



# Uncharted Antarctica: Bespoke Expedition

18 Nights

20 January –07 February 2017



## Summary

Our 12-passenger small exploration boat Hans Hansson allows you to visit the incredible remote islands of the Antarctic Peninsula that larger vessels simply don't visit. Fewer passengers mean more intimacy and flexibility when exploring the Antarctic, adventures tailored to meet the expectations of participants, and greater face-time with the crew. Daily landings provide adventures to last a lifetime; enjoy the company of penguins, seabirds, whales and seals in the unparalleled beauty of the pristine waters and calm bays around the Antarctic Peninsula.

## Overview

Country:	Chile - Antarctic Peninsula
Cities:	Punta Arenas - King George Island - Antarctic Peninsula
Season:	20 January –07 February 2017
Duration:	19 days / 18 nights
Port of departure:	King George Island
Starting Price:	\$17995

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## Itinerary

Day	Port
1	Punta Arenas, Chile
2	King George Island
3-17	Cruise the Antarctic Peninsula
18	Punta Arenas
19	Punta Arenas



### Day 1: Punta Arenas, Chile

The vibrant port city of Punta Arenas is situated at Chile's southernmost tip, on the north bank of the Strait of Magellan. Once a Chilean penal colony, Punta Arenas now offers attractions and adventure in bundance, including historic sites, museums, Otway Soun and the Penguin Reserve, and activities like hiking, sea kayaking and whale watching. Explore the city by day, then join us for an evening dinner and welcome briefing to meet your fellow adventurers.

### Day 2: Fly To King George Island And Embark

The flight across the Drake Passage takes just four hours, shaving precious time off the two days it normally takes to make the journey by sea for time-constrained passengers.

The descent to King George Island provides an excellent view of the continent when skies are clear! You'll have free time to stretch your legs and take photographs of the island, before boarding our small exploration boat, Hans Hansson. Once you've settled into your cabin and partaken in the safety briefing, you'll enjoy an intimate family style meal with the Captain and crew.

### Days 3 – 17: Antarctic Peninsula

Your cruise adventure around the Islands of the Antarctic Peninsula begins when you board Hans Hansson. Its size allows us to navigate places few vessels can, and with only 12 passengers, shore excursions last longer and can be customized to passenger expectations. As you ply iceberg-laden waters around the Antarctic Peninsula, every direction offers a stunning new vista.

Each day brings morning and afternoon landings, each an adventure filled with possibilities for exploring the flora and fauna of Antarctica. See the Antarctic skua, referred to as a 'kleptoparasite' for its penchant to attack other seabirds and steal their food. View breeding colonies of Adélie, chinstrap and gentoo penguins and the krill-rich waters just offshore, which attract a variety of aquatic life including humpback whales. Leopard, Antarctic fur,

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Weddell and crab eater seals often visit, occasionally catching a ride on an iceberg. Keep your camera handy in case you spot the southern giant petrel, a seabird that eats everything from krill to carrion, and when threatened responds by spraying oil produced in its stomach at predators

**Day 18: Disembark and Fly to Punta Arenas**

With your intimate Antarctic adventure at an end, you'll disembark at King George Island and enjoy a comfortable, convenient charter flight to Punta Arenas, Chile. Enjoy local cuisine and explore the city for one more evening, before starting the homeward journey

**Day 19: Depart Punta Arenas**

If you've chosen to enjoy Punta Arenas for a few layover days, have a sumptuous breakfast before heading out in the morning to explore. If not staying longer, head to the airport, your suitcase full of souvenirs and your head full of memories. This is one trip you won't soon forget; the friends you've made are sure to be in touch as time passes, to keep fresh the once in a lifetime adventure you shared aboard the Hans Hansson

**Prices Include**

18-night accommodation on full board basis  
All shore landings per the daily program  
Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Leader  
All Zodiac transfers and cruising per the daily program  
Formal and informal presentations by the Expedition Team  
Photographic journal documenting the expedition  
Waterproof expedition boots on loan for shore landings  
An official Quark Expeditions parka to keep  
Coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock  
Comprehensive pre-departure materials, including a map and an informative Antarctic Reader  
All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program  
All luggage handling aboard ship  
Emergency evacuation insurance to a maximum benefit of US\$100,000 per person  
Group transfer in Punta Arenas from airport to pre-expedition hotel on Day 1  
One night pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Punta Arenas with breakfast  
Briefing dinner on Day 1 in Punta Arenas  
Group transfer from hotel to airport in Punta Arenas pre-expedition

**Prices Exclude**

Round trip ticket (economy class)  
Round trip transfers: airport – pier - airport  
Airport taxes  
Travel insurance  
Drinks & tips on board  
All other expenses

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#### Starting price per person in \$US

##### Cabin

Lower Deck

Upper Deck Superior

##### Double

17995

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#### Payment facilities available with CFC

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