

# TRAVEL SHOOTERS



**Ultimate Antarctic** photography expedition

February 25th - March 3rd, 2024



There's still a side of the Earth that remains virtually untouched. An entire continent of windswept expanses, snow-shrouded peaks, and haunting emptiness stretching to the far horizon. A place where ice takes on hues of turquoise and iridescent blue so surreal, you feel you've entered a dream world. Where even as you reach for words to describe your sense of awe, you realize none will ever capture the experience of being here.

# ANTARCTICA, AN EXPEDITION TO PLANET EARTH

## Landscape

A land that holds 90 % of Earth's ice, Antarctica stuns visitors with its awe-inspiring beauty. See peaceful bays dotted with colossal icebergs; cruise along deep fjords and see massive glaciers; be amazed by sharp snowy peaks that jut out of the sea.

## Adventure

Feel the spray of seawater on your cheeks as you cruise in a Zodiac boat to shore. Follow in the footsteps of early explorers as you hike on Antarctic soil. Join our optional Sea Kayaking and Hiking & Snowshoeing programs.

## Wildlife

Penguins, whales, seals, and seabirds congregate in Antarctica and South Georgia during the austral summer. Present in large numbers, you can move along in their world and find endless inspiration for photographs.

## Memories

Setting foot on the seventh continent is a privilege and an honor. You will bring home unforgettable tales, and your journey will arouse the curiosity and admiration of your friends and family.



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# THE ANTARCTIC AIR-CRUISE

We pioneered a new way to travel to Antarctica and what we believe is a better way – providing quick, intimate access to the White Continent.

Before Antarctica21, travelers who wanted to reach the Antarctic Peninsula had only one option: a 2-day sail across the notoriously rough seas of the Drake Passage. However, since 2003, our boutique wilderness adventures have offered a more comfortable alternative.


## Fly The Drake

Our two-hour flight takes you from Punta Arenas, the Chilean gateway to Patagonia, directly to Antarctica, where you then board your expedition ship. No stormy crossing. No seasickness. Just quick, total immersion in your Antarctic adventure.

## Explore Antarctica

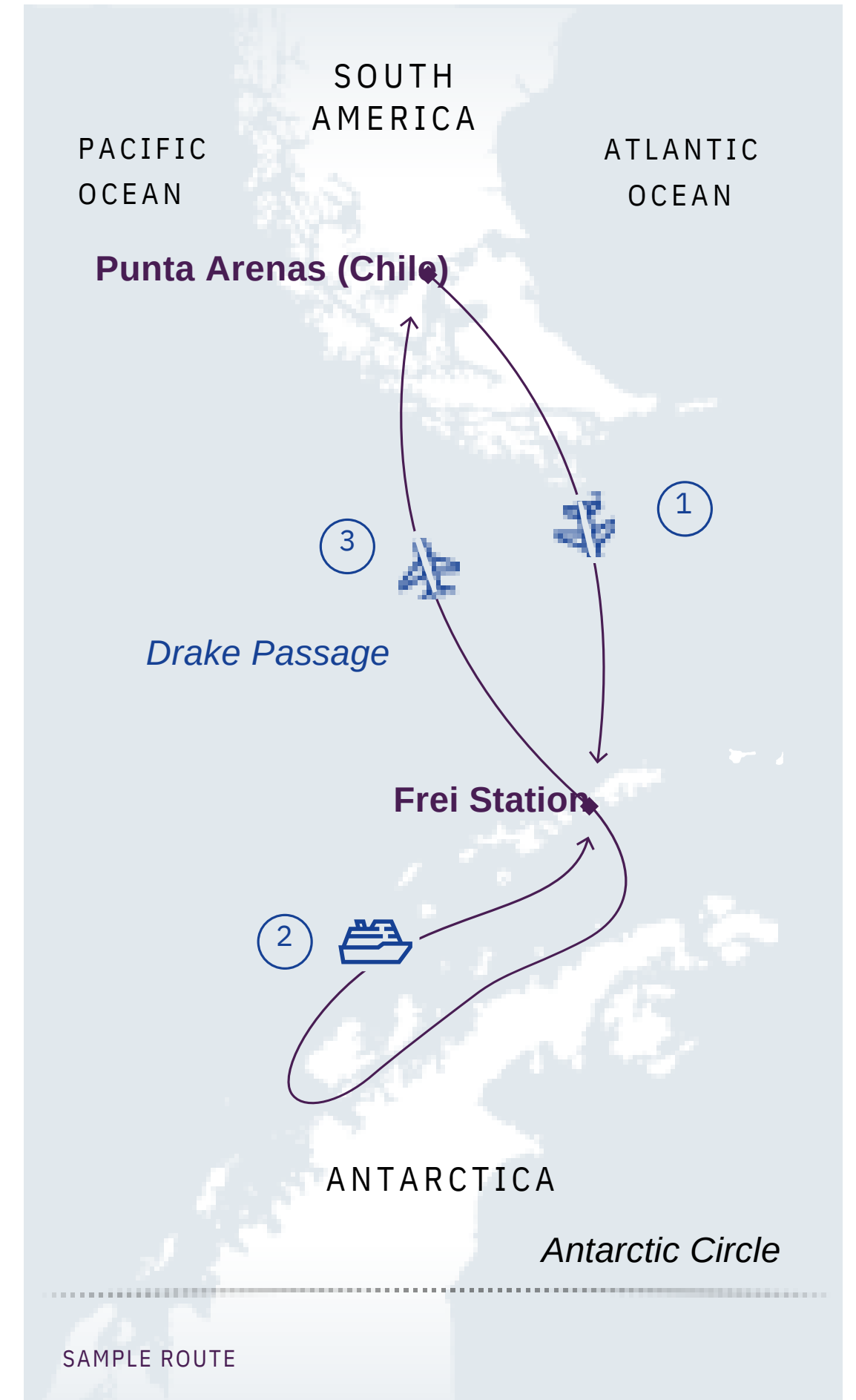
Our small expedition vessels are more like private yachts, offering direct access to areas along the Antarctic shore that larger ships simply can't reach. Since we have fewer guests, you get on and off faster, so your time ashore is focused where it should be: savoring every moment of a travel experience unlike any other.

