

Antarctica Fly & Cruise

- *Discover the otherworldly beauty of Antarctica from the comfort of a luxurious expedition ship*
- *Save precious time by swapping the Drake Passage for a flight*
- *Explore the Antarctic panorama of stunning icebergs, glaciers, whales, penguins, and other wildlife*

Journey through narrow straits of jaw-dropping majesty and gaze at vast glaciers of incandescent blue on this trip of a lifetime. A two-hour flight from Punta Arenas brings you to Antarctica's doorstep where you'll board your comfortable cruiser. While sea conditions determine the itinerary, our ships call on remarkable places such as Deception Island—a volcanic caldera that we can sail into—and Paradise Bay, a favorite spot for Zodiac cruising to see fantastical iceberg sculptures. Few places on Earth make a deeper or more lasting impression than Antarctica.

Info Box:

Arrive/Depart:

Duration: 8 days

Daily Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive in Punta Arenas, Chile

Gather for a briefing of important trip information and essential guidelines for Antarctic visitors. In the evening, toast to the trip with your fellow adventurers while dining on regional fare.

Accommodation: Hotel Cabo de Hornos

This large European-style hotel has spacious rooms with Wi-Fi, cable TV, and room service. While a restaurant is on-site, the flavors of Punta Arenas await just outside your door. For the culturally curious, museums and other attractions are nearby. However, the exceedingly comfortable beds and cozy amenities may draw you in for pre and post-adventure naps.

Meals: Dinner

Day 2: Fly to Antarctica

A quick flight ushers you from Punta Arenas to King George Island in the South Shetland Islands. Step off the plane and breathe in the clear Antarctic air for the very

first time, then have the chance to explore Chile's Frei Station and Russia's Bellingshausen station. Finally, board a Zodiac to embark for your expedition vessel.

Accommodations: Hebridean Sky or Polar Expedition Ship

Hebridean Sky — Antarctica

The stylish Hebridean Sky is one of the finest small ships in the world. Each suite includes a sitting area, private bathroom, picture windows, and twin beds that can be joined to form queen-size beds. Some suites include private balconies, while triples include a sofa bed. Public areas include a lounge, library, dining room, exercise room, and wraparound deck.

Ocean Nova — Polar Expedition Ship

Clean, crisp Scandinavian styling define this well-reputed Arctic ship. It was built in Denmark in 1992 to navigate the ice-choked waters off Western Greenland. The ship has since been upgraded twice and includes a glass-enclosed top-deck observation lounge. The Ocean Nova offers outside cabins, a spacious dining room and a comfortable library.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Day 3: Explore the Antarctic Peninsula and the South Shetland Islands

On Days 3 to 6, cruise between the South Shetland Islands and the western coast of the Antarctic Peninsula. Sail through ice-filled fjords and among spectacular icebergs, enjoying the company of sea birds, penguins, seals and whales. Disembark by Zodiac and explore with expert polar guides. On board the ship, attend engaging lectures and presentations, and enjoy spectacular vistas from the glass-enclosed lounge. 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.

Accommodation: Hebridean Sky or Polar Expedition Ship

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Day 4: Discover Deception Island and Whaler's Bay

While the exact itinerary changes with each expedition, opportunities abound to discover the best possible overview of the Antarctic environment. These magnificent places include Deception Island, Orne Harbor, Cuverville Island, Paradise Bay, the Lemaire Channel, Paulet Harbor, and more.

Deception Island is one of the few volcanic calderas in the world that large ships can sail into and anchor. Explore abandoned whaling stations at Whaler's Bay, take a

volcanic hike, or bathe in steaming thermal waters if conditions are right. See more than 100,000 chinstrap penguins at Baily Head.

Accommodation: Hebridean Sky or Polar Expedition Ship
Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Day 5: Visit Orne Harbor, Cuverville Island and Paradise Bay

A steep climb to the summit of Orne Island along Gerlache Strait provides a 360-degree view of the strait, surrounding islands and mountains.

Visit the peninsula's largest gentoo penguin colony, with 5,000 nesting pairs, on Cuverville Island's rocky shores. Cruise by Zodiac or sea kayak among bergs and curious leopard seals.

Paradise Bay is one of the Antarctic Peninsula's best-known locations! Land on the continent itself, enjoy sweeping hilltop views (and have fun sliding back down!), and see nesting seabirds and whales in the bay.

Accommodation: Hebridean Sky or Polar Expedition Ship
Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Day 6: Cruise through "Kodiak Alley"

A cruise through a breathtakingly narrow Lemaire Channel, with mountain walls rising thousands of feet straight out of the water, is one of the highlights of a trip to Antarctica. Minke, humpbacks, and orcas are occasionally spotted, and leopard and crabeater seals sometimes frequent the ice floes. This strait runs between Booth Island and the Antarctic Peninsula, one of the most stunning locations on the western coast of Antarctica. However, the 6.8 miles may become impassable when ice fills the narrow passageway.

Accommodation: Hebridean Sky or Polar Expedition
Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Day 7: Fly back from Antarctica to Punta Arenas

Return to King George Island and bid farewell to Antarctica before boarding the flight back to Punta Arenas, then transfer to your hotel for the night. (Note: Meals in Punta Arenas are at your leisure and not included in the program.)

Accommodation: Hotel Cabo de Hornos
Meals: Breakfast/Lunch

Day 8: Return home

After breakfast, transfer to Punta Arenas airport for your onward flight.

Meals: Breakfast