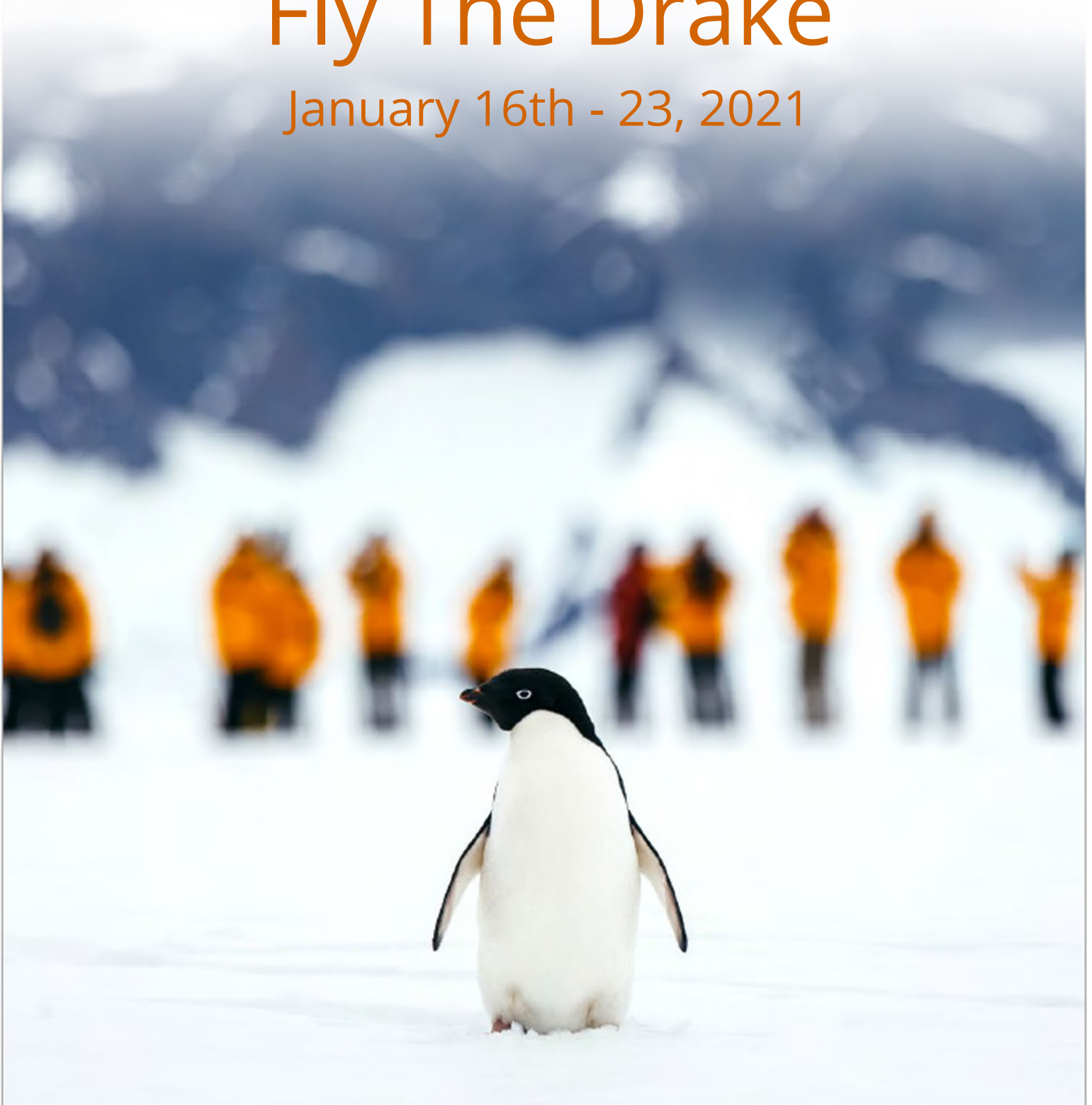


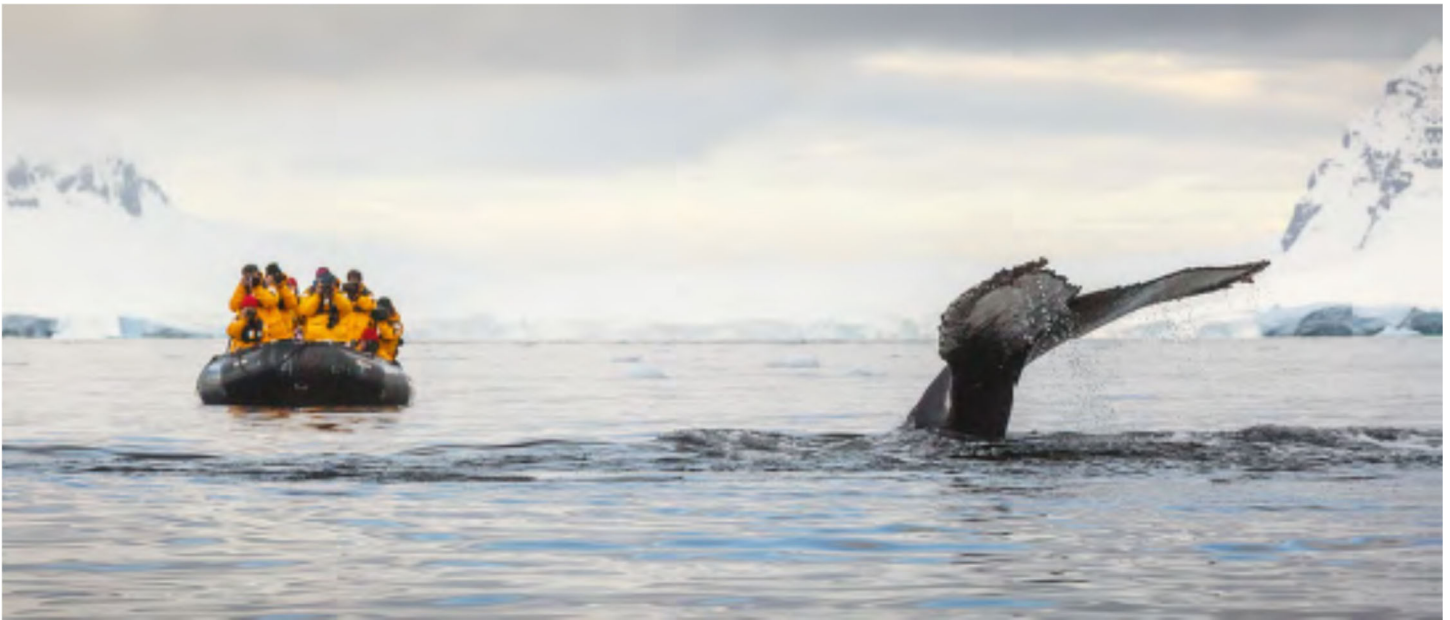


ANTARCTIC EXPRESS

Fly The Drake

January 16th - 23, 2021





Overview

Antarctica offers so many extraordinary things to see and do, and travelling 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.

Answer the call of Antarctica by flying over the 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



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



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



Marvel at many of the Antarctic Peninsula highlights



Enjoy onboard presentations from polar specialists



Cruise in a Zodiac to get up close to icebergs, wildlife and more



Antarctic Express: Fly the Drake 8 Day 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 EMBARKATION

Your charter flight from Punta Arenas to Antarctica will have you crossing the legendary Drake Passage in only a few hours. 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 for landing in the South Shetland Islands. After landing, stretch your legs with a one-mile (1.6 km) walk 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. As your ship approaches the White Continent, you may be overcome by feelings of excitement and awe. Antarctica is indescribable and can only be fully appreciated through your own eyes.



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

The Adventure Continues

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.

Even more exciting are your daily excursions. Your first Zodiac landing is something you'll never forget! Walking on a beach dotted with 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 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 killer whales in action, you'll wake up early and welcome each day with a sense of adventure and a desire to explore during this unrivaled travel experience.

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

DAY 7 | DISEMBARKATION 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-and-a-half-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.

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'll 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 a guarantee.





Antarctic Express: Fly the Drake Arrival & Departure Details

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

Arrival Day and Embarkation

ARRIVING IN PUNTA ARENAS

Please be sure to arrive in time to be at the hotel prior to 3pm 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 to your hotel for approximately US\$25.

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 3pm, you can head directly to the meeting room, which is open from 12pm. 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. After these procedures, the briefing will start at 6pm in the meeting room. A welcome dinner hosted by a Quark Expeditions® representative will follow the briefing.



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 at 9am, 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.

PLEASE NOTE

There is a strict luggage limit of 33 lbs (15 kg) checked luggage and 11 lbs (5 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.