### KEY BENEFITS

 **Comfort:** Avoid storms in the Drake Passage

 **Speed:** Get to Antarctica quickly and save time

 **Size:** Enjoy a small-ship, small-group experience



# WHAT MAKES ANTARCTICA21 UNIQUE?



## **Air-Cruise Experts**

We pioneered the air-cruise to Antarctica. That remains our focus. As specialists, we understand intimately how to coordinate air and sea operations in the changeable Antarctic environment. We have completed over 200 fly and cruise departures, more than any other company, and we bring that experience to your journey.

## **Antarctica is our Neighbor**

Our company was founded in Punta Arenas, Chile, the gateway for the first Antarctic explorers. As a local company in this remote region, we have built a solid infrastructure and an extensive network of key relationships to support your expedition.

## **Explorers House: A Warm Welcome**

Located only a few blocks from your hotel, Antarctica21's new Explorers House is your exclusive base in Punta Arenas. Feeling like a private club, it is a purpose-built open space where you can prepare for your expedition by attending briefings, practicing your Zodiac-boarding skills, shopping for expedition gear, and more.

## **Boutique Ships**

Our small expedition ships welcome a maximum of 73 guests. That means disembarking and embarking in Antarctica is faster and smoother. You spend more time exploring, not waiting for your turn.

## **Private Antarctic Vehicle**

Our rugged, go-anywhere polar transporter, custom-designed and built for Antarctica21, supports your trip's operations at King George Island. Its traction system can adapt to the changeable conditions of the Antarctic terrain.

## **High Staff-to-Guest Ratio**

On every journey, our Antarctica21 team includes at least 12 expert polar guides and their number one priority is ensuring you have an unforgettable experience. Our team knows the region's unique geography, natural history, wildlife, ecology and loves sharing their expertise with you.

## **Flight Advantages**

Unlike some companies, Antarctica21 uses a single flight to carry all guests on an expedition to and from the White Continent. We also have priority over the flight window, allowing us to choose the optimal flight time based on conditions. For you, this means efficient operations and a reduced chance of weather-related delays.

As a niche specialist, we dedicate 100 percent of our time and resources to creating your Antarctic adventure.



**ANTARCTIC PROGRAM**

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# CLASSIC ANTARCTICA AIR-CRUISE 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



## Day 1 / Start of the Air-Cruise

Arrive in Punta Arenas, Chile, before 2 PM, where you are welcomed by Antarctica21 staff and transferred to your hotel. In the afternoon, you are welcomed at Explorers House to attend a mandatory briefing that provides important information about your air-cruise and reviews the essential guidelines for Antarctic visitors. Later, gather for a welcome dinner and meet your fellow adventurers while enjoying a typical regional menu.

