—all included in the cost of your package.

NEW Enjoy free beer, standard wines, spirits, and cocktails during bar service hours and dinner as part of our new “Raise a Glass and Stay Connected Free” program. Premium wines and champagne are available at extra cost and can be billed to your shipboard account. The well-stocked bars on the ship are open late morning, afternoon and evening, though hours may occasionally change to accommodate the expedition schedule.





Possible Excursions

When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. The following sites are a sample of what you may experience on your expedition, whether by ship, Zodiac cruise, or shore landing.

Antarctic Peninsula

ANTARCTIC CIRCLE

Although not a shore landing, the crossing of the Antarctic Circle is a moment to remember for life. The event will happen while at sea, so be sure to head out on deck to toast the achievement.

CIERVA COVE

Cierva Cove boasts jaw dropping icebergs and a glaciated backdrop. A massive glacial face regularly calves into the bay, leaving often spectacular floating ice. Seals can be spotted on ice floes, and later in the season, humpback whales occasionally feed in the icy waters.

CUVERVILLE ISLAND

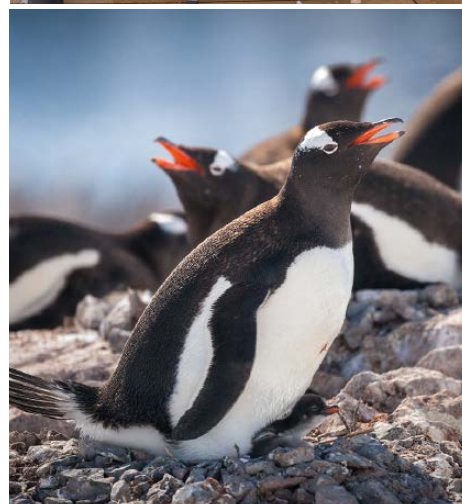
A gentoo penguin rookery is situated on a rocky beach at the north end of the island. Depending on when in the season you arrive, you may see the penguins building nests or attending to their chicks. Giant petrels and kelp gulls breed on the island.

DAMOY POINT

Damoy Point is the site of a historical ice runway used by the British Antarctic Survey for their flights further south since 1975. The well-maintained hut was used as a staging-post to store supplies and for accommodation while awaiting ideal flying conditions. The point is also home to a penguin rookery and allows for spectacular views of the mountains of Anvers Island.

DANCO ISLAND

Home to gentoo penguins, this small dome-shaped island provides you with a stunning view of the Errera Channel and excellent Zodiac cruising opportunities.



DETAILLE ISLAND

Detaille Island lies in Lallemand Fjord, just south of the Antarctic Circle. Station W, of the British Antarctic Survey, is a historical research hut established in 1956. Researchers overwintered here, setting out on expeditions and conducting scientific investigations. Stepping inside is a walk back in time as the hut has been impeccably preserved. Revel in 1950s memorabilia such as jars of HP Sauce and canned butter, a little beyond their expiry dates, and imagine overwintering here, below the Circle.

ENTERPRISE ISLAND

Located in Wilhelmina Bay, this island's protected coves were once used by whalers. A Zodiac cruise exploring the island passes the rusting remains of a wrecked whaling ship, and provides opportunities to search for humpback whales.

LEMAIRE CHANNEL

One of the most scenic locations on the peninsula's west coast, this dramatic strait runs between the towering cliffs of Booth Island and the Antarctic Peninsula. The channel may become impassable when ice fills the narrow, 6.8-mile (11 km)-long passageway, so we'll hope for clear waters.

MELCHIOR ISLANDS

This group of low, glaciated islands in Dallmann Bay is where you may see hauled-out male fur seals as they recuperate from their battles for supremacy at the end of their breeding season.

MIKKELSEN HARBOR

Located on the south side of Trinity Island and surrounded by stunning ice cliffs and several reefs, Mikkelsen Harbor is a 1.86-mile (3 km)-wide bay, discovered by a Swedish Antarctic expedition in 1901-04. Enjoy a Zodiac cruise of the beautiful waters, or if conditions allow,

land at D'Hainaut Island, home to an Argentine refuge hut and whaling remains in the form of a wooden boat and whale skeletons. Weddell seals are often seen in the area and a gentoo penguin rookery is situated on the island.

NEKO HARBOUR

Little evidence remains that this bay was once used by the floating whale factory ship *Neko*. You might see whale vertebrae being used by resident gentoo penguins as shelter from the wind.

PARADISE HARBOR

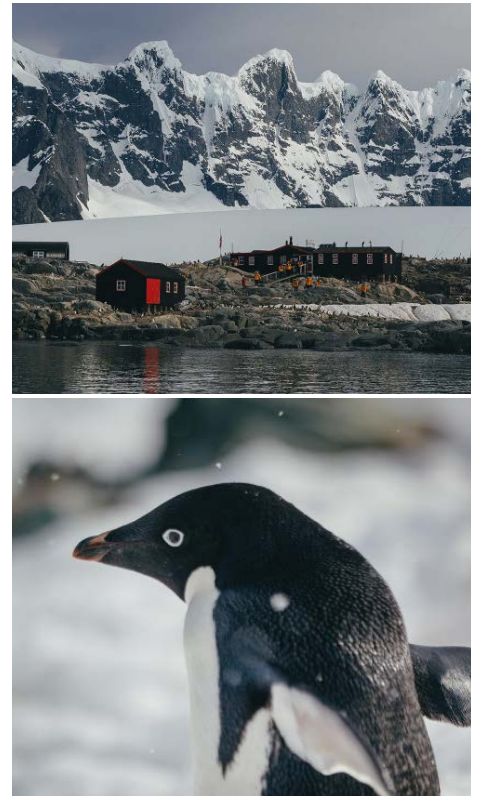
Paradise Harbor is a wide bay and natural harbor on the West Antarctic Peninsula. Mountains, glaciers and ice cliffs offer spectacular views. Icebergs regularly calve from the glaciers, providing a place for seals, penguins and seabirds to rest and play. An Argentine base, Almirante Brown Station—named after Admiral Guillermo Brown, father of the Argentine Navy—is also located in Paradise Harbor, and was operated from 1951 until a large section of it burned down in 1984. It has since been partially rebuilt and is used as a summer research base.

PETERMANN ISLAND

Here, near the Lemaire Channel, you can stand ashore and see the southernmost breeding colony of gentoo penguins. Adélie penguins, shags and south polar skuas also inhabit the island.

PORT LOCKROY

As part of Operation Tabarin during the Second World War, a secret British base was built in this sheltered harbor, located on the west side of Wiencke Island. Now a designated historic site, the base is a museum and post office. Proceeds from your purchases in Port Lockroy support the UK Antarctic Heritage Trust, which preserves British and other historic sites dating to the Heroic Age of Exploration. A large gentoo penguin population resides here.



EXPEDITION SPIRIT

Embracing the unexpected is part of the legacy—and excitement—of expedition travel. When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, the ice and the weather to guide the route and itinerary details. This itinerary is a tentative outline of what you may experience on this voyage; please be aware that no specific itinerary can be guaranteed. By the same token, wildlife encounters as described are expected, but not guaranteed. Your Expedition Team will use their considerable experience to seek out wildlife in known habitats, but the presence of any particular species of bird or marine wildlife is not guaranteed.

STONINGTON ISLAND

Two abandoned research stations can be found on this island south of the Antarctic Circle. The first women to overwinter in Antarctica were housed at East Base. The British built Base E is about 656 feet (200 m) away from East Base, which was built by the United States Antarctic Service Expedition.

WATERBOAT POINT

A surveyor and a geologist lived in a makeshift shelter utilizing an up-turned water boat on this point from 1921 to 1922. The remains of their camp have been designated an Antarctic historic site. The aptly named Waterboat Point is also home to a Chilean Antarctic research station, named González Videla Base after the first sitting head of state to visit the Antarctic continent. When the base is manned, you may be welcomed inside for a visit by the base personnel, or you may visit the resident nesting gentoo rookery if the base is inactive.

WILHELMINA BAY

Humpback whales abound in “Whalemina Bay,” as it’s nicknamed, and the scenery is spectacular. Sheer cliffs and glaciers surround the calm waters of the protected bay, named after Wilhelmina, queen of the Netherlands from 1890 to 1948. If you’re lucky, you may see the humpbacks bubble-net feeding: they exhale while swimming in a wide circle below the surface, trapping krill in a “net” of bubbles, and then swim straight up from below, mouths open, to engulf their prey. A truly astounding sight!

YALOUR ISLANDS

These islands were named for an Argentine Navy lieutenant who rescued the shipwrecked members of the Swedish Antarctic Expedition in 1903. Approximately 8,000 pairs of Adélie penguins nest in the islands, sometimes parading for visitors. Yellow lichens and grass give color to the landscape, and icebergs are easy to spot from your Zodiac cruise.

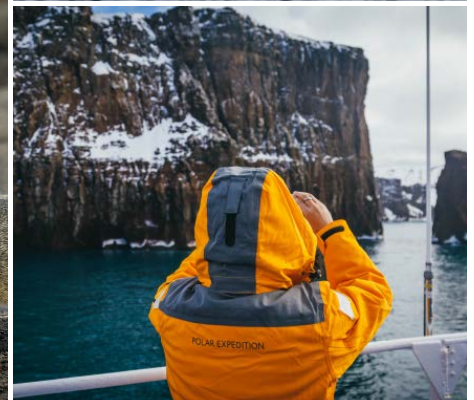
South Shetland Islands

AITCHO ISLANDS

This group of small islands is situated in the northern entrance of the English Strait. You can often spot a great mix of wildlife in the area, with gentoo and chinstrap penguins having established rookeries on the islands. Southern elephant and fur seals frequently haul out here, too.

DECEPTION ISLAND

Deception Island is a flooded circular caldera formed by the collapse of an active volcano. To reach this protected harbor, it is necessary to sail through a narrow passage called Neptune’s Bellows. Inside are several bays used at various times for whaling and scientific research. Along with waddling penguins and lounging seals, you’ll see the rusting remains of whaling operations on the beach in some locations. The landscape of Deception Island often presents opportunities for longer walks to striking



vistas. The stark contrast between snow and dark volcanic sand and the steam along the shoreline from geothermic activity when the tide is right, gives this location an atmospheric feel.

HALF MOON ISLAND

This crescent-shaped island was known to sealers as early as 1821. While they tried to keep this productive location secret, we're happy to bring you ashore on this impressive island. Many Antarctic birds breed here, including chinstrap penguins, shags, Wilson's storm petrels, kelp gulls, snowy sheathbills, Antarctic terns and skuas.

HANNAH POINT

On the southern coast of Livingston Island at Hannah Point, you may see chinstrap and gentoo penguin rookeries,

along with the occasional breeding macaroni penguin. Due to the rather congested area available to the nesting penguins, we are able to visit here only after January 10.

PENGUIN ISLAND

Antarctica has two flowering plants, both of which you can find on Penguin Island: Antarctic hair grass (*Deschampsia antarctica*) and Antarctic pearlwort (*Colobanthus quitensis*). Chinstrap penguins, fur seals and southern elephant seals can also be spotted here.

ROBERT POINT

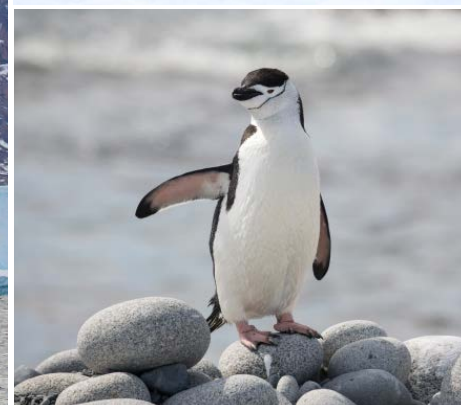
A beautiful spot for Zodiac cruising, this point was known to sealers as early as 1820. Chinstrap penguins, kelp gulls and pintado petrels breed here, and whales may be seen in the surrounding waters.

TURRET POINT

Chinstrap and Adélie penguin rookeries are found on this point, situated on the south coast of King George Island. The beaches here are often crowded with southern elephant, fur and Weddell seals hauled out on the rocks.

YANKEE HARBOUR

Gentoo penguins have established a rookery at this harbor, situated on the southwest side of Greenwich Island. Here, you can see an abandoned Argentine refuge hut and a large glacier that stretches along the east and north sides of the bay. An abandoned sealing try pot is all that remains of the activity that brought men thousands of miles in tall ships to seek their fortune. Enjoy a rare chance for a longer walk along the expansive beach, dotted with historical artifacts and wildlife.



What to pack on your Antarctic expedition

BY SEA AND AIR

All transfers ship to shore, helicopter flights and Zodiac/ship cruising.

- ☐ Waterproof pants (mandatory for every Zodiac and helicopter ride)
- ☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic top*
- ☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic bottom*
- ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece top*
- ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece bottom*
- ☐ Warm wool or synthetic socks (keep a dry pair in your bag, and bring extras for layering)
- ☐ Glove liners * ☐ Hand and feet warmers* ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ Waterproof gloves or mitts (bring an extra pair)
- ☐ Scarf, buff, or other face protection
- ☐ Warm hat that covers ears (bring an extra)
- ☐ Waterproof, lightweight backpack or dry sack and/or rain sleeve for camera or a waterproof phone case (to keep camera and gear dry)
- ☐ Polarized sunglasses with UV protection (consider bringing an eyewear retainer: string/clip etc.)
- ☐ Ski goggles (for Zodiac cruising on snowy or windy days)

*recommended layering depending on the conditions of the day and reflecting your personal thermo-regulation comfort levels.

BY LAND (Shore Excursions and Hiking)

In addition to the gear requirements (as above) mandatory for the transit from ship to shore, it is recommended to bring:

- ☐ Hat, buff or scarf (for wind and weather protection)
- ☐ UV protection (sun hat, polarized sun glasses, sun block, lip balm etc.)
- ☐ Collapsible walking sticks for hikes (if required)
Quantities are available to borrow on every vessel
- ☐ Additional reusable (thermos-regulating) water bottle
(in addition to the reusable collapsible water bottle provided)

WHAT TO BRING! Packing for the Polar Regions doesn't have to be daunting, and to make it easier for you, all Quark Expeditions voyages include a Quark parka to keep, and a loan of insulated waterproof boots. Additional suggested items include:

TO WEAR ON BOARD

- ☐ The complimentary Quark 3-in-1 Parka provided on board is designed with a waterproof shell that can be worn out on deck, and a removable liner that you can wear to stay comfortable indoors)
- ☐ Comfortable casual clothing like lighter shirts, pants or jeans, etc. (in case the ship gets warm)
- ☐ Comfortable non-slip closed-toed, heelless shoes (flip flops, sandals or slip-on shoes should not be worn on board due to safety concerns)
- ☐ Workout attire (for the fitness center!)
- ☐ Swimsuit (for the Polar Plunge! Some vessels may also have a pool, hot tub, sauna and/or steam room. See your ship book for details.)

Just a reminder: No formal evening wear required on our voyages but if you would like to bring something a little more dressy for the Captain's welcome and farewell cocktails you may certainly do so!

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- ☐ Passport, visas, immunization records, travel documents, etc. as required
- ☐ Camera gear—complete with charger, storage medium, transport and cleaning kit (lens cloth etc.) and extra batteries
- ☐ Reusable waterproof bags or plastic bags with zippers (to keep small items organized and cameras dry)
- ☐ Voltage converters and plug adapters (see ship book for details)
- ☐ Seasickness, indigestion, headache, or other medications
- ☐ Earplugs and eye masks for sleeping
- ☐ Moisturizer for face and hands (skin dryness due to wind and temperature changes)
- ☐ Credit card and small amount of local currency (see pre-departure book for more details)

- › To view our packing checklist online, visit:
QuarkExpeditions.com/What-to-Pack/Antarctica
- › Related topics are covered on our Frequently Asked Questions page:
QuarkExpeditions.com/Frequently-Asked-Questions



Scan this QR code or [click here](#) to watch our video on what to pack before you go!

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND TEMPERATURES

Polar weather is extremely variable; temperatures may hover around the freezing mark and winds can be strong. The extended daylight warms sheltered areas so that you may sometimes find it warm enough for t-shirts. However, you may encounter rain, snow squalls, fog and white-outs during an expedition and should be ready for any conditions.

A group of seven expedition team members in bright orange and blue gear are on a black inflatable boat in the Antarctic. A large whale tail is visible in the foreground, and icebergs are in the background under a grey sky.

TO BOOK YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE

Contact your Travel Professional

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Crossing the Circle

Southern Expedition



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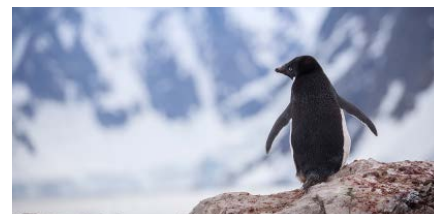
Overview

14-day Crossing the Circle: Southern Expedition

Antarctica offers so many extraordinary immersive adventures and breath-taking polar landscapes, and traveling with Quark Expeditions offers multiple options to personalize your experience. We've designed this guide to help you identify what interests you most, so that you can start planning your version of the perfect expedition to the 7th Continent.

With a more in-depth exploration of the Antarctic Peninsula, our 14-day *Crossing the Circle* voyage gives you the chance to venture beyond the Antarctic Circle, a milestone few have reached. In addition to an exploration of the penguin colonies, glaciers, bays and historical sites of the Peninsula, you'll also navigate beyond 66°33' South. Encounter even more wildlife and experience the awe of splendid isolation. You can personalize your adventure with options that suit your interests, and cross the 7th Continent off your list—your way.

Antarctica has been inspiring explorers for centuries and our expeditions offer the chance for you to discover why. We're excited to host you on your unforgettable adventure! Feel free to reach out to our team of Polar Travel Advisers who can answer your questions and provide assistance at any time.



EXPEDITION IN BRIEF

-  Explore Antarctica with the best expedition team in the industry
-  Be one of the few travelers to venture to 66°33'S
-  Visit Antarctic research stations
-  Witness abundant Antarctic wildlife, including penguins, seals and whales
-  Enjoy presentations on wildlife, history, glaciology and geology by our onboard polar experts
-  Immerse yourself in the icy realm of the Antarctic, with an optional paddling excursion



Itinerary

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN USHUAIA, ARGENTINA

You will begin your journey in Ushuaia, a small but bustling port town at the tip of South America. This Argentine town is an ideal gateway for you to explore the southern extent of Patagonia while preparing for your adventure ahead. Enjoy active outings in the mountains or sample handcrafted chocolate at a café in town.

DAY 2 | EMBARK

As the ship sets sail in the late afternoon, you will begin your Antarctic journey, passing through the historic Beagle Channel. Named after the

famed ship on which Charles Darwin traveled, the channel presents great photo opportunities of landscapes and seabirds. Eventually the channel opens up to the Southern Ocean, and onwards to Antarctica.

DAYS 3 & 4 | CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE

Your days at sea are filled with presentations led by your Expedition Team on photography, wildlife, glaciology, and history. You can also spend time on deck looking for wildlife or chatting with your shipmates over a drink at the bar.



CROSSING THE CIRCLE
Southern Expeditions

— On board the *Ocean Explorer*

DAYS 5-7 | SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS AND ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

The most common reaction upon reaching the Antarctic Continent is a sense of reverence and awe. The experience is beyond words, since few places are as untouched and enduring as Antarctica. You will begin to appreciate why this region has long captivated the attention of explorers and travelers alike. Every visit to Antarctica, we witness something new or unexpected, which means that your expedition will be unlike any other—creating a unique, personal experience.

Each day, you will take Zodiac excursions from the ship to explore local bays, channels and landing sites. With wildlife always at the forefront of our minds, you will visit penguin rookeries, scout for humpback and minke whales, and search for a number of southern seal species, including the elusive leopard seal.

Your Expedition Team will take care of you at each landing, whether you are exploring the Antarctic terrain, visiting a historic research base or consorting with penguin colonies. Chinstrap, Adélie and gentoo penguins are found here, along with five different species of seals. Zodiac and ship cruising can offer opportunities to view some of the larger local marine mammals more intimately, such as Antarctic minke and humpback whales. Each day and each excursion will present a new collection of creatures to delight you and keep your camera busy.

Your days will be busy spotting wildlife and being mesmerized by the astounding beauty of Antarctica. Listening to the crackling and crumbling of icebergs and glaciers and watching penguins waddling on the beach will become your daily entertainment, while sea kayaking, paddle excursions, or camping are optional activities available on select voyages (at an extra cost).

DAYS 8 & 9 | ANTARCTIC CIRCLE

Crossing the Antarctic Circle is both a memorable experience and impressive achievement, as few travelers reach so far south. If conditions allow us to cross this famed latitude of 66°33' S, we'll toast the first explorers who ventured here, and you can raise a glass and take pride in knowing you've made it to a part of the world visited by very few people. This is raw Antarctica, home of the midnight sun, Weddell seals, and your best chances of encountering sea ice—the foundation of the Antarctic marine ecosystem.



DAYS 10 & 11 | NORTHBOUND ALONG THE PENINSULA

By now, your knowledge of Adélie, chinstrap and gentoo penguins will be matched by your ability to differentiate between a leopard, crabeater and Weddell seal. Terms like ‘bergy bits’ and ‘pancake ice’ will become part of your vocabulary, yet there are still many tales to be told. As you head north, Zodiac excursions will fill your days, and your Expedition Team will continue looking out for species of seabirds, seals and whales that may have eluded you on your journey south.

DAYS 12 & 13 | CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE

As you recross the Drake, Antarctica fades away, leaving you with a collection of memories to last a lifetime. Excited conversations with your newfound

friends will make the crossing fly by, regardless of weather and sea conditions. Your Expedition Team will round up its series of presentations as well, with a slideshow of the adventures you’ve shared and wildlife you’ve witnessed over the course of your voyage. Be sure to take some time to reflect on everything you’ve experienced so far.

DAY 14 | DISEMBARK IN USHUAIA

Today, you’ll say goodbye to your Expedition Team and fellow travelers, disembarking in the morning to catch your homeward flights or continue your travels on your own.

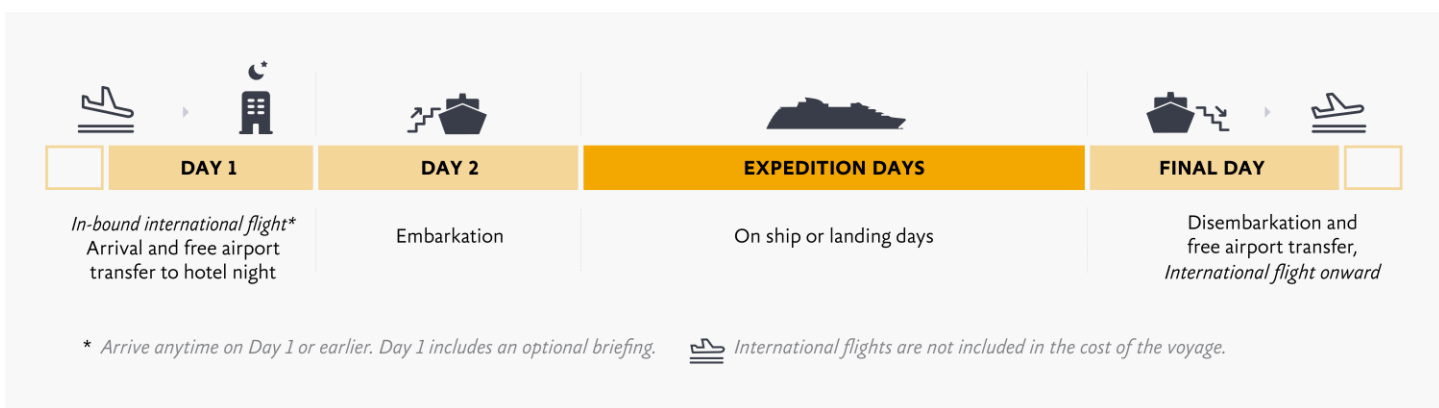
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Arrival and Departure Details, and International Flight Planning



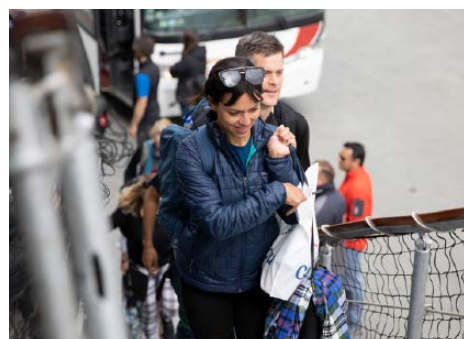
As you prepare for your journey, you may be interested in your arrival and departure details. Since international air transportation is not included in the cost of your expedition, you have some flexibility in planning your flights.

Arrival Day and Embarkation

DAY 1 — ARRIVING IN USHUAIA AND HOTEL NIGHT

You may arrive in Ushuaia at any time during Day 1 of your itinerary. Ushuaia and its mountainous surroundings are destinations worth exploring, so we do encourage you to arrive a day or two before your expedition. Based on the arrival information you send us, we will arrange for a transfer from the airport to your hotel.

A Quark Expeditions representative will be available to answer your questions in the lobby of your hotel in Ushuaia during your optional pre-departure briefing on Day 1, at 6 pm.



DAY 2 — EMBARKATION IN USHUAIA

On the morning of Day 2, your luggage will be collected from the lobby of your hotel, transferred to the ship and stored in your cabin.

Ship embarkation will occur on Day 2 of your itinerary, usually around 4 pm. You and your shipmates will meet at a designated location near the pier, and board the waiting buses for transfer to the ship. Information about embarkation will be posted in your Ushuaia hotel and discussed during your optional pre-departure meeting on Day 1.

Final Day and Departure

DISSEMBARKATION IN USHUAIA AND ONWARD

Your ship is scheduled to arrive at the pier in Ushuaia, usually between 7am and 8am. Once the ship has docked, you will bid farewell to your Expedition Team and shipmates before completing your disembarkation. The process takes about an hour.

Weather conditions can always change our arrival times, and airline schedule changes have also been known to occur in Argentina. Please book your flight home from Ushuaia to depart as late in the day as possible or at a date after the end of your expedition. If you have booked a flight that departs before noon on the date that your expedition ends, you will be at risk of missing your flight.

Quark Expeditions staff in Ushuaia will reconfirm your domestic flight 48 hours prior to disembarkation, provided you give your information to our team ahead of time.

Arrival and Departure Transfers

USHUAIA AIRPORT TRANSFERS

ARRIVAL: A group transfer in Ushuaia is included from the airport to your included pre-expedition hotel on Day 1 of your itinerary.

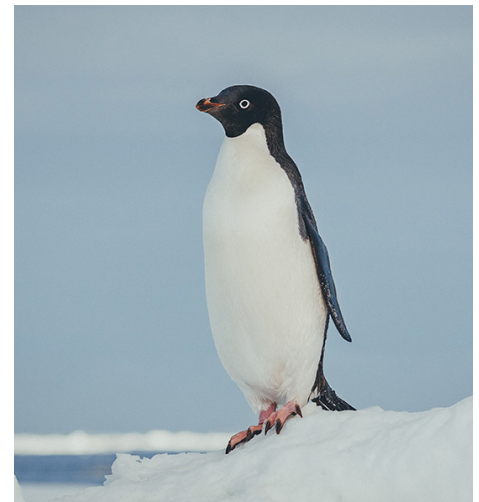
DEPARTURE: A group departure transfer is included from the ship to the airport on the final day of your itinerary. If your flight is later in the day, you may opt to transfer to our luggage storage facility instead and enjoy further activities in Ushuaia on your own. Access to luggage storage is available until 6pm on the disembarkation day only. You will need to arrange your own transfer to the airport if you do not take advantage of the included transfer or if you are leaving Ushuaia after the disembarkation day.

In order to facilitate your transfers, we request that you provide your flight details to Quark Expeditions at least 30 days prior to traveling.

PLEASE NOTE

Included Hotel Accommodations:

Your included accommodation begins on Day 1 of your itinerary, and the specific hotel will be indicated on your final voyage confirmation. Ushuaia accommodations trend toward mid-range properties, and hotel space is limited. A particular property cannot be guaranteed, but space is most often booked at Hotel Las Lenguas, Hotel Los Acebos, and Albatros Hotel. If you are arriving prior to Day 1 of your expedition or are staying after the disembarkation day and would like help booking a pre- or post-stay, please contact your preferred travel agent or Quark Expeditions for hotel options. As accommodation space is limited, you are encouraged to request any extra nights as early as possible.





Ultramarine



World Explorer



Ocean Explorer

Our Fleet of Small Polar Vessels

Quark Expeditions boasts the most diverse polar-class fleet of any polar operator, and the ability to offer you this incredible voyage on one of our ice strengthened vessels.

The entire Quark Expeditions fleet is built for comfort—and for challenging polar environments, allowing us to take you to places ordinary cruise companies wouldn't dream of going.

Plus, you'll do so while enjoying excellent amenities and superbly comfortable cabins.



Your Ship

OCEAN EXPLORER

Ocean Explorer, the newest addition to our fleet, is modern, elegant and purpose-built for polar exploration. The 138-passenger vessel has been designed with the latest in expedition ship technology. One of the ship's key features is the ULSTEIN X-BOW®, a marine engineering innovation that ensures a comfortable and smooth sailing experience thanks to the inverted bow. Located at the bow is the two-story, light-filled library, which introduces a welcome airiness to the expedition ship. Spacious cabins feature a modern, bespoke Scandinavian design and almost all have verandas. Guests can relax and find comfort in the spacious gym, sauna with large windows, and two outdoor Jacuzzis. *Ocean Explorer* features ample outdoor viewing areas and multi-height outer decks, which are ideal for long-view photography and wildlife viewing. The vessel is equipped with a fleet of 15 Zodiacs that enable guests to get off the ship quickly and safely for off-ship adventures. In addition to the well-appointed and spacious public areas, *Ocean Explorer* has an industry-leading mix of sustainability systems, including fuel-efficient Rolls Royce engines.

SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

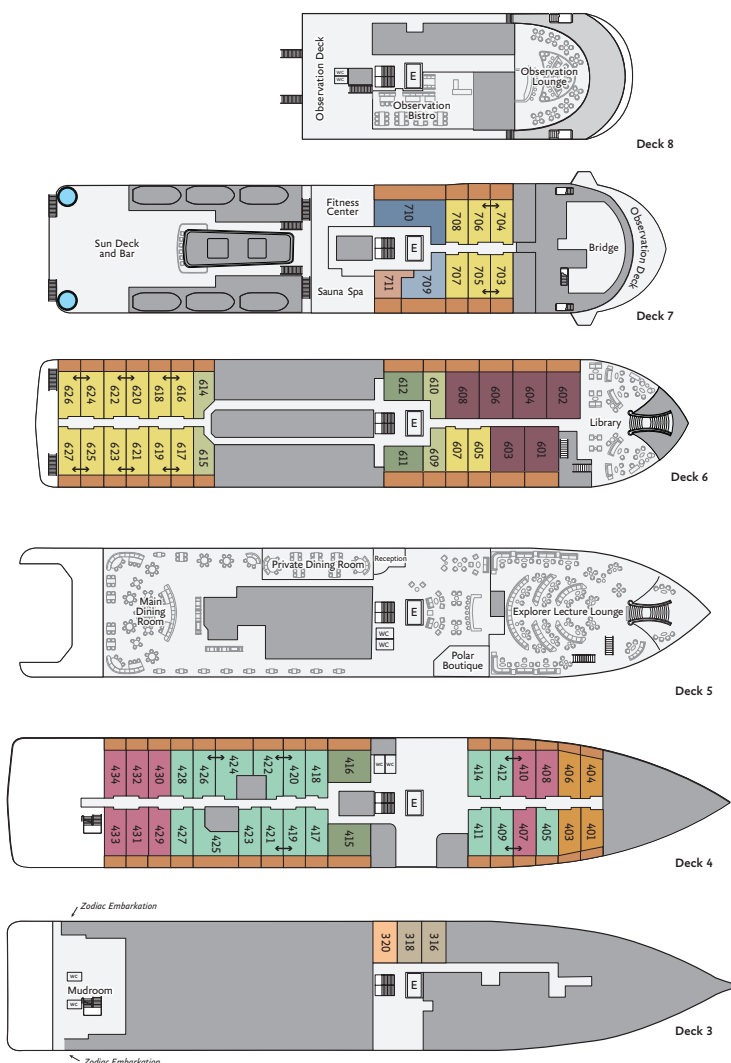
Staff and Crew: 131

Guests: 138

Lifeboats: 2

Ice Class: 1A, PC6

Visit QuarkExpeditions.com to view deck plan details.



- Owner's Suite
- Explorer Suite
- Studio Veranda Single
- Royal Veranda Stateroom
- Junior Suite
- Grand Veranda Stateroom
- Studio Veranda Stateroom
- Deluxe Veranda
- Deluxe Veranda Mid
- Deluxe Veranda Fwd
- Studio Double
- Studio Single

Interconnecting Suites

Accessibility modified cabin; please speak to your travel professional for details

Balcony



Included Activities

These are included in your trip package.



Ready for a little adventure beyond your ship? Each Quark Expeditions voyage offers a variety of immersive off-ship activities to enhance your polar experience.

ZODIAC CRUISING

Zodiacs—rugged inflatable watercraft—are the workhorses of polar expeditions, taking you to places the ships can't access, allowing you to reach remote shorelines, explore shallow inlets and search for unique wildlife. Expedition

staff make stepping in and out of them safe and comfortable, and your Zodiac drivers will provide active interpretation, making the landscape come even more alive.

HIKING

Hiking in Antarctica is free-form and supervised by our expert staff, who set out a perimeter or paths at each landing site within which you are free to explore. While you hike, staff will be available to enhance your experience by answering questions about the wildlife, history and geography of the area.

PRESENTATIONS

Enjoy daily chats with and presentations by our world-class onboard polar experts—expedition guides, specialists, photography guides and other special guests who will introduce you to the fascinating history, biology, ornithology, glaciology and geology of the region, and much, much more.

POLAR PLUNGE

This rite of passage, scheduled only once per expedition, gives you the chance to jump safely into the bracing Antarctic waters under the watchful eye of our staff—and just about every single camera on board!

PHOTOGRAPHY

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is a rewarding experience. Our photography guide will help you hone your skills to capture the beauty of the polar regions.

More information about your Included Activities and Adventure Options, including the necessary experience, physical requirements and cost, is available by contacting your Polar Travel Adviser or your travel professional.



Adventure Options

These activities cost extra and must be booked in advance of your trip.



PLEASE NOTE

Pre-booking is required for all paid activities. We recommend booking early, as spaces fill quickly. Please see your pre-departure guide for a list of provided gear for each Adventure Option.

✦ SEA KAYAKING

Imagine gliding across the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers. Our Sea Kayaking program is a great way to intimately explore your surroundings. A small group of kayakers will plan to go out multiple times per voyage as an alternative to shore landings or Zodiac cruises.

The number of opportunities to kayak is weather dependent, and will be conducted only during calm conditions. Prior kayaking experience is required, and you must be able to do a wet exit to participate. Beginners interested in kayaking should consider participating in the Paddling Excursion.



✦ PADDLING EXCURSION

If you're interested in kayaking but would like to try something a bit less demanding than Sea Kayaking, you're the perfect candidate to sign up for a one-time paddle on our stable sit-on-top kayaks—perfect for anyone with minimal or no kayaking experience. Small groups of paddlers will be taken out on calm days, with our expert guides always present to provide instruction and help you connect with the polar sea. Pre-book into one of two priority groups. Any subsequent excursions can be booked on board, and groups will be assigned via a lottery as spaces are limited.



Departure Dates

Crossing the Circle: Southern Expedition

OCEAN EXPLORER			Adventure Options	
Dates	Days	Start / End		
ANTARCTIC 2025/2026				
FEB 9 - 22, 2026	14	Ushuaia	\$	\$

Raise a Glass and Stay Connected!

See below for specifics on our complimentary Wi-Fi and bar service, which takes effect November 2024.



Inclusions and Exclusions

Inclusions

RATES INCLUDE:

For all voyages:

- An official Quark Expeditions parka to keep
- Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Team, including shore landings and other activities
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising as per the daily program
- All shore landings as per the daily program
- Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage.
- **NEW** Free beer, standard wines, spirits, and cocktails during bar service hours and dinner
- Complimentary coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock
- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled
- A photographic journal documenting your expedition
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
- Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin
- **NEW** Complimentary Wi-Fi service on one device permitting basic Internet browsing, email, posting on social media and voice applications. (Premium packages are available for more data-intensive applications.)
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- All luggage handling aboard the ship
- Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person
- Group arrival transfer in Ushuaia from airport to pre-expedition hotel on Day 1
- One night's pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Ushuaia with breakfast. (Note: The number of guests per room is the same as cabin occupancy on the ship. Due to limited availability, travelers who reserve a suite on board are accommodated in standard rooms at the hotel. Triple rooms may not be available.)
- Group transfer from hotel to ship on embarkation day
- Group departure transfer upon disembarkation in Ushuaia from ship to local airport or to luggage.

Exclusions

RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

For all voyages:

- International airfare
- Passport and applicable visa expenses
- Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned
- Meals unless otherwise specified
- Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended
- Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic flights
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac landing and cruising excursions, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, spa services and other personal charges, unless specified
- Phone charges may vary by location
- Our basic complimentary Wi-Fi service does not include Premium packages which enable more data-intensive applications
- Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for expedition staff and shipboard crew
- Additional overnight accommodation
- Arrival and departure transfers, except where explicitly stated
- Adventure Options not listed in Included Activities.



Your Expedition Team

Our Expedition Leaders—the best in the industry—and their teams share their diverse expertise in subjects as varied as polar history, marine biology, glaciology, ornithology and photography. Their knowledge and enthusiasm will greatly enhance your immersion into the polar environment and further deepen your connection to the Antarctic.

With 33 years of experience bringing passengers to remote Polar Regions and an industry-leading staff-to-guest ratio, we know how to safely handle the unexpected. Ensuring this hard-earned experience is passed on, all our expedition staff undergo comprehensive training at Quark Academy, which provides hands-on polar expedition training prior to any staff member's first voyage, as well as ongoing training for experienced staff.





One of the many historic churches in Buenos Aires

Extend Your Trip

PRE- AND POST-EXPEDITION TRIP EXTENSIONS

Since you're traveling such a long way, you may want to spend extra time in Buenos Aires. We have a variety of pre- and post-expedition packages in this captivating city, known as the tango capital of the world. Enjoy an extensive city tour, take in a tango show and explore the unique neighborhoods of Recoleta, Palermo and San Telmo. Savor Argentine barbecue at a steakhouse (*parrilla*), then stroll the tree-lined boulevards and marvel at the historic architecture.

Take an extended tour from Buenos Aires to Iguazú Falls, and, if you're daring, walk the catwalks over the falls.

Upon arrival in Ushuaia, you can take in its unique museums, incredible hiking, and Patagonian cuisine. Spend a day in nearby Tierra del Fuego National Park, marvelling at the mountains, birdlife, waterfalls and forests.



Iguazú Falls



Ushuaia Maritime Museum

To discover the best options for extending your adventure, get in touch with your Travel Professional or a Polar Travel Adviser for seamless, worry-free booking of all trip extensions.

Raise a Glass and Stay Connected!

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Meals on Board

If there is one constant on board, it is that you'll enjoy delicious meals daily. While meal times may change due to landings and wildlife encounters, you'll always be served three well-prepared meals per day. Most dietary restrictions can be accommodated by letting us know prior to your expedition.

Breakfasts and lunches are normally served buffet style, while dinners are served plated. À la carte meals are made at the time of your order, allowing our chefs to prepare each dish to your individual needs, ensuring you receive top-quality meals during the course of your expedition.

Complimentary coffee, tea, cocoa and water stations are available around the clock, while soft drinks and juices are available during meals and when the bar is open—all included in the cost of your package.

NEW Enjoy free beer, standard wines, spirits, and cocktails during bar service hours and dinner as part of our new "Raise a Glass and Stay Connected Free" program. Premium wines and champagne are available at extra cost and can be billed to your shipboard account. The well-stocked bars on the ship are open late morning, afternoon and evening, though hours may occasionally change to accommodate the expedition schedule.





Possible Excursions

When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. The following sites are a sample of what you may experience on your expedition, whether by ship, Zodiac cruise, or shore landing.

Antarctic Peninsula

ANTARCTIC CIRCLE

Although not a shore landing, the crossing of the Antarctic Circle is a moment to remember for life. The event will happen while at sea, so be sure to head out on deck to toast the achievement.

