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DAY BY DAY



This 8-day Antarctic fly-cruise offers the fastest and most immersive way to reach the White Continent. Beginning in Punta Arenas, you'll journey south by charter flight to King George Island, skipping the two-day Drake Passage crossing, and board the World Voyager for an unforgettable expedition. Daily Zodiac landings, wildlife encounters, glacial landscapes, and expert-led exploration define this adventure. With no two days alike, the Antarctic Peninsula reveals itself through towering icebergs, lively penguin colonies, and breathtaking polar silence, creating an experience that will stay with you forever.



## DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN PUNTA ARENAS & WELCOME DINNER (DECEMBER 6, 2026)

Your journey begins as you arrive in Punta Arenas, the southernmost major city in Chile and the gateway to the **Antarctic**. An English-speaking guide will greet you upon arrival and accompany you to your hotel, where you can settle into your comfortable room and prepare for the exciting days ahead. Punta Arenas offers a blend of history, culture, and Patagonian landscapes, perfect for exploring if you arrive early. Later in the afternoon, you'll meet fellow travelers and a representative who will brief you about the adventure to come. A welcome dinner brings everyone together, creating a sense of camaraderie before your departure to the far south. Overnight at Dreams Punta Arenas.



## DAY 2: FLIGHT TO KING GEORGE ISLAND & ANTARCTIC EMBARKATION (DECEMBER 7, 2026)

After breakfast, your guide will accompany you to the airport for your charter flight to Antarctica. In just two hours, you'll cross the legendary Drake Passage from the air, bypassing the waves and heading directly toward the icy realm below. As the aircraft descends, you'll catch your first glimpse of vast snowfields, rocky coastlines, and the remote beauty of King George Island. After landing, you'll walk across the stark Antarctic terrain before boarding Zodiacs that transport you to the World Voyager. As the ship sets sail toward the Peninsula, the magnitude of the journey becomes real, your Antarctic expedition has officially begun.

## DAY 3: ANTARCTIC PENINSULA & SOUTH SHETLAND EXPLORATION BEGINS (DECEMBER 8, 2026)

Your first full day in Antarctica introduces you to the extraordinary landscapes and wildlife that make this region so unique. The Expedition Team and Captain continuously scan the horizon for whales and seabirds, alerting the group to sightings of humpbacks, minke whales, or soaring albatross. Presentations on wildlife, photography, and glaciology prepare you for what lies ahead, enhancing your understanding of this majestic place. Weather permitting, you may have your first Zodiac landing today, an unforgettable moment as you step onto an Antarctic shore for the very first time. Each moment brings new senses, from pristine silence to crisp air tinged with ice.

## DAY 4: ZODIAC LANDINGS & PENGUIN ENCOUNTERS (DECEMBER 9, 2026)

Today you'll deepen your connection with the Antarctic through immersive Zodiac outings and landings. The Peninsula's wildlife welcomes you with character and charm, thousands of penguins nesting, waddling, and diving through the icy water. Standing among colonies of Adélie, gentoo, and chinstrap penguins offers an intimate look at their daily life. The weather determines your exact landing sites, but each stop promises its own magic. You may hike a snowy ridge for panoramic views, observe skuas patrolling nesting grounds, or simply sit quietly onshore taking in the surreal beauty. The combination of wildlife, ice, and silence creates a powerful emotional experience.

## DAY 5: WHALE WATCHING, ICEBERGS & GLACIAL LANDSCAPES (DECEMBER 10, 2026)

The soundscape of Antarctica evolves today as you venture deeper into its icy realm. Zodiacs navigate around towering blue icebergs, each uniquely carved by the elements. Your guides keep an eye out for seals resting on floating ice and whales feeding in rich waters. Humpbacks often steal the show with their tail flukes and powerful blows. You may pass enormous tidewater glaciers, where the booming crack of calving ice echoes across the bay. Whether cruising among ice formations or walking ashore, today's activities remind you of Antarctica's immense scale and untouched purity. Cameras click nonstop as every moment feels surreal.

## DAY 6: FINAL ANTARCTIC ADVENTURES & WILDLIFE MOMENTS (DECEMBER 11, 2026)

Your final day exploring the Peninsula offers a mix of cherished wildlife moments and dramatic scenery. One last landing might take you to a penguin rookery bustling with activity as chicks beg for food or adults steal pebbles for their nests. You may cruise past cliffs alive with seabirds or glide through glassy waters filled with drifting ice. The Expedition Team enhances your experience with stories about past explorers, wildlife behavior, and changing environmental conditions. As the day winds down, you will take a moment to absorb the immensity of the landscapes around you, Antarctica leaves no visitor unchanged.