## Day 2 / Scheduled flight to Antarctica

Your Antarctic adventure begins with a two-hour flight from Punta Arenas to King George Island, in the South Shetland Islands. As you exit the airplane, the clear Antarctic air fills your lungs for the first time. You then walk 2-km (1.25-miles), passing Chile's Frei Station and Russia's Bellingshausen Station to reach the shore and board a Zodiac that will take you to your boutique expedition vessel.

## Day 3-6 / Exploring Antarctica

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 educational presentations, and enjoy spectacular views from the lounge while sharing your daily adventures with fellow guests.

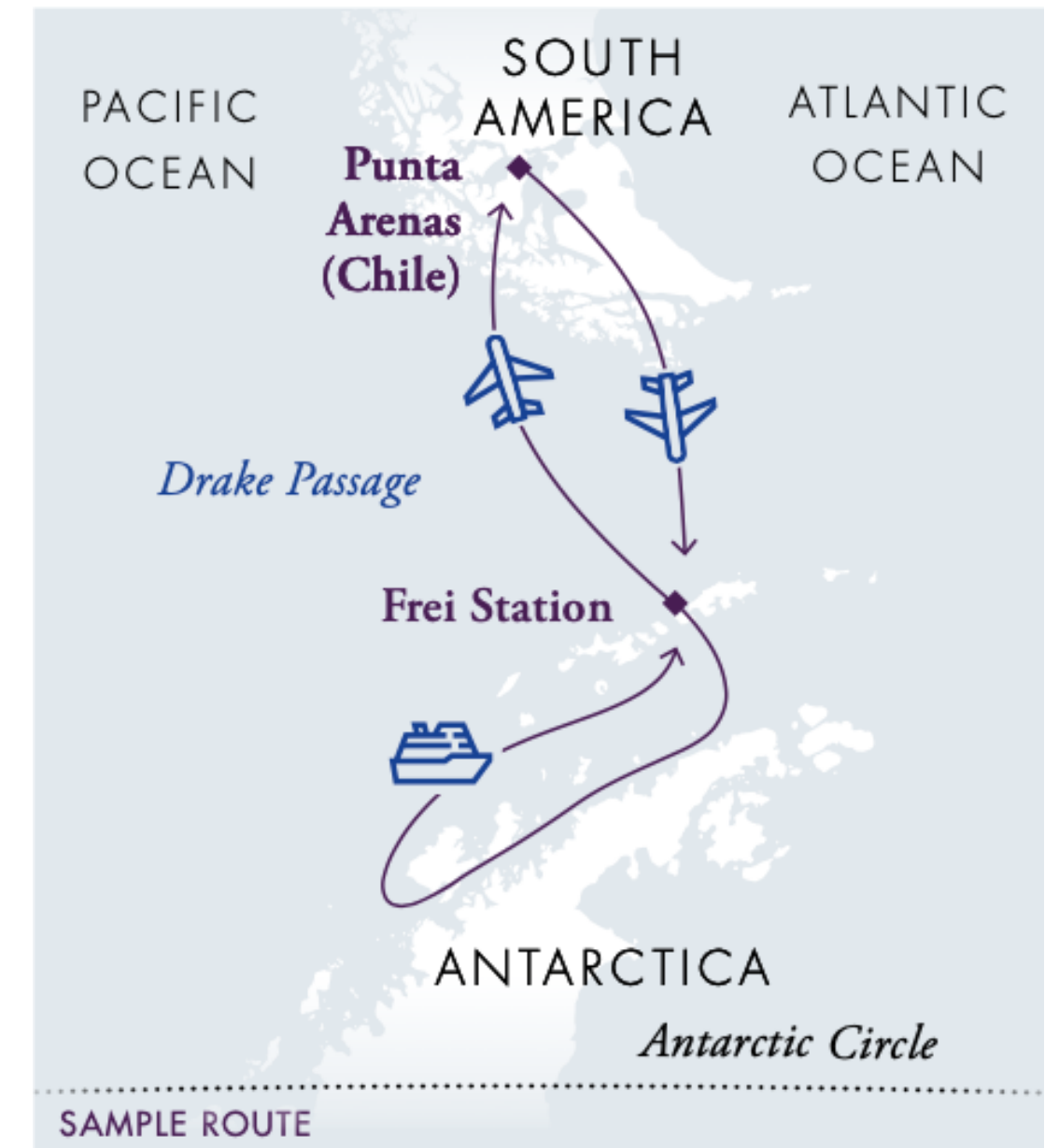
No journey is the same and flexibility is the key to success in Antarctica. The Expedition Team plans the voyage route to take advantage of the ever-changing opportunities provided by nature, crafting a unique and extraordinary experience every time. While the exact itinerary changes with each expedition, you will explore several sites that offer the best possible overview of the varied Antarctic environment. Your voyage may include visits to sites in the South Shetland Islands, the Antarctic Sound, the Gerlache Strait, and the Penola Strait.