CIERVA COVE

Cierva Cove boasts jaw dropping icebergs and a glaciated backdrop. A massive glacial face regularly calves into the bay, leaving often spectacular floating ice. Seals can be spotted on ice floes, and later in the season, humpback whales occasionally feed in the icy waters.

CUVERVILLE ISLAND

A gentoo penguin rookery is situated on a rocky beach at the north end of the island. Depending on when in the season you arrive, you may see the penguins building nests or attending to their chicks. Giant petrels and kelp gulls breed on the island.

DAMOY POINT

Damoy Point is the site of a historical ice runway used by the British Antarctic Survey for their flights further south since 1975. The well-maintained hut was used as a staging-post to store supplies and for accommodation while awaiting ideal flying conditions. The point is also home to a penguin rookery and allows for spectacular views of the mountains of Anvers Island.

DANCO ISLAND

Home to gentoo penguins, this small dome-shaped island provides you with a stunning view of the Errera Channel and excellent Zodiac cruising opportunities.



DETAILLE ISLAND

Detaille Island lies in Lallemand Fjord, just south of the Antarctic Circle. Station W, of the British Antarctic Survey, is a historical research hut established in 1956. Researchers overwintered here, setting out on expeditions and conducting scientific investigations. Stepping inside is a walk back in time as the hut has been impeccably preserved. Revel in 1950s memorabilia such as jars of HP Sauce and canned butter, a little beyond their expiry dates, and imagine overwintering here, below the Circle.

ENTERPRISE ISLAND

Located in Wilhelmina Bay, this island's protected coves were once used by whalers. A Zodiac cruise exploring the island passes the rusting remains of a wrecked whaling ship, and provides opportunities to search for humpback whales, seals and Antarctic cormorants (blue-eyed shags).

LEMAIRE CHANNEL

One of the most scenic locations on the peninsula's west coast, this dramatic strait runs between the towering cliffs of Booth Island and the Antarctic Peninsula. The channel may become impassable when ice fills the narrow, 6.8-mile (11 km)-long passageway, so we'll hope for clear waters.

MELCHIOR ISLANDS

This group of low, glaciated islands in Dallmann Bay is where you may see hauled-out male fur seals as they recuperate from their battles for supremacy at the end of their breeding season.

MIKKELSEN HARBOR

Located on the south side of Trinity Island and surrounded by stunning ice cliffs and several reefs, Mikkelsen Harbor is a 1.86-mile (3 km)-wide bay, discovered by a Swedish Antarctic expedition in 1901-04. Enjoy a Zodiac cruise of the beautiful waters, or if conditions allow,

land at D'Hainaut Island, home to an Argentine refuge hut and whaling remains in the form of a wooden boat and whale skeletons. Weddell seals are often seen in the area and a gentoo penguin rookery is situated on the island.

NEKO HARBOUR

Little evidence remains that this bay was once used by the floating whale factory ship *Neko*. You might see whale vertebrae being used by resident gentoo penguins as shelter from the wind.

PARADISE HARBOR

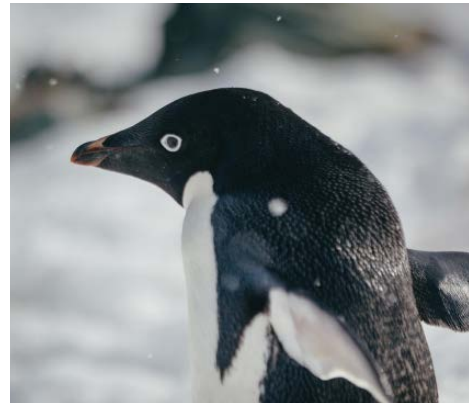
Paradise Harbor is a wide bay and natural harbor on the West Antarctic Peninsula. Mountains, glaciers and ice cliffs offer spectacular views. Icebergs regularly calve from the glaciers, providing a place for seals, penguins and seabirds to rest and play. An Argentine base, *Almirante Brown Station*—named after Admiral Guillermo Brown, father of the Argentine Navy—is also located in Paradise Harbor, and was operated from 1951 until a large section of it burned down in 1984. It has since been partially rebuilt and is used as a summer research base.

PETERMANN ISLAND

Here, near the Lemaire Channel, you can stand ashore and see the southernmost breeding colony of gentoo penguins. Adélie penguins, shags and south polar skuas also inhabit the island.

PORT LOCKROY

As part of Operation Tabarin during the Second World War, a secret British base was built in this sheltered harbor, located on the west side of Wiencke Island. Now a designated historic site, the base is a museum and post office. Proceeds from your purchases in Port Lockroy support the UK Antarctic Heritage Trust, which preserves British and other historic sites dating to the Heroic Age of Exploration. A large gentoo penguin population resides here.



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STONINGTON ISLAND

Two abandoned research stations can be found on this island south of the Antarctic Circle. The first women to overwinter in Antarctica were housed at East Base. The British built Base E is about 656 feet (200 m) away from East Base, which was built by the United States Antarctic Service Expedition.

WATERBOAT POINT

A surveyor and a geologist lived in a makeshift shelter utilizing an up-turned water boat on this point from 1921 to 1922. The remains of their camp have been designated an Antarctic historic site. The aptly named Waterboat Point is also home to a Chilean Antarctic research station, named González Videla Base after the first sitting head of state to visit the Antarctic continent. When the base is manned, you may be welcomed inside for a visit by the base personnel, or you may visit the resident nesting gentoo rookery if the base is inactive.

WILHELMINA BAY

Humpback whales abound in “Whalemina Bay,” as it’s nicknamed, and the scenery is spectacular. Sheer cliffs and glaciers surround the calm waters of the protected bay, named after Wilhelmina, queen of the Netherlands from 1890 to 1948. If you’re lucky, you may see the humpbacks bubble-net feeding: they exhale while swimming in a wide circle below the surface, trapping krill in a “net” of bubbles, and then swim straight up from below, mouths open, to engulf their prey. A truly astounding sight!

YALOUR ISLANDS

These islands were named for an Argentine Navy lieutenant who rescued the shipwrecked members of the Swedish Antarctic Expedition in 1903. Approximately 8,000 pairs of Adélie penguins nest in the islands, sometimes parading for visitors. Yellow lichens and grass give color to the landscape, and icebergs are easy to spot from your Zodiac cruise.

South Shetland Islands

AITCHO ISLANDS

This group of small islands is situated in the northern entrance of the English Strait. You can often spot a great mix of wildlife in the area, with gentoo and chinstrap penguins having established rookeries on the islands. Southern elephant and fur seals frequently haul out here, too.

DECEPTION ISLAND

Deception Island is a flooded circular caldera formed by the collapse of an active volcano. To reach this protected harbor, it is necessary to sail through a narrow passage called Neptune’s Bellows. Inside are several bays used at various times for whaling and scientific research. Along with waddling penguins and lounging seals, you’ll see the rusting remains of whaling operations on the beach in some locations. The landscape of Deception Island often presents



opportunities for longer walks to striking vistas. The stark contrast between snow and dark volcanic sand and the steam along the shoreline from geothermic activity when the tide is right, gives this location an atmospheric feel.

HALF MOON ISLAND

This crescent-shaped island was known to sealers as early as 1821. While they tried to keep this productive location secret, we're happy to bring you ashore on this impressive island. Many Antarctic birds breed here, including chinstrap penguins, shags, Wilson's storm petrels, kelp gulls, snowy sheathbills, Antarctic terns and skuas.

HANNAH POINT

On the southern coast of Livingston Island at Hannah Point, you may see chinstrap and gentoo penguin rookeries, along with the occasional breeding macaroni penguin. Due to the rather congested area available to the nesting penguins, we are able to visit here only after January 10.

PENGUIN ISLAND

Antarctica has two flowering plants, both of which you can find on Penguin Island: Antarctic hair grass (*Deschampsia antarctica*) and Antarctic pearlwort (*Colobanthus quitensis*). Chinstrap penguins, fur seals and southern elephant seals can also be spotted here.

ROBERT POINT

A beautiful spot for Zodiac cruising, this point was known to sealers as early as 1820. Chinstrap penguins, kelp gulls and pintado petrels breed here, and whales may be seen in the surrounding waters.

TURRET POINT

Chinstrap and Adélie penguin rookeries are found on this point, situated on the south coast of King George Island. The beaches here are often crowded with southern elephant, fur and Weddell seals hauled out on the rocks.

YANKEE HARBOUR

Gentoo penguins have established a rookery at this harbor, situated on the southwest side of Greenwich Island. Here, you can see an abandoned Argentine refuge hut and a large glacier that stretches along the east and north sides of the bay. An abandoned sealing try pot is all that remains of the activity that brought men thousands of miles in tall ships to seek their fortune. Enjoy a rare chance for a longer walk along the expansive beach, dotted with historical artifacts and wildlife.



What to pack on your Antarctic expedition

BY SEA

All transfers ship to shore and Zodiac/ship cruising.

- ☐ Waterproof pants (mandatory for every Zodiac ride)
- ☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic top*
- ☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic bottom*
- ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece top*
- ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece bottom*
- ☐ Warm wool or synthetic socks (keep a dry pair in your bag, and bring extras for layering)
- ☐ Glove liners * ☐ Hand and feet warmers* ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ Waterproof gloves or mitts (bring an extra pair)
- ☐ Scarf, buff, or other face protection
- ☐ Warm hat that covers ears (bring an extra)
- ☐ Waterproof, lightweight backpack or dry sack and/or rain sleeve for camera or a waterproof phone case (to keep camera and gear dry)
- ☐ Polarized sunglasses with UV protection (consider bringing an eyewear retainer: string/clip etc.)
- ☐ Ski goggles (for Zodiac cruising on snowy or windy days)

*recommended layering depending on the conditions of the day and reflecting your personal thermo-regulation comfort levels.

BY LAND (Shore Excursions and Hiking)

In addition to the gear requirements (as above) mandatory for the transit from ship to shore, it is recommended to bring:

- ☐ Hat, buff or scarf (for wind and weather protection)
- ☐ UV protection (sun hat, polarized sun glasses, sun block, lip balm etc.)
- ☐ Collapsible walking sticks for hikes (if required)
Quantities are available to borrow on every vessel
- ☐ Additional reusable (thermos-regulating) water bottle
(in addition to the reusable collapsible water bottle provided)

WHAT TO BRING! Packing for the Polar Regions doesn't have to be daunting, and to make it easier for you, all Quark Expeditions voyages include a Quark parka to keep, and a loan of insulated waterproof boots. Additional suggested items include:

TO WEAR ON BOARD

- ☐ The complimentary Quark 3-in-1 Parka provided on board is designed with a waterproof shell that can be worn out on deck, and a removable liner that you can wear to stay comfortable indoors)
- ☐ Comfortable casual clothing like lighter shirts, pants or jeans, etc. (in case the ship gets warm)
- ☐ Comfortable non-slip closed-toed, heelless shoes (flip flops, sandals or slip-on shoes should not be worn on board due to safety concerns)
- ☐ Workout attire (for the fitness center!)
- ☐ Swimsuit (for the Polar Plunge! Some vessels may also have a pool, hot tub, sauna and/or steam room. See your ship book for details.)

Just a reminder: No formal evening wear required on our voyages but if you would like to bring something a little more dressy for the Captain's welcome and farewell cocktails you may certainly do so!

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- ☐ Passport, visas, immunization records, travel documents, etc. as required
- ☐ Camera gear—complete with charger, storage medium, transport and cleaning kit (lens cloth etc.) and extra batteries
- ☐ Reusable waterproof bags or plastic bags with zippers (to keep small items organized and cameras dry)
- ☐ Voltage converters and plug adapters (see ship book for details)
- ☐ Seasickness, indigestion, headache, or other medications
- ☐ Earplugs and eye masks for sleeping
- ☐ Moisturizer for face and hands (skin dryness due to wind and temperature changes)
- ☐ Credit card and small amount of local currency (see pre-departure book for more details)

- › To view our packing checklist online, visit:
QuarkExpeditions.com/What-to-Pack/Antarctica
- › Related topics are covered on our Frequently Asked Questions page:
QuarkExpeditions.com/Frequently-Asked-Questions



Scan this QR code or [click here](#) to watch our video on what to pack before you go!

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND TEMPERATURES

Polar weather is extremely variable; temperatures may hover around the freezing mark and winds can be strong. The extended daylight warms sheltered areas so that you may sometimes find it warm enough for t-shirts. However, you may encounter rain, snow squalls, fog and white-outs during an expedition and should be ready for any conditions.

A group of seven people in bright orange and blue expedition gear are in a black inflatable boat on a dark, choppy sea. In the foreground, a large, dark, curved shape, likely a whale's tail, is visible just below the water's surface. The background is a vast, overcast sky with a few distant icebergs.

TO BOOK YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE

Contact your Travel Professional

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ANTARCTIC 2025/2026

Antarctic Express

Cruise South, Fly North



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Overview

Antarctic Express: Cruise South, Fly North

Revel in the excitement of crossing the famed 800-km wide Drake Passage after embarking from Ushuaia, Argentina, with the convenience of a northbound return flight at the end of your 10-day expedition. Minke and humpback whales or Adélie penguins floating on ice floes may greet you as you pass, enroute to the northernmost tip of the Antarctic Peninsula. Sailing one way and flying the other gives you the best of both worlds!

The surreal silence in this vast wilderness may at first overwhelm, but playful, charismatic wildlife and your intrepid traveling companions keep you grounded. You'll develop a new appreciation and understanding of Antarctica's extreme contrasts: harsh, rugged mountain peaks and fragile ecosystems; stark, lonely icescapes and incredibly large colonies of gregarious penguins.



EXPEDITION IN BRIEF



Explore Antarctica with the best expedition team in the industry



Revel in a crossing of the infamous Drake Passage



Embrace the speed and convenience of a northbound flight over the Drake Passage on your return



Incredible wildlife viewing and iceberg watching



Enjoy on-board educational presentations by polar experts.



Itinerary

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN USHUAIA, ARGENTINA

This quaint city at the southernmost tip of South America is your gateway to Antarctica. The city itself provides a wide range of jewelry shops, cafés, gear shops and restaurants to explore before your voyage. Outside the city, snowcapped mountains and hiking in Tierra del Fuego National Park offer ample adventure activities to explore nature.

DAY 2 | EMBARK

You will embark in the afternoon, with a journey through the picturesque Beagle Channel. Be sure to keep your eyes peeled while you're out on deck as the channel is home to a wide variety of wildlife including seabirds and seals. Rainbows are common here too, creating a great photography opportunity to kick off the start of your Antarctic adventure.

DAYS 3 & 4 | CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE

Legendary for its high winds and rolling seas, you may get lucky and have surprisingly calm seas through the Drake Passage. Spend your time in the lounge or chatting with your fellow travelers. As you develop your sea legs during the crossing, our Expedition Team will begin their series of presentations to help prepare you for your upcoming Zodiac and land excursions. You officially enter Antarctica when your ship crosses the Antarctic Convergence, a biological boundary that fluctuates around 60° south.

DAYS 5-8 | SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS AND ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

The most common reaction upon reaching the 7th Continent is a sense of reverence and awe. The experience is beyond words, since few places are as



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On board *Ocean Explorer*
or *World Explorer*

untouched as Antarctica. You will begin to appreciate why this region has long captivated the attention of explorers and travelers alike. Every time we visit Antarctica, we witness something new or unexpected, which means that your expedition will be unlike any other—creating a unique, personal experience.

Each day, you will take Zodiac excursions from the ship to explore glaciated bays, channels and landing sites. Your Expedition Team will take care of you at each landing, whether you are hiking the Antarctic landscape, visiting a research station or observing chinstrap, Adélie and gentoo penguins, all of which can be found here. Keep an eye out for Weddell, fur, crabeater and leopard seals as well as curious whales, such as humpbacks,

minkes, or perhaps orcas while on a Zodiac cruise. Each excursion will present a new array of creatures to fascinate you and keep your camera busy.

Amid the serene silence of Antarctica, noisy interludes become indelible memories, such as penguins squabbling over prized pebbles, or the boom and crack of a calving glacier.

Every day will be different, having been carefully crafted by your Expedition Team to inspire and educate you about this wonderful part of the world.

DAY 9 | DISEMBARKATION & FLY TO PUNTA ARENAS

With only the Drake Passage ahead, you'll disembark on King George Island before flying to Punta Arenas, Chile.

Once you're in Punta Arenas, we'll transfer you from the airport to your hotel, where you're free to explore and enjoy a final dinner on your own, before your homeward journey.

DAY 10 | DEPART PUNTA ARENAS

After breakfast, you are free to continue on your own travels or make your way to the Punta Arenas airport for your homeward flights.



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Arrival and Departure Details, and International Flight Planning

 				  	
DAY 1		DAY 2	EXPEDITION DAYS	DISEMBARKATION DAY	FINAL DAY
<i>In-bound international flight*</i> Arrival and free airport transfer to hotel night		Embarkation	On ship or landing days	Disembarkation, flight and hotel night	Independent airport transfer, International flight onward
* Arrive anytime on Day 1 or earlier. Day 1 includes an optional briefing.  International flights are not included in the cost of the voyage.					

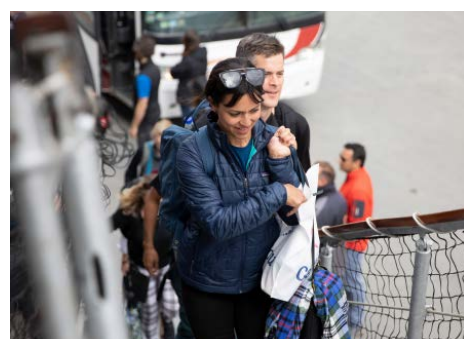
As you prepare for your journey, you may be interested in your arrival and departure details. Since international air transportation is not included in the cost of your expedition, you have some flexibility in planning your flights.

Arrival Day and Embarkation

DAY 1 — ARRIVING IN USHUAIA AND HOTEL NIGHT

You may arrive in Ushuaia at any time during Day 1 of your itinerary. Ushuaia and its mountainous surroundings are destinations worth exploring, so we do encourage you to arrive a day or two before your expedition. Based on the arrival information you send us, we will arrange for a transfer from the airport to your hotel.

A Quark Expeditions representative will be available to answer your questions in the lobby of your hotel in Ushuaia during your optional pre-departure briefing on Day 1, at 6 pm.



DAY 2 — EMBARKATION IN USHUAIA

On the morning of Day 2, your luggage will be collected from the lobby of your hotel, transferred to the ship and stored in your cabin.

Ship embarkation will occur on Day 2 of your itinerary, usually around 4 pm. You and your shipmates will meet at a designated location near the pier, and board the waiting buses for transfer to the ship. Information about embarkation will be posted in your Ushuaia hotel and discussed during your optional pre-departure meeting on Day 1.

Disembarkation, Final Day and Departure

DISSEMBARKATION AT KING GEORGE ISLAND

Ship disembarkation will generally occur in the late morning, on King George Island. You will be greeted at the beach by transfer buses that will take you to heated comfortable pre-boarding lounges before boarding your flight. Your luggage will be transferred from the ship to the plane. After a two-hour flight, you will land at the Punta Arenas airport (PUQ).

DEPARTING FROM PUNTA ARENAS

On arrival in Punta Arenas, you will be transferred from the airport to your post-expedition hotel for one final night. Please note that a departure transfer from the hotel to the Punta Arenas airport is not included.

Arrival and Departure Transfers

USHUAIA AND PUNTA ARENAS AIRPORT TRANSFERS

ARRIVAL: A group transfer in Ushuaia is included from the airport to your included pre-expedition hotel on Day 1 of your itinerary.

DEPARTURE: A departure transfer in Punta Arenas is not included, however your Travel Professional or Polar Travel Advisor can arrange one for you.

In order to facilitate your transfers, we request that you provide your flight details to Quark Expeditions at least 30 days prior to traveling.

Included Hotel

Accommodations:

Your included accommodation begins on Day 1 of your itinerary, and the specific hotel will be indicated on your final voyage confirmation. Ushuaia accommodations trend toward mid-range properties, and hotel space is limited. A particular property cannot be guaranteed, but space is most often booked at Hotel Las Lenguas, Hotel Los Acebos, and Albatros Hotel. A hotel night in Punta Arenas, Chile, is also provided on the last night of the trip. If you are arriving prior to Day 1 of your expedition or are staying after the disembarkation day and would like help booking a pre- or post-stay, please contact your preferred travel agent or Quark Expeditions for hotel options. As accommodation space is limited, you are encouraged to request any extra nights as early as possible.



PLEASE NOTE

There is a **very** strict luggage limit of 39 lbs (18kg) checked luggage and 22lbs (10kg) cabin baggage for this particular voyage. These limits are dictated by the smaller aircraft used for the flights between Punta Arenas and King George Island. **There is NO option to store excess luggage as you'll embark and disembark in different cities/countries.** Additionally, there is NO option to pay for additional luggage. Please be mindful of these restrictions when packing for your voyage.

Weather conditions can always delay our arrival, and airline schedule changes have also been known to occur. Booking flexible tickets is always encouraged, as we cannot be held responsible for delays due to unforeseen circumstances.



Ultramarine



World Explorer



Ocean Explorer

Our Fleet of Small Polar Vessels

Quark Expeditions boasts the most diverse polar-class fleet of any polar operator, and the ability to offer you this incredible voyage on one of our ice strengthened vessels.

The entire Quark Expeditions fleet is built for comfort—and for challenging polar environments, allowing us to take you to places ordinary cruise companies wouldn't dream of going.

Plus, you'll do so while enjoying excellent amenities and superbly comfortable cabins.



Your Ship

WORLD EXPLORER

A polar powerhouse, *World Explorer*—our first all-suites, all-balcony ice-class ship—lets you discover everything Antarctica has to offer, with the type of service you would experience at premium hotels. *World Explorer* also provides plenty of indoor and outdoor deck spaces to witness the incredible Antarctic wildlife or simply watch the world go by. Enjoy the spacious observation deck for taking in sights outside, the observation lounge with panoramic skyline views, the library for intimate relaxing and reading, and the Explorer Lounge for a drink and a chat. Presentations and discussions are held in a dedicated lecture theater. Health and wellness facilities feature an outdoor running track, small gym and spa—the world's only l'Occitane Spa at Sea—plus an outdoor swimming pool. With its new and environmentally sustainable hybrid technology and state-of-the-art Rolls-Royce engines and generators, *World Explorer* also boasts reduced fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions.

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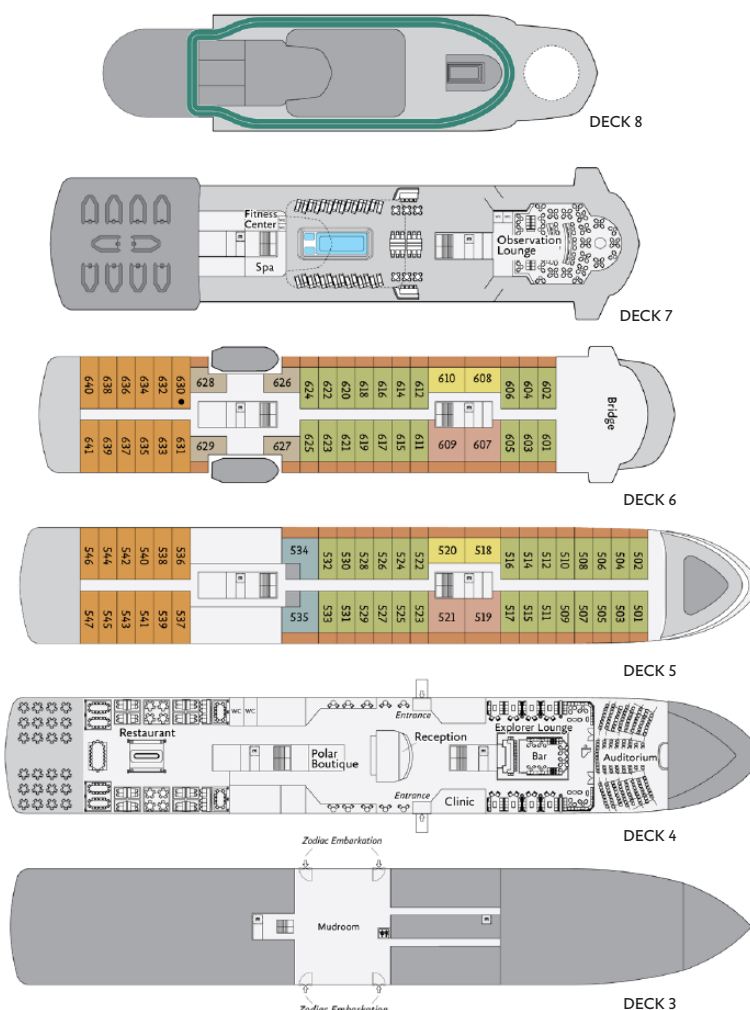
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Guests: 172

Lifeboats: 2, fully enclosed

Ice Class: 1B

Visit QuarkExpeditions.com to view deck plan details.



- Owner's Suite
- Deluxe Suite
- Superior Suite
- Veranda Suite
- Infinity Suite
- Triple
- Balcony

● Accessibility modified cabin; please speak to your travel professional for details



Your Ship

OCEAN EXPLORER

Ocean Explorer, the newest addition to our fleet, is modern, elegant and purpose-built for polar exploration. The 138-passenger vessel has been designed with the latest in expedition ship technology. One of the ship's key features is the ULSTEIN X-BOW®, a marine engineering innovation that ensures a comfortable and smooth sailing experience thanks to the inverted bow. Located at the bow is the two-story, light-filled library, which introduces a welcome airiness to the expedition ship. Spacious cabins feature a modern, bespoke Scandinavian design and almost all have verandas. Guests can relax and find comfort in the spacious gym, sauna with large windows, and two outdoor Jacuzzis. *Ocean Explorer* features ample outdoor viewing areas and multi-height outer decks, which are ideal for long-view photography and wildlife viewing. The vessel is equipped with a fleet of 15 Zodiacs that enable guests to get off the ship quickly and safely for off-ship adventures. In addition to the well-appointed and spacious public areas, *Ocean Explorer* has an industry-leading mix of sustainability systems, including fuel-efficient Rolls Royce engines.

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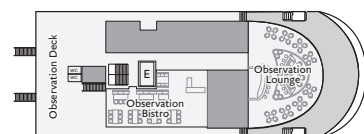
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Guests: 138

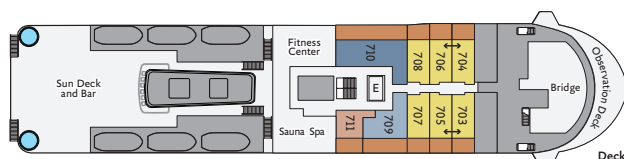
Lifeboats: 2

Ice Class: 1A, PC6

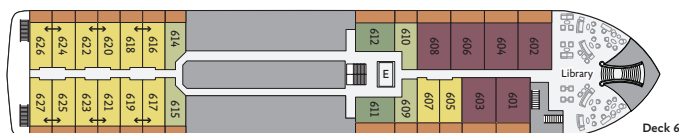
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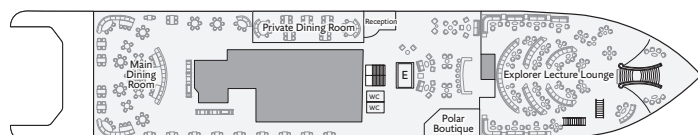
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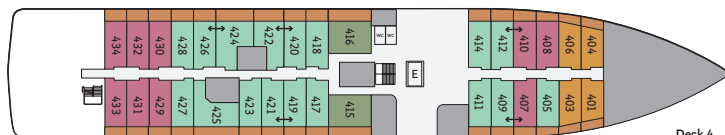
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Deck 4



Deck 3

- Owner's Suite
- Explorer Suite
- Studio Veranda Single
- Royal Veranda Stateroom
- Junior Suite
- Grand Veranda Stateroom
- Studio Veranda Stateroom
- Deluxe Veranda
- Deluxe Veranda Mid
- Deluxe Veranda Fwd
- Studio Double
- Studio Single

Interconnecting Suites

Accessibility modified cabin; please speak to your travel professional for details

■ Balcony



Included Activities

These are included in your trip package.



Ready for a little adventure beyond your ship? Each Quark Expeditions voyage offers a variety of immersive off-ship activities to enhance your polar experience.

More information about your Included Activities and Adventure Options, including the necessary experience, physical requirements and cost, is available by contacting your Polar Travel Adviser or your travel professional.

ZODIAC CRUISING

Zodiacs—rugged inflatable watercraft—are the workhorses of polar expeditions, taking you to places the ships can't access, allowing you to reach remote shorelines, explore shallow inlets and search for unique wildlife. Expedition staff make stepping in and out of them safe and comfortable, and your Zodiac drivers will provide active interpretation, making the landscape come even more alive.

HIKING

Hiking in Antarctica is free-form and supervised by our expert staff, who set out a perimeter or paths at each landing site within which you are free to explore. While you hike, staff will be available to enhance your experience by answering questions about the wildlife, history and geography of the area.

PRESENTATIONS

Enjoy daily chats with and presentations by our world-class onboard polar experts—expedition guides, specialists, photography guides and other special guests who will introduce you to the fascinating history, biology, ornithology, glaciology and geology of the region, and much, much more.

POLAR PLUNGE

This rite of passage, scheduled only once per expedition, gives you the chance to jump safely into the bracing Antarctic waters under the watchful eye of our staff—and just about every single camera on board!

PHOTOGRAPHY

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is a rewarding experience. Our photography guide will help you hone your skills to capture the beauty of the polar regions.



Adventure Options

These activities cost extra and must be booked in advance of your trip.



SEA KAYAKING

Imagine gliding across the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers. Our Sea Kayaking program is a great way to intimately explore your surroundings. A small group of kayakers will plan to go out multiple times per voyage as an alternative to shore landings or Zodiac cruises.

The number of opportunities to kayak is weather dependent, and will be conducted only during calm conditions. Prior kayaking experience is required, and you must be able to do a wet exit to participate. Beginners interested in kayaking should consider participating in the Paddling Excursion.

PADDLING EXCURSION

If you're interested in kayaking but would like to try something a bit less demanding than Sea Kayaking, you're the perfect candidate to sign up for a one-time paddle on our stable sit-on-top kayaks—perfect for anyone with minimal

or no kayaking experience. Small groups of paddlers will be taken out on calm days, with our expert guides always present to provide instruction and help you connect with the polar sea. Pre-book into one of two priority groups. Any subsequent excursions can be booked on board, and groups will be assigned via a lottery as spaces are limited.

STAND-UP PADDLEBOARDING *Only available on World Explorer*

Combining a surfboard with a kayak, stand-up paddleboarding will give you a very personal and unique perspective on Antarctica. Conducted in small groups—in calm bays and harbors, in good weather conditions—and accompanied by a safety Zodiac, one-time stand-up paddleboarding excursions can be pre-booked into one of two priority groups. Any subsequent excursions can be booked on board, and groups will be assigned via a lottery.




PLEASE NOTE




Pre-booking is required for all paid activities. We recommend booking early, as spaces fill quickly. Please see your pre-departure guide for a list of provided gear for each Adventure Option.



Departure Dates

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WORLD EXPLORER			Adventure Options		
Dates	Days	Start / End			
ANTARCTIC 2025/2026					
DEC 3 - 12, 2025	10	Ushuaia/Punta Arenas	\$	\$	\$

OCEAN EXPLORER			Adventure Options		
Dates	Days	Start / End			
ANTARCTIC 2025/2026					
DEC 28, 2025 - JAN 6, 2026	10	Ushuaia/Punta Arenas	\$	\$	—

Raise a Glass and Stay Connected!

See below for specifics on our complimentary Wi-Fi and bar service, which takes effect November 2024.



Inclusions and Exclusions

Inclusions

RATES INCLUDE:

For all voyages:

- An official Quark Expeditions parka to keep
- Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Team, including shore landings and other activities
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising as per the daily program
- All shore landings as per the daily program
- Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage.
- **NEW** Free beer, standard wines, spirits, and cocktails during bar service hours and dinner
- Complimentary coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock
- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled
- A photographic journal documenting your expedition
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
- Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin
- **NEW** Complimentary Wi-Fi service on one device permitting basic Internet browsing, email, posting on social media and voice applications. (Premium packages are available for more data-intensive applications.)

- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- All luggage handling aboard the ship
- Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person
- Group arrival transfer in Ushuaia from airport to pre-expedition hotel on Day 1
- One night's pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Ushuaia with breakfast. (Note: The number of guests per room is the same as cabin occupancy on the ship. Due to limited availability, travelers who reserve a suite on board are accommodated in standard rooms at the hotel. Triple rooms may not be available.)
- Group transfer from hotel to ship on embarkation day
- Flight from King George Island to Punta Arenas
- A post-expedition group transfer in Punta Arenas from the airport to the hotel
- One night's post-expedition hotel accommodation in Punta Arenas with breakfast.

Exclusions

RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

For all voyages:

- International airfare
- Passport and applicable visa expenses
- Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned
- Meals unless otherwise specified
- Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended
- Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic flights
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac landing and cruising excursions, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, spa services and other personal charges, unless specified
- Phone charges may vary by location
- Our basic complimentary Wi-Fi service does not include Premium packages which enable more data-intensive applications
- Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for expedition staff and shipboard crew
- Additional overnight accommodation
- Arrival and departure transfers, except where explicitly stated
- Adventure Options not listed in Included Activities.



Your Expedition Team

Our Expedition Leaders—the best in the industry—and their teams share their diverse expertise in subjects as varied as polar history, marine biology, glaciology, ornithology and photography. Their knowledge and enthusiasm will greatly enhance your immersion into the polar environment and further deepen your connection to the Antarctic.

With 33 years of experience bringing passengers to remote Polar Regions and an industry-leading staff-to-guest ratio, we know how to safely handle the unexpected. Ensuring this hard-earned experience is passed on, all our expedition staff undergo comprehensive training at Quark Academy, which provides hands-on polar expedition training prior to any staff member's first voyage, as well as ongoing training for experienced staff.





One of the many historic churches in Buenos Aires

Extend Your Trip

PRE- AND POST-EXPEDITION TRIP EXTENSIONS

Since you're traveling such a long way, you may want to spend extra time in Buenos Aires. We have a variety of pre- and post-expedition packages in this captivating city, known as the tango capital of the world. Enjoy an extensive city tour, take in a tango show and explore the unique neighborhoods of Recoleta, Palermo and San Telmo. Savor Argentine barbecue at a steakhouse (*parrilla*), then stroll the tree-lined boulevards and marvel at the historic architecture.

Take an extended tour from Buenos Aires to Iguazú Falls, and, if you're daring, walk the catwalks over the falls.

Upon arrival in Ushuaia, you can take in its unique museums, incredible hiking, and Patagonian cuisine. Spend a day in nearby Tierra del Fuego National Park, marvelling at the mountains, birdlife, waterfalls and forests.



Iguazú Falls



Ushuaia Maritime Museum

To discover the best options for extending your adventure, get in touch with your Travel Professional or a Polar Travel Adviser for seamless, worry-free booking of all trip extensions.

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Meals on Board

If there is one constant on board, it is that you'll enjoy delicious meals daily. While meal times may change due to landings and wildlife encounters, you'll always be served three well-prepared meals per day. Most dietary restrictions can be accommodated by letting us know prior to your expedition.

Breakfasts and lunches are normally served buffet style, while dinners are served plated. À la carte meals are made at the time of your order, allowing our chefs to prepare each dish to your individual needs, ensuring you receive top-quality meals during the course of your expedition.

Complimentary coffee, tea, cocoa and water stations are available around the clock, while soft drinks and juices are available during meals and when the bar is open—all included in the cost of your package.

NEW Enjoy free beer, standard wines, spirits, and cocktails during bar service hours and dinner as part of our new “Raise a Glass and Stay Connected Free” program. Premium wines and champagne are available at extra cost and can be billed to your shipboard account. The well-stocked bars on the ship are open late morning, afternoon and evening, though hours may occasionally change to accommodate the expedition schedule.





Possible Excursions

When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. The following is a sample of what you may experience on your expedition, whether by ship, Zodiac cruise, or shore landing.

Antarctic Peninsula

CIERVA COVE

Cierra Cove boasts jaw dropping icebergs and a glaciated backdrop. A massive glacial face regularly calves into the bay, often leaving spectacular floating ice. Seals can be spotted on ice floes, and later in the season, humpback whales occasionally feed in the icy waters.

CUVERVILLE ISLAND

Rising out of the mouth of the Errera Channel, this tall, steep island is covered by a colorful spectrum of lichens and mosses. A large gentoo penguin rookery is situated on a rocky beach at the north end of the island. Depending on when in the season you arrive, you may see the penguins building nests, incubating eggs, or attending to their chicks.

DAMOY POINT

Damoy Point is the site of a historical ice runway used by the British Antarctic Survey for their flights further south since 1975. The well-maintained hut was used as a staging-post to store supplies and for accommodation while awaiting ideal flying conditions. The point is also home to a penguin rookery and allows for spectacular views of the mountains of Anvers Island.

DANCO ISLAND

Home to gentoo penguins, this small dome-shaped island provides you with a stunning view of the Errera Channel and excellent Zodiac cruising opportunities.

ENTERPRISE ISLAND

Located in Wilhelmina Bay, this island's protected coves were once used by whalers. A Zodiac cruise exploring the island passes the rusting remains of a wrecked whaling ship, and provides opportunities to search for humpback whales.



LEMAIRE CHANNEL

One of the most scenic locations on the peninsula's west coast, this dramatic strait runs between the towering cliffs of Booth Island and the Antarctic Peninsula. The channel may become impassable when ice fills the narrow, 6.8-mile (11 km)-long passageway, so we'll hope for clear waters.

MELCHIOR ISLANDS

This group of low, glaciated islands in Dallmann Bay is where you may see hauled-out male fur seals as they recuperate from their battles for supremacy at the end of their breeding season.

MIKKELSEN HARBOR

Located on the south side of Trinity Island and surrounded by stunning ice cliffs and several reefs, Mikkelsen Harbor is a 1.86-mile (3 km)-wide bay, discovered by a Swedish Antarctic expedition in 1901-04. Enjoy a Zodiac cruise of the beautiful waters, or if conditions allow, land at D'Hainaut Island, home to an Argentine refuge hut and whaling

remains in the form of a wooden boat and whale skeletons. Weddell seals are often seen in the area and a gentoo penguin rookery is situated on the island.

NEKO HARBOUR

Little evidence remains that this bay was once used by the floating whale factory ship *Neko*. You might see whale vertebrae being used by resident gentoo penguins as shelter from the wind.

PARADISE HARBOR

Paradise Harbor is a wide bay and natural harbor on the West Antarctic Peninsula. Mountains, glaciers and ice cliffs offer spectacular views. Icebergs occasionally calve from the glaciers, providing a place for seals, penguins and seabirds to rest and play. An Argentine base, Almirante Guillermo Brown, father of the Argentine Navy—is also located in Paradise Harbor, and was operated from 1951 until a large section of it burned down in 1984. It has since been partially rebuilt and today is used during summer months for scientific research.

PETERMANN ISLAND

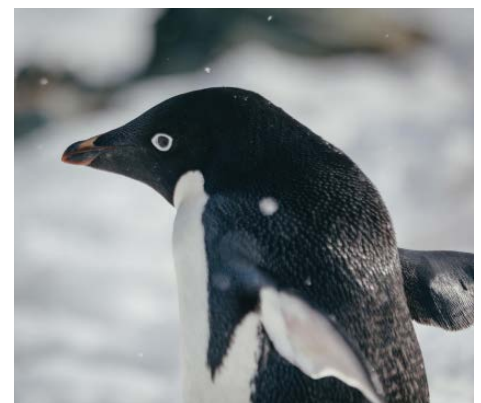
Here, near the Lemaire Channel, you can stand ashore and see the southernmost breeding colony of gentoo penguins. Adélie penguins, shags and south polar skuas also inhabit the island.

PORT LOCKROY

As part of Operation Tabarin during the Second World War, a secret British base was built in this sheltered harbor, located on the west side of Wiencke Island. Now a designated historic site, the base is a museum and post office. Proceeds from your purchases in Port Lockroy support the UK Antarctic Heritage Trust, which preserves British and other historic sites dating to the Heroic Age of Exploration. A large gentoo penguin population resides here.

WILHELMINA BAY

Humpback whales abound in "Whale-mina Bay," as it's nicknamed, and the scenery is spectacular. Sheer cliffs and glaciers surround the calm waters of the protected bay, named after Wilhelmina, queen of the Netherlands from 1890 to



1948. If you're lucky, you may see the humpbacks bubble-net feeding: they exhale while swimming in a wide circle below the surface, trapping krill in a "net" of bubbles, and then swim straight up from below, mouths open, to engulf their prey. A truly astounding sight!

