

ANTARCTICA - ANTARCTICA & SOUTH GEORGIA AIR CRUISE | MAGELLAN EXPLORER



TRIP CODE

ACTSASGA

DEPARTURE

07/03/2027

DURATION

18 Days

LOCATIONS

Antarctic Peninsula, South Georgia

INTRODUCTION

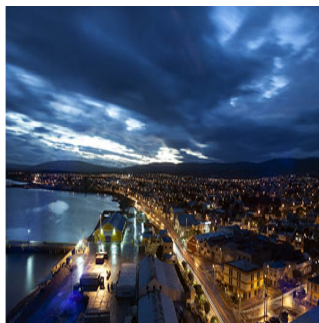
This incredible 18-day Fly-Cruise Antarctic adventure sees you taking a flight across the Drake Passage between Punta Arenas and King George Island and cruising around Antarctica and South Georgia. Remote and magical, the Antarctic Peninsula offers breath-taking landscapes of majestic mountains, imposing glaciers and vast towering icebergs. Close encounters with penguins and seals will leave you spellbound. Follow in the footsteps of Shackleton as you visit Elephant Island and South Georgia, the final resting place of Shackleton. South Georgia will overwhelm you with its rugged beauty, diverse landscapes and amazing wildlife including vast king penguin colonies. This is a remarkable voyage of discovery.



ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrive in Punta Arenas

Staff members will welcome you on arrival in Punta Arenas, Chile. Transfer to your hotel, then visit the Explorers House, and attend a mandatory briefing that provides important information about your air-cruise, and reviews the essential guidelines for Antarctic visitors. At Explorers House, enjoy local gastronomy dinner as you meet your fellow adventurers.



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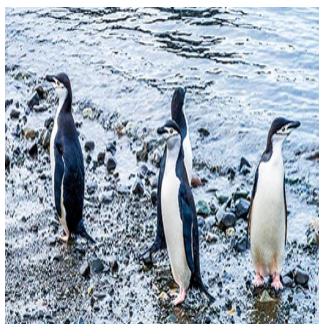
DAY 2: Scheduled flight to Antarctica

A smooth two-hour flight takes you efficiently from Punta Arenas to King George Island, in the South Shetland Islands. Your Antarctic adventure begins as you exit the airplane and the clear Antarctic air fills your lungs for the first time. Explore the area surrounding Chile's Frei Station and Russia's Bellingshausen Station, before boarding a Zodiac to embark your expedition vessel.



DAY 3: Exploring Antarctica - Day 3 to 6

Cruise between the South Shetland Islands and the western coast of the Antarctic Peninsula, sailing along ice-filled fjords and among spectacular icebergs, while enjoying the company of seabirds, penguins, seals and whales. Each day, disembark by Zodiac and explore the landscape together with expert polar guides. On board the ship, attend an engaging program of lectures and presentations, and enjoy spectacular views from the lounge while sharing your daily adventures with fellow guests. No journey is the same as flexibility is the key to success in Antarctica. The Expedition Team sets the voyage route to take advantage of the ever-changing opportunities provided by Nature, crafting a unique and extraordinary experience each time. While the exact itinerary changes with each expedition, you will explore several spots in the Gerlache Strait that offer the best possible overview of the varied Antarctic environment.



DAY 7: Elephant Island

Sailing north of the Antarctic Peninsula, we hope to stop at Elephant Island. It was here that the crew of Shackleton's Endurance found refuge while he and five handpicked men carried on in a small open lifeboat, crossing 1,300 km of open sea to South Georgia in order to arrange the rescue of their comrades. While the stormy conditions of this area rarely allow a shore landing, you will be able to see the island from the ship.



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DAY 8: Sailing to South Georgia - Day 8 & 9

As we sail on northward, our historian and our naturalists offer presentations and informal chats. There is time to socialize in the ship's lounge and to be inspired by tales of exploration, while keeping an eye out for the region's abundant birdlife.



DAY 10: South Georgia - Day 10 to 13

The island of South Georgia is a diverse landscape of majestic mountains, massive glaciers, grassy uplands and deep fjords. Visit the former whaling outpost of Grytviken, where you may pay your respects at the simple grave of Ernest Shackleton. At St. Andrew's Bay be overwhelmed by the sight of 150,000 King Penguins. At Cooper Island, the nesting home of thousands of black-browed albatrosses, see a large colony of macaroni penguins. If the weather is favourable, visits are also planned at Fortuna Bay, Salisbury Plains, Prion Island, and Elsehul Bay.



DAY 14: Sailing towards South America - Day 14 to 16

As the ship heads to South America, the Expedition Team continue their program of presentations. Use this time to enhance your understanding of the region and its history: Enjoy the collection of themed books in the library, attend film screenings, and spend time socializing in the ship's lounge. Take your binoculars to the outside observation decks and spot for the great wandering albatross that may be soaring in the proximity of the ship.



DAY 17: At sea and Beagle Channel

Approach the South American continent and sail along the Beagle Channel. Take in the beauty of Tierra del Fuego to the north and Navarino Island to the south as you make your way to Ushuaia.



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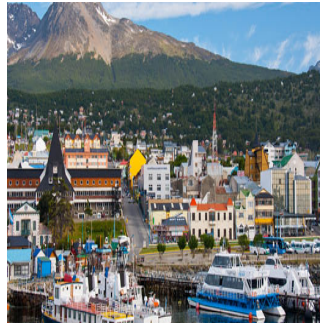
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DAY 18: Ushuaia, Argentina

Arrival to Ushuaia, where your journey ends.



INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Hotel & Cabin On board a Ship

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Group transfers from the airport and hotel on day one for guests arriving in Punta Arenas and from the hotel to the airport on the last day of the air-cruise itinerary.
 One night stay with breakfast in Punta Arenas on day one.
 Welcome dinner at the Explorers House.
 Comprehensive pre- and post-voyage information material.
 Special access to Explorers House for guests in Punta Arenas.
 Charter flights from Punta Arenas to King George Island.
 Accommodation on board during your voyage.
 Daily buffet breakfast, à la carte lunch and dinner, as well as wine, beer, juice, soft drinks, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, cappuccino, water, and snacks on board the ship.
 Loan of waterproof boots for excursions in Antarctica, contingency plan, and IAATO passenger fee.
 All guided excursions, as well as lectures and entertainment on board.

EXCLUSIONS

International or domestic flights, unless specified
 Transfers not mentioned in the itinerary
 Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable)
 Airport arrival or departure taxes
 Vaccination charges
 Travel insurance
 Hotels and meals not included in itinerary
 Optional excursions not included in the itinerary
 Optional activity surcharges
 All items of a personal nature, including but not limited to gratuities, select drinks, laundry services, personal clothing, medical expenses, wi-fi, email or phone charges.
 From 2026/27 Antarctic season onward standard internet service provided on a complimentary basis. *(Guests booked in Penthouse Suites on Magellan Explorer and Grand Veranda Suites on Magellan Discoverer enjoy complimentary premium internet service.)*

Difficulty Rating 2 (light adventure)

Single Surcharge Available upon request, contact us for more details.

Notes Prices are based on per person, and may be based off quad/triple/ or twin share cabins* (please contact us for more details)
 Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.
 Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.

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Price Dependent upon Departure Date, Fuel Surcharges, Cabin Category, Currency Fluctuations, Seasonality & Availability.

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