## Day 7 / Scheduled return flight from Antarctica

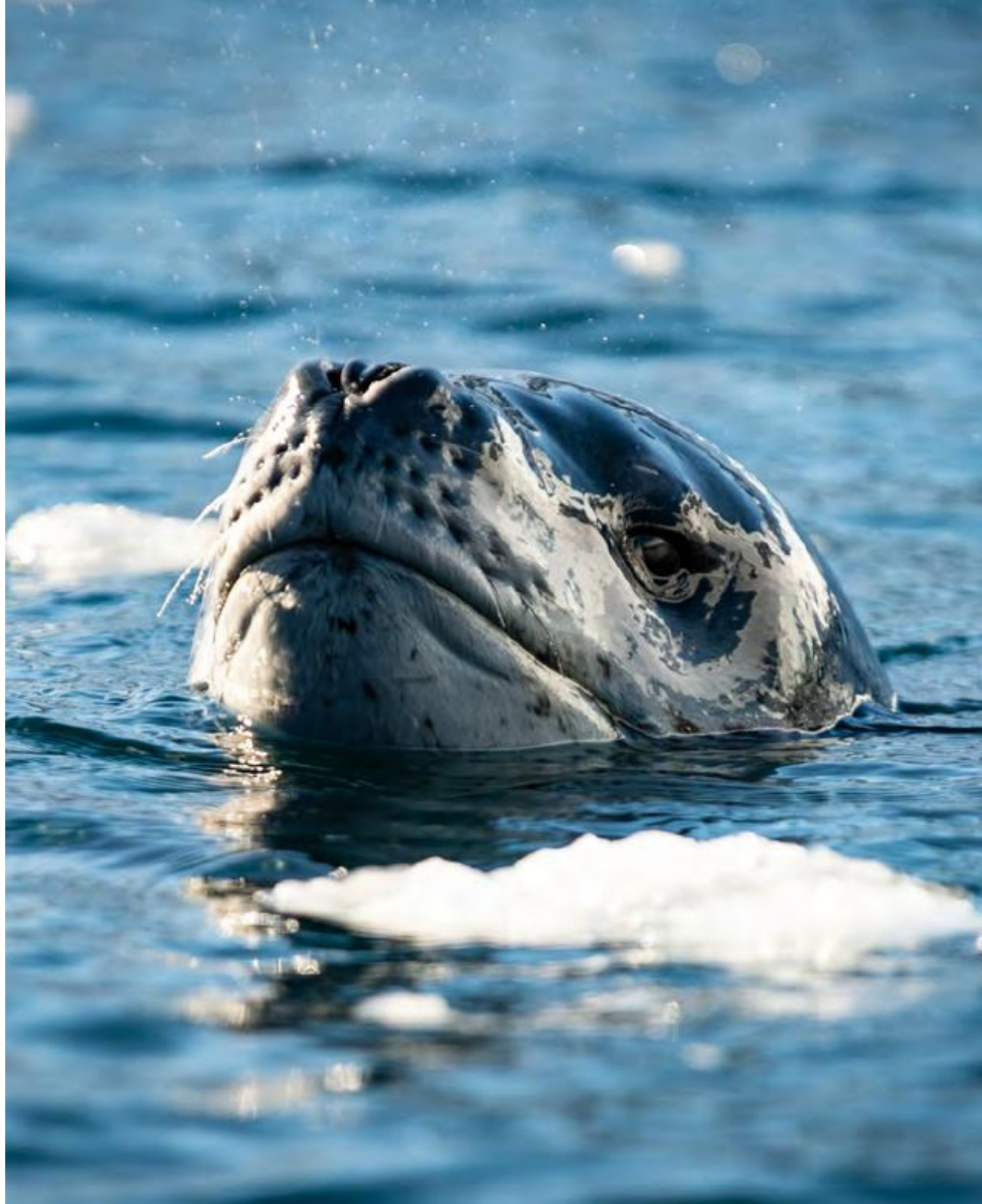
Return to King George Island and bid farewell to Antarctica before boarding the flight back to Punta Arenas. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel for the night. (Note: Meals in Punta Arenas are at your leisure and not included in the program).