South Shetland Islands

AITCHO ISLANDS

This group of small islands is situated in the northern entrance of the English Strait. You can often spot a great mix of wildlife in the area, with gentoo and chinstrap penguins having established rookeries on the islands. Southern elephant, fur and Weddell seals frequently haul out here, too.

DECEPTION ISLAND

Deception Island is a flooded circular caldera formed by the collapse of an active volcano. To reach this protected harbor, it is necessary to sail through a narrow passage called Neptune's Bellows. Inside are several bays used at various times for whaling and scientific

research. Along with waddling penguins and lounging seals, you'll see the rusting remains of whaling operations on the beach in some locations. The landscape of Deception Island often presents opportunities for longer walks to striking vistas. The stark contrast between snow and dark volcanic sand and the steam along the shoreline from geothermic activity when the tide is right, gives this location an atmospheric feel.

HALF MOON ISLAND

This crescent-shaped island was known to sealers as early as 1821. While they tried to keep this productive location secret, we're happy to bring you ashore on this impressive island. Many Antarctic birds breed here, including chinstrap penguins, shags, Wilson's storm petrels, kelp gulls, snowy sheathbills, Antarctic terns and skuas.

HANNAH POINT

On the southern coast of Livingston Island at Hannah Point, you may see chinstrap and gentoo penguin rookeries, along with the occasional breeding

macaroni penguin. Due to the rather congested area available to the nesting penguins, we are able to visit here only after January 10.

TURRET POINT

Chinstrap and Adélie penguin rookeries are found on this point, situated on the south coast of King George Island. The beaches here are often crowded with southern elephant, fur and Weddell seals hauled out on the rocks.

YANKEE HARBOUR

Gentoo penguins have established a rookery at this harbor, situated on the southwest side of Greenwich Island. Here, you can see an abandoned Argentine refuge hut and a large glacier that stretches along the east and north sides of the bay. An abandoned sealing try pot is all that remains of the activity that brought men thousands of miles in tall ships to seek their fortune. Enjoy a rare chance for a longer walk along the expansive beach, dotted with historical artifacts and wildlife.



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What to pack on your Antarctic expedition

BY SEA

All transfers ship to shore and Zodiac/ship cruising.

- ☐ Waterproof pants (mandatory for every Zodiac ride)
- ☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic top*
- ☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic bottom*
- ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece top*
- ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece bottom*
- ☐ Warm wool or synthetic socks (keep a dry pair in your bag, and bring extras for layering)
- ☐ Glove liners * ☐ Hand and feet warmers* ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ Waterproof gloves or mitts (bring an extra pair)
- ☐ Scarf, buff, or other face protection
- ☐ Warm hat that covers ears (bring an extra)
- ☐ Waterproof, lightweight backpack or dry sack and/or rain sleeve for camera or a waterproof phone case (to keep camera and gear dry)
- ☐ Polarized sunglasses with UV protection (consider bringing an eyewear retainer: string/clip etc.)
- ☐ Ski goggles (for Zodiac cruising on snowy or windy days)

*recommended layering depending on the conditions of the day and reflecting your personal thermo-regulation comfort levels.

BY LAND (Shore Excursions and Hiking)

In addition to the gear requirements (as above) mandatory for the transit from ship to shore, it is recommended to bring:

- ☐ Hat, buff or scarf (for wind and weather protection)
- ☐ UV protection (sun hat, polarized sun glasses, sun block, lip balm etc.)
- ☐ Collapsible walking sticks for hikes (if required)
Quantities are available to borrow on every vessel
- ☐ Additional reusable (thermos-regulating) water bottle
(in addition to the reusable collapsible water bottle provided)

WHAT TO BRING! Packing for the Polar Regions doesn't have to be daunting, and to make it easier for you, all Quark Expeditions voyages include a Quark parka to keep, and a loan of insulated waterproof boots. Additional suggested items include:

TO WEAR ON BOARD

- ☐ The complimentary Quark 3-in-1 Parka provided on board is designed with a waterproof shell that can be worn out on deck, and a removable liner that you can wear to stay comfortable indoors)
- ☐ Comfortable casual clothing like lighter shirts, pants or jeans, etc. (in case the ship gets warm)
- ☐ Comfortable non-slip closed-toed, heelless shoes (flip flops, sandals or slip-on shoes should not be worn on board due to safety concerns)
- ☐ Workout attire (for the fitness center!)
- ☐ Swimsuit (for the Polar Plunge! Some vessels may also have a pool, hot tub, sauna and/or steam room. See your ship book for details.)

Just a reminder: No formal evening wear required on our voyages but if you would like to bring something a little more dressy for the Captain's welcome and farewell cocktails you may certainly do so!

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- ☐ Passport, visas, immunization records, travel documents, etc. as required
- ☐ Camera gear—complete with charger, storage medium, transport and cleaning kit (lens cloth etc.) and extra batteries
- ☐ Reusable waterproof bags or plastic bags with zippers (to keep small items organized and cameras dry)
- ☐ Voltage converters and plug adapters (see ship book for details)
- ☐ Seasickness, indigestion, headache, or other medications
- ☐ Earplugs and eye masks for sleeping
- ☐ Moisturizer for face and hands (skin dryness due to wind and temperature changes)
- ☐ Credit card and small amount of local currency (see pre-departure book for more details)

- › To view our packing checklist online, visit:
QuarkExpeditions.com/What-to-Pack/Antarctica
- › Related topics are covered on our Frequently Asked Questions page:
QuarkExpeditions.com/Frequently-Asked-Questions



Scan this QR code or [click here](#) to watch our video on what to pack before you go!

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND TEMPERATURES

Polar weather is extremely variable; temperatures may hover around the freezing mark and winds can be strong. The extended daylight warms sheltered areas so that you may sometimes find it warm enough for t-shirts. However, you may encounter rain, snow squalls, fog and white-outs during an expedition and should be ready for any conditions.

TO BOOK YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE

Contact your Travel Professional



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January 11, 2024

ANTARCTIC 2025/2026

Epic Antarctica

Crossing the Circle via Falklands (Malvinas) and South Georgia
with flights from Buenos Aires



ULTRAMARINE

DESIGNED TO GO BEYOND

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Overview

23-Day Epic Antarctica: Crossing the Circle via Falklands (Malvinas) and South Georgia

Antarctica is an incredible destination with the power to transform those who are fortunate enough to explore it with the most experienced expedition team in the industry. At Quark Expeditions, we've been delivering transformational polar voyages for three decades, and in that time we've realized that the more personalized an expedition is, the more enriching the experience will be. We've designed this guide to help you plan your perfect expedition to the 7th continent.

Our *Epic Antarctica* voyage is so named for a reason: it includes every major Antarctic highlight. From the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas) to South Georgia to the Antarctic Peninsula, you will experience countless unforgettable moments on this adventure-packed, 23-day voyage. Start with the Falklands, reminiscent of both sandy Cape Cod and the English moors, home to albatross, dolphins, and five species of penguins. From there, venture to South Georgia, where you'll encounter the home of 450,000 breeding pairs of king penguins, 50 million seabirds and 5 million seals. Then, explore the stunning Antarctic Peninsula, and, finally, cross the Antarctic Circle—the ultimate milestone for any world traveler.

Antarctica has been inspiring explorers for centuries—now it's your turn. Our technologically-advanced *Ultramarine* was designed to extend the boundaries of polar exploration and offer an unmatched Antarctic experience, including flightseeing experiences you'll never forget and the largest portfolio of off-ship adventure options in the industry. We're excited to host you on your unforgettable adventure! Please feel free to reach out to our team of Polar Travel Advisers, who are happy to answer your questions and provide assistance at any time.



EXPEDITION IN BRIEF



Cross the Antarctic Circle with the best expedition team in the industry



Arrive in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and enjoy free time in the tango capital of the world



Explore the quaint British town of Stanley in the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas)



See incredible wildlife—more than 30 species of breeding birds, including seven species of penguin



Follow in the wake of Sir Ernest Shackleton's perilous voyage to South Georgia and visit his gravesite



Enjoy flightseeing on one of *Ultramarine's* two twin-engine helicopters



Itinerary

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Upon arriving in this cosmopolitan city, known for its architecture and rich European heritage, you will independently transfer to your group hotel (pre-expedition hotel night included as part of the mandatory transfer package).

DAY 2 | FLY TO USHUAIA AND EMBARK

After an early breakfast at the hotel, the group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Ushuaia, Argentina.

Upon arrival, you will be transferred from the airport to a central downtown location to have some time on your own to explore this quaint port town before

making your way to the pier.

After a late afternoon embarkation, you will sail along the historic Beagle Channel, which transects the Tierra del Fuego archipelago in the extreme south of South America. Expect an air of anticipation as you depart—the next time you see land, you'll be in the remote Antarctic wilderness!

DAY 3 | AT SEA

Your days at sea are filled with presentations led by your Expedition Team on photography, wildlife, glaciology, and history. In between presentations, spend time on deck looking for wildlife or chatting with your shipmates over a drink at the bar.



EPIC ANTARCTICA
Crossing the Circle via
Falklands (Malvinas) and South Georgia

— On board the *Ultramarine*
- - - Flights to/from Buenos Aires

DAYS 4 & 5 | FALKLAND ISLANDS *(ISLAS MALVINAS)*

Upon your arrival in the Falklands (Malvinas), your camera will get its first real workout capturing the abundant wildlife and rugged feel of this sub-Antarctic region. The archipelago contains two main islands, East Falkland and West Falkland, which you will explore during daily Zodiac excursions and landings.

Stanley, also known as Port Stanley, is a favorite landing site, as the town offers a unique British outpost feel, complete with eclectic charm. You'll be free to explore, grab a pint at the local pub, or visit the numerous churches and museums.

The archipelago is rich in wildlife, especially birds, and home to Magellanic, gentoo and southern rockhopper penguins. If you're lucky, you may even spot king penguins here as well! Chances are good that you'll see black-browed albatross, plus two endemic

bird species—the flightless Falkland steamer duck, and possibly, the elusive Cobb's wren.

Your team of polar experts will enrich your understanding of the local flora and fauna, helping you make the most of your time in the Falklands.

DAYS 6 & 7 | AT SEA

Sailing southeast to South Georgia, you'll officially enter Antarctic waters once you cross the Antarctic Convergence, an invisible biological boundary encircling the continent. This meeting of oceans, where the cold Antarctic waters mix with the warmer waters of the Indian, Pacific and Atlantic oceans, helps nourish the abundance of krill that attracts whales, seals, and birdlife to this part of the world. Your Expedition Team will notify you when you cross this invisible yet important line, and will also help you look out for the seabirds and marine life that frequent this nutrient-rich area.

DAYS 8-11 | SOUTH GEORGIA

This remote, mountainous island was a popular stop for many historic Antarctic expeditions and was once a centre for whale- and seal-hunting. Today, island wildlife populations are rebounding, but you'll still see remnants of old whaling stations and other abandoned outposts.

Among the most significant and moving sites on South Georgia is the burial spot of the great explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton. You can visit his grave at the settlement of Grytviken, which is also home to an old whaling station, plus a museum, gift shop, church and small research station.

Although South Georgia's history is an important attraction to the island, it is the tremendous abundance of wildlife that surely captivate you and your shipmates. Each landing you make on South Georgia, often referred to as the Galapagos of the Poles, will give you opportunities to witness huge populations of wildlife.



One day you may see rookeries with hundreds of thousands of pairs of king penguins waddling on shore, and the next, you may visit another beach dominated by hundreds of fur or elephant seals. The grasses, mountains and beaches of South Georgia all play an important role in the breeding and survival of different species on the island. Your Expedition Leaders will help you understand and appreciate the delicate balance among these fragile and interwoven relationships.

DAYS 12 & 13 | AT SEA

Say goodbye to the king penguins, as your next destination is Antarctica! Your days at sea are filled with presentations, workshops, and social activities led by your Expedition Team.

DAYS 14-16 | SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS AND ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

The experience is hard to put into words, but the most common reaction upon reaching the Antarctic Continent

is a sense of reverence and awe. You will discover that Antarctica is a land of extremes: one moment you'll be immersed in complete silence and solitude; the next, you'll be laughing at the comical antics of a curious penguin.

Zodiac cruising, visits to historical sites and, of course, communing with seals and penguins will highlight your days. Perhaps you'll catch sight of the fearless penguin eater, the leopard seal, or maybe you'll come eye to eye with an Antarctic minke whale while you cruise in a Zodiac. Each day, and each excursion, will present a new collection of creatures to captivate you and keep your camera busy.

If you find yourself wanting more, treat yourself to an optional kayaking adventure (reserve in advance when booking your trip), or cast reason aside and join in the Polar Plunge—it's something you'll never forget!

DAYS 17 & 18 | ANTARCTIC CIRCLE

Crossing the Antarctic Circle is both a memorable experience and impressive achievement, as few travelers travel so far south. If conditions allow us to cross this famed latitude of 66°33' South, we'll toast the first explorers who ventured here, and you can raise a glass and take pride in knowing you've made it to a part of the world visited by very few people. This is raw Antarctica, home of the midnight sun, Weddell seals, and your best chances of encountering sea ice—the foundation of the Antarctic marine ecosystem.

DAYS 19 & 20 | NORTHBOUND ALONG THE PENINSULA

If you haven't had your fill of Antarctic wildlife and icebergs by now, you'll surely be satisfied by the time you return to the Drake Passage. You will continue to make excursions by Zodiac as you travel north along the western Antarctic Peninsula.



EXPEDITION SPIRIT

Embracing the unexpected is part of the legacy—and excitement—of expedition travel. When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. This itinerary is a tentative outline of what you may experience on this voyage; please be aware that no specific itinerary can be guaranteed. By the same token, wildlife encounters as described are expected, but not guaranteed. Your Expedition Team will use their considerable experience to seek out wildlife in known habitats, but the presence of any particular species of bird or marine wildlife is not guaranteed.

Your Expedition Team will always be on the lookout for species of seabirds, seals and whales that may have eluded you on your journey south.

DAYS 21 & 22 | CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE

After more than three weeks of rare wildlife encounters and remarkable landscapes, your journey home begins. The unpredictable and exciting Drake Passage is an adventure unto itself. While being well taken care of by our expert onboard staff, you'll have plenty of time to gaze out at the ocean, take pictures of seabirds swooping around the ship, and reflect on your remarkable Antarctic adventure.

DAY 23 | DISEMBARK IN USHUAIA AND FLY TO BUENOS AIRES

You will arrive in Ushuaia in the morning and disembark after breakfast. The mandatory transfer package includes a little taste of Patagonia with a Tierra del Fuego National Park tour before transferring to the airport for the return group charter flight to Buenos Aires.





Arrival and Departure Details, and International Flight Planning



As you prepare for your journey, you may be interested in your arrival and departure details. Since international air transportation is not included in the cost of your expedition, you have some flexibility in planning your flights.

Arrival Day and Embarkation

DAY 1 — ARRIVING IN BUENOS AIRES AND HOTEL NIGHT

Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, you will make your way to the included group hotel. A presentation room will be open from 12 pm to 8 pm for luggage weighing and tagging. A Quark Expeditions representative will be available to answer your questions and give information about the next day's flight and ship embarkation. After an early breakfast the following morning, your group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Ushuaia, Argentina, the southernmost city in the world.

DAY 2 — USHUAIA AND EMBARKATION

In Ushuaia your mandatory transfer package will provide some free time to explore this quaint port town, and also (when flight schedules allow) a tour of Tierra del Fuego National Park. Note: The tour (if available) may take place on either the embarkation or disembarkation day.

We will transfer the group to the ship for embarkation around 4 pm.

PLEASE NOTE

Luggage will be limited to one checked luggage and one cabin baggage on the flights between Buenos Aires and Ushuaia. Luggage weight restrictions will be confirmed in your final documents received 30 days prior to your trip. Should you have additional luggage, it can be stored at the hotel in Buenos Aires. There is NO option to pay for additional luggage.



Final Day and Departure

DISEMBARKATION IN USHUAIA

The ship is scheduled to arrive back at the pier in Ushuaia between 7 am and 8 am. After breakfast you will bid farewell to your Expedition Team before completing your disembarkation. This process takes approximately one hour.

DEPARTING FROM BUENOS AIRES

Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, you may be able to connect directly with your homeward flight, as we will land at Ministro Pistarini International Airport (also known as Ezeiza International Airport, EZE) at 5 pm. Please allow a minimum of three hours between our charter arrival and your international departure. We recommend four hours.

If your plans will take you onward in South America, please check your flight schedule to confirm your connection before booking. Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, you may need to transfer from the international airport (EZE) to the domestic airport, Jorge Newbery (also known as Aeroparque, AEP), which is located about a one-hour drive away under normal traffic conditions. If you must transfer between airports on the final day of the voyage, you can choose to use the efficient airport shuttle service, Manuel Tienda León, or take a *remis* (a pre-paid taxi booked inside the airport). If you prefer, your Polar Travel Adviser can also arrange for a private transfer. As traffic can add time to the commute, we recommend that you allow at least five hours between flights arriving and departing from the different airports in Buenos Aires to allow for transit, check-in, and security clearance.

For the absolute safest travel plans, we recommend that you book an extra hotel night in Buenos Aires between flights.

PLEASE NOTE

Included Hotel Accommodations:

Your included accommodation begins on Day 1 of your itinerary. The specific hotel will be indicated on your final voyage confirmation. If you are arriving prior to Day 1 of your expedition or are staying after the disembarkation day and would like help booking a pre- or post-stay, please contact your preferred travel agent or Quark Expeditions for hotel options. As accommodation space is limited, you are encouraged to request any extra nights as early as possible.

Weather conditions may occasionally delay our arrival, and airline schedule changes have also been known to occur in Argentina. Booking flexible tickets is always encouraged, as we cannot be held responsible for delays due to unforeseen circumstances.

Arrival and Departure Transfers

BUENOS AIRES AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Arrival transfers from your international flights in Buenos Aires are not included; however, your Travel Professional or Polar Travel Advisor can arrange them for you.

We request that you provide your flight details to Quark Expeditions at least 30 days prior to traveling.





Ultramarine



World Explorer



Ocean Explorer

Our Fleet of Small Polar Vessels

Quark Expeditions boasts the most diverse polar-class fleet of any polar operator, and the ability to offer you this incredible voyage on one of our ice strengthened vessels.

The entire Quark Expeditions fleet is built for comfort—and for challenging polar environments, allowing us to take you to places ordinary cruise companies wouldn't dream of going.

Plus, you'll do so while enjoying excellent amenities and superbly comfortable cabins.



Your Ship

ULTRAMARINE

The newest ship in our fleet, *Ultramarine* is designed to go beyond the familiar in polar exploration, to immerse guests in parts of the Polar Regions where few humans have ever set foot.

Equipped with two twin-engine helicopters and 20 quick-launching Zodiacs, *Ultramarine* offers the most off-ship adventure activities in the industry. Guests can enjoy two restaurants (Balena and Bistro 487), Tundra Spa, a sauna-with floor-to-ceiling windows, spacious suites and abundant wildlife-viewing spaces. *Ultramarine* also features advanced sustainability systems—which exceed all industry standards.

Ultramarine is perfectly designed to deliver the ultimate polar expedition experience.

SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

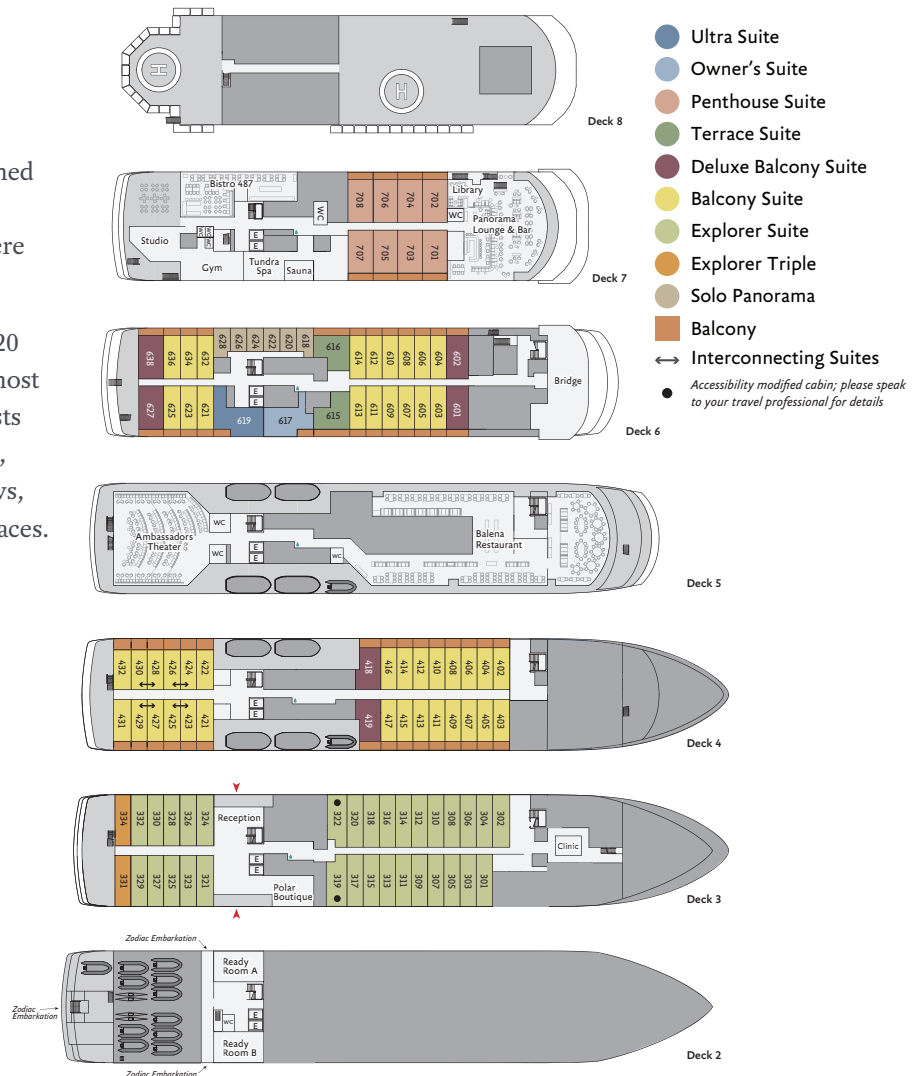
Staff and Crew: 140

Guests: 199

Lifeboats: 4, fully enclosed

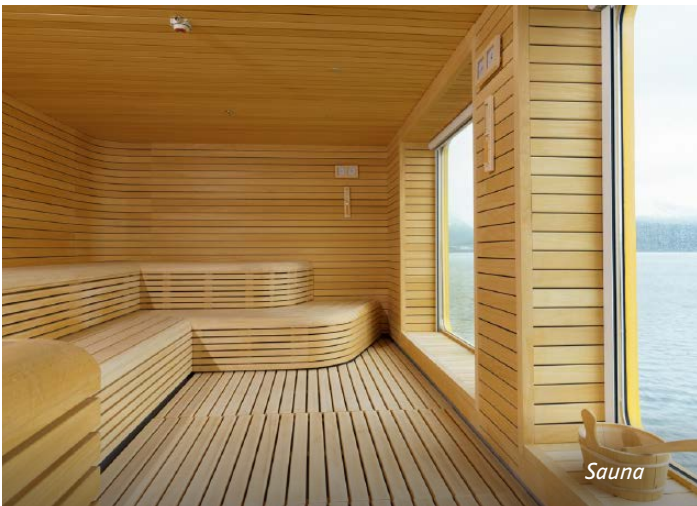
Ice Class: PC6

Visit QuarkExpeditions.com to view deck plan details.





Deluxe Balcony Suite



Sauna



Panorama Lounge



Fitness Center



Balena Restaurant



Included Activities

These are included in your trip package.

Ready for a little adventure beyond your ship? Each Quark Expeditions voyage offers a variety of immersive off-ship activities to enhance your polar experience.

FLIGHTSEEING

While polar landscapes are spectacular from the sea, they are even more striking from the air. Onboard *Ultramarine* you will experience remarkable aerial perspectives on a 10- to 15-minute flightseeing excursion included in the cost of your voyage.

ZODIAC CRUISING

Zodiacs—rugged inflatable watercraft—are the workhorses of polar expeditions, taking you to places the ships can't access, allowing you to reach remote shorelines, explore shallow inlets and search for unique wildlife. Expedition staff make stepping in and out of them safe and comfortable,

and your Zodiac drivers will provide active interpretation, making the landscape come even more alive.

HIKING

Hiking in Antarctica is free-form and supervised by our expert staff, who set out a perimeter or paths at each landing site within which you are free to explore. While you hike, staff will be available to enhance your experience by answering questions about the wildlife, history and geography of the area.

PRESENTATIONS

Enjoy daily chats with and presentations by our world-class onboard polar experts—expedition guides, specialists, photography guides and other special guests who will introduce you to the fascinating history, biology, ornithology, glaciology and geology of the region, and much, much more.

POLAR PLUNGE

This rite of passage, scheduled only once per expedition, gives you the chance to jump safely into the bracing Antarctic waters under the watchful eye of our staff—and just about every single camera on board!

PHOTOGRAPHY

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is a rewarding experience. Our photography guide will help you hone your skills to capture the beauty of the polar regions.

More information about your Included Activities and Adventure Options, including the necessary experience, physical requirements and cost, is available by contacting your Polar Travel Adviser or travel professional.



Adventure Options

These activities cost extra and must be booked in advance of your trip.



PLEASE NOTE

Pre-booking is required for all paid activities. We recommend booking early, as spaces fill quickly. Please see your pre-departure guide for a list of provided gear for each Adventure Option.

✪ SEA KAYAKING

Imagine gliding across the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers. Our Sea Kayaking program is a great way to intimately explore your surroundings. A small group of kayakers will plan to go out multiple times per voyage as an alternative to shore landings or Zodiac cruises.

The number of opportunities to kayak is weather dependent, and will be conducted only during calm conditions. Prior kayaking experience is required, and you must be able to do a wet exit to participate. Beginners interested in kayaking should consider participating in the Paddling Excursion.

✪ PADDLING EXCURSION

If you're interested in kayaking but would like to try something a bit less demanding than Sea Kayaking, you're the perfect candidate to sign up for a one-time paddle on our stable sit-on-top kayaks—perfect for anyone with minimal or no kayaking experience. Small groups of paddlers will be taken out on calm days, with our expert guides always present to provide instruction and help you connect with the polar sea. Pre-book into one of two priority groups. Any subsequent excursions can be booked on board, and groups will be assigned via a lottery as spaces are limited.



PLEASE NOTE

Pre-booking is required for all paid activities. We recommend booking early, as spaces fill quickly. Please see your pre-departure guide for a list of provided gear for each Adventure Option.



STAND-UP PADDLEBOARDING

Combining a surfboard with a kayak, stand-up paddleboarding will give you a very personal and unique perspective on Antarctica. Conducted in small groups—in calm bays and harbors, in good weather conditions—and accompanied by a safety Zodiac, one-time stand-up paddleboarding excursions can be pre-booked into one of two priority groups. Any subsequent excursions can be booked on board, and groups will be assigned via a lottery.



EXCLUSIVE HELI-LANDING

Imagine setting foot in an area of the Antarctic that can only be safely accessed by helicopter. With a small group of fellow passengers and expert guides, you'll board one of *Ultramarine's* two twin-engine helicopters to soar off to an exclusive polar site where no ships can navigate. Expect stunning bird's-eye views during your flight, and then, upon arrival, simply sit back, relax and take in the splendor of the Antarctic from "the best seat in the house": glacial amphitheaters, breath-taking summits, and more. At your landing, you'll have time to relax and quietly reflect on the beauty of your polar surroundings, after which you'll be picked up by the helicopters in the same location and returned to *Ultramarine*.

Each heli-landing experience is uniquely curated by our expedition team, taking conditions, regulations and location capacity into consideration.



Departure Dates

Epic Antarctica: Crossing the Circle via Falklands (Malvinas) and South Georgia

ULTRAMARINE			Adventure Options				
Dates	Days	Start / End					
ANTARCTIC 2025/2026							
JAN 18 - FEB 9, 2026	23	Buenos Aires	\$	\$	\$	\$	Included

Raise a Glass and Stay Connected!

See below for specifics on our complimentary Wi-Fi and bar service, which takes effect November 2024.



Inclusions and Exclusions

Inclusions

RATES INCLUDE:

For all voyages:

- An official Quark Expeditions parka to keep
- Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Team, including shore landings and other activities
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising as per the daily program
- All shore landings as per the daily program
- Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage.
- **NEW** Free beer, standard wines, spirits, and cocktails during bar service hours and dinner
- Complimentary coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock
- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled

This expedition will have a separate (and mandatory) Transfer Package charge.

Mandatory Transfer Package Includes:

- One night's pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Buenos Aires with breakfast (Note: The number of guests per room is the same as cabin occupancy on the ship. Due to limited availability, travelers who reserve a suite on board are accommodated in standard rooms at the hotel. Triple rooms may not be available.)
- Group flight departing from Buenos Aires' domestic airport (Aeroparque/AEP) to Ushuaia, and returning to Buenos Aires' international airport (Ezeiza/EZE)

- A photographic journal documenting your expedition
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
- Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin
- **NEW** Complimentary Wi-Fi service on one device permitting basic Internet browsing, email, posting on social media and voice applications. (Premium packages are available for more data-intensive applications.)
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- All luggage handling aboard the ship
- Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person
- One 10- to 15-minute helicopter flightseeing excursion (weather and logistics permitting).

- Group transfer from hotel to airport in Buenos Aires
- Group transfer from Ushuaia airport to the ship, and return (Note: Transfer on arrival in Buenos Aires from airport to hotel at the beginning of the journey is not included. Please make your way to the included hotel.)
- Combined airport transfer and express bus tour of Tierra del Fuego National Park after disembarkation in Ushuaia

Exclusions

RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

For all voyages:

- International airfare
- Passport and applicable visa expenses
- Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned
- Meals unless otherwise specified
- Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended
- Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic flights
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac landing and cruising excursions, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, spa services and other personal charges, unless specified
- Phone charges may vary by location
- Our basic complimentary Wi-Fi service does not include Premium packages which enable more data-intensive applications
- Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for expedition staff and shipboard crew
- Additional overnight accommodation
- Arrival and departure transfers, except where explicitly stated
- Adventure Options not listed in Included Activities.



Your Expedition Team

Our Expedition Leaders—the best in the industry—and their teams share their diverse expertise in subjects as varied as polar history, marine biology, glaciology, ornithology and photography. Their knowledge and enthusiasm will greatly enhance your immersion into the polar environment and further deepen your connection to the Antarctic.

With 33 years of experience bringing passengers to remote Polar Regions and an industry-leading staff-to-guest ratio, we know how to safely handle the unexpected. Ensuring this hard-earned experience is passed on, all our expedition staff undergo comprehensive training at Quark Academy, which provides hands-on polar expedition training prior to any staff member's first voyage, as well as ongoing training for experienced staff.





One of the many historic churches in Buenos Aires

Extend Your Trip

PRE- AND POST-EXPEDITION TRIP EXTENSIONS

Since you're traveling such a long way, you may want to spend extra time in Buenos Aires. We have a variety of pre- and post-expedition packages in this captivating city, known as the tango capital of the world. Enjoy an extensive city tour, take in a tango show and explore the unique neighborhoods of Recoleta, Palermo and San Telmo. Savor Argentine barbecue at a steakhouse (*parrilla*), then stroll the tree-lined boulevards and marvel at the historic architecture.

Take an extended tour from Buenos Aires to Iguazú Falls, and, if you're daring, walk the catwalks over the falls.

Upon arrival in Ushuaia, you can take in its unique museums, incredible hiking, and Patagonian cuisine. Spend a day in nearby Tierra del Fuego National Park, marvelling at the mountains, birdlife, waterfalls and forests.



Iguazú Falls



Ushuaia Maritime Museum

To discover the best options for extending your adventure, get in touch with your Travel Professional or a Polar Travel Adviser for seamless, worry-free booking of all trip extensions.

Raise a Glass and Stay Connected!

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Meals on Board

If there is one constant on board, it is that you'll enjoy delicious meals daily. While meal times may change due to landings and wildlife encounters, you'll always be served three well-prepared meals per day. Most dietary restrictions can be accommodated by letting us know prior to your expedition.

Balena Restaurant, the main diningroom on Deck 7 of *Ultramarine*, features tables that accommodate 2 to 10. Guests can enjoy a quiet dinner with a loved one or join a larger table of new friends. Guests will enjoy views from every seat in addition to direct access to the wraparound deck. Guests can also enjoy a meal in Bistro 487, which offers an indoor/outdoor dining experience—perfect for enjoying the polar landscapes.

Breakfasts and lunches are normally served buffet style, while dinners are served plated. À la carte meals are made at the time of your order, allowing our chefs to prepare each dish to your individual needs, ensuring you receive top-quality meals during the course of your expedition.

Complimentary coffee, tea, cocoa and water stations are available around the clock, while soft drinks and juices are available during meals and when the bar is open—all included in the cost of your package.

NEW Enjoy free beer, standard wines, spirits, and cocktails during bar service hours and dinner as part of our new “Raise a Glass and Stay Connected Free” program. Premium wines and champagne are available at extra cost and can be billed to your shipboard account. The well-stocked bars on the ship are open late morning, afternoon and evening, though hours may occasionally change to accommodate the expedition schedule.





Possible Excursions

When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. The following sites are a sample of what you may experience on your expedition, whether by ship, Zodiac cruise, or shore landing.

Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas)

CARCASS ISLAND

This five-mile (8 km) island northwest of West Falkland is owned by Rob and Lorraine McGill. Named for the Royal Navy ship HMS *Carcass*, which arrived in 1766, it is a picturesque place, where songbirds nest among the luxuriant growth that covers the gently rolling landscape.

SAUNDERS ISLAND

Saunders Island is the fourth largest island in the Falklands and has been designated an Important Bird Area due to the high density of nesting seabirds. Nesting species on the island include

rockhopper, gentoo and king penguins as well as black-browed albatross and king cormorants, among many others. Keep on the lookout for Commerson's dolphins by the shore, and for whale blows out at sea.

STANLEY

Stanley's deep-water harbor has been the economic mainstay of the community since the port's completion in 1845. Carrying fortune seekers from the west coast of the Americas, ships battered by rough waters near Cape Horn often called in at Stanley as well. Take a stroll through this quaint English town, visiting the cathedral, museum, or one of its many pubs.

WEST POINT ISLAND

The Napier family has owned West Point Island since the 1860s. On the island's west coast, thousands of black-browed albatross nest in colonies on cliffs along the water's edge. Rockhopper penguins share the cliffs, while Commerson's dolphins can often be seen in the surrounding waters.



South Georgia

DRYGALSKI FJORD

This is a photogenic and dramatic fjord, with sharp and jagged peaks rising out of the sea. Glaciation never reached the mountain tops, giving Drygalski its unique landscape.

GOLD HARBOUR

The backdrop to this harbor is the hanging Bertrab Glacier. Thousands of king and gentoo penguins call Gold Harbour home, as do rowdy elephant and fur seals.

GRYTVIKEN

Only a handful of people live, albeit temporarily, on South Georgia, a British overseas territory. Two of them are curators of the South Georgia Museum, located in the former villa of the whaling station manager. The local church, built for the whaling community, is the only building in Grytviken still used for its original purpose. Buried in the church cemetery is one of Antarctica's most famous explorers, Sir Ernest Shackleton, at whose grave you can pay your respects.

SALISBURY PLAIN

One of the largest king penguin colonies on South Georgia is located on Salisbury Plain. The Grace and Lucas Glaciers flank the plain, creating a spectacular backdrop for photos.

ST. ANDREW'S BAY

Over 150,000 breeding pairs of king penguins nest at St. Andrew's Bay—the largest and fastest growing king penguin rookery on South Georgia, and a breathtaking wildlife spectacle to behold.

STROMNESS

This abandoned whaling station was in full operation on the day in 1916 that Sir Ernest Shackleton and his companions staggered into it after a 36-hour trek across the island in an attempt to find help for their shipmates stranded on Elephant Island. There is a small cemetery here which can be seen from a distance, with the graves of 14 whalers.

Antarctic Peninsula

ANTARCTIC CIRCLE

The crossing of the Antarctic Circle is a moment to remember for life. The event will happen while at sea, so be sure to head out on deck to toast the achievement.

BROWN BLUFF

A dormant volcano, Brown Bluff towers 2,225 feet (678 meters) over the rookeries of Adélie and gentoo penguins, which number in the thousands. These penguins will create a distinctive symphony of background noise while you explore the bluff.

CIERVA COVE

Cierva Cove boasts jaw dropping icebergs and a glaciated backdrop. A massive glacial face regularly calves into the bay, leaving often spectacular floating ice. Seals can be spotted on ice floes, and later in the season, humpback whales occasionally feed in the icy waters.



CUVERVILLE ISLAND

Rising out of the mouth of the Errera Channel, this tall, steep island is covered by a colorful spectrum of lichens and mosses. A large gentoo penguin rookery is situated on a rocky beach at the north end of the island. Depending on when in the season you arrive, you may see the penguins building nests incubating eggs, or attending to their chicks.

DANCO ISLAND

Home to gentoo penguins, this small dome-shaped island provides you with a stunning view of the Errera Channel and excellent Zodiac cruising opportunities.

DETAILLE ISLAND

Detaille Island lies in Lallemand Fjord, just south of the Antarctic Circle. Station W, of the British Antarctic Survey, is a historical research hut established in 1956. Researchers overwintered here, setting out on expeditions and conducting scientific investigations. Stepping inside is a walk back in time as the hut has been impeccably preserved. Revel in 1950s memorabilia such as jars

of HP Sauce and canned butter, a little beyond their expiry dates, and imagine overwintering here, below the Circle.

ENTERPRISE ISLAND

Located in Wilhelmina Bay, this island's protected coves were once used by whalers. A Zodiac cruise exploring the island passes the rusting remains of a wrecked whaling ship, and provides opportunities to search for humpback whales.

HOPE BAY

Three members of the Swedish Antarctic Expedition (1901-04) spent the winter in a hut on the shores of the bay. The hut is located close to the jetty of Esperanza Station, an Argentine research station and one of only two civilian bases in Antarctica outfitted with a school and chapel.

LEMAIRE CHANNEL

One of the most scenic locations on the peninsula's west coast, this dramatic strait runs between the towering cliffs of Booth Island and the Antarctic Peninsula.

The channel may become impassable when ice fills the narrow, 6.8-mile (11 km)-long passageway, so we'll hope for clear waters.

MELCHIOR ISLANDS

This group of low, glaciated islands in Dallmann Bay is where you may see hauled-out male fur seals as they recuperate from their battles for supremacy at the end of their breeding season.

MIKKELSEN HARBOR

Located on the south side of Trinity Island and surrounded by stunning ice cliffs and several reefs, Mikkelsen Harbor is a 1.86-mile (3 km)-wide bay, discovered by a Swedish Antarctic expedition in 1901-04. Enjoy a Zodiac cruise of the beautiful waters, or if conditions allow, land at D'Hainaut Island, home to an Argentine refuge hut and whaling remains in the form of a wooden boat and whale skeletons. Weddell seals are often seen in the area and a gentoo penguin rookery is situated on the island.



NEKO HARBOUR

Little evidence remains that this bay was once used by the floating whale factory ship *Neko*. You might see whale vertebrae being used by resident gentoo penguins as shelter from the wind.

PARADISE HARBOR

Paradise Harbor is a wide bay and natural harbor on the West Antarctic Peninsula. Mountains, glaciers and ice cliffs offer spectacular views. Icebergs occasionally calve from the glaciers, providing a place for seals, penguins and seabirds to rest and play. An Argentine base, Almirante Brown Station—named after Admiral Guillermo Brown, father of the Argentine Navy—is also located in Paradise Harbor, and was operated from 1951 until a large section of it burned down in 1984. It has since been partially rebuilt and today is used during summer months for scientific research.

PAULET ISLAND

Located in the northwestern Weddell Sea, Paulet Island is home to a large Adélie penguin rookery. With a volcanic cone that rises 1,158 feet (353 meters), the island reminds you that this was once a very active landscape. In addition

to penguins, you may be interested in viewing the remains of a historic hut built by members of the Swedish Antarctic Expedition of 1901-04. A cross marks the gravesite of Ole Wenersgaard, a member of the crew.

PETERMANN ISLAND

Here, near the Lemaire Channel, you can stand on shore and see the southernmost breeding colony of gentoo penguins. Adélie penguins, shags and south polar skuas also inhabit the island.

