



ANTARCTIC EXPERIENCE AIR-CRUISE



Punta Arenas + Antarctica + Ushuaia

Travel Program



Jumping over Cape Horn and the mythical waters of the Drake Passage, Antarctica XXI invites you to a unique experience that will take you to one of the most remote places on earth, the coldest, highest, windiest, driest, and most inhospitable continent - Antarctica.

Day 1 Arrival at the city of Punta Arenas where you will be met by Antarctica XXI staff, to be transferred to Hotel Rey Don Felipe. During the afternoon, you will meet your expedition mates and receive instructions concerning the guidelines that should be followed in Antarctica and the procedures for Zodiac boat embarkation and disembarkation. Later, you will enjoy our welcome dinner at the José Nogueira Hotel, a French-style mansion that is over one hundred years old.

N.B. *Passengers should be in Punta Arenas at 15:00 hours, at the latest.*

Day 2 Our Antarctic adventure will begin with the flight from Punta Arenas to King George Island (South Shetland Islands). The flight takes a little over one and half hour. Upon arrival, we will be able to tour around the area where the Frei Chilean Base and the Bellingshausen Russian Base are located. We will gather at the beach on Fildes Bay for embarkation by Zodiac boats on board our expedition vessel.

Days 3 y 4 While cruising between the South Shetland Islands and the western coast of the Antarctic Peninsula, sailing along ice-filled fjords and between spectacular icebergs, we will enjoy the company of sea birds, penguins, seals and whales. Our adventure will be very active, with several daily landings and cruises in Zodiac boats, lectures and a very enjoyable time on board.

Day 5 After a last visit in the region, in the afternoon our ship will set sail northwards across the famous Drake Passage en route to Ushuaia.

Day 6 We invite you to relax and enjoy life on board and to take the time to watch wildlife from the bridge or outside decks. We may spot magnificent birds such as albatrosses and petrels, as well as Humpback and Minke whales swimming on their way down to Antarctica.

Day 7 After spending the last hours sailing through the Drake Passage, we will finally have Cape Horn and the American continent in sight. Our ship will sail along the calm waters of the Beagle Channel towards the southernmost Chilean settlement of Puerto Williams, located on Navarino Island. Here, we will have the time to tour around before sailing during the night towards Ushuaia.

Day 8 In the morning, arrival at the port of Ushuaia and disembarkation. End of the program.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Included in the rate**
- Transfers airport/hotel foreseen on the first and last day of the voyage, as indicated in the program corresponding to each voyage.
 - 1 overnight in Punta Arenas at Hotel Rey Don Felipe on Day 1 of CLASSIC ANTARCTICA and ANTARCTIC EXPERIENCE air-cruises.
 - 1 complimentary overnight upon request in Punta Arenas at Hotel Rey Don Felipe on the day of return from Antarctica for CLASSIC ANTARCTICA (Day 7) and ANTARCTIC EXPRESS (Day 5) air-cruises.
 - Welcome Dinner at Jose Nogueira Hotel in Punta Arenas (only for participants of CLASSIC ANTARCTIC air-cruise and ANTARCTIC EXPERIENCE air-cruises).
 - Flight from Punta Arenas to Frei Station on King George Island and/or vice versa as indicated in the program corresponding to each voyage.
 - Ship cruise along the Antarctic Peninsula as indicated in the program corresponding to each voyage.
 - Full board including all drinks on board (open-bar).
 - All guided shore excursions.
 - Lectures and entertainment on board.
 - Comprehensive pre- and post-voyage information material.
 - Loan of waterproof boots for landing in Antarctica.

- Not included in the rate**
- Accommodation, meals and transfers other than those included in the Travel Program corresponding to each voyage.
 - Personal insurances.
 - Extra expenses (communication, laundry, souvenirs, etc.).
 - Tips (suggested USD 10 per person per day).
 - Visas or Passport expenses and/or any other arrival and/or departure tax, if applicable.

Baggage allowance The maximum weight allowed on the flights to and from Antarctica is 20 kg per passenger, including hand luggage. Exceeding luggage will be kept in custody by ANTARCTICA XXI and will be returned to passengers upon their return from Antarctica at the port/airport of arrival corresponding to each voyage.

Medical insurance ANTARCTICAXXI strongly urges participants to be adequately covered by a medical insurance, including aero-medical evacuation from Antarctica.

Participation Form Passengers are required to fill and sign a Participation Form, and to return it to ANTARCTICA XXI duly filled at least 60 days prior to departure.

Itinerary Every effort will be made to adhere to the planned program. However, it must be realized that with this type of adventurous travel to Antarctica, changes to the itinerary may occur due to severe and unpredictable weather. We need to emphasize the fact that weather conditions are unpredictable and that safety is always the paramount concern on any Antarctic voyage. For this reason ANTARCTICA XXI reserves the right to change the itinerary here described due to weather conditions or other factors beyond ANTARCTICA XXI's control without consulting the participants.

Flight connexions A tight time-schedule connection with an Antarctic expedition is unwise. For this reason, Antarctica XXI strongly suggests that a flexible air ticket be held for your journey home, and in any case not to book a flight on the same day of the return flight from Antarctica.

Contingency Plan In case that the flight to or from Antarctica cannot take place due to unfavourable weather conditions either at point of origin and/or destination, ANTARCTICA XXI will apply the Contingency Plan corresponding to each voyage.