## Day 8 / End of the Air-Cruise

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



# INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS



## Included in the Rate

- For air-cruises starting in Punta Arenas, group transfers airport/hotel on Day 1.
- For air-cruises starting in Punta Arenas, one overnight with breakfast in Punta Arenas at the Cabo de Hornos Hotel or similar, with a welcome dinner including drinks on Day 1.
- 1 overnight with breakfast in Punta Arenas at the Cabo de Hornos Hotel or similar on the Day of the Scheduled Return Flight from Antarctica.
- For air-cruises starting in Punta Arenas, enjoy special access to Explorers House.
- Group transfers airport/hotel on the Day of the Scheduled Return Flight from Antarctica, and group transfers hotel/airport on the last day of the air-cruise.
- Flight from Punta Arenas to Frei Station on King George Island and/or vice versa as indicated in the program corresponding to each voyage.
- Ship cruise as indicated in the program corresponding to each voyage.
- Daily buffet breakfast and lunch on board ship offering a wide choice of dishes.
- Daily served dinner on board ship offering a choice of three main courses.
- Wine, beer, juice, and soft drinks served with lunch and dinner on board.
- Coffee, tea, chocolate, cappuccino, water, and snacks on board ship throughout the expedition.

- All guided shore excursions.
- Lectures and entertainment on board.
- Comprehensive pre- and post-voyage information material.
- Loan of waterproof boots for landing in Antarctica.
- Contingency Plan as described on page 39.
- IAATO passenger fee.

## Not included in the Rate

Anything that is not specifically listed under the “Included in the Rate” section. For example:

- Accommodation, meals, excursions, and transfers other than those included in the itinerary and the Contingency Plan corresponding to each voyage. Specifically, dinner in Punta Arenas upon return from Antarctica is not included.
- Beverages purchased at the ship’s bar.
- Internet connection on board the ship.
- Personal travel insurance.
- Extra expenses (communication, laundry, souvenirs, etc.).
- Gratuities.
- Visas for Chile and/or Argentina, passport expenses, and any arrival and/or departure tax, if applicable.