PORT LOCKROY

As part of Operation Tabarin during the Second World War, a secret British base was built in this sheltered harbor, located on the west side of Wiencke Island. Now a designated historic site, the base is a museum and post office. Proceeds from your purchases in Port Lockroy support the UK Antarctic Heritage Trust, which preserves British and other historic sites dating to the Heroic Age of Exploration. A large gentoo penguin population resides here.

STONINGTON ISLAND

Two abandoned research stations can be found on this island south of the

Antarctic Circle. The first women to overwinter in Antarctica were housed at East Base. The British built Base E is about 656 feet (200 m) away from East Base, which was built by the United States Antarctic Service Expedition.

WILHELMINA BAY

Humpback whales abound in “Whalemina Bay,” as it’s nicknamed, and the scenery is spectacular. Sheer cliffs and glaciers surround the calm waters of the protected bay, named after Wilhelmina, queen of the Netherlands from 1890 to 1948. If you’re lucky, you may see the humpbacks bubble-net feeding: they exhale while swimming in a wide circle below the surface, trapping krill in a “net” of bubbles, and then swim straight up from below, mouths open, to engulf their prey. A truly astounding sight!

WATERBOAT POINT

A surveyor and a geologist lived in a makeshift shelter utilizing an up-turned water boat on this point from 1921 to 1922. The remains of their camp have been designated an Antarctic historic site. The aptly named Waterboat Point is also home to a Chilean Antarctic research station, named González Videla Base



after the first sitting head of state to visit the Antarctic continent. When the base is manned, you may be welcomed inside for a visit by the base personnel, or you may visit the resident nesting gentoo rookery if the base is inactive.

South Shetland Islands

AITCHO ISLANDS

This group of small islands is situated in the northern entrance of the English Strait. You can often spot a great mix of wildlife in the area, with gentoo and chinstrap penguins having established rookeries on the islands. Southern elephant and fur seals frequently haul out here, too.

DECEPTION ISLAND

Deception Island is a flooded circular caldera formed by the collapse of an active volcano. To reach this protected harbor, it is necessary to sail through a narrow passage called Neptune's Bellows. Inside are several bays used at various times for whaling and scientific research. Along with waddling penguins and

possibly lounging seals, you'll see the rusting remains of whaling operations on the beach in some locations. The landscape of Deception Island often presents opportunities for longer walks to striking vistas. The stark contrast between snow and dark volcanic sand and the steam along the shoreline from geothermic activity when the tide is right, gives this location an atmospheric feel.

ELEPHANT ISLAND

Elephant Island is a site of great historical significance as Shackleton's party beached here after the *Endurance* sank in the Weddell Sea. Twenty-two of Shackleton's men remained here, living under a lifeboat, while 'the Boss' and five companions took to the *James Caird* and sailed for South Georgia. The stranded party, led by Frank Wild (for whom Point Wild is named), kept all the men alive. On August 30, 1916, 137 days later, Shackleton returned to rescue his men with the Chilean vessel *Yelcho*. A bronze bust of the *Yelcho's* Captain, Luis

Pardo Villalon, can be seen within the chinstrap penguin colony at Point Wild. Conditions here can make shore landings rare, but we hope to spot this historic island from Zodiacs or the ship.

HALF MOON ISLAND

This crescent-shaped island was known to sealers as early as 1821. While they tried to keep this productive location secret, we're happy to bring you ashore on this impressive island. Many Antarctic birds breed here, including chinstrap penguins, shags, Wilson's storm petrels, kelp gulls, snowy sheathbills, Antarctic terns and skuas.

HANNAH POINT

On the southern coast of Livingston Island at Hannah Point, you may see chinstrap and gentoo penguin rookeries, along with the occasional breeding macaroni penguin. Due to the rather congested area available to the nesting penguins, we are able to visit here only after January 10.



PENGUIN ISLAND

The entire continent of Antarctica has only two species of flowering plants, both of which you can find on Penguin Island: Antarctic hair grass (*Deschampsia antarctica*) and Antarctic pearlwort (*Colobanthus quitensis*). Chinstrap penguins, fur seals and southern elephant seals can also be spotted here.

ROBERT POINT

A beautiful spot for Zodiac cruising, this point was known to sealers as early as 1820. Chinstrap penguins, kelp gulls and pintado petrels breed here, and whales may be seen in the surrounding waters.

TURRET POINT

Chinstrap and Adélie penguin rookeries are found on this point, situated on the northeast coast of King George Island. The beaches here are often crowded with southern elephant, fur and Weddell seals hauled out on the rocks.

YANKEE HARBOUR

Gentoo penguins have established a rookery at this harbor, situated on the southwest side of Greenwich Island. Here, you can see an abandoned Argentine refuge hut and a large glacier that stretches along the east and north sides of the bay. An abandoned sealing try pot is all that remains of the activity that brought men thousands of miles in tall ships to seek their fortune. Enjoy a rare chance for a longer walk along the expansive beach, dotted with historical artifacts and wildlife.

EXPEDITION SPIRIT

Embracing the unexpected is part of the legacy—and excitement—of expedition travel. When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, the ice and the weather to guide the route and itinerary details. This itinerary is a tentative outline of what you may experience on this voyage; please be aware that no specific itinerary can be guaranteed. By the same token, wildlife encounters as described are expected, but not guaranteed. Your Expedition Team will use their considerable experience to seek out wildlife in known habitats, but the presence of any particular species of bird or marine wildlife is not guaranteed.



What to pack on your Antarctic expedition

BY SEA AND AIR

All transfers ship to shore, helicopter flights and Zodiac/ship cruising.

- ☐ Waterproof pants (mandatory for every Zodiac and helicopter ride)
- ☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic top*
- ☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic bottom*
- ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece top*
- ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece bottom*
- ☐ Warm wool or synthetic socks (keep a dry pair in your bag, and bring extras for layering)
- ☐ Glove liners * ☐ Hand and feet warmers* ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ Waterproof gloves or mitts (bring an extra pair)
- ☐ Scarf, buff, or other face protection
- ☐ Warm hat that covers ears (bring an extra)
- ☐ Waterproof, lightweight backpack or dry sack and/or rain sleeve for camera or a waterproof phone case (to keep camera and gear dry)
- ☐ Polarized sunglasses with UV protection (consider bringing an eyewear retainer: string/clip etc.)
- ☐ Ski goggles (for Zodiac cruising on snowy or windy days)

*recommended layering depending on the conditions of the day and reflecting your personal thermo-regulation comfort levels.

BY LAND (Shore Excursions and Hiking)

In addition to the gear requirements (as above) mandatory for the transit from ship to shore, it is recommended to bring:

- ☐ Hat, buff or scarf (for wind and weather protection)
- ☐ UV protection (sun hat, polarized sun glasses, sun block, lip balm etc.)
- ☐ Collapsible walking sticks for hikes (if required)
Quantities are available to borrow on every vessel
- ☐ Additional reusable (thermos-regulating) water bottle
(in addition to the reusable collapsible water bottle provided)

WHAT TO BRING! Packing for the Polar Regions doesn't have to be daunting, and to make it easier for you, all Quark Expeditions voyages include a Quark parka to keep, and a loan of insulated waterproof boots. Additional suggested items include:

TO WEAR ON BOARD

- ☐ The complimentary Quark 3-in-1 Parka provided on board is designed with a waterproof shell that can be worn out on deck, and a removable liner that you can wear to stay comfortable indoors)
- ☐ Comfortable casual clothing like lighter shirts, pants or jeans, etc. (in case the ship gets warm)
- ☐ Comfortable non-slip closed-toed, heelless shoes (flip flops, sandals or slip-on shoes should not be worn on board due to safety concerns)
- ☐ Workout attire (for the fitness center!)
- ☐ Swimsuit (for the Polar Plunge! Some vessels may also have a pool, hot tub, sauna and/or steam room. See your ship book for details.)

Just a reminder: No formal evening wear required on our voyages but if you would like to bring something a little more dressy for the Captain's welcome and farewell cocktails you may certainly do so!

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- ☐ Passport, visas, immunization records, travel documents, etc. as required
- ☐ Camera gear—complete with charger, storage medium, transport and cleaning kit (lens cloth etc.) and extra batteries
- ☐ Reusable waterproof bags or plastic bags with zippers (to keep small items organized and cameras dry)
- ☐ Voltage converters and plug adapters (see ship book for details)
- ☐ Seasickness, indigestion, headache, or other medications
- ☐ Earplugs and eye masks for sleeping
- ☐ Moisturizer for face and hands (skin dryness due to wind and temperature changes)
- ☐ Credit card and small amount of local currency (see pre-departure book for more details)

- › To view our packing checklist online, visit:
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Scan this QR code or [click here](#) to watch our video on what to pack before you go!

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND TEMPERATURES

Polar weather is extremely variable; temperatures may hover around the freezing mark and winds can be strong. The extended daylight warms sheltered areas so that you may sometimes find it warm enough for t-shirts. However, you may encounter rain, snow squalls, fog and white-outs during an expedition and should be ready for any conditions.

A full-page photograph of an Antarctic scene. In the foreground, two seals are resting on a small, flat ice floe. Behind them, several large, jagged icebergs float in the dark blue water. The sky is a pale, overcast blue. The overall tone is serene and majestic.

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Essential Patagonia

Chilean Fjords and Torres del Paine



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Overview

15-day Essential Patagonia: Chilean Fjords and Torres del Paine

The size and geography of Chilean Patagonia, the vast stretch at the southern tip of South America marked by towering peaks, glacial fjords and temperate rainforest, can be challenging to land-based exploration. Luckily, the innovative Quark Expeditions team has surmounted this challenge by creating a ship-based itinerary—with the support of two twin-engine helicopters—that enables guests to maximize their Patagonian adventure in ways no other operator can. Guests can experience the fascinating diversity of Patagonia—including its wildlife—and return at the end of each day to their comfortable suite aboard *Ultramarine* and all of its amenities.

Retrace Charles Darwin's epic voyage to the 'edge of the world' on our 15-day *Essential Patagonia: Chilean Fjords and Torres del Paine* expedition, a comprehensive journey into Chile's spectacular network of fjords and channels. Helicopter flightseeing and Zodiac cruises along this enchanting stretch of coastline provide awe-inspiring perspectives of some of the most remote and picturesque landscapes on Earth. From llama-like guanacos, Magellanic penguin colonies and other seabirds to South American sea lions and southern elephant seals, the wildlife of this region is as abundant as the majestic blue-toned tidewater glaciers. Join us in this enchanting wonderland and experience all the natural splendors of southern Patagonia.

Our technologically-advanced ship *Ultramarine* is designed to extend the boundaries of exploration and offer an unmatched experience, including a flightseeing tour you'll never forget! Our team of Polar Travel Advisers are happy to answer your questions at any time.

Come and explore Patagonia by ship. You'll see more, explore more, and conquer more!



EXPEDITION IN BRIEF



Explore Patagonia with the best team in the polar industry



Enjoy helicopter flightseeing from *Ultramarine* for a unique perspective of the landscape



Encounter iconic wildlife, such as Magellanic penguins, sea lion, guanacos and seabirds



Experience some of the world's most remote glacial and fjord systems, including Glacier Alley



Retrace Darwin's route through the Beagle Channel and learn about the storied history of southern Chile



Cruise in a Zodiac for a unique perspective of glaciers, fjords and channels.



Itinerary

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Upon arriving in this splendid city, known for its architecture and rich European heritage, you will independently transfer to your group hotel (pre-expedition hotel night included in mandatory transfer package).

DAY 2 | FLY TO USHUAIA AND EMBARK

After an early breakfast at the hotel, the group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Ushuaia, Argentina.

Upon arrival, you will be transferred from the airport to a central downtown location to have some time on your own to explore this quaint port town before meeting the bus (at a designated location) to be transferred to your ship.



ESSENTIAL PATAGONIA Chilean Fjords and Torres del Paine

- On board the *Ultramarine*
- - - Flights from Buenos Aires / to Santiago
- Torres del Paine excursion

After a late afternoon embarkation, you will sail along the historic Beagle Channel, which transects the Tierra del Fuego archipelago in the extreme south of South America.

DAY 3 | CAPE HORN

As we begin our exploration of Chile's southern extent, expect a new adventure every day. Though each expedition will be different, depending on the weather, we aim to start our journey to the "edge of the earth" with a visit to historic Cape Horn (Cabo de Hornos). At the southernmost point of the Tierra del Fuego ("Land of Fire") archipelago, this steep, rocky headland on Hornos Island marks the northern boundary of the famous Drake Passage, where the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans meet. From the 1700s to the early 1900s, prior to the opening of the Panama Canal, this cape was part of a major global trade route.

If sea and weather conditions allow, you may go ashore for a hike out to the lighthouse, the tiny Stella Maris ("Star of the Sea") Chapel, and the albatross-shaped monument honoring the many mariners who lost their lives attempting to "round the Horn." Atop the windswept promontory, pause for a moment to take in the panoramic view and to enjoy the peaceful solitude that can only be found at one of the most southern stretches of land in the world.

DAYS 4 & 5 | PIA AND GARIBALDI GLACIERS, GLACIER ALLEY

As our ship sails north toward the southern edge of Tierra del Fuego, stimulating presentations by your Expedition Team will enrich your knowledge of the glacial systems, geology, environment, wildlife and storied history of the region as you retrace Charles Darwin's historic

IMPORTANT REMINDER

As this voyage will start in Argentina and enter Chile, please ensure you obtain visas for both countries as required by your nationality. Residents of some countries may also be required to pay a reciprocity fee to enter Chile.

journey through the Beagle Channel, a 150-mile (240 km) strait separating Tierra del Fuego's main island from several smaller islands. Named after Captain Robert FitzRoy's famous ship on which Charles Darwin was a young naturalist, the channel presents plenty of photo ops to capture seabirds hovering overhead and dramatic vistas of jagged-peaked mountains and glaciers.



Rugged and untouched, this magnificent landscape is as starkly beautiful as it was when Darwin first laid eyes on it in 1833. What he experienced in this region would later help him form his then controversial theory on evolution by natural selection.

Glacier Alley (as it's nicknamed) is one of the most spectacular ship passages in Tierra del Fuego. The glaciers' names honor the European countries that first explored the region: España (Oblicuo), Romanche, Alemania (Roncagli), Francia, Italia, and Holland Glaciers.

Situated within the protected boundary of Alberto de Agostini National Park, both Pia and Garibaldi Glaciers sit at the head of picturesque, often ice-choked fjords that offer guests jaw-dropping views. Located within the Cordillera Darwin (Darwin Mountain Range), the impressive Pia Glacier extends from the soaring mountaintops down into the sea. A short hike to a lookout point provides superb vistas of the glacier and mountains.

Surrounded by pristine sub-Antarctic forests, Garibaldi Glacier flows from a separate mountain, providing equally exceptional views, with the Darwin Mountains rising dramatically out of the fjord. We can explore this area by Zodiac, and include a visit to a beautiful glacial waterfall nearby.

As we navigate the fjords, your Expedition Team will keep watch for Andean condors, massive birds whose wing span is second only to the wandering albatross.

DAY 6 | DAINELLI (AGUILA) GLACIER

Located at the end of a tranquil lagoon surrounded by lush sub-Antarctic forests in Agostini Sound, Dainelli Glacier (sometimes called Aguila—Spanish for “Eagle” Glacier) is a unique sight, as it appears to flow over rolling hills rather than mountains. Cruising aboard a Zodiac toward the blue-tinged ice, conditions permitting, you will be humbled by the wonder of nature's power. We hope to venture ashore for

an easy hike along the beach to get a more intensive look at the glacier and surrounding mountains.

DAY 7 | CRUISING THE CHILEAN FJORDS

Continuing north, we'll navigate through a remote network of coastal fjords and channels, including time spent venturing out into the Pacific Ocean. Your Expedition Team will prepare you for the adventures that await, helping you further understand the glacial systems, as well as the flora and fauna that can be found in this part of Chile. Take a moment, as we glide past soaring snow-capped peaks, to contemplate the indigenous peoples who thrived here for thousands of years and the mariners of early European exploration who traveled these same sheltered passageways, and were rewarded with the same wondrous sights.



DAYS 8 & 9 | PUERTO NATALES AND TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK

Sailing the turquoise waters of the extraordinary stretch of coastline leading to the small port of Puerto Natales, we'll meander through a mesmerizing maze of deep, windswept fjords, narrow channels and isolated bays, with an eye toward the rugged landscape, unique wildlife and impressive glaciers that tumble from the towering mountains into the icy waters below, along with the imperial and king cormorants, South American terns, black-necked swans and southern wigeons (Chiloé wigeons) that frequent the fjords.

Torres del Paine National Park is one of the most stunning wilderness areas in South America, and Puerto Natales is the gateway. This enormous park is a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, so designated for both its natural wonders and ancient human history, and named for the three granite peaks that tower above the glacier-fed lakes. Enjoy a day of hiking, and exploration aboard chartered buses tailored to your

preferred activity level with lookouts in the park, followed by traditional Patagonian cuisine in the afternoon.

Taking our expedition onto dry land for another full day, we will also visit a working Patagonian *estancia* ("ranch"), founded in 1891 by Scottish immigrants. Here you will learn about Patagonian sheep farming in a historic pastoral setting. You may be lucky enough to spot in the surrounding grasslands wildlife such as ostrich-like rhea, and guanacos, a wild relative of the domestic llama. Complete your cultural experience with a lunch of barbecued lamb *al palo* ("on a stick"), and return to the ship in the early evening.

DAY 10 | CANAL DE LAS MONTAÑAS

Cruising the pristine waters of the Canal de las Montañas ("Channel" or "Fjord of the Mountains") will leave you breathless. You'll be awed by the amazing series of waterfalls cascading down between the jagged peaks that rise up sharply on either side of the narrow,

41-mile (66 km) long channel dotted with glaciers, five of which spill dramatically into the water. Here, impressive ice fields glisten in the distance, and steeply sloped glaciers exceed elevations over 8,235 feet (2,510 meters). The channel also provides an ideal place to put our Zodiacs in the water for more detailed exploring or the chance to go ashore for a hike to scenic viewpoints. If you're feeling more adventurous, perhaps you'll treat yourself to an optional kayaking excursion (extra cost), an exceptional opportunity to experience the channel from a unique perspective.

DAY 11 | TUCKERS ISLETS

A series of small islands and rocky outcrops in Almirantazgo Sound ("Admiralty Sound"), a fjord off the Strait of Magellan, Tuckers Islets is a superb location for viewing penguins. Though landing here is prohibited to protect the fragile nesting habitat, a Zodiac excursion will take you near a pebble beach to view a colony of 4,000-plus breeding Magellanic penguins, conditions permitting. Named



for Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan, whose crew sighted the charming creatures in 1520 during the first circumnavigation of the globe, the species is native to the region, and the sight of them in their burrows, lounging on the beach or waddling in and out of the water, is one you won't forget. If we're fortunate, we may also see Chilean skuas, Magellanic cormorants (rock shags), imperial cormorants (king shags), oystercatchers, kelp geese, or even dolphins.

DAY 12 | AINSWORTH BAY

Continuing our exploration of Almirantazgo Sound, we plan to explore ashore at Ainsworth Bay, one of the most picturesque and pristine places in Patagonia. Surrounded by untouched sub-Antarctic forest, this isolated bay is a protected area within the border of Alberto de Agostini National Park. It hosts abundant birdlife, so you'll want to keep your eyes peeled as we cruise in the Zodiacs. Hiking options will be available for all fitness levels, affording panoramic

views of Marinelli Glacier, Marinelli Fjord and the surrounding Darwin mountain range.

DAY 13 | BAHIA BROOKES

Another excellent spot for glacier exploring in Almirantazgo Sound is Bahia Brookes (Brookes Bay), where, conditions permitting, we'll go ashore by Zodiac. The bay offers ample chances for closer views of a number of waterfalls and glaciers, including the calving North Brookes Glacier, set against the breathtaking backdrop of the towering Darwin mountain range. Amid the serene silence of this icy wonderland, the only sound you may hear is the powerful roar of ice breaking off and crashing into the frigid waters below. This is also a great location for viewing ice fall deposits, which form reconstituted glaciers, and kame (silt and sediment deposits).

DAY 14 | MARTA ISLAND

In the middle of the Strait of Magellan, Marta Island (Isla Marta) is home to abundant birdlife and more than one

thousand Patagonian (South American) sea lions. To protect the wildlife, shore landings are not possible here, but we do plan to circumnavigate the island, providing numerous opportunities to observe and photograph the colony from a short distance, in the comfort of a Zodiac. Called *lobos marinos* ("sea wolves") by local Chileans, these giant pinnipeds—males can weigh over 700 pounds/320 kg—form quite a noisy group as each sea lion vies for a choice spot of coastline. As you cruise by, sightings of imperial cormorants, skuas, southern gulls, snowy sheathbill—and if we're lucky, dolphins—are also possible.

DAY 15 | DISEMBARK IN PUNTA ARENAS AND FLY TO SANTIAGO

After an adventurous two weeks of exploration, you'll say goodbye to your Expedition Team and disembark in Punta Arenas, to be transferred to the airport for your charter flight to Santiago, where you are welcome to continue on your own travels or connect to your homeward flights.



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Arrival and Departure Details, and International Flight Planning



As you prepare for your journey, you may be interested in your arrival and departure details. Since international air transportation is not included in the cost of your expedition, you have some flexibility in planning your flights.

Arrival Day and Embarkation

DAY 1 — ARRIVING IN BUENOS AIRES AND HOTEL NIGHT

Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, you will make your way to the included group hotel. A presentation room will be open from 12 pm to 8 pm for luggage weighing and tagging. A Quark Expeditions representative will be available to answer your questions and give information about the next day's flight and ship embarkation. After an early breakfast the following morning, your group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Ushuaia, Argentina, the southernmost city in the world.

DAY 2 — USHUAIA AND EMBARKATION

In Ushuaia your mandatory transfer package will provide some free time to explore this quaint port town, and also (when flight schedules allow) a tour of Tierra del Fuego National Park. Note: The tour (if available) may take place on either the embarkation or disembarkation day.

We will transfer the group to the ship for embarkation around 4 pm.

PLEASE NOTE

Luggage will be limited to one checked luggage and one cabin baggage on the flights between Buenos Aires and Ushuaia, and between Punta Arenas and Santiago. Luggage weight restrictions will be confirmed in your final documents received 30 days prior to your trip. There is NO option to store excess luggage as you'll embark and disembark in different cities/countries. Additionally, there is NO option to pay for additional luggage. Please be mindful of these restrictions when packing for your voyage.

Final Day and Departure

DISEMBARKATION IN PUNTA ARENAS

The ship is scheduled to arrive in Punta Arenas, Chile between 7 am and 8 am. After breakfast you will bid farewell to your Expedition Team before completing your disembarkation. This process takes approximately one hour. If you have purchased the hotel and transfer package, you will be transferred to the airport for our return charter flight to Santiago.

DEPARTING FROM SANTIAGO

Flight details will be available closer to departure, however arrival in Santiago is likely to be after most international flights have departed. You may choose to book a stay at the airport hotel in preparation for an early morning departure, or book a transfer and hotel in the city if you will be staying longer.

Arrival and Departure Transfers

BUENOS AIRES AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Arrival transfers in Buenos Aires are not included; however, your Travel Professional or Polar Travel Advisor can arrange one for you.

SANTIAGO AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Departure transfers in Santiago are not included, as the expedition concludes at the airport. If you are spending additional time in Chile's capital, your Travel Professional or Polar Travel Advisor can arrange a transfer into the city for you.

We request that you provide your flight details to Quark Expeditions at least 30 days prior to traveling.

PLEASE NOTE

Included Hotel Accommodations:

Your included accommodation begins on Day 1 of your itinerary. The specific hotel will be indicated on your final voyage confirmation. If you are arriving prior to Day 1 of your expedition or are staying after the disembarkation day and would like help booking a pre- or post-stay, please contact your preferred travel agent or Quark Expeditions for hotel options. As accommodation space is limited, you are encouraged to request any extra nights as early as possible.

Weather conditions may occasionally delay our arrival, and airline schedule changes have also been known to occur in Argentina. Booking flexible tickets is always encouraged, as we cannot be held responsible for delays due to unforeseen circumstances.





Ultramarine



World Explorer



Ocean Explorer

Our Fleet of Small Polar Vessels

Quark Expeditions boasts the most diverse polar-class fleet of any polar operator, and the ability to offer you this incredible voyage on one of our ice strengthened vessels.

The entire Quark Expeditions fleet is built for comfort—and for challenging polar environments, allowing us to take you to places ordinary cruise companies wouldn't dream of going.

Plus, you'll do so while enjoying excellent amenities and superbly comfortable cabins.



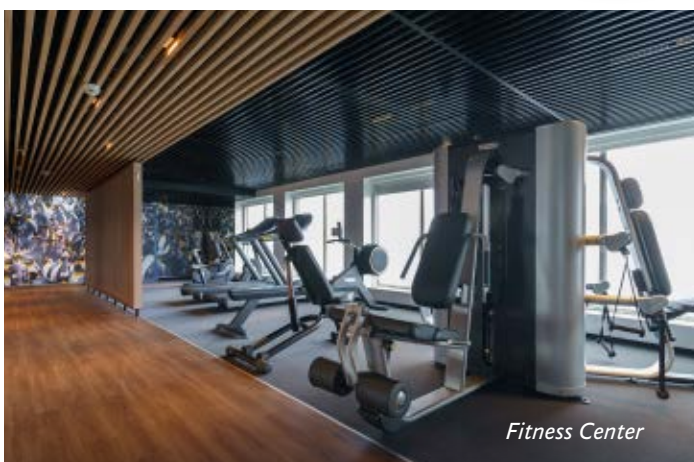
Deluxe Balcony Suite



Sauna



Panorama Lounge



Fitness Center



Balena Restaurant



Included Activities

These are included in your trip package.

Ready for a little adventure beyond your ship? Each Quark Expeditions voyage offers a variety of immersive off-ship activities to enhance your experience.

FLIGHTSEEING

While alpine landscapes are spectacular from the sea, they are even more striking from the air. On board *Ultramarine* you will experience remarkable aerial perspectives on a 10- to 15-minute flightseeing excursion included in the cost of your voyage.

ZODIAC CRUISING

Zodiacs—rugged inflatable watercraft—are the workhorses of our expeditions, taking you to places the ships can't access, allowing you to reach remote shorelines, explore shallow inlets and search for unique wildlife. Expedition staff make stepping in and out of them safe and comfortable, and your Zodiac drivers will provide active interpretation, making the landscape come even more alive.

HIKING

Led by experienced staff, exploring on foot is the best way to appreciate the landscapes. Our guides are able to accommodate a range of skill levels to suit every passenger. While you hike, staff will be available to enhance your experience by answering questions about the wildlife, history and geography of the area.

PRESENTATIONS

Enjoy daily chats with and presentations by our world-class onboard experts—expedition guides, specialists, photography guides and other local experts who will introduce you to the fascinating history, biology, ornithology, glaciology and geology of the region, and much, much more.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is a rewarding experience. Our photography guide will help you hone your skills to capture the beauty of Patagonia.

More information about your Included Activities and Adventure Options, including the necessary experience, physical requirements and cost, is available by contacting your Polar Travel Adviser or travel professional.



Adventure Options

These activities cost extra and must be booked in advance of your trip.



PLEASE NOTE

Pre-booking is required for all paid activities. We recommend booking early, as spaces fill quickly. Please see your pre-departure guide for a list of provided gear for each Adventure Option.

SEA KAYAKING

Imagine gliding across the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers. Our Sea Kayaking program is a great way to intimately explore your surroundings. A small group of kayakers will plan to go out multiple times per voyage as an alternative to shore landings or Zodiac cruises.

The number of opportunities to kayak is weather dependent, and will be conducted only during calm conditions. Prior kayaking experience is required, and you must be able to do a wet exit to participate. Beginners interested in kayaking should consider participating in the Paddling Excursion.

PADDLING EXCURSION

If you're interested in kayaking but would like to try something a bit less demanding than Sea Kayaking, you're the perfect candidate to sign up for a one-time paddle on our stable sit-on-top kayaks—perfect for anyone with minimal or no kayaking experience. Small groups of paddlers will be taken out on calm days, with our expert guides always present to provide instruction and help you connect with the polar sea. Pre-book into one of two priority groups. Any subsequent excursions can be booked on board, and groups will be assigned via a lottery as spaces are limited.



STAND-UP PADDLEBOARDING

Combining a surfboard with a kayak, stand-up paddleboarding will give you a very personal and unique perspective on Antarctica. Conducted in small groups—in calm bays and harbors, in good weather conditions—and accompanied by a safety Zodiac, one-time stand-up paddleboarding excursions can be pre-booked into one of two priority groups. Any subsequent excursions can be booked on board, and groups will be assigned via a lottery.



EXCLUSIVE HELI-LANDING

Imagine setting foot in an area of the Antarctic that can only be safely accessed by helicopter. With a small group of fellow passengers and expert guides, you'll board one of *Ultramarine's* two twin-engine helicopters to soar off to an exclusive polar site where no ships can navigate. Expect stunning bird's-eye views during your flight, and then, upon arrival, simply sit back, relax and take in the splendor of the Antarctic from "the best seat in the house": glacial amphitheaters, breath-taking summits, and more. At your landing, you'll have time to relax and quietly reflect on the beauty of your polar surroundings, after which you'll be picked up by the helicopters in the same location and returned to *Ultramarine*.

Each heli-landing experience is uniquely curated by our expedition team, taking conditions, regulations and location capacity into consideration.

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Departure Dates

Essential Patagonia: Chilean Fjords and Torres del Paine

ULTRAMARINE

Adventure Options

Dates	Days	Start / End					
ANTARCTIC 2025/26							
MAR 12 - 26, 2026	15	Buenos Aires / Santiago	\$	\$	\$	\$	Included

Raise a Glass and Stay Connected!

See below for specifics on our complimentary Wi-Fi and bar service, which takes effect November 2024.



Inclusions and Exclusions

Inclusions

RATES INCLUDE:

For all voyages:

- An official Quark Expeditions parka to keep
- Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Team, including shore landings and other activities
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising as per the daily program
- All shore landings as per the daily program
- Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage.
- **NEW** Free beer, standard wines, spirits, and cocktails during bar service hours and dinner
- Complimentary coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock
- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled
- A photographic journal documenting your expedition

- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
- Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin
- **NEW** Complimentary Wi-Fi service on one device permitting basic Internet browsing, email, posting on social media and voice applications. (Premium packages are available for more data-intensive applications.)
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- All luggage handling aboard the ship
- Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person
- One 10- to 15-minute helicopter flightseeing excursion (weather and logistics permitting)
- Torres del Paine National Park entrance fee and ground transfers
- Estancia visit and ground transfers
- Lunches ashore during Puerto Natales/Torres del Paine excursion days.

*Mandatory Transfer Package Includes:

- One night's pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Buenos Aires with breakfast (Note: The number of guests per room is the same as cabin occupancy on the ship. Due to limited availability, travelers who reserve a suite on board are accommodated in standard rooms at the hotel. Triple rooms may not be available.)
- Group transfer from hotel to airport in Buenos Aires

- Group flight departing from Buenos Aires' domestic airport (Aeroparque/AEP) to Ushuaia, and returning to Santiago International Airport (SCL)
- Group transfer from Ushuaia airport to the ship, and from ship to Punta Arenas airport (Note: Transfer on arrival in Buenos Aires from airport to hotel at the beginning of the journey is not included. Please make your way to the included hotel.)

Exclusions

RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

For all voyages:

- International airfare
- Passport and applicable visa expenses
- Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned
- Meals unless otherwise specified
- Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended
- Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic flights
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac landing and cruising excursions, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, spa services and other personal charges, unless specified
- Phone charges may vary by location
- Our basic complimentary Wi-Fi service does not include Premium packages which enable more data-intensive applications
- Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for expedition staff and shipboard crew
- Additional overnight accommodation
- Arrival and departure transfers, except where explicitly stated
- Adventure Options not listed in Included Activities.



Your Expedition Team

Our Expedition Leaders—the best in the industry—and their teams share their diverse expertise in subjects as varied as polar history, marine biology, glaciology, ornithology and photography. Their knowledge and enthusiasm will greatly enhance your immersion into the polar environment and further deepen your connection to the Antarctic.

With 33 years of experience bringing passengers to remote Polar Regions and an industry-leading staff-to-guest ratio, we know how to safely handle the unexpected. Ensuring this hard-earned experience is passed on, all our expedition staff undergo comprehensive training at Quark Academy, which provides hands-on polar expedition training prior to any staff member's first voyage, as well as ongoing training for experienced staff.



Raise a Glass and Stay Connected!

See below for specifics on our complimentary Wi-Fi and bar service, which takes effect November 2024.



Meals on Board

If there is one constant on board, it is that you'll enjoy delicious meals daily. While meal times may change due to landings and wildlife encounters, you'll always be served three well-prepared meals per day. Most dietary restrictions can be accommodated by letting us know prior to your expedition.

Balena Restaurant, the main diningroom on Deck 7 of *Ultramarine*, features tables that accommodate 2 to 10. Guests can enjoy a quiet dinner with a loved one or join a larger table of new friends. Guests will enjoy views from every seat in addition to direct access to the wraparound deck. Guests can also enjoy a meal in Bistro 487, which offers an indoor/outdoor dining experience—perfect for enjoying the polar landscapes.

Breakfasts and lunches are normally served buffet style, while dinners are served plated. À la carte meals are made at the time of your order, allowing our chefs to prepare each dish to your individual needs, ensuring you receive top-quality meals during the course of your expedition.

Complimentary coffee, tea, cocoa and water stations are available around the clock, while soft drinks and juices are available during meals and when the bar is open—all included in the cost of your package.

NEW Enjoy free beer, standard wines, spirits, and cocktails during bar service hours and dinner as part of our new “Raise a Glass and Stay Connected Free” program. Premium wines and champagne are available at extra cost and can be billed to your shipboard account. The well-stocked bars on the ship are open late morning, afternoon and evening, though hours may occasionally change to accommodate the expedition schedule.





Possible Excursions

DAINELLI (AGUILA) GLACIER

This striking blue glacier, which flows down from the middle of the Darwin mountain range, sits at the end of a tranquil lagoon formed by the glacier's meltwater. An easy hike along the shore takes you to the edge of the glacier.

AINSWORTH BAY

An offshoot of Almirantazgo Sound (Admiralty Sound), Ainsworth Bay is surrounded by pristine sub-polar forests. The bay is fed by the meltwater of the Marinelli Glacier, which flows down from the Cordillera Darwin Icefield.

BAHIA BROOKES

Located in Almirantazgo Sound (Admiralty Sound), in the heart of Alberto de Agostini National Park, this bay is the site of several glaciers, the most impressive being the North Brookes Glacier. The bay is also an ideal locale for learning about glaciology and how glaciers shape the landscape.

CANAL DE LAS MONTAÑAS

Situated within the Kawésqar National Park (formerly Alacalufes National Reserve), this 41-mile (66 km) long channel is flanked by two majestic mountain ranges, the Cordillera Riesco to the east and the Cordillera Sarmiento to the west. Sightings of sea lions and dolphins are possible.

CAPE HORN

Sitting at the southernmost tip of Tierra del Fuego, on Hornos Island, Cape Horn was named by Dutch navigator Willem Schouten, who discovered and first rounded the cape in 1616 and named it in honor of his birthplace, Hoorn, Holland. Filled with rugged, natural beauty, the historic windswept cape is located within Cabo de Hornos National Park, which was designated a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in 2005. The Chilean Navy mans the lighthouse on the island.



MARTA ISLAND

Marta Island, along with nearby Magdalena Island, is a designated natural monument, Monumento Natural Los Pingüinos (The Penguins Natural Monument), and has been a protected area since 1982. The small island is home to a large colony of sea lions, as well as an abundance of seabirds, including cormorants, skuas and gulls.

PIA GLACIER

In the Beagle Channel, Pia Glacier is situated in a fjord in the Cordillera Darwin (Darwin Mountains), the southern part of the Andes mountain range. This area provides outstanding opportunities for taking the Zodiacs out for a shore landing and hiking to a spectacular lookout. Though the provenance of the glacier's name remains unconfirmed, some believe Alberto Maria de Agostini, an Italian

missionary, mountaineer and explorer who lived in Tierra del Fuego, named it after Princess Maria Pia of Savoy, the daughter of Italy's first king.

TUCKERS ISLETS

Located in Almirantazgo Sound (Admiralty Sound), a stunning offshoot of the Strait of Magellan, this tiny group of islands is covered in grasses, mosses and small trees, providing a verdant backdrop for viewing a large colony of nesting Magellanic penguins. Other bird species that may be spotted here include king and rock cormorants, oystercatchers, Chilean skuas, kelp geese and dolphin gulls.



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What to pack on your Patagonia expedition

BY SEA AND AIR

All transfers ship to shore, helicopter flights and Zodiac/ship cruising.

- ☐ Waterproof pants (mandatory for every Zodiac and helicopter ride)
- ☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic top*
- ☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic bottom*
- ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece top*
- ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece bottom*
- ☐ Warm wool or synthetic socks (keep a dry pair in your bag, and bring extras for layering)
- ☐ Glove liners * ☐ Hand and feet warmers* ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ Waterproof gloves or mitts (bring an extra, lighter pair for hiking)
- ☐ Scarf, buff, or other face protection
- ☐ Warm hat that covers ears (bring an extra)
- ☐ Waterproof, lightweight backpack or dry sack and/or rain sleeve for camera or a waterproof phone case (to keep camera and gear dry)
- ☐ Polarized sunglasses with UV protection (consider bringing an eyewear retainer: string/clip etc.)
- ☐ Ski goggles (for Zodiac cruising on snowy or windy days)

*recommended layering depending on the conditions of the day and reflecting your personal thermo-regulation comfort levels.

BY LAND (Shore Excursions and Hiking)

In addition to the gear requirements (as above) mandatory for the transit from ship to shore, it is recommended to bring:

- ☐ Worn-in Hiking footwear: While Muck-boots are provided and encouraged for most shore excursions, additional hiking footwear (Goretex-lined boots or similar water-proof hiking boots) can add to your hiking comfort, especially if you are a keen hiker
- ☐ (Smart) Wool or synthetic hiking socks for above footwear (bring an extra pair)
- ☐ Lightweight and quick-dry, trekking pants that may or may not convert to zip-off shorts* (*depending on your thermo-regulation)
- ☐ Breathable waterproof pants* and rain jacket** for outdoor activities in inclement weather (*can be the same pair you use for Zodiac operations (can be outer shell of complimentary Quark 3in1 Parka)
- ☐ Comfortable long or short-sleeve shirt for hiking either synthetic/quick-dry or merino (smart) wool
- ☐ (Hiking) gloves (medium thickness, waterproof preferred)
- ☐ Hat, buff or scarf (for wind and weather protection)
- ☐ UV protection (hat, polarized sun glasses, sun block, lip balm)
- ☐ Collapsible walking stick for hikes (if required).
Quantities are available on every vessel to borrow.
- ☐ Additional reusable (thermos-regulating) water bottle (in addition to the reusable collapsible water bottle provided)

WHAT TO BRING! Packing for the Polar Regions doesn't have to be daunting, and to make it easier for you, all Quark Expeditions voyages include a Quark parka to keep, and a loan of insulated waterproof boots. Additional suggested items include:

TO WEAR ON BOARD

- ☐ The complimentary Quark 3-in-1 Parka provided on board is designed with a waterproof shell that can be worn out on deck, and a removable liner that you can wear to stay comfortable indoors)
- ☐ Comfortable casual clothing like lighter shirts, pants or jeans, etc. (in case the ship gets warm)
- ☐ Comfortable non-slip closed-toed, heelless shoes (flip flops, sandals or slip-on shoes should not be worn on board due to safety concerns)
- ☐ Workout attire (for the fitness center!)
- ☐ Swimsuit (for the Polar Plunge! Some vessels may also have a pool, hot tub, sauna and/or steam room. See your ship book for details.)

Just a reminder: No formal evening wear required on our voyages but if you would like to bring something a little more dressy for the Captain's welcome and farewell cocktails you may certainly do so!

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- ☐ Passport, visas, immunization records, travel documents, etc. as required
- ☐ Camera gear—complete with charger, storage medium, transport and cleaning kit (lens cloth etc.) and extra batteries
- ☐ Reusable waterproof bags or plastic bags with zippers (to keep small items organized and cameras dry)
- ☐ Voltage converters and plug adapters (see ship book for details)
- ☐ Seasickness, indigestion, headache, or other medications
- ☐ Earplugs and eye masks for sleeping
- ☐ Moisturizer for face and hands (skin dryness due to wind and temperature changes)
- ☐ Credit card and small amount of local currency (see pre-departure book for more details)

- › To view our packing checklist online, visit: QuarkExpeditions.com/What-to-Pack/Patagonia
- › Related topics are covered on our Frequently Asked Questions page: QuarkExpeditions.com/Frequently-Asked-Questions



Scan this QR code or [click here](#) to watch our video on what to pack before you go!