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 an additional night's accommodation and meals in Punta Arenas. On Day 4, should the charter flight not be able to take off by 2pm, 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 trip delay or 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.



Final Day and Departure

DISSEMBARKATION AT KING GEORGE ISLAND

Ship disembarkation will generally occur in the late morning, around 11am on King George Island. After you disembark, you will take a short walk from the beach to the King George Island airport to meet your plane. Your luggage will be transferred to the airstrip, where you will collect it for check-in. After a two-and-a-half-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.

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. Quark Expeditions® endeavors to provide the best possible accommodation within these parameters.

Arrival and Departure Transfers

PUNTA ARENAS AIRPORT TRANSFERS

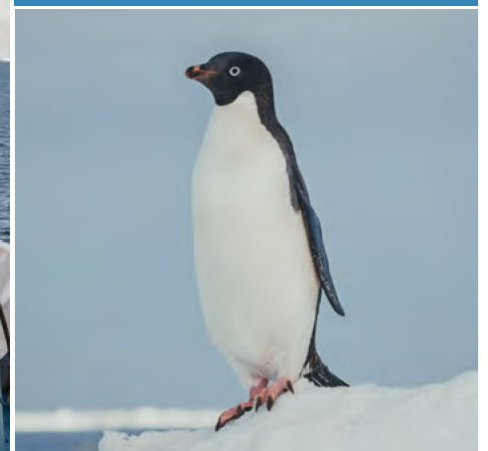
ARRIVAL: Upon your arrival in Punta Arenas, a group transfer is included from the airport to your included pre-expedition hotel on Day 1 of your itinerary. Group transfers are also included in conjunction with the charter flights to and from Antarctica.

DEPARTURE: A departure transfer in Punta Arenas is not included, however your 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

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.





OCEAN ADVENTURER

Our popular ship the Sea Adventurer has been relaunched as the Ocean Adventurer after a multi-million-dollar renovation. A team of marine architects, engineers, interior designers and polar expedition specialists worked together to enhance this nimble and intimate fleet favorite. Upgrades include a refreshed look and feel throughout, plus the complete remodeling of the lounge, dining room and bar. All cabins received brand new bathroom facilities. Six new deluxe cabins as well as three new suites have also been added. Major technical enhancements include two new Rolls-Royce engines, which yield increased speed and fuel efficiency, and a minimized carbon footprint.

SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

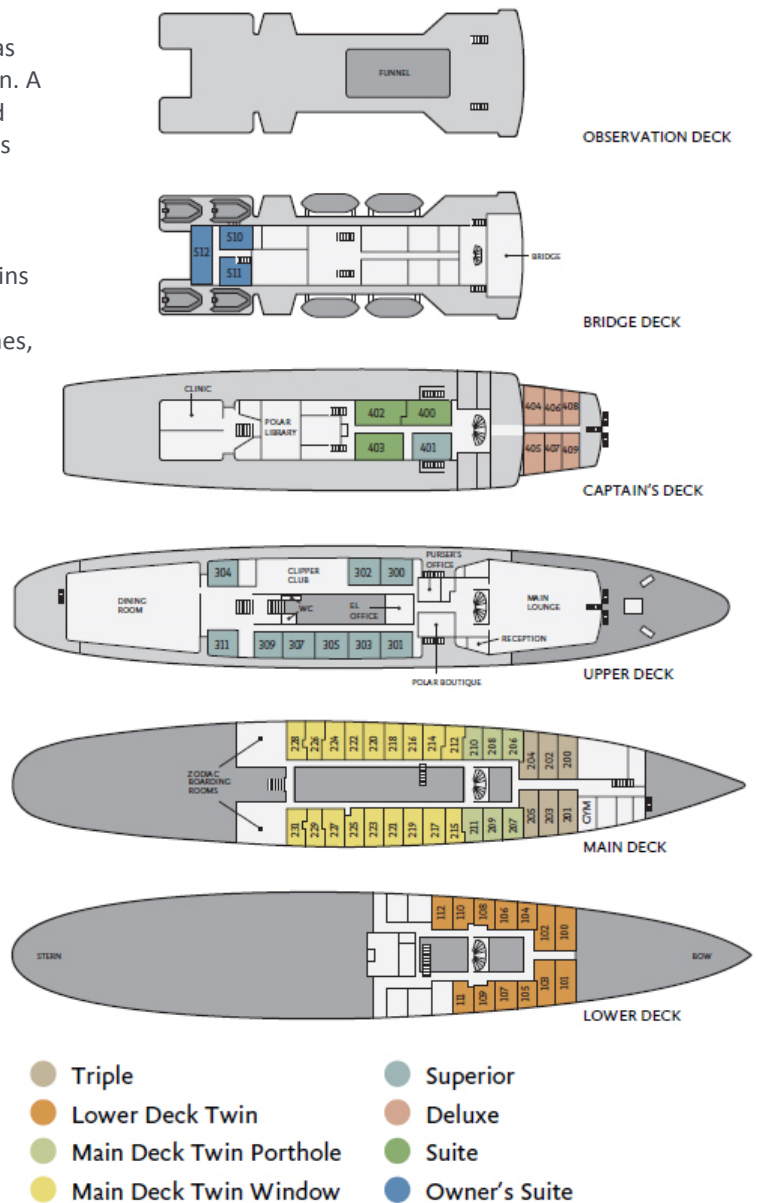
Staff & Crew: 87

Guests: 132

Lifeboats: 4, partially enclosed

Ice Class: 1A

Visit QuarkExpeditions.com to view deck plan details.





Included Activities

Ready for a little adventure beyond your ship? Each Quark Expeditions® voyage offers a variety of fun recreational activities to enhance your polar experience.

ZODIAC CRUISING

Zodiacs are the workhorses of polar expeditions, safely transporting guests to remote shorelines, exploring shallow inlets and searching for wildlife—taking you to places the ships can't reach. Expedition staff make stepping in and out of them safe and comfortable.

HIKING

Led by experienced staff, exploring on foot is the best way to appreciate the landscape and shorelines. Staff will aim to have multiple hikes available based on ability and mobility.

PRESENTATIONS

Enjoy daily chats with onboard polar experts—our guides, scientists and other special guests will introduce you to the wonderful history, biology, ornithology, glaciology and more.

POLAR PLUNGE

This rite of passage, experienced just once per expedition, sees you safely jumping into icy ocean waters under the watchful eye of our staff—and just about every single camera lens on board!

PHOTOGRAPHY

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is a rewarding experience. Our photography guides will help you learn skills to capture the beauty of the Polar Regions.

OTHER EQUIPMENT ON BOARD

Walking poles are provided at each landing for your convenience. As there are limited number of poles available, please bring your own if you require them on every landing.

More information about your Included and Paid Activities, including the necessary experience, physical requirements and cost, is available by contacting Direct Travel Group Department.





Package Rates

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Inclusions & Exclusions

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ON ALL SHIPS, RATES INCLUDE:

- Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Leaders, 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 (Please inform us of any dietary requirements as far in advance as possible. Unfortunately, the ships' galleys cannot prepare kosher meals.)
- Beer and wine during dinner; and 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 the expedition
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
- An official Quark Expeditions® parka to keep
- Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin
- Comprehensive onboard materials, including a map and an informative Antarctic Reader
- 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 in Punta Arenas with breakfast

Exclusions

RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

- 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 flights
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac landing and cruising excursions, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, bar, massage services and other personal charges, unless specified
- Phone and Internet charges
- 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



TO BOOK THIS ADVENTURE

Contact Your Direct Travel Group Department:



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Mail form to Direct Travel 2412 East Washington Street, Suite 4A | Bloomington, IL 61704

Please print names *exactly* as they appear on your passport.
Passports must be valid through June 23, 2021.

PASSENGER 1: _____

Passport #: _____ Passport Expiration: _____

Date of Birth: _____ TSA # if Applicable: _____

PASSENGER 2: _____

Passport #: _____ Passport Expiration: _____

Date of Birth: _____ TSA # if Applicable: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Credit Card #: _____ VI MC AX DS

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Please select your cabin category.

- Lower Deck Twins \$14,999.00 per person based on double occupancy.
- Main Deck Porthole \$15,999.00 per person based on double occupancy.
- Main Deck Window \$ 17,999.00 per person based on double occupancy.
- Superior \$ 18,999.00 per person based on double occupancy

Travel Insurance: We highly recommend travel insurance.

Please provide me with a quote.

No, I do not want Travel Protection. Direct Travel has recommended that I purchase travel protection insurance. I have been made aware of the cancellation fees associated with my trip, and I understand that if any unforeseen circumstance (including medical emergencies) should occur and I do not have insurance, I would not be covered.