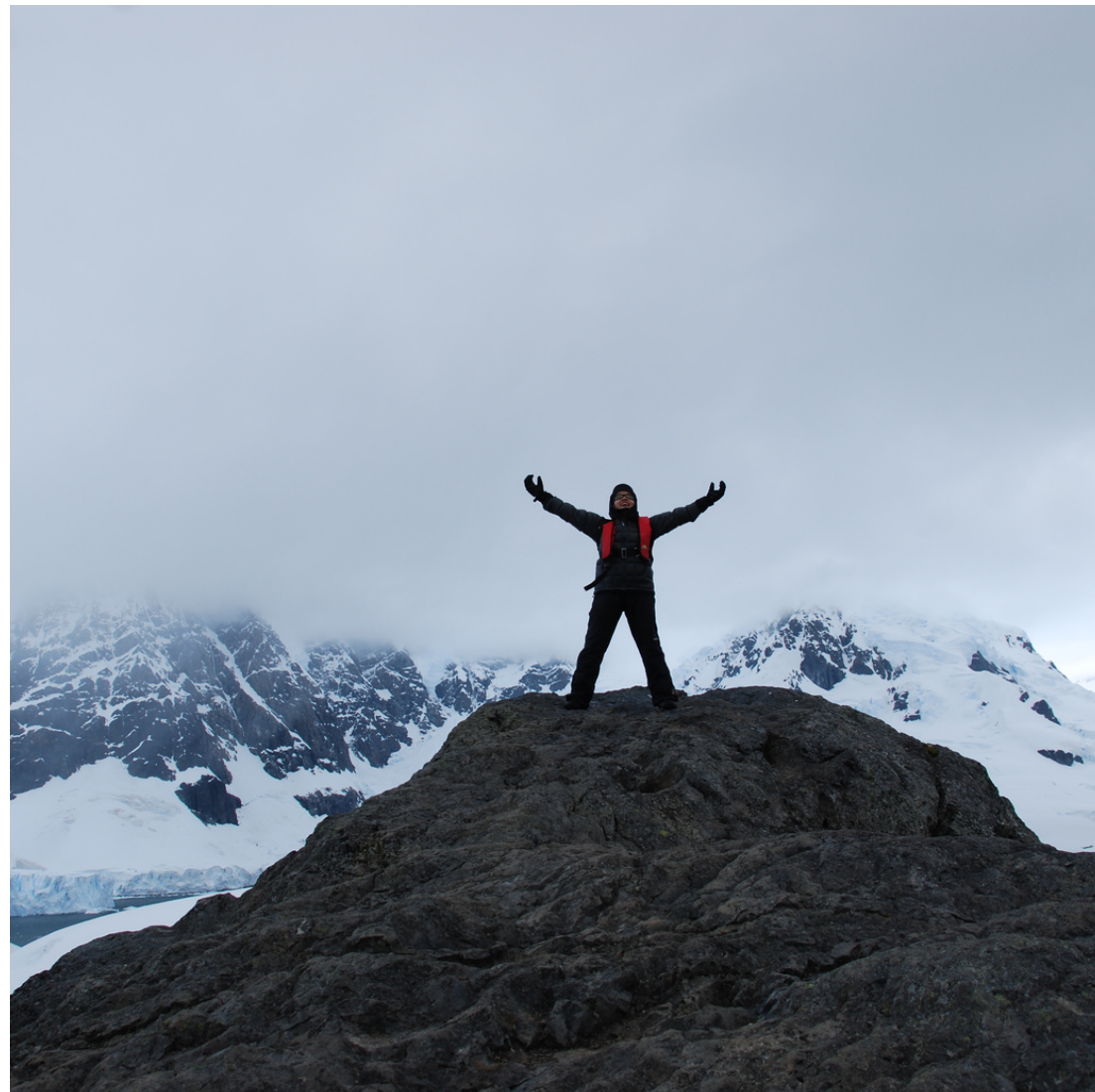
# PLANNING YOUR TRIP





# ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE DETAILS

Review the important details below about arrival and departure for your air-cruise, and make your travel plans accordingly.



## Getting to your Antarctic gateway

Depending on your air-cruise itinerary, you will be using Punta Arenas, Chile or/and Ushuaia, Argentina as your Antarctic gateway.

Many international airlines land daily at Santiago's Arturo Merino Benitez airport. From there, several airlines connect the capital of Chile and Punta Arenas.

Many international flights also land daily at Buenos Aires' international airport, Ezeiza. Connections to Ushuaia are available from Ezeiza airport and the domestic Aeroparque Airport. Overland transportation by bus between Punta Arenas and Ushuaia, a 12-hour journey, is also available.

## Trip starting in Punta Arenas

If you are joining an air-cruise starting in Punta Arenas, you must plan to arrive with a flight that is scheduled to land in Punta Arenas no later than 2 PM on Day 1 of the itinerary. The same deadline applies to travelers arriving directly at the hotel on Day 1.

That afternoon, all travelers must attend a mandatory safety and Antarctic guidelines briefing and an information session covering important practical details. You must also attend a fitting session for your expedition boots. Participation in these activities is essential for the success of the expedition.

Travelers who miss the 2 PM arrival deadline will be considered "no-show", and they will not be able to participate in the expedition and will receive no refund.

Remember that scheduling tight connections is never wise when traveling to remote places with limited services. Protect your travel investment by building some buffer in your travel plans in case of problems with luggage delivery, flight delays, etc. In case your flight to Punta Arenas is delayed for reasons beyond your control, Antarctica21 will do everything possible to accommodate your late arrival. However, Antarctica21 cannot assume any responsibility for any resulting complications, including your inability to join the expedition. We recommend that you purchase a trip cancellation and interruption insurance policy to cover this risk.

## Trip ending in Punta Arenas

Antarctica21 strongly suggests that any travel plans made for the last day of the expedition do not start until the late afternoon and that a flexible air ticket be held for your journey home in case you need to change your travel arrangement following a delay of the return flight from Antarctica. Please ask your travel consultant for assistance. See also the sections on possible flight delays and related contingency plans.

# PACKING FOR YOUR TRIP

## Suggested Clothing

During the austral summer the average temperature in the Antarctic Peninsula area is about 0°C (32°F), although sometimes it may feel lower because of the wind chill factor. For this reason, it is best to wear several layers of light, warm clothing. The suggested clothing for Antarctica is very similar to that recommended for skiing: thermal underwear, a couple of warm and wicking mid-layers, a windproof and waterproof jacket, plus pants as the outer layer. You will also need a hat, a scarf, waterproof and insulated gloves, and sunglasses with high UV protection. The pre-departure material provides further details. We also suggest packing comfortable clothes to wear on board, as well as rubber-soled shoes for walking around on the outside decks.