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND TEMPERATURES

Polar weather is extremely variable; temperatures may hover around the freezing mark and winds can be strong. The extended daylight warms sheltered areas so that you may sometimes find it warm enough for t-shirts. However, you may encounter rain, snow squalls, fog and white-outs during an expedition and should be ready for any conditions.

A group of six penguins, likely Magellanic penguins, are standing on a mossy rock in a coastal environment. The penguins have black and white plumage with a distinctive white stripe running from the eye down the side of the body. They are positioned in a line, facing different directions. The background shows a rocky shore with some green vegetation and a cloudy sky.

TO BOOK YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE

Contact your Travel Professional

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ANTARCTIC 2025/2026

Antarctic Express

Fly South, Cruise North



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Overview

Antarctic Express: Fly South, Cruise North

Take the fastest route over the 800-km wide Drake Passage to Antarctica—a three-hour flight from Punta Arenas, Chile—and enjoy your first glimpse of the magical 7th Continent from the air, a unique introduction to the vast and dramatic landscape that remains one of the last unspoiled regions in the world. Continue your 10-day journey on ship, where an adventure beyond your wildest imagination awaits. Later, toward the end of your voyage, you'll travel back across the Drake Passage by ship to Ushuaia, Argentina, as you follow the path of early polar explorers. Flying one way and sailing the other gives you the best of both worlds!

Expect the unexpected and be rewarded with unique wildlife and natural attractions, each highlight surpassing the last. Marvel at the contrast of a rugged landscape inhabited by abundant wildlife including curious, playful penguins and seals. And embrace the excitement of standing on the Antarctic Continent for the very first time.



EXPEDITION IN BRIEF



Explore Antarctic with the best expedition team in the industry



Enjoy the speed and convenience of flying to Antarctica



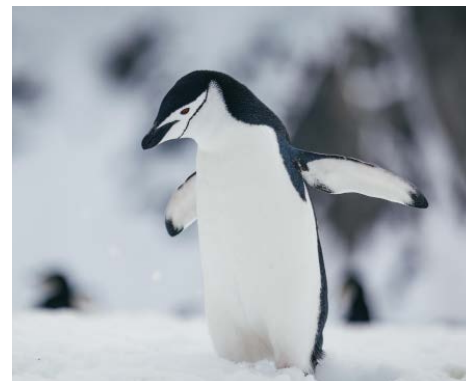
Embrace an exciting northbound passage of the Drake Passage



Incredible wildlife viewing and iceberg watching



Enjoy on-board educational presentations by polar experts.



Itinerary

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN PUNTA ARENAS, CHILE

Your adventure begins in Punta Arenas, Chile, the most populated city in southern Patagonia. If you arrive early, there are many museums, restaurants and shops to keep you busy for days. By early afternoon, a Quark Expeditions representative will meet you at the official starting point hotel, where you'll enjoy a welcome dinner and be briefed about preparing for your embarkation day.

DAY 2 | FLY TO KING GEORGE ISLAND AND EMBARK

Your charter flight from Punta Arenas to Antarctica will enable you to cross the legendary Drake Passage in only two hours, while far below, the ship will approach King George Island

for your arrival. Your first glimpse of dramatic Antarctic landscapes will be from a unique perspective, as your plane descends onto the South Shetland Islands. After landing, make your way to the shore, before being transferred by Zodiac to your ship to set sail for the Antarctic Peninsula!

DAYS 3-6 | ANTARCTIC PENINSULA AND SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS

There are few places in the world as evocative as Antarctica. The Antarctic Continent is indescribable and can only be fully appreciated through your own eyes.

As your Captain and Expedition Team keep a lookout for whales and seabirds, you'll be alerted to any new sightings. Our team of expert presenters will deepen



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— On board the *Ocean Explorer*

your experience with explanations of the glaciology, history and wildlife of the region, and presentations on photography to help you take memory-catching images.

Even more exciting are your daily excursions. Your first Zodiac landing is something you'll never forget! Walking on a shore inhabited by thousands of penguins is the most intimate way to experience the unique wildlife of Antarctica.

Each landing is different and is dependent on weather, but every day presents new sightings and photo opportunities, and it won't be long before you can tell the difference between Adélie, gentoo and chinstrap penguins.

You may take a Zodiac cruise in search of whales and icebergs one day, followed by a hike to a penguin rookery the next day. From the booming sound of a calving glacier to the thrill of spotting apex

predators like leopard seals and orcas in action, you'll wake up early and welcome each day with a sense of adventure and a desire to explore during this unrivaled wilderness experience.

Your Expedition Team will accompany you all along the way, providing insights into the places you visit.

DAYS 7 AND 8 | CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE

A rite of passage for any Antarctic adventurer, crossing the Drake signals the end of your journey. No matter the sea conditions, you will benefit from having developed your sea legs over the course of the previous four days. While the journey home has begun, your wildlife spotting continues. Your Expedition Team will be available on deck and on the ship's bridge to help you spot the majestic wandering albatross and a number of whale species, such as minke and humpback.

When you're not looking at photos and reminiscing about the previous days, the Expedition Team will conclude their series of engaging presentations on subjects such as marine biology, polar history and glaciology.

DAY 9 | DISEMBARK USHUAIA, ARGENTINA

After a final breakfast aboard the ship, say goodbye to your crew as we disembark in Ushuaia. We'll transfer you to the hotel to check in and then you'll have a chance to explore the town on your own to shop, sightsee and sample Argentinian wine and cuisine.

DAY 10 | DEPART USHUAIA

Today you are free to make your way to the airport for departure, or extend your stay in Ushuaia.



EXPEDITION SPIRIT

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Arrival and Departure Details, and International Flight Planning

DAY 1	DAY 2	EXPEDITION DAYS	DISEMBARKATION DAY	FINAL DAY
<i>In-bound international flight*</i> Arrival and free airport transfer to hotel night	Flight to embarkation point and embarkation	On ship or landing days	Disembarkation and hotel night	Independent airport transfer, International flight onward
<i>* Arrive at the hotel on Day 1 by 3pm or earlier. Day 1 includes a mandatory briefing.</i> <i>International flights are not included in the cost of the voyage.</i>				

As you prepare for your journey, you may be interested in your arrival and departure details. Since international air transportation is not included in the cost of your expedition, you have some flexibility in planning your flights.

Arrival Day and Embarkation

DAY 1 — ARRIVING IN PUNTA ARENAS AND HOTEL NIGHT

Please be sure to book a flight that will land with enough time to arrive at the hotel prior to 1 pm on Day 1 of your expedition. You will be greeted at the airport and transferred to the included group hotel. For passengers arriving before Day 1 of the itinerary, taxis are available to take you from the airport to your hotel for approximately \$50 USD.

On arrival at your hotel, either check in, and then make your way to the Quark Expeditions meeting room, or if you have arrived before check-in begins at 3 pm, you can head directly to the meeting room, which is open from 12 pm. Here you will collect your boots and parka, which you will need for the following day's flight. You will also need to bring the luggage you are planning to travel with to the meeting room, to have it weighed and checked for biosecurity clearance, which may involve vacuuming out any debris from outer clothing and backpacks, part of our commitment to protecting the sensitive Antarctic environment. After these procedures, the mandatory briefing will start at 6 pm in the meeting room. A welcome dinner hosted by a Quark Expeditions representative will follow the briefing.

PLEASE NOTE

It is important that you arrive at the hotel in Punta Arenas no later than 1 p.m., in order to have time for check in, luggage weighing and tagging, boot and parka distribution, and biosecurity clearance, prior to the mandatory briefing at 6 p.m.

DAY 2 — FLIGHT TO KING GEORGE ISLAND AND EMBARKATION

Your flight to Antarctica is expected to depart from Punta Arenas for King George Island on Day 2 of your itinerary, after breakfast. Although the flight is scheduled to depart first thing in the morning, there is significant variability based on weather conditions. You should be prepared to depart the hotel for the airport on our group transfer at any time.

CONTINGENCY PLAN

In the unlikely event that the plane is unable to depart on the planned date of the charter flight, you will be provided with a night of hotel accommodation in Punta Arenas, meals included. You may be required to be on standby and remain close to the hotel, as a weather window may open with very little notice. If the weather is not suitable on Day 3, you will enjoy additional nights of accommodation and meals in Punta Arenas. On Day 4, should the charter flight not be able to take off, Quark Expeditions will officially cancel the voyage and provide a letter for you to submit to your travel insurance provider for coverage of flight changes and other associated non-cruise costs under the trip delay/interruption and cancellation clause. Quark Expeditions will offer a refund of your cruise package and any adventure options in the event of a cancellation as a result of the charter flight being unable to depart as planned.

Quark Expeditions will make every effort to ensure that your program takes place, but due to complex and variable weather conditions, flying in this region is challenging and is beyond our control. Safety is paramount to your expedition, and our pilots follow strict weather assessment procedures.

We strongly recommend that all expedition guests purchase a comprehensive travel insurance policy, including trip delay, cancellation and interruption insurance, in addition to the required medical coverage. Please note that international airfare may not be covered by insurance in the event of a cancellation. Please ask your Polar Travel Adviser about travel insurance.

PLEASE NOTE

There is a **very** strict luggage limit of 39 lbs (18kg) checked luggage and 22lbs (10kg) cabin baggage for this particular voyage. These limits are dictated by the smaller aircraft used for the flights between Punta Arenas and King George Island.

There is NO option to store excess luggage as you'll embark and disembark in different cities/countries. Additionally, there is NO option to pay for additional luggage. Please be mindful of these restrictions when packing for your voyage.

Weather conditions can always delay our arrival, and airline schedule changes have also been known to occur. Booking flexible tickets is always encouraged, as we cannot be held responsible for delays due to unforeseen circumstances.



Final Day and Departure

DISEMBARKATION IN USHUAIA AND ONWARD

Your ship is scheduled to arrive at the pier in Ushuaia, usually between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. Once the ship has docked, you will bid farewell to your Expedition Team and shipmates before completing your disembarkation. The process takes about an hour.

Weather conditions can always change our arrival times, and airline schedule changes have also been known to occur in Argentina. Please book your onward flight from Ushuaia to depart as late in the day as possible or at a date after the end of your expedition. If you have booked a flight that departs before 11 a.m. on the date that your expedition ends, you will be at risk of missing your flight.

Quark Expeditions staff in Ushuaia will reconfirm your domestic flight 48 hours prior to disembarkation, provided you give your information to our team ahead of time.

Arrival and Departure Transfers

PUNTA ARENAS AND USHUAIA AIRPORT TRANSFERS

ARRIVAL: Upon your arrival in Punta Arenas, a group transfer is included from the airport to your included pre-expedition hotel on Day 1 of your itinerary. Group transfers are also included in conjunction with the charter flights to and from Antarctica.

DEPARTURE: After a final breakfast aboard the ship, say goodbye to your crew as we disembark in Ushuaia. We'll transfer you to the hotel to check in, after which you'll have a chance to explore the town on your own to shop, sightsee and sample Argentinian wine and cuisine.

On your final day, you're free to make your way independently to the airport for departure, or extend your stay in Ushuaia.

A departure transfer to the airport in Ushuaia is not included. However, your Polar Travel Adviser can arrange one for you.

In order to facilitate your transfers, we request that you provide your flight details to Quark Expeditions at least 30 days prior to traveling.

PLEASE NOTE

Included Hotel Accommodations:

Your included accommodation begins on Day 1 of your itinerary, and the specific hotel will be indicated on your final voyage confirmation. If you are arriving prior to Day 1 of your expedition or are staying after the disembarkation day and would like help booking a pre- or post-stay, please contact your preferred travel agent or Quark Expeditions for hotel options. As accommodation space is limited, you are encouraged to request any extra nights as early as possible.





Ultramarine



World Explorer



Ocean Explorer

Our Fleet of Small Polar Vessels

Quark Expeditions boasts the most diverse polar-class fleet of any polar operator, and the ability to offer you this incredible voyage on one of our ice strengthened vessels.

The entire Quark Expeditions fleet is built for comfort—and for challenging polar environments, allowing us to take you to places ordinary cruise companies wouldn't dream of going.

Plus, you'll do so while enjoying excellent amenities and superbly comfortable cabins.



Your Ship

OCEAN EXPLORER

Ocean Explorer, the newest addition to our fleet, is modern, elegant and purpose-built for polar exploration. The 138-passenger vessel has been designed with the latest in expedition ship technology. One of the ship's key features is the ULSTEIN X-BOW®, a marine engineering innovation that ensures a comfortable and smooth sailing experience thanks to the inverted bow. Located at the bow is the two-story, light-filled library, which introduces a welcome airiness to the expedition ship. Spacious cabins feature a modern, bespoke Scandinavian design and almost all have verandas. Guests can relax and find comfort in the spacious gym, sauna with large windows, and two outdoor Jacuzzis. *Ocean Explorer* features ample outdoor viewing areas and multi-height outer decks, which are ideal for long-view photography and wildlife viewing. The vessel is equipped with a fleet of 15 Zodiacs that enable guests to get off the ship quickly and safely for off-ship adventures. In addition to the well-appointed and spacious public areas, *Ocean Explorer* has an industry-leading mix of sustainability systems, including fuel-efficient Rolls Royce engines.

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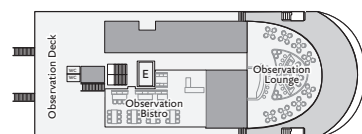
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Guests: 138

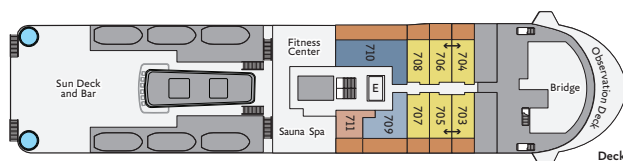
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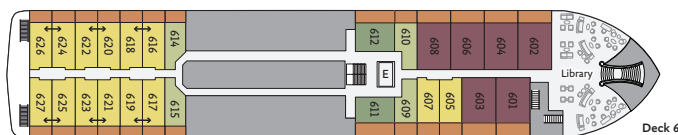
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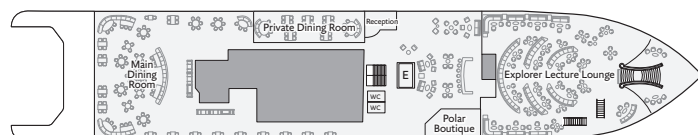
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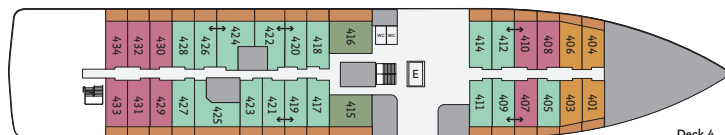
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Deck 3

- Owner's Suite
- Explorer Suite
- Studio Veranda Single
- Royal Veranda Stateroom
- Junior Suite
- Grand Veranda Stateroom
- Studio Veranda Stateroom
- Deluxe Veranda
- Deluxe Veranda Mid
- Deluxe Veranda Fwd
- Studio Double
- Studio Single

Interconnecting Suites

Accessibility modified cabin; please speak to your travel professional for details

■ Balcony



Your Ship

WORLD EXPLORER

A polar powerhouse, *World Explorer*—our first all-suites, all-balcony ice-class ship—lets you discover everything Antarctica has to offer, with the type of service you would experience at premium hotels. *World Explorer* also provides plenty of indoor and outdoor deck spaces to witness the incredible Antarctic wildlife or simply watch the world go by. Enjoy the spacious observation deck for taking in sights outside, the observation lounge with panoramic skyline views, the library for intimate relaxing and reading, and the Explorer Lounge for a drink and a chat. Presentations and discussions are held in a dedicated lecture theater. Health and wellness facilities feature an outdoor running track, small gym and spa—the world's only l'Occitane Spa at Sea—plus an outdoor swimming pool. With its new and environmentally sustainable hybrid technology and state-of-the-art Rolls-Royce engines and generators, *World Explorer* also boasts reduced fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions.

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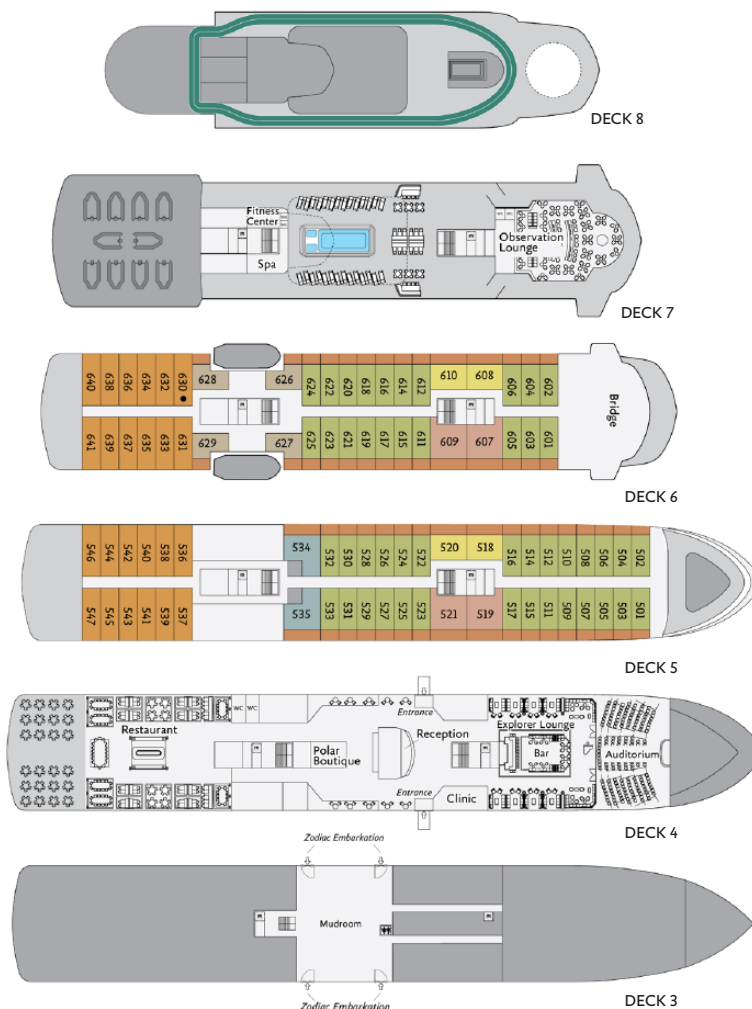
Staff and Crew: 125

Guests: 172

Lifeboats: 2, fully enclosed

Ice Class: 1B

Visit QuarkExpeditions.com to view deck plan details.



- Owner's Suite
- Veranda Suite
- Balcony
- Deluxe Suite
- Infinity Suite
- Superior Suite
- Triple

● Accessibility modified cabin; please speak to your travel professional for details



Included Activities

These are included in your trip package.



Ready for a little adventure beyond your ship? Each Quark Expeditions voyage offers a variety of immersive off-ship activities to enhance your polar experience.

More information about your Included Activities and Adventure Options, including the necessary experience, physical requirements and cost, is available by contacting your Polar Travel Adviser or your travel professional.

ZODIAC CRUISING

Zodiacs—rugged inflatable watercraft—are the workhorses of polar expeditions, taking you to places the ships can't access, allowing you to reach remote shorelines, explore shallow inlets and search for unique wildlife. Expedition staff make stepping in and out of them safe and comfortable, and your Zodiac drivers will provide active interpretation, making the landscape come even more alive.

HIKING

Hiking in Antarctica is free-form and supervised by our expert staff, who set out a perimeter or paths at each landing site within which you are free to explore. While you hike, staff will be available to enhance your experience by answering questions about the wildlife, history and geography of the area.

PRESENTATIONS

Enjoy daily chats with and presentations by our world-class onboard polar experts—expedition guides, specialists, photography guides and other special guests who will introduce you to the fascinating history, biology, ornithology, glaciology and geology of the region, and much, much more.

POLAR PLUNGE

This rite of passage, scheduled only once per expedition, gives you the chance to jump safely into the bracing Antarctic waters under the watchful eye of our staff—and just about every single camera on board!

PHOTOGRAPHY

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is a rewarding experience. Our photography guide will help you hone your skills to capture the beauty of the polar regions.



Adventure Options

These activities cost extra and must be booked in advance of your trip.



SEA KAYAKING

Imagine gliding across the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers. Our Sea Kayaking program is a great way to intimately explore your surroundings. A small group of kayakers will plan to go out multiple times per voyage as an alternative to shore landings or Zodiac cruises.

The number of opportunities to kayak is weather dependent, and will be conducted only during calm conditions. Prior kayaking experience is required, and you must be able to do a wet exit to participate. Beginners interested in kayaking should consider participating in the Paddling Excursion.

PADDLING EXCURSION

If you're interested in kayaking but would like to try something a bit less demanding than Sea Kayaking, you're the perfect candidate to sign up for a one-time paddle on our stable sit-on-top kayaks—perfect for anyone with minimal

or no kayaking experience. Small groups of paddlers will be taken out on calm days, with our expert guides always present to provide instruction and help you connect with the polar sea. Pre-book into one of two priority groups. Any subsequent excursions can be booked on board, and groups will be assigned via a lottery as spaces are limited.

STAND-UP PADDLEBOARDING *Only available on World Explorer*

Combining a surfboard with a kayak, stand-up paddleboarding will give you a very personal and unique perspective on Antarctica. Conducted in small groups—in calm bays and harbors, in good weather conditions—and accompanied by a safety Zodiac, one-time stand-up paddleboarding excursions can be pre-booked into one of two priority groups. Any subsequent excursions can be booked on board, and groups will be assigned via a lottery.



PLEASE NOTE



Pre-booking is required for all paid activities. We recommend booking early, as spaces fill quickly. Please see your pre-departure guide for a list of provided gear for each Adventure Option.



Departure Dates

Antarctic Express: Fly South, Cruise North

OCEAN EXPLORER			Adventure Options	
Dates	Days	Start / End		
ANTARCTIC 2025/2026				
JAN 17 - 26, 2026	10	Punta Arenas/Ushuaia	\$	\$

WORLD EXPLORER			Adventure Options	
Dates	Days	Start / End		
ANTARCTIC 2025/2026				
DEC 20 - 29, 2025	10	Punta Arenas/Ushuaia	\$	\$

Raise a Glass and Stay Connected!

See below for specifics on our complimentary Wi-Fi and bar service, which takes effect November 2024.



Inclusions and Exclusions

Inclusions

RATES INCLUDE:

For all voyages:

- An official Quark Expeditions parka to keep
- Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Team, including shore landings and other activities
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising as per the daily program
- All shore landings as per the daily program
- Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage.
- **NEW** Free beer, standard wines, spirits, and cocktails during bar service hours and dinner
- Complimentary coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock
- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled
- A photographic journal documenting your expedition
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
- Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin
- **NEW** Complimentary Wi-Fi service on one device permitting basic Internet browsing, email, posting on social media and voice applications. (Premium packages are available for more data-intensive applications.)

- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- All luggage handling aboard the ship
- Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person
- A group arrival transfer in Punta Arenas from airport to pre-expedition hotel on Day 1
- One night's pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Punta Arenas with breakfast. (Note: The number of guests per room is the same as cabin occupancy on the ship. Due to limited availability, travelers who reserve a suite on board are accommodated in standard rooms at the hotel. Triple rooms may not be available.)
- A briefing dinner on Day 1 in Punta Arenas
- A pre-expedition group transfer in Punta Arenas from the hotel to the airport
- Flight from Punta Arenas to King George Island
- Group Transfer from ship to hotel for post night
- Post-voyage hotel night in Ushuaia.

Exclusions

RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

For all voyages:

- International airfare
- Passport and applicable visa expenses
- Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned
- Meals unless otherwise specified
- Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended
- Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic flights
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac landing and cruising excursions, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, spa services and other personal charges, unless specified
- Phone charges may vary by location
- Our basic complimentary Wi-Fi service does not include Premium packages which enable more data-intensive applications
- Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for expedition staff and shipboard crew
- Additional overnight accommodation
- Arrival and departure transfers, except where explicitly stated
- Adventure Options not listed in Included Activities
- Transfer to airport at end of trip.



Your Expedition Team

Our Expedition Leaders—the best in the industry—and their teams share their diverse expertise in subjects as varied as polar history, marine biology, glaciology, ornithology and photography. Their knowledge and enthusiasm will greatly enhance your immersion into the polar environment and further deepen your connection to the Antarctic.

With 33 years of experience bringing passengers to remote Polar Regions and an industry-leading staff-to-guest ratio, we know how to safely handle the unexpected. Ensuring this hard-earned experience is passed on, all our expedition staff undergo comprehensive training at Quark Academy, which provides hands-on polar expedition training prior to any staff member's first voyage, as well as ongoing training for experienced staff.





One of the many historic churches in Buenos Aires

Extend Your Trip

PRE- AND POST-EXPEDITION TRIP EXTENSIONS

Since you're traveling such a long way, you may want to spend extra time in Buenos Aires. We have a variety of pre- and post-expedition packages in this captivating city, known as the tango capital of the world. Enjoy an extensive city tour, take in a tango show and explore the unique neighborhoods of Recoleta, Palermo and San Telmo. Savor Argentine barbecue at a steakhouse (*parrilla*), then stroll the tree-lined boulevards and marvel at the historic architecture.

Take an extended tour from Buenos Aires to Iguazú Falls, and, if you're daring, walk the catwalks over the falls.

Upon arrival in Ushuaia, you can take in its unique museums, incredible hiking, and Patagonian cuisine. Spend a day in nearby Tierra del Fuego National Park, marvelling at the mountains, birdlife, waterfalls and forests.



Iguazú Falls



Ushuaia Maritime Museum

To discover the best options for extending your adventure, get in touch with your Travel Professional or a Polar Travel Adviser for seamless, worry-free booking of all trip extensions.

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Meals on Board

If there is one constant on board, it is that you'll enjoy delicious meals daily. While meal times may change due to landings and wildlife encounters, you'll always be served three well-prepared meals per day. Most dietary restrictions can be accommodated by letting us know prior to your expedition.

Breakfasts and lunches are normally served buffet style, while dinners are served plated. À la carte meals are made at the time of your order, allowing our chefs to prepare each dish to your individual needs, ensuring you receive top-quality meals during the course of your expedition.

Complimentary coffee, tea, cocoa and water stations are available around the clock, while soft drinks and juices are available during meals and when the bar is open—all included in the cost of your package.

NEW Enjoy free beer, standard wines, spirits, and cocktails during bar service hours and dinner as part of our new “Raise a Glass and Stay Connected Free” program. Premium wines and champagne are available at extra cost and can be billed to your shipboard account. The well-stocked bars on the ship are open late morning, afternoon and evening, though hours may occasionally change to accommodate the expedition schedule.





Possible Excursions

When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. The following is a sample of what you may experience on your expedition, whether by ship, Zodiac cruise, or shore landing.

Antarctic Peninsula

CIERVA COVE

Cierva Cove boasts jaw dropping icebergs and a glaciated backdrop. A massive glacial face regularly calves into the bay, often leaving spectacular floating ice. Seals can be spotted on ice floes, and later in the season, humpback whales occasionally feed in the icy waters.

CUVERVILLE ISLAND

Rising out of the mouth of the Errera Channel, this tall, steep island is covered by a colorful spectrum of lichens and mosses. A large gentoo penguin rookery is situated on a rocky beach at the north end of the island. Depending on when in the season you arrive, you may see the penguins building nests, incubating eggs, or attending to their chicks.

DAMOY POINT

Damoy Point is the site of a historical ice runway used by the British Antarctic Survey for their flights further south since 1975. The well-maintained hut was used as a staging-post to store supplies and for accommodation while awaiting ideal flying conditions. The point is also home to a penguin rookery and allows for spectacular views of the mountains of Anvers Island.

DANCO ISLAND

Home to gentoo penguins, this small dome-shaped island provides you with a stunning view of the Errera Channel and excellent Zodiac cruising opportunities.

ENTERPRISE ISLAND

Located in Wilhelmina Bay, this island's protected coves were once used by whalers. A Zodiac cruise exploring the island passes the rusting remains of a wrecked whaling ship, and provides opportunities to search for humpback whales.

LEMAIRE CHANNEL

One of the most scenic locations on the peninsula's west coast, this dramatic



strait runs between the towering cliffs of Booth Island and the Antarctic Peninsula. The channel may become impassable when ice fills the narrow, 6.8-mile (11 km)-long passageway, so we'll hope for clear waters.

MELCHIOR ISLANDS

This group of low, glaciated islands in Dallmann Bay is where you may see hauled-out male fur seals as they recuperate from their battles for supremacy at the end of their breeding season.

MIKKELSEN HARBOR

Located on the south side of Trinity Island and surrounded by stunning ice cliffs and several reefs, Mikkelsen Harbor is a 1.86-mile (3 km)-wide bay, discovered by a Swedish Antarctic expedition in 1901-04. Enjoy a Zodiac cruise of the beautiful waters, or if conditions allow, land at D'Hainaut Island, home to an Argentine refuge hut and whaling remains in the form of a wooden boat

and whale skeletons. Weddell seals are often seen in the area and a gentoo penguin rookery is situated on the island.

NEKO HARBOUR

Little evidence remains that this bay was once used by the floating whale factory ship *Neko*. You might see whale vertebrae being used by resident gentoo penguins as shelter from the wind.

PARADISE HARBOR

Paradise Harbor is a wide bay and natural harbor on the West Antarctic Peninsula. Mountains, glaciers and ice cliffs offer spectacular views. Icebergs occasionally calve from the glaciers, providing a place for seals, penguins and seabirds to rest and play. An Argentine base, Almirante Brown Station—named after Admiral Guillermo Brown, father of the Argentine Navy—is also located in Paradise Harbor, and was operated from 1951 until a large section of it burned down in 1984. It has since been partially rebuilt and today is used during summer months for scientific research.

PETERMANN ISLAND

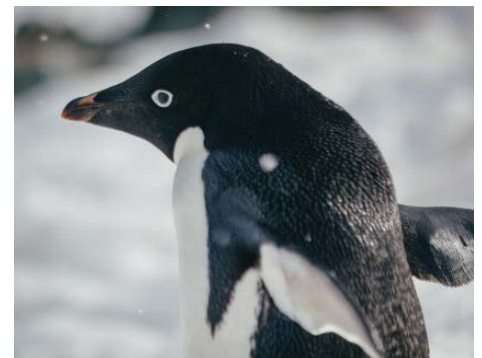
Here, near the Lemaire Channel, you can stand ashore and see the southernmost breeding colony of gentoo penguins. Adélie penguins, shags and south polar skuas also inhabit the island.

PORT LOCKROY

As part of Operation Tabarin during the Second World War, a secret British base was built in this sheltered harbor, located on the west side of Wiencke Island. Now a designated historic site, the base is a museum and post office. Proceeds from your purchases in Port Lockroy support the UK Antarctic Heritage Trust, which preserves British and other historic sites dating to the Heroic Age of Exploration. A large gentoo penguin population resides here.

WILHELMINA BAY

Humpback whales abound in “Whale-mina Bay,” as it's nicknamed, and the scenery is spectacular. Sheer cliffs and glaciers surround the calm waters of the protected bay, named after Wilhelmina,



queen of the Netherlands from 1890 to 1948. If you're lucky, you may see the humpbacks bubble-net feeding: they exhale while swimming in a wide circle below the surface, trapping krill in a "net" of bubbles, and then swim straight up from below, mouths open, to engulf their prey. A truly astounding sight!

South Shetland Islands

AITCHO ISLANDS

This group of small islands is situated in the northern entrance of the English Strait. You can often spot a great mix of wildlife in the area, with gentoo and chinstrap penguins having established rookeries on the islands. Southern elephant, fur and Weddell seals frequently haul out here, too.

DECEPTION ISLAND

Deception Island is a flooded circular caldera formed by the collapse of an active volcano. To reach this protected harbor, it is necessary to sail through a narrow passage called Neptune's Bellows. Inside are several bays used at

various times for whaling and scientific research. Along with waddling penguins and lounging seals, you'll see the rusting remains of whaling operations on the beach in some locations. The landscape of Deception Island often presents opportunities for longer walks to striking vistas. The stark contrast between snow and dark volcanic sand and the steam along the shoreline from geothermic activity when the tide is right, gives this location an atmospheric feel.

HALF MOON ISLAND

This crescent-shaped island was known to sealers as early as 1821. While they tried to keep this productive location secret, we're happy to bring you ashore on this impressive island. Many Antarctic birds breed here, including chinstrap penguins, shags, Wilson's storm petrels, kelp gulls, snowy sheathbills, Antarctic terns and skuas.

HANNAH POINT

On the southern coast of Livingston Island at Hannah Point, you may see chinstrap and gentoo penguin rookeries,

along with the occasional breeding macaroni penguin. Due to the rather congested area available to the nesting penguins, we are able to visit here only after January 10.

TURRET POINT

Chinstrap and Adélie penguin rookeries are found on this point, situated on the south coast of King George Island. The beaches here are often crowded with southern elephant, fur and Weddell seals hauled out on the rocks.

YANKEE HARBOUR

Gentoo penguins have established a rookery at this harbor, situated on the southwest side of Greenwich Island. Here, you can see an abandoned Argentine refuge hut and a large glacier that stretches along the east and north sides of the bay. An abandoned sealing try pot is all that remains of the activity that brought men thousands of miles in tall ships to seek their fortune. Enjoy a rare chance for a longer walk along the expansive beach, dotted with historical artifacts and wildlife.



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What to pack on your Antarctic expedition

BY SEA

All transfers ship to shore and Zodiac/ship cruising.

- ☐ Waterproof pants (mandatory for every Zodiac ride)
- ☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic top*
- ☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic bottom*
- ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece top*
- ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece bottom*
- ☐ Warm wool or synthetic socks (keep a dry pair in your bag, and bring extras for layering)
- ☐ Glove liners * ☐ Hand and feet warmers* ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ Waterproof gloves or mitts (bring an extra pair)
- ☐ Scarf, buff, or other face protection
- ☐ Warm hat that covers ears (bring an extra)
- ☐ Waterproof, lightweight backpack or dry sack and/or rain sleeve for camera or a waterproof phone case (to keep camera and gear dry)
- ☐ Polarized sunglasses with UV protection (consider bringing an eyewear retainer: string/clip etc.)
- ☐ Ski goggles (for Zodiac cruising on snowy or windy days)

*recommended layering depending on the conditions of the day and reflecting your personal thermo-regulation comfort levels.

BY LAND (Shore Excursions and Hiking)

In addition to the gear requirements (as above) mandatory for the transit from ship to shore, it is recommended to bring:

- ☐ Hat, buff or scarf (for wind and weather protection)
- ☐ UV protection (sun hat, polarized sun glasses, sun block, lip balm etc.)
- ☐ Collapsible walking sticks for hikes (if required)
Quantities are available to borrow on every vessel
- ☐ Additional reusable (thermos-regulating) water bottle
(in addition to the reusable collapsible water bottle provided)

WHAT TO BRING! Packing for the Polar Regions doesn't have to be daunting, and to make it easier for you, all Quark Expeditions voyages include a Quark parka to keep, and a loan of insulated waterproof boots. Additional suggested items include:

TO WEAR ON BOARD

- ☐ The complimentary Quark 3-in-1 Parka provided on board is designed with a waterproof shell that can be worn out on deck, and a removable liner that you can wear to stay comfortable indoors)
- ☐ Comfortable casual clothing like lighter shirts, pants or jeans, etc. (in case the ship gets warm)
- ☐ Comfortable non-slip closed-toed, heelless shoes (flip flops, sandals or slip-on shoes should not be worn on board due to safety concerns)
- ☐ Workout attire (for the fitness center!)
- ☐ Swimsuit (for the Polar Plunge! Some vessels may also have a pool, hot tub, sauna and/or steam room. See your ship book for details.)

Just a reminder: No formal evening wear required on our voyages but if you would like to bring something a little more dressy for the Captain's welcome and farewell cocktails you may certainly do so!

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- ☐ Passport, visas, immunization records, travel documents, etc. as required
- ☐ Camera gear—complete with charger, storage medium, transport and cleaning kit (lens cloth etc.) and extra batteries
- ☐ Reusable waterproof bags or plastic bags with zippers (to keep small items organized and cameras dry)
- ☐ Voltage converters and plug adapters (see ship book for details)
- ☐ Seasickness, indigestion, headache, or other medications
- ☐ Earplugs and eye masks for sleeping
- ☐ Moisturizer for face and hands (skin dryness due to wind and temperature changes)
- ☐ Credit card and small amount of local currency (see pre-departure book for more details)

- › To view our packing checklist online, visit:
QuarkExpeditions.com/What-to-Pack/Antarctica
- › Related topics are covered on our Frequently Asked Questions page:
QuarkExpeditions.com/Frequently-Asked-Questions



Scan this QR code or [click here](#) to watch our video on what to pack before you go!

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND TEMPERATURES

Polar weather is extremely variable; temperatures may hover around the freezing mark and winds can be strong. The extended daylight warms sheltered areas so that you may sometimes find it warm enough for t-shirts. However, you may encounter rain, snow squalls, fog and white-outs during an expedition and should be ready for any conditions.

TO BOOK YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE

Contact your Travel Professional



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Falklands (Malvinas), South Georgia and Antarctica

Explorers and Kings



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Overview

20-day Falklands (Malvinas), South Georgia and Antarctica: Explorers and Kings

The Antarctic region offers so many extraordinary things to see and do, and traveling with Quark Expeditions offers multiple options to personalize your experience. We've designed this guide to help you identify what interests you most, so that you can start planning your version of the perfect Antarctic expedition.

The 20-day *Falklands (Malvinas), South Georgia and Antarctica* itinerary is a fantastic way to get to the rarely visited Falkland Islands and South Georgia before setting foot on the 7th Continent. Stroll the quaint English village of Stanley in the Falklands, wander the islands' sandy dunes, and birdwatch at rugged seabird cliffs. In South Georgia, discover the beaches where king penguins breed—one of the highest densities of animal life on Earth, and learn about the rich historical legacy of the places you visit. Both islands are known as meccas for wildlife with epic displays of animals congregating by the thousands. Then, explore the stunning Antarctic Peninsula and enter a world of ice, snow and natural wonders. Pursue your personal passions with a choice of rewarding activities and our extensive educational program.

Antarctica has been inspiring explorers for centuries and our expeditions offer the chance for you to discover why. We're excited to host you on your unforgettable adventure! Feel free to reach out to our team of Polar Travel Advisers who can answer your questions and provide assistance at any time.



EXPEDITION IN BRIEF



Explore Antarctica with the best expedition in the industry



Wander the quaint British town of Stanley



See South Georgia's incredible wildlife



Follow in the wake of Sir Ernest Shackleton's perilous voyages to South Georgia and visit his grave site



Explore the Antarctic Peninsula by ship, Zodiac, kayak and foot



Enjoy presentations by our onboard polar experts



Enjoy an optional kayaking excursion



Itinerary

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN USHUAIA, ARGENTINA

Your gateway for this expedition is Ushuaia, Argentina. Located within the Tierra del Fuego archipelago, Ushuaia has a small-town feel yet boasts many shops, museums, cafés and restaurants that you can enjoy before your voyage. If you're feeling adventurous, the nearby Tierra del Fuego National Park and Martial Glacier offer plenty of outdoor activities, such as hiking.

DAY 2 | EMBARK

As you embark, the anticipation grows. Trade your land legs for sea legs, meet and greet your fellow travelers and get acquainted with your ship. Since every Antarctic adventure presents new opportunities and experiences, embarkation day is just as exciting for your Expedition Team as it is for you. On board your team will be there both

to ensure your comfort and safety as well as help make your wildlife dreams come true.

DAY 3 | AT SEA

Your days at sea are filled with presentations led by your Expedition Team on photography, wildlife, glaciology, and history. In between presentations, spend time on deck looking for wildlife or chatting with your shipmates over a drink at the bar.

DAYS 4 & 5 | FALKLAND ISLANDS (ISLAS MALVINAS)

Upon your arrival in the Falklands (Malvinas), your camera will get its first real workout capturing the abundant wildlife and rugged feel of this sub-Antarctic region. The archipelago contains two main islands, East Falkland and West Falkland, which you will explore during daily excursions.



**FALKLANDS (MALVINAS),
SOUTH GEORGIA AND ANTARCTICA**
Explorers and Kings

— On board the *Ocean Explorer*

Stanley, also known as Port Stanley, is often a favored landing site, as the town offers a unique British outpost feel, complete with eclectic charm. You'll be free to explore, grab a pint at the local pub or visit the cathedral and museum.

