



Antarctic Explorer: Crossing the Circle

10 Nights

December 2018 – February 2019



Summary

A short, comfortable flight from Punta Arenas, Chile, to King George Island in Antarctica has you with boots on the ground in no time, overtaken by the sheer magnitude of the 7th Continent. Fully immersed in the Antarctic environment, you'll experience a roller coaster of emotions, from excitement to exquisite solitude to incredible gratitude for the wonder of it all.

You may go in search of whales and find yourself bearing witness to a glacier calving. Or you may plan to climb one more peak for a better vantage point and find yourself in a rookery of curious penguins. Antarctica will leave you in awe, but it won't leave you unchanged.

Overview

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| Country: | Chile - Antarctic Peninsula |
| Cities: | Santiago - Punta Arenas - Antarctic Peninsula - South Shetland Islands - The Antarctic Circle |
| Season: | December 2018 – February 2019 |
| Duration: | 11 days / 10 nights |
| Port of departure: | Santiago |

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Starting Price: \$15895

Itinerary

| Day | Port |
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| 1-2 | Santiago and Punta Arenas |
| 3-5 | Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands |
| 6-7 | The Antarctic Circle |
| 8-9 | Northbound Along the Peninsula |
| 10 | Disembarkation |



Day 1: Santiago and Punta Arenas, Chile

Your adventure begins with an included flight from international gateway Santiago to Punta Arenas, Chile, the most populated city in southern Patagonia. You will be transferred to the included group hotel. In the afternoon, a Quark Expeditions representative will meet you at the group hotel, where you'll enjoy a welcome dinner and be briefed about preparing for your embarkation day.

Day 2: Embarkation Day

Your charter flight from Punta Arenas to Antarctica will have you crossing the legendary Drake Passage in only a few hours. Far below, the ship will approach King George Island for your arrival. Your first glimpse of dramatic Antarctic landscapes will be from a unique perspective, as your plane descends for landing in the South Shetland Islands. After landing, stretch your legs and spend time exploring the island before being transferred by Zodiac to your ship to set sail for the Antarctic Peninsula!

Days 3-5: Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands

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There are few places in the world as evocative as Antarctica. As your ship approaches the White Continent, you may be overcome by feelings of excitement and awe. Much of Antarctica is indescribable and can only be fully appreciated through your own eyes.

As your captain and Expedition Team keep a lookout for whales and seabirds, you'll be alerted to any new sightings. Our team of expert lecturers will also provide in-depth explanations of the geology, history and wildlife of the region. Even more exciting are your daily land excursions. Your first Zodiac landing is something you'll never forget! Walking up to a beach dotted with penguins and seals is the most intimate way to experience the unique wildlife of Antarctica.

Each landing is different and is dependent on weather, but every day presents new sightings and photo opportunities, and it won't be long before you can tell the difference between an Adélie, gentoo or chinstrap penguin. You may take a Zodiac cruise in search of whales and icebergs around Pleneau Island one day, followed by a hike to a penguin rookery the next day. From the booming sound of a calving glacier at Neko Harbour to the thrill of watching a leopard seal as it hunts a penguin, you'll wake up early and welcome each day with a sense of excitement and a desire to explore that which is unrivaled by any other travel experience.

Your Expedition Team will be with you all along the way, providing insights into the places you visit.

Days 6,7: The Antarctic Circle

Crossing the Antarctic Circle is an impressive achievement, as most expeditions to the Antarctic Peninsula do not reach 66°33' S. You and your shipmates will celebrate in style with a well-earned glass of champagne!

As you toast the first explorers who ventured this far south, you can take pride in knowing you've made it to a part of the world visited by very few people. This is raw Antarctica, home of the midnight sun, Weddell seals and some of the most magical, odd ice formations you'll see anywhere on the continent.

Days 8,9: Northbound Along the Peninsula

If you haven't had your fill of Antarctic wildlife and icebergs by now, you'll surely be satisfied by the time you return to King George Island. You will continue to journey onto land by Zodiac twice daily as you travel north along the western Antarctic Peninsula.

Your Expedition Team will always be on the lookout for species of penguins, seals and whales that may have eluded you on your journey south.

Day 10: Disembarkation and Fly to Punta Arenas

After your week of exploration, you'll say goodbye to your Expedition Team and disembark at King George Island. Your three-hour flight across the Drake Passage to Punta Arenas, Chile, brings your adventure to an end. After the group transfer to your hotel, enjoy an evening on your own, in the city or at the hotel.

Day 11: Depart Punta Arenas

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the Punta Arenas airport for your included return flight to Santiago.

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IMPORTANT REMINDER Embracing the unexpected is part of the legacy— and excitement—of expedition travel. When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must allow the sea, the ice and the weather to guide route and itinerary details. This itinerary is a tentative outline of what you'll experience on this voyage; please be aware that no specific itinerary can be guaranteed. A measure of flexibility is something all of us must bring to a polar expedition.

Prices Include

10-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
Comprehensive pre-departure materials, including a map and an informative Antarctic Reader
All luggage handling aboard ship
Emergency evacuation insurance to a maximum benefit of US\$100,000 per person

Prices Exclude

Round trip ticket (economy class)
Round trip transfers: airport – pier - airport
Airport taxes
Hotel accommodation if any
Travel insurance
Tips on board
All other expenses

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26695
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