### EXPEDITION JACKET

Our Signature Waterproof Expedition Jacket has been hand-selected for you as the perfect, technical outer shell for use on our Antarctic air-cruises.

The Antarctica21-branded BR2 Offshore Waterproof Jackets by MUSTO is breathable and features double cuffs, an adjustable hem, a double storm flap with a drainage channel over the zip, a high collar, and a roll away fluorescent hood. The sleeves are articulated to allow complete freedom of movement. The fleece-lined collar, hood, and pockets add warmth, while the prismatic reflectors provide extra visibility. The jacket is an outer shell to be worn over a few layers of warm clothing.

Only available in the Antarctica21 Gear Shop at [www.antarctica21.com](http://www.antarctica21.com)

Price: \$ 349 USD

Note: Jacket model and price subject to change. Please review model and price at the time of purchase.

# USEFUL TIPS



## Waterproof Boots

On the first day of your program, Antarctica21's staff will deliver a pair of boots for landing in Antarctica. Boots are provided at the hotel to guests booked on voyages starting in Punta Arenas. For guests departing from Ushuaia, boots will be distributed on board the ship. Boots are provided on loan and will be collected before the end of the trip.

## Photography

To see the wildlife, you should have a good pair of lightweight binoculars (the suggested magnification is 7× or 8×). If you are passionate about photography, do not forget a good zoom lens to shoot wildlife while avoiding close approaches. Also, pack a good supply of memory cards and spare batteries since cold temperatures can reduce their life span. The recreational use of drones is not allowed in Antarctica.

**Contact us for the Travel Shooters Antarctica photography guide.**

## Travel Requirements

All travelers should check the entry requirements, including vaccinations and visa terms, of the countries visited during their trip, based on their nationality. Antarctica Express Air-Cruises visit Argentina and Chile so the requirements of both countries should be considered.

## Face Protection

Good quality UV filtering sunglasses are essential. Glacier glasses have leather flaps at the sides to stop the light from passing through. Due to the high reflectance of UV radiation, you will also need good sunblock lotion for your face (protection factor 30 and above) and lip balm.

## Dietary Information

Requests regarding diets must be made on the Participation Form you receive after your booking confirmation. This information will be passed along to our staff so they can accommodate your needs while on your voyage. Note: due to the nature of our expeditions and the kitchens onboard the ships, Kosher and vegan meals cannot be accommodated.



### IMPORTANT PRE-TRAVEL REMINDERS

- Submit your participation form 120 days prior to your trip
- Book flights according to the required arrival and departure times
- Purchase travel insurance, including medical evacuation and pandemic related coverage
- See the clothing and gear requirements
- Check the validity of your passport and obtain any required entry visas
- Ensure that your luggage does not exceed the 20 kg (44 Lb.) weight limit
- Review the Contingency Plan applicable to Antarctic flight delays

# IMPORTANT TRIP DETAILS

## The Nature of Expedition Travel

Our air-cruise expeditions are suitable for adventurous travelers who enjoy full mobility and reasonably good health. Expedition travel to Antarctica requires flexibility and adaptation to ever-changing circumstances. There is no airport or port infrastructure at King George Island, or anywhere in the Antarctic Peninsula. After landing and a walk to shore, travelers reach their ship by Zodiac boat.

## Your Travel Companions

Antarctica21 offers its expeditions worldwide. Each year we welcome travelers from over 40 different countries. They may travel alone, as a family, or as part of a group. While some of your traveling companions may speak different languages and have different customs, they will share your passion for adventure and interest in the natural world.

## Participation Form

Participants are required to fill out and submit an online Participation Form and return it to Antarctica21 at least 120 days prior to departure. Based on the medical information provided in the form, Antarctica21's Medical Director may request a medical certificate. All participants 75 years of age and older must submit a medical certificate.

## Medical Insurance

Antarctica21 requires participants to be adequately covered by a travel insurance policy that covers aero-medical evacuation from Antarctica as a result of a medical emergency during the trips, including emergencies related to pre-existing health conditions and pandemics.

## Cancellation Insurance

Antarctica21 strongly urges participants to be adequately covered by trip cancellation and interruption insurance.

## Itinerary

Every effort will be made to adhere to the planned program. However, with this type of adventurous travel to Antarctica, changes to the itinerary may occur due to severe and changeable weather. We need to emphasize the fact that weather conditions are unpredictable, and safety is always the paramount concern on any Antarctic voyage. For this reason, Antarctica21 reserves the right to change the itinerary described due to weather conditions or other factors beyond Antarctica21's control without consulting the participants.