## DAY 7: DISEMBARK AT KING GEORGE ISLAND & RETURN FLIGHT TO PUNTA ARENAS (DECEMBER 12, 2026)

After a week of profound experiences, it's time to bid farewell to Antarctica. You will disembark via Zodiac onto King George Island, retracing your steps across the rugged terrain before boarding your two-hour flight back to Punta Arenas. Upon arrival, a group transfer takes you to your hotel, where you can relax in comfort after leaving the icy wilderness behind. The evening is yours to spend as you wish, perhaps strolling through the city, enjoying a local meal, or simply unwinding as you reflect on your unforgettable journey to the end of the world. Overnight Dreams Punta Arenas

## DAY 8: DEPARTURE FROM PUNTA ARENAS (DECEMBER 13, 2026)

After breakfast, your expedition officially comes to a close. A guide will accompany you to the airport for your onward flight, ensuring a smooth transition from hotel to departure gate. While your journey home begins today, the memories of your Antarctic adventure, its icy horizons, playful penguins, peaceful silence, and larger-than-life landscapes, will stay with you forever. Should you wish to extend your stay, Punta Arenas offers excellent opportunities for continued exploration. Otherwise, you depart with a new understanding of the planet's last frontier.

# RATES

**From \$18,100.00**  
per person



## Includes

- Led by highly experienced expedition specialists who bring deep knowledge of polar environments.
- A variety of off-ship adventures that fully immerse travelers in Antarctica's landscapes and wildlife.
- Comfortable small-ship experience with fewer than 200 guests for a more intimate expedition.
- Cozy cabins, excellent dining, wellness options, and panoramic viewing areas throughout the ship.
- Premium meals with options for different dietary preferences.
- Complimentary Wi-Fi, alcoholic beverages on all voyages, and an official Quark Expeditions parka included.



## Not Includes

- International airfare.
- Visa expenses.
- Travel insurance
- Mandatory expedition gear.
- On-ship expenses.
- Adventure options.
- Trip extensions.

### Hotels:

**Punta Arenas:** Dreams Punta Arenas

**Buenos Aires:** Pleno Palermo Soho Hotel

### Cruises:

**Punta Arenas:** World Voyager

# HIGHLIGHTS

- Step onto the Antarctic Peninsula just hours after leaving South America via a direct charter flight.
- Experience daily Zodiac landings, wildlife encounters, icebergs, and glacial landscapes.
- Walk among thousands of penguins and observe whales, seals, and seabirds in their natural habitat.
- Enjoy expert-led presentations on wildlife, photography, ice, and exploration history.
- Witness dramatic ice formations, calving glaciers, and pristine Antarctic silence.

# TRAVEL TIPS

- Pack in layers for rapidly changing weather conditions.
- Use waterproof gloves and warm socks for Zodiac excursions.
- Keep camera batteries warm to prevent rapid discharge in cold temperatures.
- Follow all guidance from your Expedition Team for safety during landings.
- Bring a reusable water bottle to stay hydrated, even in cold climates.

# WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

Antarctic weather is unpredictable, shifting rapidly between calm sunshine and snow-filled winds. Expect temperatures to range from 20°F to 40°F (-6°C to 4°C), with wind chill making it feel colder. Waterproof outer layers, insulated mid-layers, and warm accessories are essential for comfort during landings and Zodiac rides. Always be ready for sudden gusts, icy steps, or snowfall, and follow crew instructions to stay safe in varying conditions.

## **Fitness Requirements**

This itinerary requires moderate physical fitness. Guests should feel comfortable walking on snow, ice, and rocky shorelines, often on uneven or slippery surfaces. You must be able to climb in and out of Zodiacs, stand for periods during wildlife viewing, and walk for 1–2 hours at a steady pace. No technical skills are required, but good stability, balance, and mobility will ensure you fully enjoy each landing and excursion.

# FAQS

## **1. How many landings will we make?**

Landings depend on weather and ice conditions, but typically you can expect one to two excursions per day, including shore landings and Zodiac cruises.

## **2. Will I see penguins and whales?**

Yes, this itinerary is planned during peak wildlife activity. Sightings of Adélie, gentoo, and chinstrap penguins, as well as humpback and minke whales, are very common.

## **3. Do I need previous expedition or hiking experience?**

No prior experience is needed. The trip is suitable for travelers with moderate fitness and a willingness to walk on varied terrain and participate in Zodiac outings.



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