In terms of wildlife, the archipelago is home to Magellanic, gentoo and southern rockhopper penguins. If you're lucky, you may even spot king penguins here as well! You can expect to see black-browed albatross, plus two endemic bird species—the flightless Falkland steamer duck and, possibly, the elusive Cobb's wren.

Your expert education team will enrich your understanding of the local flora and fauna, making the most out of your time in the Falklands.

DAYS 6 & 7 | AT SEA

Sailing southeast to South Georgia, you'll officially enter Antarctic waters once you cross the Antarctic Convergence, an invisible biological boundary encircling the continent. This meeting of oceans, where the cold Antarctic waters mix

and mingle with the warmer waters of the Indian, Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, helps nourish the abundance of krill that attracts whales, seals, and birdlife to this part of the world. Your Expedition Team will notify you when you cross this invisible yet important line, and also look out for the seabirds and marine life that frequent this nutrient-rich area.

DAYS 8-11 | SOUTH GEORGIA

This remote, mountainous island was a popular stop for many historic Antarctic expeditions and was once known for whale- and seal-hunting. Today, island wildlife populations are rebounding, but you'll still see remnants of old whaling stations and other abandoned outposts.

One significant and historic site is the grave of the great explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton. You can visit his grave at the settlement of Grytviken, which is also home to an old whaling station, plus a museum, gift shop, church and small research station.

Although South Georgia's history is an important attraction to the island, its

incredible densities of wildlife make it truly memorable. Each landing you make on South Georgia, often referred to as the Galapagos of the Southern Sea, will open your eyes to the wondrous lives of new, enthralling creatures.

One day you may see colonies with hundreds of thousands of pairs of king penguins waddling on shore, and the next, you may visit another beach inhabited by hundreds of fur or elephant seals. The grasses, mountains and beaches of South Georgia all play an important role in the breeding and survival of different species on the island. This fragile and interwoven relationship is something your Expedition Team will instill in you during your time here.

DAYS 12 & 13 | AT SEA

Say goodbye to the king penguins as you leave for your next destination: Antarctica! Your days at sea are filled with presentations, workshops, and social activities led by your Expedition Team.



If conditions allow, we may attempt landfall on the South Orkney Islands, our first official stop in Antarctica.

DAYS 14-17 | SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS AND ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

The most common reaction upon reaching the Antarctic Continent is a sense of reverence and awe. The experience is beyond words, since few places are as untouched and enduring as Antarctica.

You will discover that Antarctica is a land of extremes. At one moment you'll be overcome with a feeling of complete isolation and silence, and at the next moment you'll be inspired by nature as a calving glacier crashes into a brilliant blue sea or a curious penguin waddles by to observe the human.

Your Expedition Team will take care of you at each excursion, whether you are Zodiac cruising, visiting a historical site or consorting with penguin colonies.

Chinstrap, Adélie and gentoo penguins are found here, along with Weddell, fur, crabeater and leopard seals. During Zodiac cruises, keep an eye out for Antarctic whales such as minke, as you may get a chance for an intimate experience with these majestic animals. Each day and each excursion will present a new collection of creatures to entertain you and keep your camera busy.

As exciting as the Zodiac excursions and landings are, perhaps you'll treat yourself to an extra-special Antarctic experience by partaking in an optional paddling excursion (at an extra cost) or cast reason aside and jump into Antarctic waters for the Polar Plunge!

DAYS 18 & 19 | CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE

After more than two weeks of endless wildlife encounters, your journey home begins. Crossing the Drake is your unofficial rite of passage, completing your Antarctic adventure.

Enjoy your final moments celebrating with your fellow shipmates and savor the silence of the sea as long as you can.

DAY 20 | DISEMBARK IN USHUAIA

After breakfast aboard the ship, it is time to part ways and say goodbye to your Expedition Team. Airport transfers will be provided for those departing on the first homeward flights. Other guests will be transferred to town.

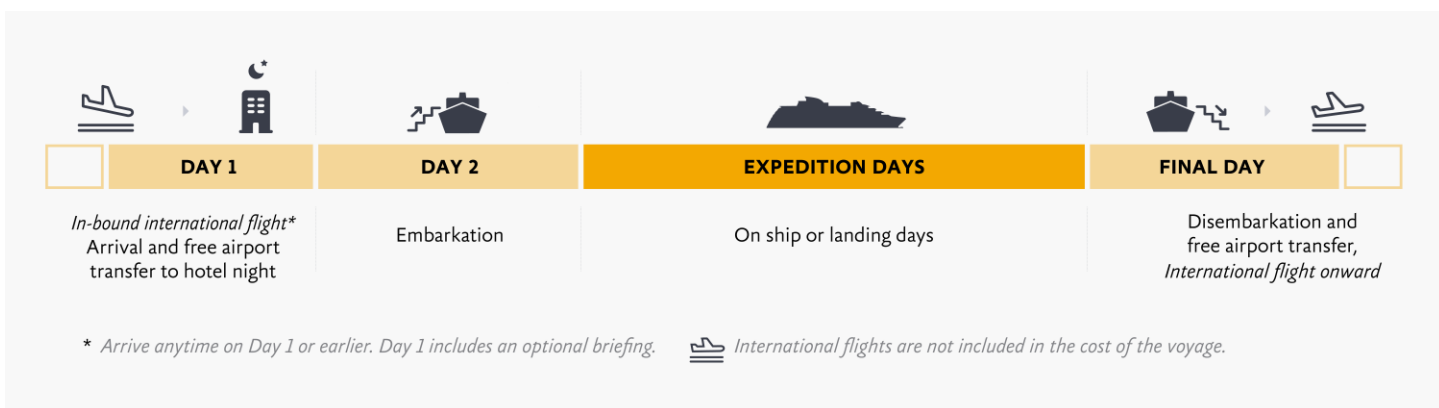


EXPEDITION SPIRIT

Embracing the unexpected is part of the legacy—and excitement—of expedition travel. When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. This itinerary is a tentative outline of what you may experience on this voyage; please be aware that no specific itinerary can be guaranteed. By the same token, wildlife encounters as described are expected, but not guaranteed. Your Expedition Team will use their considerable experience to seek out wildlife in known habitats, but the presence of any particular species of bird or marine wildlife is not guaranteed.



Arrival and Departure Details, and International Flight Planning



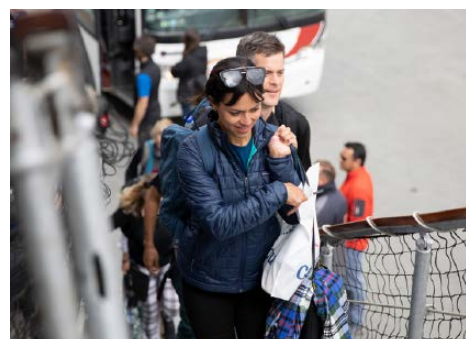
As you prepare for your journey, you may be interested in your arrival and departure details. Since international air transportation is not included in the cost of your expedition, you have some flexibility in planning your flights.

Arrival Day and Embarkation

DAY 1 — ARRIVING IN USHUAIA AND HOTEL NIGHT

You may arrive in Ushuaia at any time during Day 1 of your itinerary. Ushuaia and its mountainous surroundings are destinations worth exploring, so we do encourage you to arrive a day or two before your expedition. Based on the arrival information you send us, we will arrange for a transfer from the airport to your hotel.

A Quark Expeditions representative will be available to answer your questions in the lobby of your hotel in Ushuaia during your optional pre-departure briefing on Day 1, at 6 pm.



DAY 2 — EMBARKATION IN USHUAIA

On the morning of Day 2, your luggage will be collected from the lobby of your hotel, transferred to the ship and stored in your cabin.

Ship embarkation will occur on Day 2 of your itinerary, usually around 4 pm. You and your shipmates will meet at a designated location near the pier, and board the waiting buses for transfer to the ship. Information about embarkation will be posted in your Ushuaia hotel and discussed during your optional pre-departure meeting on Day 1.

Final Day and Departure

DISSEMBARKATION IN USHUAIA AND ONWARD

Your ship is scheduled to arrive at the pier in Ushuaia, usually between 7am and 8am. Once the ship has docked, you will bid farewell to your Expedition Team and shipmates before completing your disembarkation. The process takes about an hour.

Weather conditions can always change our arrival times, and airline schedule changes have also been known to occur in Argentina. Please book your flight home from Ushuaia to depart as late in the day as possible or at a date after the end of your expedition. If you have booked a flight that departs before noon on the date that your expedition ends, you will be at risk of missing your flight.

Quark Expeditions staff in Ushuaia will reconfirm your domestic flight 48 hours prior to disembarkation, provided you give your information to our team ahead of time.

Arrival and Departure Transfers

USHUAIA AIRPORT TRANSFERS

ARRIVAL: A group transfer in Ushuaia is included from the airport to your included pre-expedition hotel on Day 1 of your itinerary.

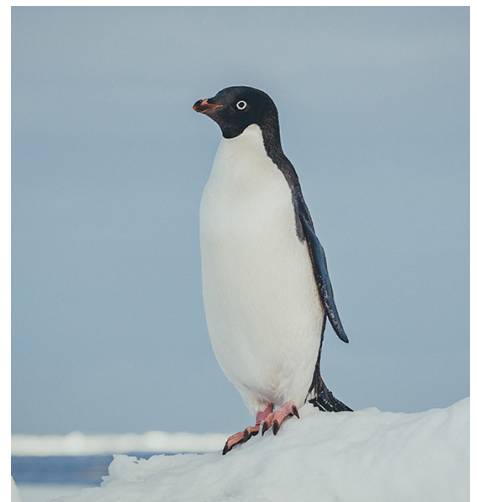
DEPARTURE: A group departure transfer is included from the ship to the airport on the final day of your itinerary. If your flight is later in the day, you may opt to transfer to our luggage storage facility instead and enjoy further activities in Ushuaia on your own. Access to luggage storage is available until 6pm on the disembarkation day only. You will need to arrange your own transfer to the airport if you do not take advantage of the included transfer or if you are leaving Ushuaia after the disembarkation day.

In order to facilitate your transfers, we request that you provide your flight details to Quark Expeditions at least 30 days prior to traveling.

PLEASE NOTE

Included Hotel Accommodations:

Your included accommodation begins on Day 1 of your itinerary, and the specific hotel will be indicated on your final voyage confirmation. Ushuaia accommodations trend toward mid-range properties, and hotel space is limited. A particular property cannot be guaranteed, but space is most often booked at Hotel Las Lenguas, Hotel Los Acebos, and Albatros Hotel. If you are arriving prior to Day 1 of your expedition or are staying after the disembarkation day and would like help booking a pre- or post-stay, please contact your preferred travel agent or Quark Expeditions for hotel options. As accommodation space is limited, you are encouraged to request any extra nights as early as possible.





Ultramarine



World Explorer



Ocean Explorer

Our Fleet of Small Polar Vessels

Quark Expeditions boasts the most diverse polar-class fleet of any polar operator, and the ability to offer you this incredible voyage on one of our ice strengthened vessels.

The entire Quark Expeditions fleet is built for comfort—and for challenging polar environments, allowing us to take you to places ordinary cruise companies wouldn't dream of going.

Plus, you'll do so while enjoying excellent amenities and superbly comfortable cabins.



Your Ship

OCEAN EXPLORER

Ocean Explorer, the newest addition to our fleet, is modern, elegant and purpose-built for polar exploration. The 138-passenger vessel has been designed with the latest in expedition ship technology. One of the ship's key features is the ULSTEIN X-BOW®, a marine engineering innovation that ensures a comfortable and smooth sailing experience thanks to the inverted bow. Located at the bow is the two-story, light-filled library, which introduces a welcome airiness to the expedition ship. Spacious cabins feature a modern, bespoke Scandinavian design and almost all have verandas. Guests can relax and find comfort in the spacious gym, sauna with large windows, and two outdoor Jacuzzis. *Ocean Explorer* features ample outdoor viewing areas and multi-height outer decks, which are ideal for long-view photography and wildlife viewing. The vessel is equipped with a fleet of 15 Zodiacs that enable guests to get off the ship quickly and safely for off-ship adventures. In addition to the well-appointed and spacious public areas, *Ocean Explorer* has an industry-leading mix of sustainability systems, including fuel-efficient Rolls Royce engines.

SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

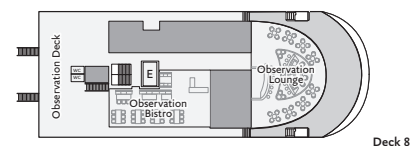
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Guests: 138

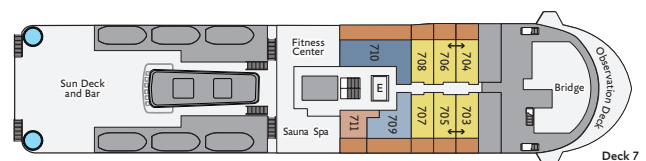
Lifeboats: 2

Ice Class: 1A, PC6

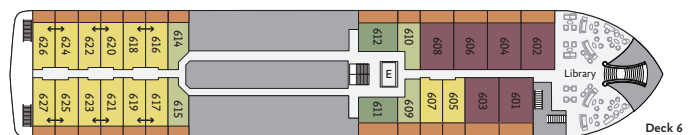
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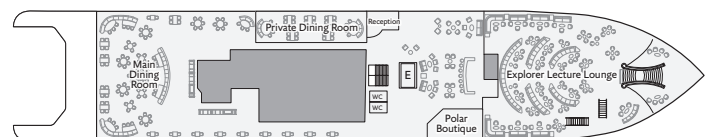
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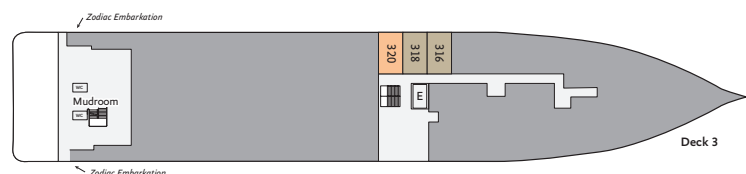
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Deck 3

- Owner's Suite
- Junior Suite
- Deluxe Veranda Mid
- Explorer Suite
- Grand Veranda Stateroom
- Deluxe Veranda Fwd
- Studio Veranda Single
- Studio Veranda Stateroom
- Studio Double
- Royal Veranda Stateroom
- Deluxe Veranda
- Studio Single

Interconnecting Suites

Accessibility modified cabin; please speak to your travel professional for details

Balcony



Included Activities

These are included in your trip package.



Ready for a little adventure beyond your ship? Each Quark Expeditions voyage offers a variety of immersive off-ship activities to enhance your polar experience.

ZODIAC CRUISING

Zodiacs—rugged inflatable watercraft—are the workhorses of polar expeditions, taking you to places the ships can't access, allowing you to reach remote shorelines, explore shallow inlets and search for unique wildlife. Expedition

staff make stepping in and out of them safe and comfortable, and your Zodiac drivers will provide active interpretation, making the landscape come even more alive.

HIKING

Hiking in Antarctica is free-form and supervised by our expert staff, who set out a perimeter or paths at each landing site within which you are free to explore. While you hike, staff will be available to enhance your experience by answering questions about the wildlife, history and geography of the area.

PRESENTATIONS

Enjoy daily chats with and presentations by our world-class onboard polar experts—expedition guides, specialists, photography guides and other special guests who will introduce you to the fascinating history, biology, ornithology, glaciology and geology of the region, and much, much more.

POLAR PLUNGE

This rite of passage, scheduled only once per expedition, gives you the chance to jump safely into the bracing Antarctic waters under the watchful eye of our staff—and just about every single camera on board!

PHOTOGRAPHY

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is a rewarding experience. Our photography guide will help you hone your skills to capture the beauty of the polar regions.

More information about your Included Activities and Adventure Options, including the necessary experience, physical requirements and cost, is available by contacting your Polar Travel Adviser or your travel professional.



Adventure Options

These activities cost extra and must be booked in advance of your trip.



SEA KAYAKING

Imagine gliding across the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers. Our Sea Kayaking program is a great way to intimately explore your surroundings. A small group of kayakers will plan to go out multiple times per voyage as an alternative to shore landings or Zodiac cruises.

The number of opportunities to kayak is weather dependent, and will be conducted only during calm conditions. Prior kayaking experience is required, and you must be able to do a wet exit to participate. Beginners interested in kayaking should consider participating in the Paddling Excursion.



PLEASE NOTE

For all paid activities pre-booking is required. We recommend booking early as spaces fill quickly. Please see your pre-departure guide for a list of provided gear for each Adventure Option.

PADDLING EXCURSION

If you're interested in kayaking but would like to try something a bit less demanding than Sea Kayaking, you're the perfect candidate to sign up for a one-time paddle on our stable sit-on-top kayaks—perfect for anyone with minimal or no kayaking experience. Small groups of paddlers will be taken out on calm days,

with our expert guides always present to provide instruction and help you connect with the polar sea. Pre-book into one of two priority groups. Any subsequent excursions can be booked on board, and groups will be assigned via a lottery as spaces are limited.

CAMPING

Treat yourself to an overnight camping adventure in Antarctica! This is one of the best ways to experience Antarctica in an intimate manner, taking your expedition to the next level. Camping is available on most early-season Antarctic voyages. A mandatory onboard safety briefing gets you fully prepped and ready for an unforgettable night of sleeping under the Antarctic summer sky. Dress warmly and eat a hearty meal before you head out, as no food is allowed ashore. You will be provided with an insulating mat, sleeping bag, and bivy sack (a breathable waterproof outer bag) to keep you comfortable and dry while you sleep on top of the snow. Our popular camping options have limited availability, so book early to secure your space.






Departure Dates

Falklands (Malvinas), South Georgia and Antarctica: Explorers and Kings

OCEAN EXPLORER

Adventure Options

Dates	Days	Start / End			
ANTARCTIC 2025/2026					
NOV 13 - DEC 2, 2025	20	Ushuaia	\$	\$	\$

Raise a Glass and Stay Connected!

See below for specifics on our complimentary Wi-Fi and bar service, which takes effect November 2024.



Inclusions and Exclusions

Inclusions

RATES INCLUDE:

For all voyages:

- An official Quark Expeditions parka to keep
- Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Team, including shore landings and other activities
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising as per the daily program
- All shore landings as per the daily program
- Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage.
- **NEW** Free beer, standard wines, spirits, and cocktails during bar service hours and dinner
- Complimentary coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock
- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled
- A photographic journal documenting your expedition
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
- Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin
- **NEW** Complimentary Wi-Fi service on one device permitting basic Internet browsing, email, posting on social media and voice applications. (Premium packages are available for more data-intensive applications.)
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- All luggage handling aboard the ship
- Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person
- Group arrival transfer in Ushuaia from airport to pre-expedition hotel on Day 1
- One night's pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Ushuaia with breakfast. (Note: The number of guests per room is the same as cabin occupancy on the ship. Due to limited availability, travelers who reserve a suite on board are accommodated in standard rooms at the hotel. Triple rooms may not be available.)
- Group transfer from hotel to ship on embarkation day
- Group departure transfer upon disembarkation in Ushuaia from ship to local airport or to luggage.

Exclusions

RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

For all voyages:

- International airfare
- Passport and applicable visa expenses
- Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned
- Meals unless otherwise specified
- Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended
- Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic flights
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac landing and cruising excursions, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, spa services and other personal charges, unless specified
- Phone charges may vary by location
- Our basic complimentary Wi-Fi service does not include Premium packages which enable more data-intensive applications
- Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for expedition staff and shipboard crew
- Additional overnight accommodation
- Arrival and departure transfers, except where explicitly stated
- Adventure Options not listed in Included Activities.



Your Expedition Team

Our Expedition Leaders—the best in the industry—and their teams share their diverse expertise in subjects as varied as polar history, marine biology, glaciology, ornithology and photography. Their knowledge and enthusiasm will greatly enhance your immersion into the polar environment and further deepen your connection to the Antarctic.

With 33 years of experience bringing passengers to remote Polar Regions and an industry-leading staff-to-guest ratio, we know how to safely handle the unexpected. Ensuring this hard-earned experience is passed on, all our expedition staff undergo comprehensive training at Quark Academy, which provides hands-on polar expedition training prior to any staff member's first voyage, as well as ongoing training for experienced staff.





One of the many historic churches in Buenos Aires

Extend Your Trip

PRE- AND POST-EXPEDITION TRIP EXTENSIONS

Since you're traveling such a long way, you may want to spend extra time in Buenos Aires. We have a variety of pre- and post-expedition packages in this captivating city, known as the tango capital of the world. Enjoy an extensive city tour, take in a tango show and explore the unique neighborhoods of Recoleta, Palermo and San Telmo. Savor Argentine barbecue at a steakhouse (*parrilla*), then stroll the tree-lined boulevards and marvel at the historic architecture.

Take an extended tour from Buenos Aires to Iguazú Falls, and, if you're daring, walk the catwalks over the falls.

Upon arrival in Ushuaia, you can take in its unique museums, incredible hiking, and Patagonian cuisine. Spend a day in nearby Tierra del Fuego National Park, marvelling at the mountains, birdlife, waterfalls and forests.



Iguazú Falls



Ushuaia Maritime Museum

To discover the best options for extending your adventure, get in touch with your Travel Professional or a Polar Travel Adviser for seamless, worry-free booking of all trip extensions.

Raise a Glass and Stay Connected!

See below for specifics on our complimentary Wi-Fi and bar service, which takes effect November 2024.



Meals on Board

If there is one constant on board, it is that you'll enjoy delicious meals daily. While meal times may change due to landings and wildlife encounters, you'll always be served three well-prepared meals per day. Most dietary restrictions can be accommodated by letting us know prior to your expedition.

Breakfasts and lunches are normally served buffet style, while dinners are served plated. À la carte meals are made at the time of your order, allowing our chefs to prepare each dish to your individual needs, ensuring you receive top-quality meals during the course of your expedition.

Complimentary coffee, tea, cocoa and water stations are available around the clock, while soft drinks and juices are available during meals and when the bar is open—all included in the cost of your package.

NEW Enjoy free beer, standard wines, spirits, and cocktails during bar service hours and dinner as part of our new “Raise a Glass and Stay Connected Free” program. Premium wines and champagne are available at extra cost and can be billed to your shipboard account. The well-stocked bars on the ship are open late morning, afternoon and evening, though hours may occasionally change to accommodate the expedition schedule.





Possible Excursions

When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. The following sites are a sample of what you may experience on your expedition, whether by ship, Zodiac cruise, or shore landing.

Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas)

CARCASS ISLAND

This five-mile (8 km) island northwest of West Falkland is owned by Rob and Lorraine McGill. Named for the Royal Navy ship HMS *Carcass*, which arrived in 1766, it is a picturesque place, where songbirds nest amongst the luxuriant growth that covers the gently rolling landscape.

SAUNDERS ISLAND

Saunders Island is the fourth largest island in the Falklands and has been designated an Important Bird Area due to the high density of nesting seabirds. Nesting species on the island include

rockhopper, gentoo and king penguins as well as black-browed albatross and king cormorants, among many others. Keep on the lookout for Commerson's dolphins by the shore, and for whale blows out at sea.

STANLEY

Stanley's deep-water harbor has been the economic mainstay of the community since the port's completion in 1845. Carrying fortune seekers from the west coast of the Americas, ships battered by rough waters near Cape Horn often called in at Stanley as well. Take a stroll through this quaint English town, visiting the cathedral, museum, or one of its many pubs.

WEST POINT ISLAND

The Napier family has owned West Point Island since the 1860s. On the island's west coast, thousands of black-browed albatross nest in colonies on cliffs along the water's edge. Rockhopper penguins share the cliffs, while Commerson's dolphins can often be seen in the surrounding waters.



South Georgia

DRYGALSKI FJORD

This is a photogenic and dramatic fjord, with sharp and jagged peaks rising out of the sea. Glaciation never reached the mountain tops, giving Drygalski its unique landscape.

GOLD HARBOUR

The backdrop to this harbor is the hanging Bertrab Glacier. Thousands of king and gentoo penguins call Gold Harbour home, as do rowdy elephant and fur seals.

GRYTVIKEN

Only a handful of people live, albeit temporarily, on South Georgia, a British overseas territory. Two of them are curators of the South Georgia Museum, located in the former villa of the whaling station manager. The local church, built for the whaling community, is the only building in Grytviken still used for its original purpose. Buried in the church

cemetery is one of Antarctica's most famous explorers, Sir Ernest Shackleton, at whose grave you can pay your respects.

SALISBURY PLAIN

One of the largest king penguin colonies on South Georgia is located on Salisbury Plain. The Grace and Lucas Glaciers flank the plain, creating a perfect backdrop for photos.

ST. ANDREW'S BAY

Over 150,000 breeding pairs of king penguins nest at St. Andrew's Bay—the largest and fastest growing king penguin rookery on South Georgia, and a wildlife spectacle to behold.

STROMNESS

This abandoned whaling station was in full operation on the day in 1916 that Sir Ernest Shackleton and his companions staggered into it after a 36-hour trek across the island in an attempt to find help for their shipmates stranded

on Elephant Island. There is a small cemetery here which can be seen from a distance, with the graves of 14 whalers.

Antarctic Peninsula

BROWN BLUFF

A possible exposed volcano, Brown Bluff towers 2,225 feet (678 meters) over the rookeries of Adélie and gentoo penguins, which number in the thousands. These penguins will create a symphony of background noise while you explore the bluff.

CIERVA COVE

Cierva Cove boasts jaw dropping icebergs and a glaciated backdrop. A massive glacial face regularly calves into the bay, and the floating ice can be quite spectacular. Seals can be spotted on ice floes, and later in the season, humpback whales occasionally feed in the icy waters.



DAMOY POINT

Damoy Point is the site of a historical ice runway used by the British Antarctic Survey for their flights further south since 1975. The well-maintained hut was used as a staging-post to store supplies and for accommodation while awaiting ideal flying conditions. The point is also home to a penguin rookery and allows for spectacular views of the mountains of Anvers Island.

DANCO ISLAND

Home to gentoo penguins, this small dome-shaped island provides you with a stunning view of the Errera Channel and excellent Zodiac cruising opportunities.

ENTERPRISE ISLAND

Located in Wilhelmina Bay, this island's protected coves were once used by whalers. A Zodiac cruise exploring the island passes the rusting remains of a wrecked whaling ship, and provides opportunities to search for humpback whales.

HOPE BAY

Three members of the Swedish Antarctic Expedition (1901-04) spent the winter in a hut on the shores of the bay. The hut is located close to the jetty of Esperanza Station, an Argentine research station and one of only two civilian bases in Antarctica outfitted with a school and chapel.

MELCHIOR ISLANDS

This group of low, glaciated islands in Dallmann Bay is where you may see hauled-out male fur seals as they recuperate from their battles for supremacy at the end of their breeding season.

MIKKELSEN HARBOR

Located on the south side of Trinity Island and surrounded by stunning ice cliffs and several reefs, Mikkelsen Harbor is a 1.86-mile (3 km)-wide bay, discovered by a Swedish Antarctic expedition in 1901-04. Enjoy a Zodiac cruise of the beautiful waters, or if conditions allow, land at D'Hainaut Island, home to an

Argentine refuge hut and whaling remains in the form of a wooden boat and whale skeletons. Weddell seals are often seen in the area and a gentoo penguin rookery is situated on the island.

PARADISE HARBOR

Paradise Harbor is a wide bay and natural harbor on the West Antarctic Peninsula. Mountains, glaciers and ice cliffs offer spectacular views. Icebergs regularly calve from the glaciers, providing a place for seals, penguins and seabirds to rest and play. An Argentine base, Almirante Brown Station—named after Admiral Guillermo Brown, father of the Argentine Navy—is also located in Paradise Harbor, and was operated from 1951 until a large section of it burned down in 1984. It has since been partially rebuilt and is used during summer months for scientific research. Also located in the Bay is Waterboat Point, where two scientists studying penguin behavior lived in a



water boat from 1921 to 22. The remains of their camp have been designated an Antarctic historic site.

PAULET ISLAND

Located in the northwestern Weddell Sea, Paulet Island is home to a large Adélie penguin rookery. With a volcanic cone that rises 1,158 feet (353 meters), the island reminds you that this was once a very active landscape. In addition to penguins, you may be interested in viewing the remains of a historic hut built by members of the Swedish Antarctic Expedition of 1901-04. A cross marks the grave site of Ole Wennersgaard, a member of the crew.

WILHELMINA BAY

Humpback whales abound in “Whalemina Bay,” as it’s nicknamed, and the scenery is spectacular. Sheer cliffs and glaciers surround the calm waters of the protected bay, named after Wilhelmina, queen of the Netherlands from 1890 to 1948. If you’re lucky, you may see the humpbacks bubble-net feeding: they exhale while swimming in a wide circle below the surface, trapping their prey

in a “net” of bubbles, and then swim straight up from below, mouths open. A truly spectacular sight!

South Shetland Islands

AITCHO ISLANDS

This group of small islands is situated in the northern entrance of the English Strait. You can often spot a great mix of wildlife in the area, with gentoo and chinstrap penguins having established rookeries on the islands. Southern elephant and fur seals frequently haul out here, too.

DECEPTION ISLAND

Deception Island is a flooded circular caldera formed by the collapse of an active volcano. To reach this protected harbor, it is necessary to sail through a narrow passage called Neptune’s Bellows. Inside are several bays used at various times for whaling and scientific research. Along with waddling penguins and lounging seals, you’ll see the rusting remains of whaling operations on the beach in some locations. The landscape of Deception Island often presents

opportunities for longer walks to striking vistas. The stark contrast between snow and dark volcanic sand and the steam along the shoreline from geothermic activity when the tide is right, gives this location an atmospheric feel.

HALF MOON ISLAND

This crescent-shaped island was known to sealers as early as 1821. While they tried to keep this productive location secret, we’re happy to bring you ashore on this impressive island. Many Antarctic birds breed here, including chinstrap penguins, shags, Wilson’s storm petrels, kelp gulls, snowy sheathbills, Antarctic terns and skuas.

HANNAH POINT

On the southern coast of Livingston Island at Hannah Point, you may see chinstrap and gentoo penguin rookeries, along with the occasional breeding macaroni penguin. Due to the rather congested area available to the nesting penguins, we are able to visit here only after January 10.



PENGUIN ISLAND

Antarctica has two flowering plants, both of which you can find on Penguin Island: Antarctic hair grass (*Deschampsia antarctica*) and Antarctic pearlwort (*Colobanthus quitensis*). Chinstrap penguins, fur seals and southern elephant seals can also be spotted here.

ROBERT POINT

A beautiful spot for Zodiac cruising, this point was known to sealers as early as 1820. Chinstrap penguins, kelp gulls and pintado petrels breed here, and whales may be seen in the surrounding waters.

TURRET POINT

Chinstrap and Adélie penguin rookeries are found on this point, situated on the south coast of King George Island. The beaches here are often crowded with southern elephant, fur and Weddell seals hauled out on the rocks.

YANKEE HARBOUR

Gentoo penguins have established a rookery at this harbor, situated on the southwest side of Greenwich Island. Here, you can see an abandoned Argentine refuge hut and a large glacier that stretches along the east and north sides of the bay. An abandoned sealing try pot is all that remains of the activity that brought men thousands of miles in tall ships to seek their fortune. Enjoy a rare chance for a longer walk along the expansive beach, dotted with historical artifacts and wildlife.

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What to pack on your Antarctic expedition

BY SEA

All transfers ship to shore and Zodiac/ship cruising.

- ☐ Waterproof pants (mandatory for every Zodiac ride)
- ☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic top*
- ☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic bottom*
- ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece top*
- ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece bottom*
- ☐ Warm wool or synthetic socks (keep a dry pair in your bag, and bring extras for layering)
- ☐ Glove liners * ☐ Hand and feet warmers* ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ Waterproof gloves or mitts (bring an extra pair)
- ☐ Scarf, buff, or other face protection
- ☐ Warm hat that covers ears (bring an extra)
- ☐ Waterproof, lightweight backpack or dry sack and/or rain sleeve for camera or a waterproof phone case (to keep camera and gear dry)
- ☐ Polarized sunglasses with UV protection (consider bringing an eyewear retainer: string/clip etc.)
- ☐ Ski goggles (for Zodiac cruising on snowy or windy days)

*recommended layering depending on the conditions of the day and reflecting your personal thermo-regulation comfort levels.

BY LAND (Shore Excursions and Hiking)

In addition to the gear requirements (as above) mandatory for the transit from ship to shore, it is recommended to bring:

- ☐ Hat, buff or scarf (for wind and weather protection)
- ☐ UV protection (sun hat, polarized sun glasses, sun block, lip balm etc.)
- ☐ Collapsible walking sticks for hikes (if required)
Quantities are available to borrow on every vessel
- ☐ Additional reusable (thermos-regulating) water bottle
(in addition to the reusable collapsible water bottle provided)

WHAT TO BRING! Packing for the Polar Regions doesn't have to be daunting, and to make it easier for you, all Quark Expeditions voyages include a Quark parka to keep, and a loan of insulated waterproof boots. Additional suggested items include:

TO WEAR ON BOARD

- ☐ The complimentary Quark 3-in-1 Parka provided on board is designed with a waterproof shell that can be worn out on deck, and a removable liner that you can wear to stay comfortable indoors)
- ☐ Comfortable casual clothing like lighter shirts, pants or jeans, etc. (in case the ship gets warm)
- ☐ Comfortable non-slip closed-toed, heelless shoes (flip flops, sandals or slip-on shoes should not be worn on board due to safety concerns)
- ☐ Workout attire (for the fitness center!)
- ☐ Swimsuit (for the Polar Plunge! Some vessels may also have a pool, hot tub, sauna and/or steam room. See your ship book for details.)

Just a reminder: No formal evening wear required on our voyages but if you would like to bring something a little more dressy for the Captain's welcome and farewell cocktails you may certainly do so!

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- ☐ Passport, visas, immunization records, travel documents, etc. as required
- ☐ Camera gear—complete with charger, storage medium, transport and cleaning kit (lens cloth etc.) and extra batteries
- ☐ Reusable waterproof bags or plastic bags with zippers (to keep small items organized and cameras dry)
- ☐ Voltage converters and plug adapters (see ship book for details)
- ☐ Seasickness, indigestion, headache, or other medications
- ☐ Earplugs and eye masks for sleeping
- ☐ Moisturizer for face and hands (skin dryness due to wind and temperature changes)
- ☐ Credit card and small amount of local currency (see pre-departure book for more details)

- › To view our packing checklist online, visit:
QuarkExpeditions.com/What-to-Pack/Antarctica
- › Related topics are covered on our Frequently Asked Questions page:
QuarkExpeditions.com/Frequently-Asked-Questions



Scan this QR code or [click here](#) to watch our video on what to pack before you go!

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND TEMPERATURES

Polar weather is extremely variable; temperatures may hover around the freezing mark and winds can be strong. The extended daylight warms sheltered areas so that you may sometimes find it warm enough for t-shirts. However, you may encounter rain, snow squalls, fog and white-outs during an expedition and should be ready for any conditions.

A full-page photograph of an Antarctic scene. In the foreground, two seals are resting on a small, flat ice floe. Behind them, several large, jagged icebergs float in the dark blue water. The sky is a pale, overcast blue. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

TO BOOK YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE

Contact your Travel Professional

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South Georgia and Antarctic Peninsula

Penguin Safari



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Overview

18-day South Georgia and Antarctic Peninsula: Penguin Safari

The Antarctic and sub-Antarctic regions offer so many extraordinary things to see and do for adventurous travelers. We've designed this guide to help you figure out what interests you most in order to plan the perfect expedition that suits your interests and passions.

The *South Georgia and Antarctica: Penguin Safari* itinerary is the fastest way to get to the rarely visited South Georgia Island while also stepping foot on the 7th Continent. As we set sail, photograph massive albatross and beautiful pintado petrels as they swoop and soar around the ship, guiding us toward South Georgia. Beaches teeming with king penguins and elephant seals greet us on this fabled island, where we'll pay our respects to famed explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton. Antarctica awaits, with its soaring peaks and overwhelming enormity. Take a Zodiac ride, hike to overlooks of glistening glaciers, share comical moments with inquisitive gentoo, chinstrap and Adélie penguins, or witness the rugged peninsula from a sea kayak. Antarctica will surprise and delight, and never disappoint.

Antarctica has been inspiring explorers for centuries and this expedition offers the chance for you to discover why. We're excited to host you on your unforgettable polar adventure! Feel free to reach out to our team of Polar Travel Advisers who can answer your questions and provide assistance at any time.



EXPEDITION IN BRIEF



Explore South Georgia and the Antarctic Peninsula with the best expedition team in the industry



Follow in the wake of Sir Ernest Shackleton's perilous voyages to South Georgia and pause for a moment at his grave site



Explore the Antarctic Peninsula by ship, Zodiac and foot



Enjoy presentations on wildlife, history, glaciology and geology by our onboard polar experts



Immerse yourself in the icy realm of the Antarctic, with an optional paddling excursion



Itinerary

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN USHUAIA, ARGENTINA

You will begin your journey in Ushuaia, a small but bustling port at the tip of South America. It's the ideal gateway for you to explore the southern extent of Patagonia while preparing for your adventure ahead. Get active in the mountains or enjoy handcrafted chocolate at a café in town.

DAY 2 | EMBARK

Embarkation will occur in the late afternoon, after which your vessel will sail down the historic Beagle Channel, which transects the Tierra del Fuego archipelago in the extreme south of South America. Expect an air of anticipation as you depart!

DAYS 3-6 | AT SEA

There are many activities to keep you engaged while you are at sea. Learn to identify seabirds that glide alongside the ship, or attend dynamic presentations by your Expedition Team. You will be prepped on safety procedures for Zodiac cruises and shore landings, and also be given instructions for getting the most out of your optional sea kayaking adventures (extra cost), a truly intimate way to experience Antarctica.

If conditions are right, the first indication that you are approaching South Georgia is the sight of birds around a group of rocky spires called Shag Rocks. Have your binoculars and cameras ready to capture these rocky spires rising out of



SOUTH GEORGIA AND ANTARCTIC PENINSULA Penguin Safari

— On board the *Ocean Explorer* or *World Explorer*

the icy ocean waters. Shags and prions often rest here, and due to nutrient rich upwellings around the rocks it can be a good place to keep a lookout for whales.

DAYS 7-9 | SOUTH GEORGIA

After enjoying South Georgia from a distance, we'll head toward its numerous beaches to find a bay for your first excursion. Landing sites are varied, largely determined by the weather conditions of your voyage. The sites you visit will provide you with wildlife encounters unrivaled anywhere else on Earth.

South Georgia is one of the most fertile breeding grounds in the world for sub-Antarctic wildlife, with beaches blanketed with penguins and seals. It won't take you long to realize that you are in a birder's paradise, as burrowing seabirds, albatross and petrels can be seen in abundance. You'll find that South Georgia, once a popular base for whalers and sealers, is also scattered with

abandoned relics and evidence of human activity from centuries gone by. Your Expedition Team will help bring those days to life while you visit old whaling stations and enjoy presentations on the South Georgia of then and now.

One of the most significant sites you will visit on the island is Grytviken. This settlement is one of the first whaling stations established in sub-Antarctic waters. Grytviken possesses a special appeal largely because it's the site of the grave of Sir Ernest Shackleton, one of the most famous Antarctic explorers.

DAYS 10 & 11 | AT SEA

Say goodbye to the king penguins as you leave for your next destination: Antarctica! Your days at sea are filled with presentations and workshops led by your Expedition Team, who will prepare you for the wildlife and landscapes that will surround you upon your arrival on the 7th Continent.

DAYS 12-15 | ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

The most common reaction upon reaching Antarctica is a sense of reverence and awe. The experience is hard to put into words, since few places are as untouched and enduring as Antarctica.

You will discover a land of extremes. One moment you'll be overcome with a feeling of complete isolation and silence, and the next moment you'll be inspired by nature as a calving glacier crashes into a brilliant blue sea or a curious penguin waddles by to observe you.

Your Expedition Team will take care of you at each excursion, whether you are Zodiac cruising, visiting a historical site or observing penguin colonies. Chinstrap, Adélie and gentoo penguins are found here, along with Weddell, fur, crabeater and leopard seals. Keep a lookout for Antarctic whales, such as minke, while on a Zodiac cruise. Each



day and each excursion will present a new array of creatures to delight you and keep your camera busy.

As exciting as the Zodiac excursions and landings are, perhaps you'll treat yourself to an extra-special Antarctic experience by booking an optional paddling excursion (at an extra cost) or cast reason aside and jump into Antarctic waters for the Polar Plunge!