## Baggage and Baggage Allowance

We recommend that clients avoid expensive designer luggage that is easily damaged. We also strongly recommend that clients take out a luggage insurance policy that covers the cost of repairs or replacement in case their luggage is damaged. Due to the nature of the expedition, and as stated in our Terms and Conditions of Sale, Antarctica21 cannot be responsible for any damage to a customer's luggage.

The maximum weight allowed on the flights to and from Antarctica is 20 kg (44 Lb.) per person, including hand luggage. For Classic Antarctica, Polar Circle Air-Cruises, excess luggage will be kept in custody in Punta Arenas and returned to travelers after their time in Antarctica. For Antarctica Express and Antarctica and South Georgia Air-Cruises, excess luggage will be disembarked at Port Williams and sent to Punta Arenas by air cargo at the traveler's expense. It will be available for pick up in Punta Arenas upon the traveler's return from Antarctica.

The baggage weight limit is a technical requirement imposed by the flight operation. Unfortunately, it is not possible to purchase extra allowance. Note: At certain points during the expedition, you will be required to handle your own luggage.

## Expedition Language

The official expedition language of our air-cruises is English. The voyage will take travelers to remote destinations where interaction with our polar guides is essential. In the interest of safety and for the enjoyment of the experience we strongly recommend that travelers who do not understand English be accompanied by someone who does, such as a friend, a family member, or a Tour Leader.

## Antarctic Flights and Contingency Plan

Flights to and from Antarctica operate based on weather conditions. Occasionally, flight plans have to be adjusted, impacting itineraries. Carefully review page 39 and the Terms & Conditions located on our website and check the Contingency Plan applicable to your voyage. Speak to your booking agent if you have any questions.

# CONTINGENCY PLAN

Antarctica21 has been organizing Antarctic air- cruises since 2003. Over these years we have gained extensive experience in the delicate coordination of land, air, and sea operations in the extreme Antarctic environment. While historically most flights have operated on the scheduled day, in some instances weather conditions have required that adjustments to the departure time of Antarctic flights be made to avoid protracted delays. In the unlikely event that the flight to or from Antarctica cannot take place on the scheduled day due to unfavorable weather conditions, we will apply a Contingency Plan. The Contingency Plan is included in the cost of your expedition. The primary goal of the plan is to provide an engaging and comfortable travel experience while we adapt to the weather and we keep you informed of developments, whether in Punta Arenas or Antarctica. A change in the flight schedule can impact travel to Antarctica or return to Punta Arenas, and the plan includes a range of activities determined by the circumstances. Additionally, the Contingency Plan offers you financial protection by providing a refund should weather conditions prevent us from reaching Antarctica.

## The Highlights

### In case the outbound flight to Antarctica is moved forward.

In some cases, it may be necessary to move forward the Antarctic flight to the afternoon or evening of Day 1 of the itinerary. This will result in an early departure from Punta Arenas and early arrival in Antarctica. It is one reason why it is important that guests arrive in Punta Arenas by 2 PM on Day 1 of the itinerary.

### In case the outbound flight to Antarctica is delayed

The group will remain in Punta Arenas while waiting for an improvement in the weather and for the opportunity to fly to Antarctica. Included are accommodation, meals, and, when possible, based on the circumstances, guided excursions to local attractions. If by 2 PM on Day 4 of the itinerary it is still impossible to depart for Antarctica, the trip will be interrupted, and the cruise fare will be refunded.

### In case the return flight to Punta Arenas is moved forward

In those cases when the forecast suggests the likelihood of unfavorable weather conditions in Antarctica persisting for several days, the flight back to Punta Arenas may be moved forward to the previous day to avoid a protracted delay in Antarctica. Accommodation is included upon arrival. All other inclusions will remain per the original itinerary. No refund will be extended.

### In case the return flight to Punta Arenas is delayed

The group will remain in Antarctica and wait for the opportunity to fly to Punta Arenas. In the unlikely event that the delay exceeds 2 days and the weather forecast indicates the impossibility to fly over several more days, the captain of the vessel may decide to sail back to South America for safety reasons. Included are meals and accommodation on the ship and local excursions. Upon arrival in Punta Arenas, the trip will end at the airport. Travelers are responsible for any expenses associated with the rescheduling of their airline tickets or onward travel plans.



## BOOKINGS & ADDITIONAL INFO.



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