

Cruise Antarctica

Inspired Journeys...

In the realm of the great explorers

11 days - Punta Arenas to Ushuaia



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Celebrate New Year's Eve in Antarctica with penguins, elephant seals and first-landing buzz. With summer in full swing, penguin highways are busy with traffic between rookeries and beach as parents hurry to fatten up chicks. Glaciers shed ice with an echoing roar and waterways are alive with feeding and breaching whales. Zodiacs whisk us on whalewatching cruises and amongst glorious icebergs. The near-midnight sun powers an explosion of life. What an unforgettable way to start the year!

Day 1

Make your way to our joining hotel in Punta Arenas, Chile. This evening's briefing will prepare us for our charter flight and our first leg of our expedition to Antarctica!

Day 2

We first fly from Punta Arenas, Chile to King George Island, Antarctica to be warmly welcomed aboard Polar Pioneer. We settle in for safety and environmental briefings to prepare us for landings as we set off across Bransfield Strait.



Days 3 - 8

We wake in the stunning Antarctic Peninsula, an ethereal wonderland of vast proportions. Aboard robust Zodiacs, we explore penguin rookeries, historic sites and scientific stations. Zodiac cruising brings us close to intricately shaped icebergs and seals basking on ice floes whilst our kayakers glide into secluded bays.



Stepping ashore on the continent itself creates an everlasting memory, especially if it involves a bum-slide down snow slopes. We immerse ourselves in nature, spontaneity and having fun, making sure to pause and celebrate as we bring in the New Year.

We make the most of every day and a fair bit of each night as well. If the weather allows, we'll have a sleep-out on the ice – a must for any Antarctic explorer!

Days 9 - 10

As the Captain steers the ship north across Drake Passage, our minds and souls revel in rich Antarctic experiences. There's time to watch for seabirds, enjoy entertaining talks, discuss what we've seen and learned, exchange photos and stories.

Day 11

We enjoy a gentle cruise along the Beagle Channel in the early morning. We disembark after breakfast for onward travel or to savour more time in Ushuaia.