DAYS 16 & 17 | CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE

After more than a dozen days of unique wildlife encounters and remarkable landscapes, your journey home begins. Crossing the Drake is your unofficial rite of passage. Spend time on deck

watching for seabirds and whales, enjoy presentations by your Expedition Team, or simply relax and reminisce about your experiences.

DAY 18 | DISEMBARK IN USHUAIA

You will arrive in Ushuaia in the morning, which allows you to continue your adventure onward or catch your flights home

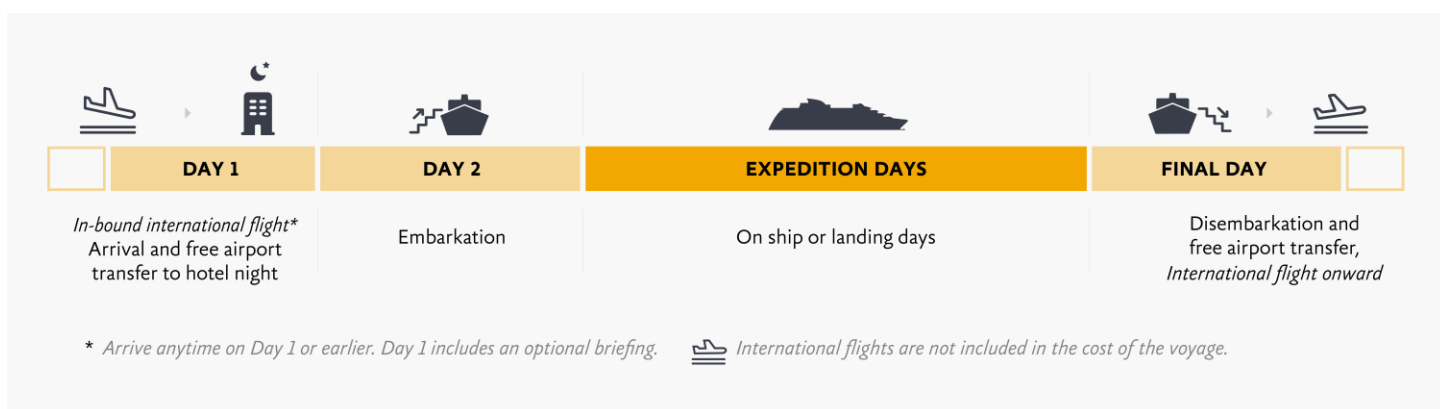
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Arrival and Departure Details, and International Flight Planning



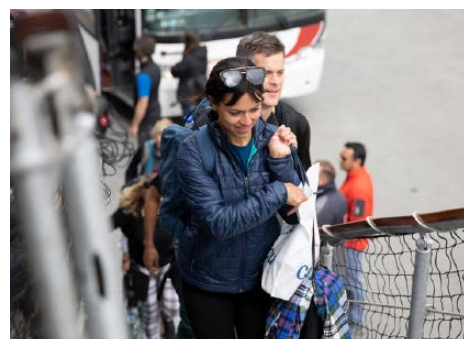
As you prepare for your journey, you may be interested in your arrival and departure details. Since international air transportation is not included in the cost of your expedition, you have some flexibility in planning your flights.

Arrival Day and Embarkation

DAY 1 — ARRIVING IN USHUAIA AND HOTEL NIGHT

You may arrive in Ushuaia at any time during Day 1 of your itinerary. Ushuaia and its mountainous surroundings are destinations worth exploring, so we do encourage you to arrive a day or two before your expedition. Based on the arrival information you send us, we will arrange for a transfer from the airport to your hotel.

A Quark Expeditions representative will be available to answer your questions in the lobby of your hotel in Ushuaia during your optional pre-departure briefing on Day 1, at 6 pm.



DAY 2 — EMBARKATION IN USHUAIA

On the morning of Day 2, your luggage will be collected from the lobby of your hotel, transferred to the ship and stored in your cabin.

Ship embarkation will occur on Day 2 of your itinerary, usually around 4 pm. You and your shipmates will meet at a designated location near the pier, and board the waiting buses for transfer to the ship. Information about embarkation will be posted in your Ushuaia hotel and discussed during your optional pre-departure meeting on Day 1.

Final Day and Departure

DISSEMBARKATION IN USHUAIA AND ONWARD

Your ship is scheduled to arrive at the pier in Ushuaia, usually between 7am and 8am. Once the ship has docked, you will bid farewell to your Expedition Team and shipmates before completing your disembarkation. The process takes about an hour.

Weather conditions can always change our arrival times, and airline schedule changes have also been known to occur in Argentina. Please book your flight home from Ushuaia to depart as late in the day as possible or at a date after the end of your expedition. If you have booked a flight that departs before noon on the date that your expedition ends, you will be at risk of missing your flight.

Quark Expeditions staff in Ushuaia will reconfirm your domestic flight 48 hours prior to disembarkation, provided you give your information to our team ahead of time.

Arrival and Departure Transfers

USHUAIA AIRPORT TRANSFERS

ARRIVAL: A group transfer in Ushuaia is included from the airport to your included pre-expedition hotel on Day 1 of your itinerary.

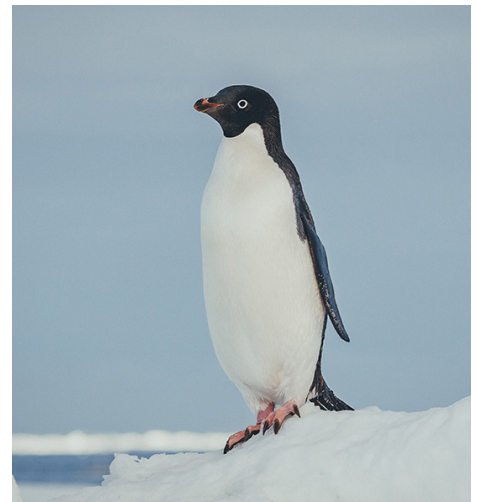
DEPARTURE: A group departure transfer is included from the ship to the airport on the final day of your itinerary. If your flight is later in the day, you may opt to transfer to our luggage storage facility instead and enjoy further activities in Ushuaia on your own. Access to luggage storage is available until 6pm on the disembarkation day only. You will need to arrange your own transfer to the airport if you do not take advantage of the included transfer or if you are leaving Ushuaia after the disembarkation day.

In order to facilitate your transfers, we request that you provide your flight details to Quark Expeditions at least 30 days prior to traveling.

PLEASE NOTE

Included Hotel Accommodations:

Your included accommodation begins on Day 1 of your itinerary, and the specific hotel will be indicated on your final voyage confirmation. Ushuaia accommodations trend toward mid-range properties, and hotel space is limited. A particular property cannot be guaranteed, but space is most often booked at Hotel Las Lenguas, Hotel Los Acebos, and Albatros Hotel. If you are arriving prior to Day 1 of your expedition or are staying after the disembarkation day and would like help booking a pre- or post-stay, please contact your preferred travel agent or Quark Expeditions for hotel options. As accommodation space is limited, you are encouraged to request any extra nights as early as possible.





Ultramarine



World Explorer



Ocean Explorer

Our Fleet of Small Polar Vessels

Quark Expeditions boasts the most diverse polar-class fleet of any polar operator, and the ability to offer you this incredible voyage on one of our ice strengthened vessels.

The entire Quark Expeditions fleet is built for comfort—and for challenging polar environments, allowing us to take you to places ordinary cruise companies wouldn't dream of going.

Plus, you'll do so while enjoying excellent amenities and superbly comfortable cabins.



Your Ship

WORLD EXPLORER

A polar powerhouse, *World Explorer*—our first all-suites, all-balcony ice-class ship—lets you discover everything Antarctica has to offer, with the type of service you would experience at premium hotels. *World Explorer* also provides plenty of indoor and outdoor deck spaces to witness the incredible Antarctic wildlife or simply watch the world go by. Enjoy the spacious observation deck for taking in sights outside, the observation lounge with panoramic skyline views, the library for intimate relaxing and reading, and the Explorer Lounge for a drink and a chat. Presentations and discussions are held in a dedicated lecture theater. Health and wellness facilities feature an outdoor running track, small gym and spa—the world’s only l’Occitane Spa at Sea—plus an outdoor swimming pool. With its new and environmentally sustainable hybrid technology and state-of-the-art Rolls-Royce engines and generators, *World Explorer* also boasts reduced fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions.

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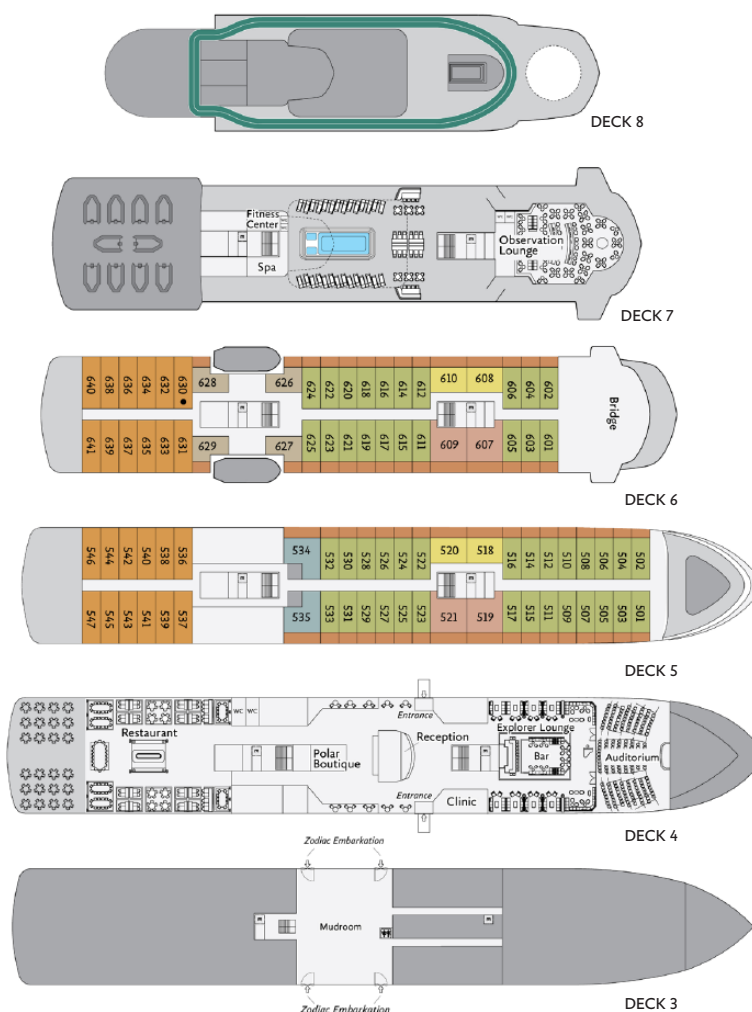
Staff and Crew: 125

Guests: 172

Lifeboats: 2, fully enclosed

Ice Class: 1B

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- Owner's Suite
- Deluxe Suite
- Superior Suite
- Veranda Suite
- Infinity Suite
- Triple
- Balcony

● Accessibility modified cabin; please speak to your travel professional for details



Your Ship

OCEAN EXPLORER

Ocean Explorer, the newest addition to our fleet, is modern, elegant and purpose-built for polar exploration. The 138-passenger vessel has been designed with the latest in expedition ship technology. One of the ship's key features is the ULSTEIN X-BOW®, a marine engineering innovation that ensures a comfortable and smooth sailing experience thanks to the inverted bow. Located at the bow is the two-story, light-filled library, which introduces a welcome airiness to the expedition ship. Spacious cabins feature a modern, bespoke Scandinavian design and almost all have verandas. Guests can relax and find comfort in the spacious gym, sauna with large windows, and two outdoor Jacuzzis. *Ocean Explorer* features ample outdoor viewing areas and multi-height outer decks, which are ideal for long-view photography and wildlife viewing. The vessel is equipped with a fleet of 15 Zodiacs that enable guests to get off the ship quickly and safely for off-ship adventures. In addition to the well-appointed and spacious public areas, *Ocean Explorer* has an industry-leading mix of sustainability systems, including fuel-efficient Rolls Royce engines.

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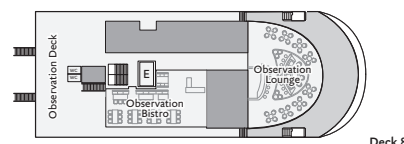
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Guests: 138

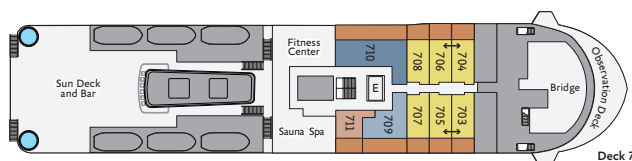
Lifeboats: 2

Ice Class: 1A, PC6

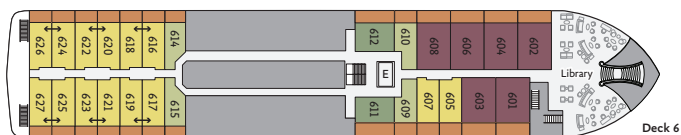
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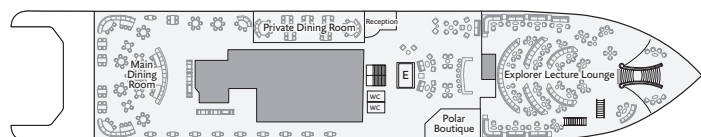
Deck 8



Deck 7



Deck 6



Deck 5



Deck 4



Deck 3

- Owner's Suite
- Explorer Suite
- Studio Veranda Single
- Royal Veranda Stateroom
- Junior Suite
- Grand Veranda Stateroom
- Studio Veranda Stateroom
- Deluxe Veranda
- Deluxe Veranda Mid
- Deluxe Veranda Fwd
- Studio Double
- Studio Single

Interconnecting Suites

Accessibility modified cabin; please speak to your travel professional for details





Included Activities

These are included in your trip package.



Ready for a little adventure beyond your ship? Each Quark Expeditions voyage offers a variety of immersive off-ship activities to enhance your polar experience.

ZODIAC CRUISING

Zodiacs—rugged inflatable watercraft—are the workhorses of polar expeditions, taking you to places the ships can't access, allowing you to reach remote shorelines, explore shallow inlets and search for unique wildlife. Expedition

staff make stepping in and out of them safe and comfortable, and your Zodiac drivers will provide active interpretation, making the landscape come even more alive.

HIKING

Hiking in Antarctica is free-form and supervised by our expert staff, who set out a perimeter or paths at each landing site within which you are free to explore. While you hike, staff will be available to enhance your experience by answering questions about the wildlife, history and geography of the area.

PRESENTATIONS

Enjoy daily chats with and presentations by our world-class onboard polar experts—expedition guides, specialists, photography guides and other special guests who will introduce you to the fascinating history, biology, ornithology, glaciology and geology of the region, and much, much more.



POLAR PLUNGE

This rite of passage, scheduled only once per expedition, gives you the chance to jump safely into the bracing Antarctic waters under the watchful eye of our staff—and just about every single camera on board!



PHOTOGRAPHY

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is a rewarding experience. Our photography guide will help you hone your skills to capture the beauty of the polar regions.

More information about your Included Activities and Adventure Options, including the necessary experience, physical requirements and cost, is available by contacting your Polar Travel Adviser or your travel professional.



Adventure Options

These activities cost extra and must be booked in advance of your trip.



SEA KAYAKING

Imagine gliding across the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers. Our Sea Kayaking program is a great way to intimately explore your surroundings. A small group of kayakers will plan to go out multiple times per voyage as an alternative to shore landings or Zodiac cruises.

The number of opportunities to kayak is weather dependent, and will be conducted only during calm conditions. Prior kayaking experience is required, and you must be able to do a wet exit to participate. Beginners interested in kayaking should consider participating in the Paddling Excursion.



top kayaks—perfect for anyone with minimal or no kayaking experience. Small groups of paddlers will be taken out on calm days, with our expert guides always present to provide instruction and help you connect with the polar sea. Pre-book into one of two priority groups. Any subsequent excursions can be booked on board, and groups will be assigned via a lottery as spaces are limited.

STAND-UP PADDLEBOARDING (on *World Explorer* only)

Combining a surfboard with a kayak, stand-up paddleboarding will give you a very personal and unique perspective on Antarctica. Conducted in small groups—in calm bays and harbors, in good weather conditions—and accompanied by a safety Zodiac, one-time stand-up paddleboarding excursions can be pre-booked into one of two priority groups. Any subsequent excursions can be booked on board, and groups will be assigned via a lottery.

PLEASE NOTE

For all paid activities pre-booking is required. We recommend booking early as spaces fill quickly. Please see your pre-departure guide for a list of provided gear for each Adventure Option.




PADDLING EXCURSION



If you're interested in kayaking but would like to try something a bit less demanding than Sea Kayaking, you're the perfect candidate to sign up for a one-time paddle on our stable sit-on-



Departure Dates

South Georgia and Antarctic Peninsula: Penguin Safari

WORLD EXPLORER				Adventure Options		
Dates	Days	Start / End				
ANTARCTIC 2025/2026						
FEB 1 - 18, 2026	18	Ushuaia	\$	\$	\$	

OCEAN EXPLORER				Adventure Options		
Dates	Days	Start / End				
ANTARCTIC 2025/2026						
JAN 24 - FEB 10, 2026	18	Ushuaia	\$	\$		

Raise a Glass and Stay Connected!

See below for specifics on our complimentary Wi-Fi and bar service, which takes effect November 2024.



Inclusions and Exclusions

Inclusions

RATES INCLUDE:

For all voyages:

- An official Quark Expeditions parka to keep
- Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Team, including shore landings and other activities
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising as per the daily program
- All shore landings as per the daily program
- Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage.
- **NEW** Free beer, standard wines, spirits, and cocktails during bar service hours and dinner
- Complimentary coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock
- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled
- A photographic journal documenting your expedition
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
- Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin
- **NEW** Complimentary Wi-Fi service on one device permitting basic Internet browsing, email, posting on social media and voice applications. (Premium packages are available for more data-intensive applications.)
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- All luggage handling aboard the ship
- Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person
- Group arrival transfer in Ushuaia from airport to pre-expedition hotel on Day 1
- One night's pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Ushuaia with breakfast. (Note: The number of guests per room is the same as cabin occupancy on the ship. Due to limited availability, travelers who reserve a suite on board are accommodated in standard rooms at the hotel. Triple rooms may not be available.)
- Group transfer from hotel to ship on embarkation day
- Group departure transfer upon disembarkation in Ushuaia from ship to local airport or to luggage.

Exclusions

RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

For all voyages:

- International airfare
- Passport and applicable visa expenses
- Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned
- Meals unless otherwise specified
- Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended
- Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic flights
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac landing and cruising excursions, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, spa services and other personal charges, unless specified
- Phone charges may vary by location
- Our basic complimentary Wi-Fi service does not include Premium packages which enable more data-intensive applications
- Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for expedition staff and shipboard crew
- Additional overnight accommodation
- Arrival and departure transfers, except where explicitly stated
- Adventure Options not listed in Included Activities.



Your Expedition Team

Our Expedition Leaders—the best in the industry—and their teams share their diverse expertise in subjects as varied as polar history, marine biology, glaciology, ornithology and photography. Their knowledge and enthusiasm will greatly enhance your immersion into the polar environment and further deepen your connection to the Antarctic.

With 33 years of experience bringing passengers to remote Polar Regions and an industry-leading staff-to-guest ratio, we know how to safely handle the unexpected. Ensuring this hard-earned experience is passed on, all our expedition staff undergo comprehensive training at Quark Academy, which provides hands-on polar expedition training prior to any staff member's first voyage, as well as ongoing training for experienced staff.





One of the many historic churches in Buenos Aires

Extend Your Trip

PRE- AND POST-EXPEDITION TRIP EXTENSIONS

Since you're traveling such a long way, you may want to spend extra time in Buenos Aires. We have a variety of pre- and post-expedition packages in this captivating city, known as the tango capital of the world. Enjoy an extensive city tour, take in a tango show and explore the unique neighborhoods of Recoleta, Palermo and San Telmo. Savor Argentine barbecue at a steakhouse (*parrilla*), then stroll the tree-lined boulevards and marvel at the historic architecture.

Take an extended tour from Buenos Aires to Iguazú Falls, and, if you're daring, walk the catwalks over the falls.

Upon arrival in Ushuaia, you can take in its unique museums, incredible hiking, and Patagonian cuisine. Spend a day in nearby Tierra del Fuego National Park, marvelling at the mountains, birdlife, waterfalls and forests.



Iguazú Falls



Ushuaia Maritime Museum

To discover the best options for extending your adventure, get in touch with your Travel Professional or a Polar Travel Adviser for seamless, worry-free booking of all trip extensions.

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Meals on Board

If there is one constant on board, it is that you'll enjoy delicious meals daily. While meal times may change due to landings and wildlife encounters, you'll always be served three well-prepared meals per day. Most dietary restrictions can be accommodated by letting us know prior to your expedition.

Breakfasts and lunches are normally served buffet style, while dinners are served plated. À la carte meals are made at the time of your order, allowing our chefs to prepare each dish to your individual needs, ensuring you receive top-quality meals during the course of your expedition.

Complimentary coffee, tea, cocoa and water stations are available around the clock, while soft drinks and juices are available during meals and when the bar is open—all included in the cost of your package.

NEW Enjoy free beer, standard wines, spirits, and cocktails during bar service hours and dinner as part of our new “Raise a Glass and Stay Connected Free” program. Premium wines and champagne are available at extra cost and can be billed to your shipboard account. The well-stocked bars on the ship are open late morning, afternoon and evening, though hours may occasionally change to accommodate the expedition schedule.





Possible Excursions

When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. The following sites are a sample of what you may experience on your expedition, whether by ship, Zodiac cruise, or shore landing.

South Georgia

DRYGALSKI FJORD

This is a photogenic and dramatic fjord, with sharp and jagged peaks rising out of the sea. Glaciation never reached the mountain tops, giving Drygalski its unique landscape.

GOLD HARBOUR

The backdrop to this harbor is the hanging Bertrab Glacier. Thousands of king and gentoo penguins call Gold Harbour home, as do rowdy elephant and fur seals.

GRYTVIKEN

Only a handful of people live, albeit temporarily, on South Georgia, a British overseas territory. Two of them are curators of the South Georgia Museum,

located in the former villa of the whaling station manager. The local church, built for the whaling community, is the only building in Grytviken still used for its original purpose. Buried in the church cemetery is one of Antarctica's most famous explorers, Sir Ernest Shackleton, at whose grave you can pay your respects.

SALISBURY PLAIN

One of the largest king penguin colonies on South Georgia is located on Salisbury Plain. The Grace and Lucas Glaciers flank the plain, creating a perfect backdrop for photos.

ST. ANDREW'S BAY

Over 150,000 breeding pairs of king penguins nest at St. Andrew's Bay—the largest and fastest growing king penguin rookery on South Georgia, and a wildlife spectacle to behold.

STROMNESS

This abandoned whaling station was in full operation on the day in 1916 that Sir Ernest Shackleton and his companions staggered into it after a 36-hour trek across the island in an attempt to find



help for their shipmates stranded on Elephant Island. There is a small cemetery here which can be seen from a distance, with the graves of 14 whalers.

Antarctic Peninsula

BROWN BLUFF

A dormant volcano, Brown Bluff towers 2,225 feet (678 meters) over the rookeries of Adélie and gentoo penguins, which number in the thousands. These penguins will create a symphony of background noise while you explore the bluff.

CIERVA COVE

Cierva Cove boasts jaw dropping icebergs and a glaciated backdrop. A massive glacial face regularly calves into the bay, and the floating ice can be quite spectacular. Seals can be spotted on ice floes, and later in the season, humpback whales occasionally feed in the icy waters.

DANCO ISLAND

Home to gentoo penguins, this small dome-shaped island provides you with a stunning view of the Errera Channel and excellent Zodiac cruising opportunities.

ENTERPRISE ISLAND

Located in Wilhelmina Bay, this island's protected coves were once used by whalers. A Zodiac cruise exploring the island passes the rusting remains of a wrecked whaling ship, and provides opportunities to search for humpback whales.

HOPE BAY

Three members of the Swedish Antarctic Expedition (1901-04) spent the winter in a hut on the shores of the bay. The hut is located close to the jetty of Esperanza Station, an Argentine research station and one of only two civilian bases in Antarctica outfitted with a school and chapel.

MELCHIOR ISLANDS

This group of low, glaciated islands in Dallmann Bay is where you may see hauled-out male fur seals as they recuperate from their battles for supremacy at the end of their breeding season.

MIKKELSEN HARBOR

Located on the south side of Trinity Island and surrounded by stunning ice cliffs and several reefs, Mikkelsen Harbor is a 1.86-mile (3 km)-wide bay, discovered by a Swedish Antarctic expedition in 1901-04. Enjoy a Zodiac cruise of the beautiful waters, or if conditions allow, land at D'Hainaut Island, home to an Argentine refuge hut and whaling remains in the form of a wooden boat and whale skeletons. Weddell seals are often seen in the area and a gentoo penguin rookery is situated on the island.

PARADISE HARBOR

Paradise Harbor is a wide bay and natural harbor on the West Antarctic Peninsula. Mountains, glaciers and ice cliffs offer spectacular views. Icebergs regularly calve from the glaciers, providing a place for seals, penguins and seabirds to rest and play. An Argentine base, Almirante Brown Station—named after Admiral Guillermo Brown, father of the Argentine Navy—is also located in Paradise Harbor, and was operated from 1951 until a large



section of it burned down in 1984. It has since been partially rebuilt and is used as a summer research base.

PAULET ISLAND

Located in the northwestern Weddell Sea, Paulet Island is home to a large Adélie penguin rookery. With a volcanic cone that rises 1,158 feet (353 meters), the island reminds you that this was once a very active landscape. In addition to penguins, you may be interested in viewing the remains of a historic hut built by members of the Swedish Antarctic Expedition of 1901-04. A cross marks the grave site of Ole Wenersgaard, a member of the crew.

WILHELMINA BAY

Humpback whales abound in “Whalemina Bay,” as it’s nicknamed, and the scenery is spectacular. Sheer cliffs and glaciers surround the calm waters of the protected bay, named after Wilhelmina, queen of the Netherlands from 1890 to 1948. If you’re lucky, you may see the

humpbacks bubble-net feeding: they exhale while swimming in a wide circle below the surface, trapping krill in a “net” of bubbles, and then swim straight up from below, mouths open, to engulf their prey. A truly astounding sight!

South Shetland Islands

AITCHO ISLANDS

This group of small islands, some still unnamed, is situated in the northern entrance of the English Strait. You can often spot a great mix of wildlife in the area, with gentoo and chinstrap penguins having established rookeries on the islands. Southern elephant and fur seals frequently haul out here, too.

DECEPTION ISLAND

Deception Island is a flooded circular caldera formed by the collapse of an active volcano. To reach this protected harbor, it is necessary to sail through a narrow passage called Neptune’s Bellows. Inside are several bays used at

various times for whaling and scientific research. Along with waddling penguins and lounging seals, you’ll see the rusting remains of whaling operations on the beach in some locations. The landscape of Deception Island often presents opportunities for longer walks to striking vistas. The stark contrast between snow and dark volcanic sand and the steam along the shoreline from geothermic activity when the tide is right, gives this location an atmospheric feel.

HALF MOON ISLAND

This crescent-shaped island was known to sealers as early as 1821. While they tried to keep this productive location secret, we’re happy to bring you ashore on this impressive island. Many Antarctic birds breed here, including chinstrap penguins, shags, Wilson’s storm petrels, kelp gulls, snowy sheathbills, Antarctic terns and skuas.



HANNAH POINT

On the southern coast of Livingston Island at Hannah Point, you may see chinstrap and gentoo penguin rookeries, along with the occasional breeding macaroni penguin. Due to the rather congested area available to the nesting penguins, we are able to visit here only after January 10.

PENGUIN ISLAND

Antarctica has two flowering plants, both of which you can find on Penguin Island: Antarctic hair grass (*Deschampsia antarctica*) and Antarctic pearlwort (*Colobanthis quitensis*). Chinstrap penguins, fur seals and southern elephant seals can also be spotted here.

ROBERT POINT

A beautiful spot for Zodiac cruising, this point was known to sealers as early as 1820. Chinstrap penguins, kelp gulls and pintado petrels breed here, and whales may be seen in the surrounding waters.

TURRET POINT

Chinstrap and Adélie penguin rookeries are found on this point, situated on the south coast of King George Island. The beaches here are often crowded with southern elephant, fur and Weddell seals hauled out on the rocks.

YANKEE HARBOUR

Gentoo penguins have established a rookery at this harbor, situated on the southwest side of Greenwich Island. Here, you can see an abandoned Argentine refuge hut and a large glacier that stretches along the east and north sides of the bay. An abandoned sealing try pot is all that remains of the activity that brought men thousands of miles in tall ships to seek their fortune. Enjoy a rare chance for a longer walk along the expansive beach, dotted with historical artifacts and wildlife.

EXPEDITION SPIRIT

Embracing the unexpected is part of the legacy—and excitement—of expedition travel. When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, the ice and the weather to guide the route and itinerary details. This itinerary is a tentative outline of what you may experience on this voyage; please be aware that no specific itinerary can be guaranteed. By the same token, wildlife encounters as described are expected, but not guaranteed. Your Expedition Team will use their considerable experience to seek out wildlife in known habitats, but the presence of any particular species of bird or marine wildlife is not guaranteed.



What to pack on your Antarctic expedition

BY SEA

All transfers ship to shore and Zodiac/ship cruising.

- ☐ Waterproof pants (mandatory for every Zodiac ride)
- ☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic top*
- ☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic bottom*
- ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece top*
- ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece bottom*
- ☐ Warm wool or synthetic socks (keep a dry pair in your bag, and bring extras for layering)
- ☐ Glove liners * ☐ Hand and feet warmers* ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ Waterproof gloves or mitts (bring an extra pair)
- ☐ Scarf, buff, or other face protection
- ☐ Warm hat that covers ears (bring an extra)
- ☐ Waterproof, lightweight backpack or dry sack and/or rain sleeve for camera or a waterproof phone case (to keep camera and gear dry)
- ☐ Polarized sunglasses with UV protection (consider bringing an eyewear retainer: string/clip etc.)
- ☐ Ski goggles (for Zodiac cruising on snowy or windy days)

*recommended layering depending on the conditions of the day and reflecting your personal thermo-regulation comfort levels.

BY LAND (Shore Excursions and Hiking)

In addition to the gear requirements (as above) mandatory for the transit from ship to shore, it is recommended to bring:

- ☐ Hat, buff or scarf (for wind and weather protection)
- ☐ UV protection (sun hat, polarized sun glasses, sun block, lip balm etc.)
- ☐ Collapsible walking sticks for hikes (if required)
Quantities are available to borrow on every vessel
- ☐ Additional reusable (thermos-regulating) water bottle
(in addition to the reusable collapsible water bottle provided)

WHAT TO BRING! Packing for the Polar Regions doesn't have to be daunting, and to make it easier for you, all Quark Expeditions voyages include a Quark parka to keep, and a loan of insulated waterproof boots. Additional suggested items include:

TO WEAR ON BOARD

- ☐ The complimentary Quark 3-in-1 Parka provided on board is designed with a waterproof shell that can be worn out on deck, and a removable liner that you can wear to stay comfortable indoors)
- ☐ Comfortable casual clothing like lighter shirts, pants or jeans, etc. (in case the ship gets warm)
- ☐ Comfortable non-slip closed-toed, heelless shoes (flip flops, sandals or slip-on shoes should not be worn on board due to safety concerns)
- ☐ Workout attire (for the fitness center!)
- ☐ Swimsuit (for the Polar Plunge! Some vessels may also have a pool, hot tub, sauna and/or steam room. See your ship book for details.)

Just a reminder: No formal evening wear required on our voyages but if you would like to bring something a little more dressy for the Captain's welcome and farewell cocktails you may certainly do so!

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- ☐ Passport, visas, immunization records, travel documents, etc. as required
- ☐ Camera gear—complete with charger, storage medium, transport and cleaning kit (lens cloth etc.) and extra batteries
- ☐ Reusable waterproof bags or plastic bags with zippers (to keep small items organized and cameras dry)
- ☐ Voltage converters and plug adapters (see ship book for details)
- ☐ Seasickness, indigestion, headache, or other medications
- ☐ Earplugs and eye masks for sleeping
- ☐ Moisturizer for face and hands (skin dryness due to wind and temperature changes)
- ☐ Credit card and small amount of local currency (see pre-departure book for more details)

- › To view our packing checklist online, visit:
QuarkExpeditions.com/What-to-Pack/Antarctica
- › Related topics are covered on our Frequently Asked Questions page:
QuarkExpeditions.com/Frequently-Asked-Questions



Scan this QR code or [click here](#) to watch our video on what to pack before you go!

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND TEMPERATURES

Polar weather is extremely variable; temperatures may hover around the freezing mark and winds can be strong. The extended daylight warms sheltered areas so that you may sometimes find it warm enough for t-shirts. However, you may encounter rain, snow squalls, fog and white-outs during an expedition and should be ready for any conditions.

TO BOOK YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE

Contact your Travel Professional



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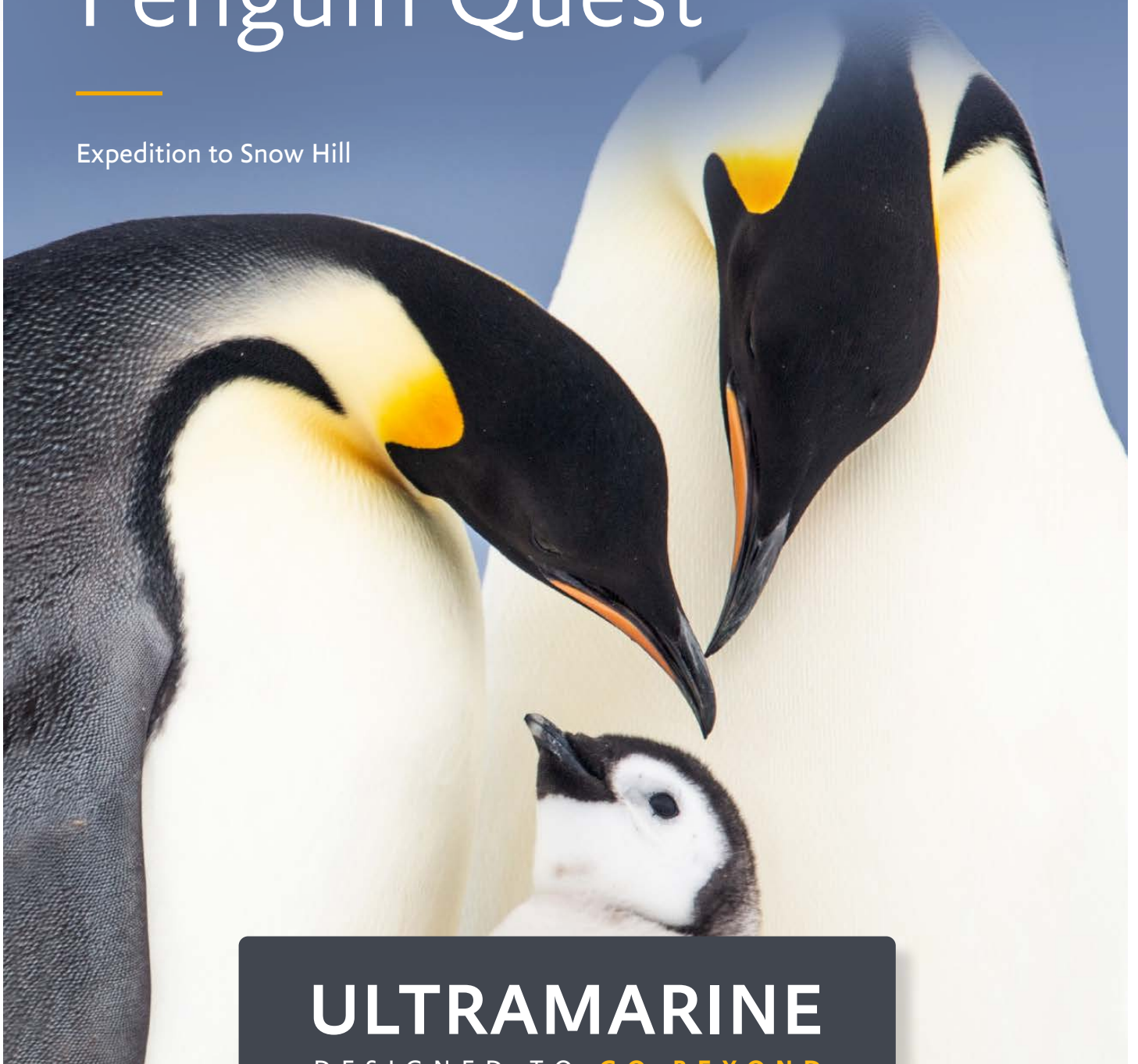
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Emperor Penguin Quest

Expedition to Snow Hill



ULTRAMARINE

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Overview

Emperor Penguin Quest: Expedition to Snow Hill

Our successes at Snow Hill Island, especially in November 2023 when we reached the legendary Emperor penguin colony on two separate voyages, were the culmination of 32 years of polar expertise—and our unrivalled track record in bringing guests to Snow Hill Island.

We made polar history in 2004 when we became the first operator to reach the 8,000-strong Emperor penguin rookery, enabling guests to experience one of the most exclusive wildlife encounters on the planet. Our Expedition Team—the most experienced in the industry—has landed more guests on hard-to-reach Snow Hill Island than anyone else. In 2023 alone, our team brought 208 guests to the Emperor penguin colony on the 14-day "*Emperor Penguin Quest: Expedition to Snow Hill*." At the helm on both voyages was veteran Expedition Leader Shane Evoy, who has led 19 successful Snow Hill landings—an industry record!

We also attribute last year's Snow Hill successes to our technologically-advanced ship *Ultramarine*, which was built for this type of expedition. The vessel is equipped with two twin-engine helicopters that fly guests to the vicinity of this rarely-visited rookery, whereupon they walk across the thick sea ice to stand within meters of the most coveted penguin species on the planet. Anticipate scenes reminiscent of "March of the Penguins" and BBC's "Frozen Planet." Just imagine the penguins tobogganing across the ice towards the sea! You, too, can witness Snow Hill's majestic moments alongside more than 4,000 pairs of breeding Emperor penguins and their chicks while exploring the eastern peninsula of the magical 7th Continent.

Embrace the true spirit of the explorer on one of the most jaw-dropping wildlife experiences imaginable at Snow Hill. You can trust us to get you there!

EXPEDITION IN BRIEF



Explore with the expedition team that has an unrivalled track record in bringing guests to Snow Hill Island



Embrace the expeditionary spirit on a quest to reach the colony of thousands of pairs of Emperor penguins and their chicks



Spend up to five days in the vicinity of Snow Hill Island to maximize the Weddell Sea experience.



Travel aboard our technologically-advanced *Ultramarine*, enjoying the sauna or one of the ship's many other onboard amenities



Enjoy the intimacy of traveling on a ship with a reduced capacity of 150 guests



Additional staff means there will be one expedition team member for every four guests



Learn from polar experts during our enhanced onboard education program



Enjoy helicopter sightseeing and Zodiac cruising for unique perspectives of the Antarctic Peninsula.



Itinerary

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Upon arriving in this fascinating city, known for its architecture and rich European heritage, you will independently transfer to your group hotel (pre-expedition hotel night included in mandatory transfer package).

DAY 2 | FLY TO USHUAIA & EMBARK

After an early breakfast at the hotel, your group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Ushuaia, Argentina.

Upon arrival, you will be transferred from the airport to a central downtown location to enjoy time on your own to explore quaint Ushuaia—the world's southernmost city—before making your way to the pier. After a late afternoon

embarkation, you will sail along the historic Beagle Channel, which transects the Tierra del Fuego archipelago in the extreme south of South America. Enjoy the air of anticipation as you depart—the next land you see will be the Antarctic!

DAYS 3 & 4 | CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE

The unpredictable and exciting Drake Passage, which lies at the confluence of the Pacific, the Atlantic and the Southern oceans, is an adventure unto itself. While being well taken care of by our expert onboard staff and expedition team, you'll have plenty of time to gaze out at the expansive ocean waters, photograph seabirds as they swoop around the ship, and get to know your Expedition Team and fellow travelers.



EMPEROR PENGUIN QUEST Expedition to Snow Hill

- On board *Ultramarine*
- - - Flights to/from Buenos Aires
- Approximate ship drifting position
- Emperor Penguin Colony

DAYS 5 | NAVIGATING INTO THE WEDDELL SEA

Onboard presentations by world-respected experts will enrich your polar quest, conveying what it was like a century ago for the brave polar heroes who embraced the unknown. You'll also learn more about the ice-dwelling Emperor penguins.

DAYS 6-10 | WEDDELL SEA AND THE QUEST TO LAND AT SNOW HILL

The journey toward Snow Hill Island will put you in explorer mode as the captain and Expedition Leader keep you updated through weather briefings, meteorological and sea ice condition reports. The thickness of ice will determine how close *Ultramarine* can get to Snow Hill Island, then our twin-engine helicopters will take over.

Like summitting a mountain from base camp, parties will set out from *Ultramarine* towards the Emperor penguin colony. As experienced by the 208 guests who visited Snow Hill Island with us in November 2023 on not one but two voyages, the adventure begins with an extended helicopter transfer that will reveal a landscape of snow-capped peaks and apartment-building-sized tabular icebergs. The rookery itself is located on the sea ice off the south coast of Snow Hill Island and the landing will be as close to the penguins as possible, yet at a safe distance to avoid disturbing the birds. Upon landing, your party will walk across the ice to the fabled Emperor penguin colony. The wind. The ice beneath your feet. Walking next to paths in the snow carved by penguins that came before. And then there are the incredible sounds of the penguins in the distance as you march toward one of the rarest wildlife opportunities on the planet: the colony of approximately 8,000 rarely-seen Emperor penguins.

The goal of the expedition is to get every guest to the remote colony at least once. The Expedition Team and special experts will be close by to answer your questions and ensure you take in everything there is to see. Guests on our November 2023 voyages were able to observe close up how the Emperor penguins behave as a tight-knit community, how they care for their young, and how they body surf across the ice in a way that can only be described as quirky yet efficient. The helicopter expedition in search of the Emperor colony might just be the adventure of a lifetime!

“ Seeing the Emperor penguins for the first time was truly awesome. I couldn't believe how tall and also how curious they were towards humans. Their chicks were just as impressive!”

—CHRIS P., SNOW HILL, 2023

And while at base on *Ultramarine* with your attentive Expedition Team, you'll be immersed each day in the polar experience of the Weddell Sea. Daily activities can include Zodiac cruising among the icebergs, paddle-on-top kayaking, or working with our team to observe the weather forecasting and ship operations up close.

A particularly enriching component of your voyage will be the bespoke educational programs tailored specifically for this expedition that offer both traditional (lecture format) and hands-on opportunities for learning about this fascinating region. Each day our polar experts, who include penguin scientists, biologists and polar historians, will present on various aspects of Emperor penguins and their behaviors, ice

formations such as the tabular icebergs which you'll see from the deck of your ship, and the experiences of polar explorers who braved the Weddell Sea over a century ago. Or you might, on one of these days, decide to take the polar plunge, or test your balance on a stand-up paddleboard. Then again, maybe you'll enjoy a little pampering. If so, you can choose from *Ultramarine's* excellent onboard amenities, including the spa, sauna and fitness room.

The Emperor penguin colony at Snow Hill is the goal of this expedition. However, if weather or ice conditions prevent us from visiting the colony or shorten the duration of our visit, we may explore some other sites. Your possible landings in Antarctica will take place on the eastern side of the Peninsula, which is an extension of the Transantarctic Mountains and is the most northern stretch of Antarctic land.

For more details on these possible alternate Antarctic landing sites, please see page 17

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DAYS 11-13 | CRUISING

The journey back across the Drake Passage provides a final opportunity to enjoy the invigorating Southern Ocean air. Spend time on the deck watching for seabirds and scouting for whales, enjoy presentations by your Expedition Team, and celebrate the experiences you've shared getting off the beaten track in the remarkable world of Antarctica.

DAYS 14 | DISEMBARK IN USHUAIA AND FLY TO BUENOS AIRES

You will arrive in Ushuaia in the morning and disembark after breakfast. The mandatory transfer package includes a tour of Tierra del Fuego National Park for a taste of Patagonia, after which you'll transfer to the airport for the return group charter flight to Buenos Aires.

Ultramarine was built for this type of expedition

- › This voyage leverages the best elements of *Ultramarine's* unique design and extraordinary expedition-focused features.
- › Our best-in-class H145 twin-engine helicopters are utilized for their added range and passenger capacity, allowing us to shuttle guests to the landing area in a short period of time. Our helicopters are equipped with noise-reduction technology that minimizes impact on wildlife.
- › *Ultramarine's* 1A+ PC6 ice class allows her to safely and confidently navigate several kinds of Antarctic waters and ice conditions, allowing the ship to venture further into remote regions of the Antarctic.
- › The water-level Zodiac hangars enable quick-deploy Zodiac cruising, allowing us to enrich the guest experience and make the most of our time in the Weddell Sea.



Guests hike to the Emperor penguin colony on one of our November 2023 landings at Snow Hill Island.



Arrival and Departure Details, and International Flight Planning



As you prepare for your journey, you may be interested in your arrival and departure details. Since international air transportation is not included in the cost of your expedition, you have some flexibility in planning your flights.

Arrival Day and Embarkation

DAY 1 — ARRIVING IN BUENOS AIRES AND HOTEL NIGHT

Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, you will make your way to the included group hotel. A presentation room will be open from 12 pm to 8 pm for luggage weighing and tagging. A Quark Expeditions representative will be available to answer your questions and give information about the next day's flight and ship embarkation. After an early breakfast the following morning, your group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Ushuaia, Argentina, the southernmost city in the world.

DAY 2 — USHUAIA AND EMBARKATION

In Ushuaia your mandatory transfer package will provide some free time to explore this quaint port town, and also (when flight schedules allow) a tour of Tierra del Fuego National Park. Note: The tour (if available) may take place on either the embarkation or disembarkation day.

We will transfer the group to the ship for embarkation around 4 pm.

PLEASE NOTE

Luggage will be limited to one checked luggage and one cabin baggage on the flights between Buenos Aires and Ushuaia. Luggage weight restrictions will be confirmed in your final documents received 30 days prior to your trip. Should you have additional luggage, it can be stored at the hotel in Buenos Aires. There is NO option to pay for additional luggage.



Final Day and Departure

DISSEMBARKATION IN USHUAIA

The ship is scheduled to arrive back at the pier in Ushuaia between 7 am and 8 am. After breakfast you will bid farewell to your Expedition Team before completing your disembarkation. This process takes approximately one hour.

DEPARTING FROM BUENOS AIRES

Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, you may be able to connect directly with your homeward flight, as we will land at Ministro Pistarini International Airport (also known as Ezeiza International Airport, EZE) at 5 pm. Please allow a minimum of three hours between our charter arrival and your international departure. We recommend four hours.

If your plans will take you onward in South America, please check your flight schedule to confirm your connection before booking. Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, you may need to transfer from the international airport (EZE) to the domestic airport, Jorge Newbery (also known as Aeroparque, AEP), which is located about a one-hour drive away under normal traffic conditions. If you must transfer between airports on the final day of the voyage, you can choose to use the efficient airport shuttle service, Manuel Tienda León, or take a *remis* (a pre-paid taxi booked inside the airport). If you prefer, your Polar Travel Adviser can also arrange for a private transfer. As traffic can add time to the commute, we recommend that you allow at least five hours between flights arriving and departing from the different airports in Buenos Aires to allow for transit, check-in, and security clearance.

For the absolute safest travel plans, we recommend that you book an extra hotel night in Buenos Aires between flights.

PLEASE NOTE

Included Hotel Accommodations:

Your included accommodation begins on Day 1 of your itinerary. The specific hotel will be indicated on your final voyage confirmation. If you are arriving prior to Day 1 of your expedition or are staying after the disembarkation day and would like help booking a pre- or post-stay, please contact your preferred travel agent or Quark Expeditions for hotel options. As accommodation space is limited, you are encouraged to request any extra nights as early as possible.

Weather conditions may occasionally delay our arrival, and airline schedule changes have also been known to occur in Argentina. Booking flexible tickets is always encouraged, as we cannot be held responsible for delays due to unforeseen circumstances.

Arrival and Departure Transfers

BUENOS AIRES AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Arrival transfers from your international flights in Buenos Aires are not included; however, your Travel Professional or Polar Travel Advisor can arrange them for you.

We request that you provide your flight details to Quark Expeditions at least 30 days prior to traveling.





Ultramarine



World Explorer



Ocean Explorer

Our Fleet of Small Polar Vessels

Quark Expeditions boasts the most diverse polar-class fleet of any polar operator, and the ability to offer you this incredible voyage on one of our ice strengthened vessels.

The entire Quark Expeditions fleet is built for comfort—and for challenging polar environments, allowing us to take you to places ordinary cruise companies wouldn't dream of going.

Plus, you'll do so while enjoying excellent amenities and superbly comfortable cabins.



Your Ship

ULTRAMARINE

The newest ship in our fleet, *Ultramarine* is designed to go beyond the familiar in polar exploration, to immerse guests in parts of the Polar Regions where few humans have ever set foot.

Equipped with two twin-engine helicopters and 20 quick-launching Zodiacs, *Ultramarine* offers the most off-ship adventure activities in the industry. Guests can enjoy two restaurants (Balena and Bistro 487), Tundra Spa, a sauna-with floor-to-ceiling windows, spacious suites and abundant wildlife-viewing spaces. *Ultramarine* also features advanced sustainability systems—which exceed all industry standards.

Ultramarine is perfectly designed to deliver the ultimate polar expedition experience.

SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

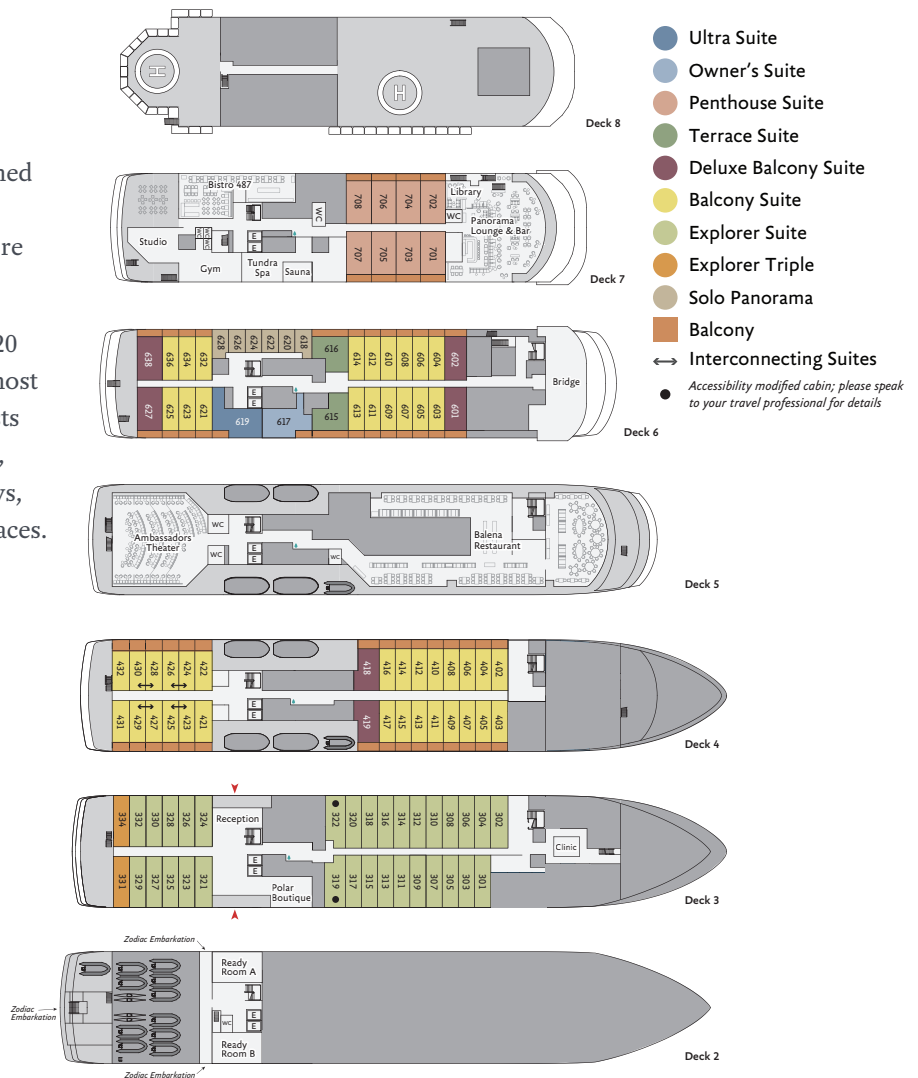
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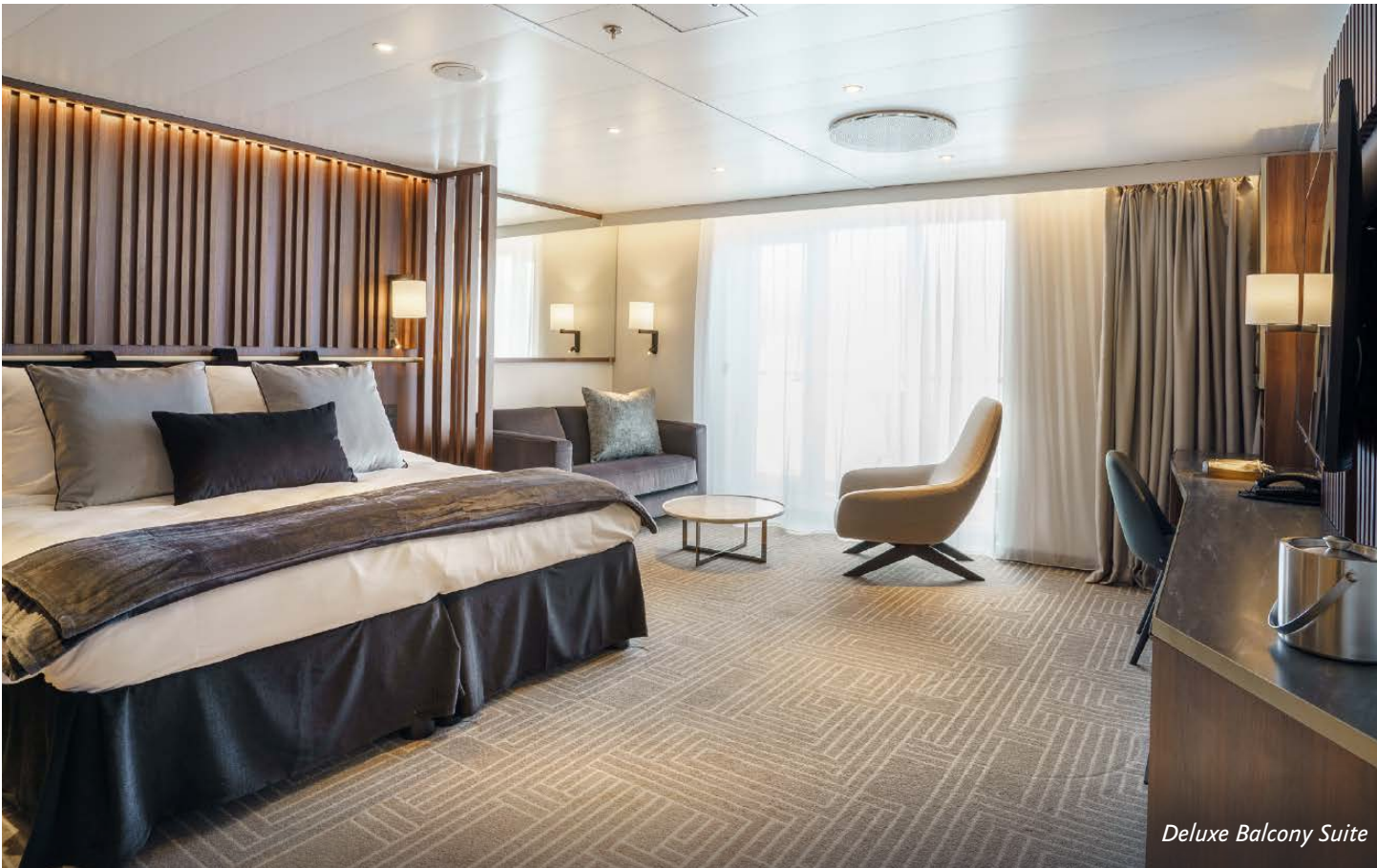
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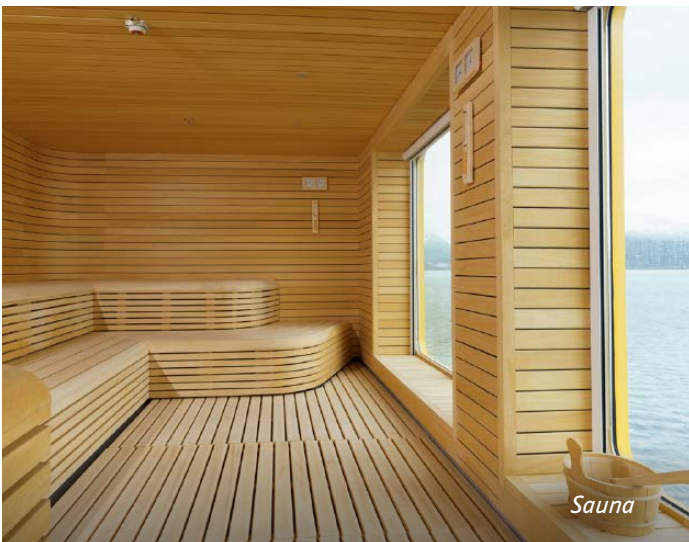
Ice Class: PC6

Visit QuarkExpeditions.com to view deck plan details.





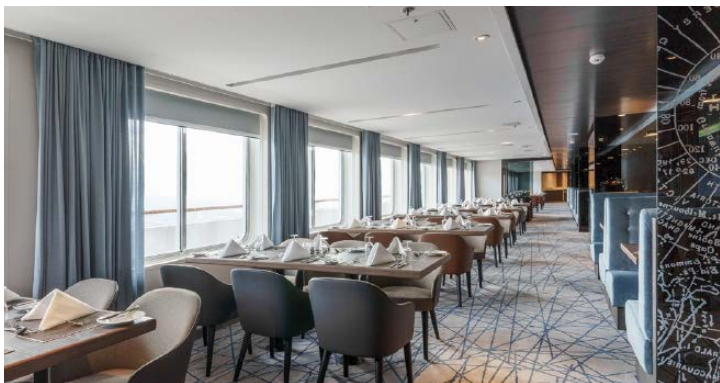
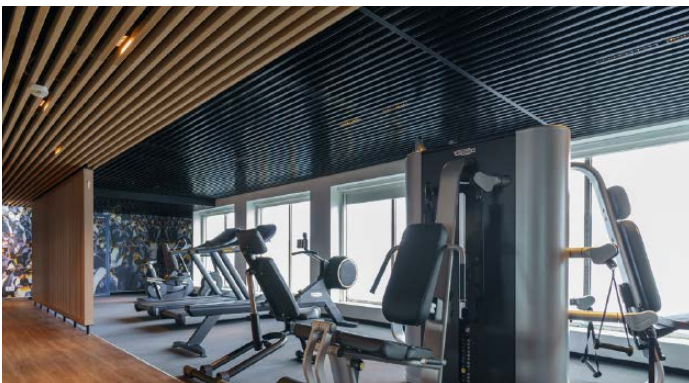
Deluxe Balcony Suite



Sauna



Panorama Lounge





Included Activities

These are included in your trip package.

Ready for a little adventure beyond your ship? Each Quark Expeditions® voyage offers a variety of recreational activities to enhance your polar experience. In addition to the below included activities, helicopter flights to and from the penguin colony are included.

ZODIAC CRUISING

Zodiacs—rugged inflatable watercraft—are the workhorses of polar expeditions, taking you to places the ships can't access, allowing you to reach remote shorelines, explore shallow inlets and search for unique wildlife. Expedition staff make stepping in and out of them safe and comfortable, and your Zodiac drivers will provide active interpretation, making the landscape come even more alive.

HIKING

Hiking in Antarctica is free-form and supervised by our expert staff, who set out a perimeter or paths at each landing site within which you are free to explore. While you hike, staff will be available to enhance your experience by answering questions about the wildlife, history and geography of the area.

PRESENTATIONS

Enjoy daily chats with and presentations by our world-class onboard polar experts—expedition guides, specialists, photography guides and other special guests who will introduce you to the fascinating history, biology, ornithology, glaciology and geology of the region, and much, much more.

POLAR PLUNGE

This rite of passage, scheduled only once per expedition, gives you the chance to jump safely into the bracing Antarctic waters under the watchful eye of our staff—and just about every single camera on board!

PHOTOGRAPHY

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is a rewarding experience. Our photography guide will help you hone your skills to capture the beauty of the polar regions.

More information about your Included Activities and Adventure Options, including the necessary experience, physical requirements and cost, is available by contacting your Polar Travel Adviser or travel professional.

FLIGHTSEEING

While polar landscapes are spectacular from the sea, they are even more striking from the air. On board *Ultramarine* you will experience remarkable aerial perspectives on a 10- to 15-minute flightseeing excursion included in the cost of your voyage.

“The heli-flightseeing was so exciting. Seeing Snow Hill Island from above, seeing the Emperor penguin colony amongst the snow that seemed never-ending. Truly out of this world. The on-ship presentations were engaging and educational. It was so interesting to learn more the penguins, the icebergs, the history.”

— CHARLY M., SNOW HILL, 2023



Adventure Options

These activities cost extra and must be booked in advance of your trip.



PLEASE NOTE

Pre-booking is required for all paid activities. We recommend booking early, as spaces fill quickly. Please see your pre-departure guide for a list of provided gear for each Adventure Option.

✕ PADDLING EXCURSION

If you're interested in kayaking but would like to try something a bit less demanding than Sea Kayaking, you're the perfect candidate to sign up for a one-time paddle on our stable sit-on-top kayaks—perfect for anyone with minimal or no kayaking experience. Small groups of paddlers will be taken out on calm days, with our expert guides always present to provide instruction and help you connect with the polar sea. Pre-book into one of two priority groups. Any subsequent excursions can be booked on board, and groups will be assigned via a lottery.



STAND-UP PADDLEBOARDING

Combining a surfboard with a kayak, stand-up paddleboarding will give you a very personal and unique perspective on Antarctica. Conducted in small groups—in calm bays and harbors, in good weather conditions—and accompanied by a safety Zodiac, one-time stand-up paddleboarding excursions can be pre-booked into one of two priority groups. Any subsequent excursions can be booked on board, and groups will be assigned via a lottery.



Departure Dates

Emperor Penguin Quest: Expedition to Snow Hill

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Days</i>	<i>Start / End</i>			
ANTARCTIC 2025/26					
NOV 15 - 28, 2025	14	Buenos Aires	\$	\$	Included

Raise a Glass and Stay Connected!

See below for specifics on our complimentary Wi-Fi and bar service, which takes effect November 2024.



Inclusions and Exclusions

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RATES INCLUDE:

For all voyages:

- An official Quark Expeditions parka to keep
- Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Team, including shore landings and other activities
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising as per the daily program
- All shore landings as per the daily program
- Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage.
- **NEW** Free beer, standard wines, spirits, and cocktails during bar service hours and dinner
- Complimentary coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock
- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled

This expedition will have a separate (and mandatory) Transfer Package charge.

Mandatory Transfer Package Includes:

- One night's pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Buenos Aires with breakfast (Note: The number of guests per room is the same as cabin occupancy on the ship. Due to limited availability, travelers who reserve a suite on board are accommodated in standard rooms at the hotel. Triple rooms may not be available.)
- Group flight departing from Buenos Aires' domestic airport (Aeroparque/AEP) to Ushuaia, and returning to Buenos Aires' international airport (Ezeiza/EZE)

- A photographic journal documenting your expedition
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
- Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin
- **NEW** Complimentary Wi-Fi service on one device permitting basic Internet browsing, email, posting on social media and voice applications. (Premium packages are available for more data-intensive applications.)
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- All luggage handling aboard the ship
- Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person
- One 10- to 15-minute helicopter flightseeing excursion (weather and logistics permitting).

- Group transfer from hotel to airport in Buenos Aires
- Group transfer from Ushuaia airport to the ship, and return (Note: Transfer on arrival in Buenos Aires from airport to hotel at the beginning of the journey is not included. Please make your way to the included hotel.)
- Combined airport transfer and express bus tour of Tierra del Fuego National Park after disembarkation in Ushuaia

Exclusions

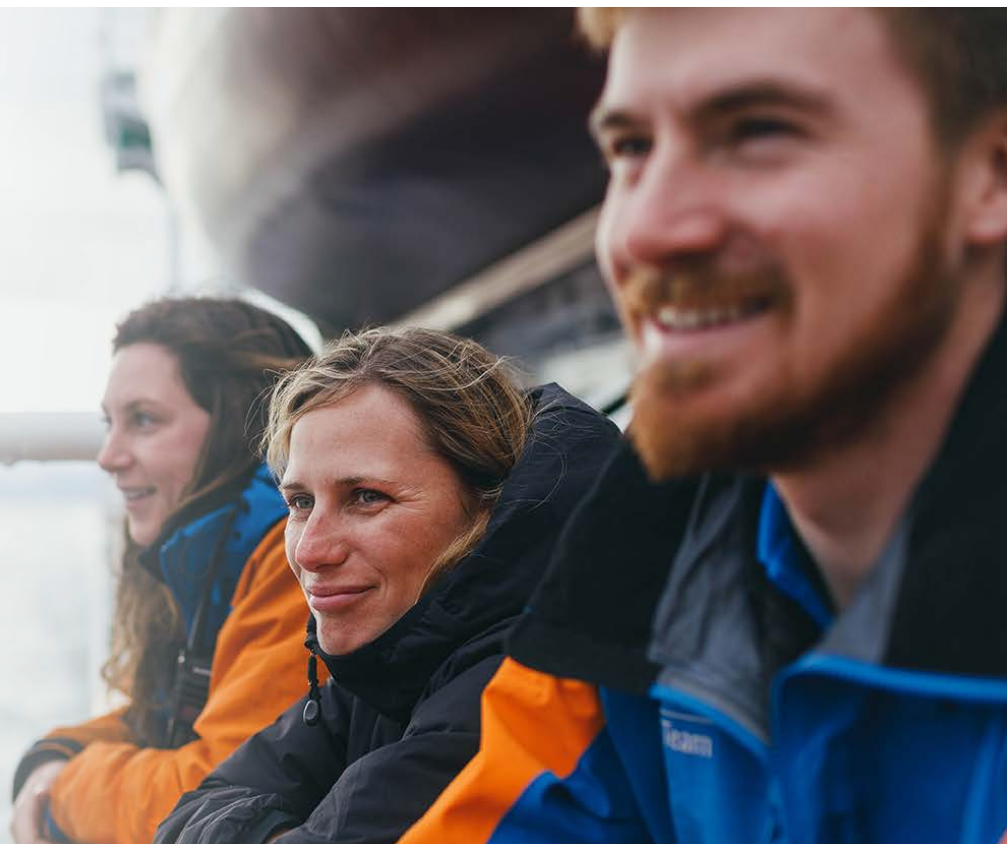
RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

For all voyages:

- International airfare
- Passport and applicable visa expenses
- Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned
- Meals unless otherwise specified
- Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended
- Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic flights
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac landing and cruising excursions, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, spa services and other personal charges, unless specified
- Phone charges may vary by location
- Our basic complimentary Wi-Fi service does not include Premium packages which enable more data-intensive applications
- Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for expedition staff and shipboard crew
- Additional overnight accommodation
- Arrival and departure transfers, except where explicitly stated
- Adventure Options not listed in Included Activities.

“ It was a real treat to be ‘Standing among the Emperors.’ Hundreds and hundreds of them. Arguably the most amazing bird on the planet. Expedition Leader Shane was a pro. I loved chatting with all manner of staff experts. They taught me a ton!”

— GARY K., SNOW HILL, 2023



Your Expedition Team

In 2004, the Quark Expeditions team became the first to visit the Emperor penguin colony at Snow Hill Island. Since then, our Expedition Team has brought more people to Snow Hill than anyone else in the industry. In 2023 alone, they succeeded in bringing 208 guests to Snow Hill on two separate voyages. They were led by veteran Expedition Leader Shane Evoy, who has made 19 successful Snow Hill landings in his career—perhaps more than anyone else on the planet!

Our Expedition Leaders and their teams bring diverse expertise in subjects as varied as polar history, marine biology, glaciology, ornithology and photography. Their knowledge and enthusiasm will greatly enhance your immersion into the polar environment and further deepen your connection to the Antarctic.

With over 32 years of experience bringing passengers to remote polar regions and an industry-leading staff-to-guest ratio, we know how to safely handle the unexpected. Ensuring this hard-earned experience is passed on, all our expedition staff receive comprehensive training in Quark Academy, which provides hands-on polar expedition training prior to any staff member's first voyage as well as ongoing training for experienced staff.



Veteran Expedition Leader Shane Evoy has led 19 successful voyages to Snow Hill Island.



One of the many historic churches in Buenos Aires



Iguazú Falls



Ushuaia Maritime Museum

Extend Your Trip

PRE- AND POST-EXPEDITION TRIP EXTENSIONS

Since you're traveling such a long way, you may want to spend extra time in Buenos Aires. We have a variety of pre- and post-expedition packages in this captivating city, known as the tango capital of the world. Enjoy an extensive city tour, take in a tango show and explore the unique neighborhoods of Recoleta, Palermo and San Telmo. Savor Argentine barbecue at a steakhouse (*parrilla*), then stroll the tree-lined boulevards and marvel at the historic architecture.

Take an extended tour from Buenos Aires to Iguazú Falls, and, if you're daring, walk the catwalks over the falls.

Upon arrival in Ushuaia, you can take in its unique museums, incredible hiking, and Patagonian cuisine. Spend a day in nearby Tierra del Fuego National Park, marvelling at the mountains, birdlife, waterfalls and forests.

To discover the best options for extending your adventure, get in touch with your Travel Professional or a Polar Travel Adviser for seamless, worry-free booking of all trip extensions.

Raise a Glass and Stay Connected!

See below for specifics on our complimentary Wi-Fi and bar service, which takes effect November 2024.



Meals on Board

If there is one constant on board, it is that you'll enjoy delicious meals daily. While meal times may change due to landings and wildlife encounters, you'll always be served three well-prepared meals per day. Most dietary restrictions can be accommodated by letting us know prior to your expedition.

Balena Restaurant, the main diningroom on Deck 7 of *Ultramarine*, features tables that accommodate 2 to 10. Guests can enjoy a quiet dinner with a loved one or join a larger table of new friends. Guests will enjoy views from every seat in addition to direct access to the wraparound deck. Guests can also enjoy a meal in Bistro 487, which offers an indoor/outdoor dining experience—perfect for enjoying the polar landscapes.

Breakfasts and lunches are normally served buffet style, while dinners are served plated. À la carte meals are made at the time of your order, allowing our chefs to prepare each dish to your individual needs, ensuring you receive top-quality meals during the course of your expedition.

Complimentary coffee, tea, cocoa and water stations are available around the clock, while soft drinks and juices are available during meals and when the bar is open—all included in the cost of your package.

NEW Enjoy free beer, standard wines, spirits, and cocktails during bar service hours and dinner as part of our new “Raise a Glass and Stay Connected Free” program. Premium wines and champagne are available at extra cost and can be billed to your shipboard account. The well-stocked bars on the ship are open late morning, afternoon and evening, though hours may occasionally change to accommodate the expedition schedule.





Alternative Landing Sites

BROWN BLUFF

Brown Bluff, an immense cliff of volcanic rock, towers 2,225 feet (678 meters) over rookeries of Adélie and gentoo penguins, some of which will be incubating their eggs.

DEVIL ISLAND

The Swedish Antarctic Expedition of 1901-04 discovered the narrow island, which is 1 mile (1.6 km) long and has a low summit at each end.

HOPE BAY

Three members of the Swedish Antarctic Expedition (1901-04) spent the winter in a hut on the shores of Hope Bay. The hut is located close to the jetty of Esperanza Station, an Argentine research station.

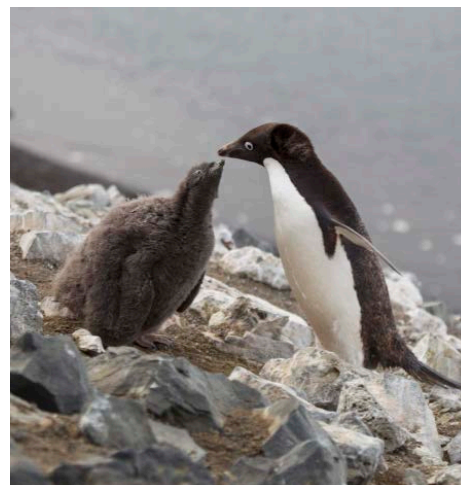
PAULET ISLAND

Located in the northwestern Weddell Sea, Paulet Island is home to a large Adélie penguin rookery. With a volcanic cone that rises 1,158 feet (353 meters),

the island reminds you that this was once a very active landscape. In addition to penguins, you may be interested in visiting a historic hut built by members of the Swedish Antarctic Expedition of 1901-04. A cross marks the gravesite of crew member Ole Wenersgaard.

SEYMOUR ISLAND

Northeast of Snow Hill Island is a smaller island that was originally mistaken for a cape. Seymour Island is significant for fossil finds and for the remains of the KT Boundary, which marks the transition between the Cretaceous Period (dinosaurs and reptiles) and the Tertiary Period (mammals) of geological times. This era is known for the mass extinction of many forms of life, including dinosaurs.



What to pack on your Snow Hill expedition

VISITING THE EMPEROR PENGUIN COLONY

Located on sea ice, the Emperor rookery is situated some walking distance from the closest potential helicopter landing site (to not disturb the animals), so make sure you bring layered clothing suitable for covering the distance comfortably and additional layers to top-up whilst being more stationary at the colony.

Please note: The walk will be over uneven terrain of ice and varying levels of snow, so make sure you only bring what you can carry yourself without assistance!

- ☐ Waterproof pants (mandatory for every Zodiac and helicopter ride)
- ☐ Waterproof jacket (either the complimentary Quark 3-in-1 jacket or if you prefer, you can bring your own water and windproof winter warm anorak or extreme weather jacket (recommended: long/hooded*- complete with a solid insulating layer (fleece/ down**) *hood (with (faux) fur ruff /**responsible Down Standard (RDS)
- ☐ (Reusable) Hand and feet warmers ☐ Warm base-layer wool or synthetic top
- ☐ Binoculars ☐ Warm base-layer wool or synthetic bottom
- ☐ Mid-layer(s)* warm or (smart)wool/fleece top (*to adjust depending on your thermos-regulation comfort and activity level /keep a dry spare in your bag, for layering)
- ☐ Mid-layer(s)* warm or (smart)wool/fleece top (*to adjust depending on your thermos-regulation comfort and activity level /keep a dry spare in your bag, for layering)
- ☐ Warm hat that covers ears (bring an extra for your daypack in case one gets wet)
- ☐ Balaclava, scarf, buff, or other warm face protection (against wind and snow)
- ☐ Warm wool or synthetic socks (keep a dry pair in your bag)
- ☐ Warm, insulating insole(s) (for included boots)
- ☐ Warm waterproof gloves or mitts (bring an extra for your daypack in case one gets wet!)
- ☐ Additional warm glove liners (for operating the camera or binoculars while at the colony)
- ☐ Ski goggles (protection against snow flurries and wind) and polarized sunglasses with UV protection (for sunny moments)
- ☐ Cold protection cream with UV block (don't bring regular, water-based Sunscreen — it will freeze!)
- ☐ Waterproof, lightweight backpack (Daypack to carry your spare clothing and gear to and from the colony)
- ☐ Additional reusable (thermos-regulating) water bottle or thermos (in addition to the reusable collapsible water bottle provided)
- ☐ Camera(s) and pertinent equipment with enough spare batteries, ideally in a 'warm pack' (due to the low temperatures batteries will run out faster than usual!)
- ☐ Folding (collapsible) ski pole walking stick with seat (for balance and stability aid for walking on uneven terrain and seating option for while at the colony)
- ☐ Small quick dry towel/handkerchief (to get rid of perspiration or snow)

- › To view our packing checklist online, visit:
QuarkExpeditions.com/What-to-Pack/Snow-Hill-Island
- › Related topics are covered on our Frequently Asked Questions page:
QuarkExpeditions.com/Frequently-Asked-Questions



Scan this QR code or [click here](#) to watch our video on what to pack before you go!

WHAT TO BRING! Packing for the Polar Regions doesn't have to be daunting, and to make it easier for you, all Quark Expeditions voyages include a Quark parka to keep, and a loan of insulated waterproof boots. Additional suggested items include:

EXPLORING THE ANTARCTIC

Basic Antarctic gear recommendations (while on outer decks aboard the ship or during Zodiac Operations for alternative Landings etc.)

- ☐ Waterproof pants (mandatory for every Zodiac and helicopter ride)
- ☐ Waterproof jacket (the complimentary Quark 3-in-1 is ideal for all excursion outings with our Zodiacs)
- ☐ Binoculars ☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic top
- ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece top* ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece bottom*
- ☐ Warm hat that covers ears ☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic bottom
- ☐ Waterproof gloves or mitts ☐ Glove liners*
- ☐ Warm wool or synthetic socks (keep a dry pair in your bag, and bring extras for layering)
- ☐ Waterproof, lightweight backpack or dry sack for camera and gear or waterproof cell phone case / rain sleeve
- ☐ Ski goggles (for Zodiac cruising on snowy or windy days)
- ☐ Hat, buff or scarf (for wind and weather protection)
- ☐ UV protection (sun hat, polarized sun glasses, sun block, lip balm)
- ☐ Collapsible walking stick for hikes (if required). Quantities are available on every vessel to borrow.

** recommended layering depending on the conditions of the day and reflecting your personal thermo-regulation comfort levels.*

TO WEAR ON BOARD

- ☐ The complimentary Quark 3-in-1 Parka provided on board is designed with a waterproof shell that can be worn out on deck, and a removable liner that you can wear to stay comfortable indoors)
- ☐ Comfortable casual clothing like lighter shirts, pants or jeans, etc. (in case the ship gets warm)
- ☐ Comfortable non-slip closed-toed, heelless shoes (flip flops, sandals or slip-on shoes should not be worn on board due to safety concerns)
- ☐ Workout attire (for the fitness center!)
- ☐ Swimsuit (for the Polar Plunge! Some vessels may also have a pool, hot tub, sauna and/or steam room. See your ship book for details.)

Just a reminder: No formal evening wear required on our voyages but if you would like to bring something a little more dressy for the Captain's welcome and farewell cocktails you may certainly do so!

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- ☐ Passport, visas, immunization records, travel documents, etc. as required
- ☐ Camera gear—complete with charger, storage medium, transport and cleaning kit (lens cloth etc.) and extra batteries
- ☐ Reusable waterproof bags or plastic bags with zippers (to keep small items organized and cameras dry)
- ☐ Voltage converters and plug adapters (see ship book for details)
- ☐ Seasickness, indigestion, headache, or other medications
- ☐ Earplugs and eye masks for sleeping
- ☐ Moisturizer for face and hands (skin dryness due to wind and temperature changes)
- ☐ Credit card and small amount of local currency (see pre-departure book for more details)

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND TEMPERATURES

Polar weather is extremely variable; temperatures may hover around the freezing mark and winds can be strong. The extended daylight warms sheltered areas so that you may sometimes find it warmer at times. However, you may encounter rain, snow squalls, fog and white-outs during an expedition and should be ready for any conditions.

TO BOOK YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE

Contact your Travel Professional



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in Arktis und Antarktis

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☐ Direkt-Angebot der ausländischen Reedereien (ausländ. Reiserecht + Preis in USD zum Tageskurs in EUR)

Schiffsname

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Alternative Abfahrt (tt/mm - tt/mm/jj)
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☐ Doppelkabine ☐ Doppelkabine zur Einzelnutzung ☐ Halbe Doppelkabine zur Mitbenutzung

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Abflughafen

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☐ Economy-Class ☐ Business-Class

Zusätzliche Hotelübernachtungen:

Hotelname/Übernachtungsort

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Aufenthalt von - bis (tt/mm - tt/mm/jj)

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Hotelname/Übernachtungsort

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Aufenthalt von - bis (tt/mm - tt/mm/jj)

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Reiseversicherungen:

- ☐ keine
☐ Reiserücktrittskostenversicherung
☐ Komplettschutz (Reiserücktritts-, Kranken-, Unfall-, Gepäck- und Notfallversicherung)

Persönliche Angaben:

1. Reiseteilnehmer

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Vorname, Name / Geburtsdatum
2. Reiseteilnehmer

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Vorname, Name / Geburtsdatum

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