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Antarctica: Fly the Drake and Discover the Seventh Continent

DURATION | 8 Days

TRIP LEVEL | Level 2 - Moderate

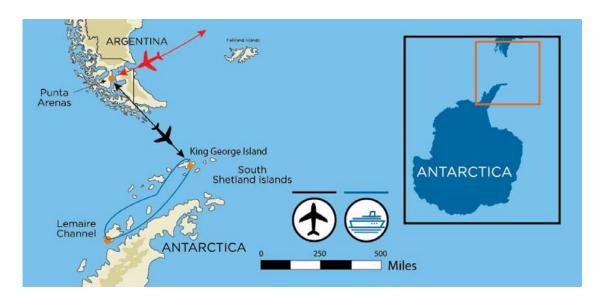
Trip Overview

Skip the rough seas and fly straight to Antarctica on this unforgettable women's adventure! In just two hours, soar from Punta Arenas to King George Island and begin a journey through this incredible landscape. Cruise the Antarctic Peninsula aboard a comfortable expedition vessel, with daily Zodiac excursions and landings that bring you face-to-face with penguins, whales, and towering icebergs. Along the way, hike pristine landscapes, learn from expert guides, and bond with adventurous women who share your passion for exploration. Antarctica awaits: remote, wild, and utterly transformative.

Trip Highlights

- Skip the Drake Passage crossing by flying from Punta Arenas to King George Island, landing directly in the heart of Antarctica.
- Sail past towering glaciers and dazzling icebergs, with daily zodiac excursions, shore landings, and breathtaking scenery at every turn.
- · Spot whales, seals, and penguins, while learning from expert guides through hikes, presentations, and hands-on science activities

Map View



Arrival: Arrive on Day One in Punta Arenas, Chile (PUQ) by 1:00 PM (no later than 3:00 PM).

Departure: Depart on Day Eight from Punta Arenas, Chile (PUQ).



Day 1

Welcome to Punta Arenas!

Arrive in Punta Arenas, Chile (PUQ) by 1:00 PM (no later than 3:00 PM). You'll be greeted at the airport and transferred to the group hotel or take a taxi if arriving outside the transfer window. After check-in, head to the meeting room (open from 12:00 PM) to collect your boots and parka, and present luggage for weighing and biosecurity inspection. At 6:00 PM, gather for an engaging mandatory briefing, then enjoy a festive welcome dinner where you'll meet your fellow adventurers and the expedition team who will guide your journey.

Meals: dinner | Overnight: Dreams Hotel Casino & Spa



Dreams Hotel Casino & Spa

Located along the Strait of Magellan, Dreams Hotel, Casino & Spa offers modern comfort, spacious rooms with panoramic sea or city views, a full-service spa, indoor pool, fitness center, casino, multiple dining options, and a rooftop bar. Minutes from the city center, it's an ideal base for exploring Patagonia.

Amenities: complimentary toiletries, minibar, safe, flatscreen TV, air conditioning, Wi-Fi



Day 2

Fly the Drake

Enjoy breakfast before your charter flight from Punta Arenas to Antarctica enables you to cross the legendary Drake Passage in only two hours. Your first glimpse of dramatic Antarctic landscapes will be from a unique perspective, as your plane descends onto the South Shetland Islands. After landing, enjoy a transfer by Zodiac as your ship sets sail for the Antarctic Peninsula. Please note that the exact flying time will be weather dependent, and you will receive a full plan upon arrival in Punta Arenas.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: World Voyager



World Voyager

The World Voyager is a state-of-the-art expedition ship for exploration and discovery. Guests can relax in the spa, sauna, pool, Jacuzzis, or outdoor running track, share meals and stories, and engage with scientists and Expedition Guides in immersive programs.

Infinity Suite amenities: floor-to-ceiling windows, fridge, TV, safe, bathrobes, slippers, Wi-Fi.



Day 3

Discover the South Shetland Islands

Explore the stunning South Shetland Islands, where each day's excursions are shaped by weather, sea conditions, and nature's surprises. Enjoy Zodiac cruises and shore landings at sites teeming with wildlife, breathtaking scenery, or historical and scientific significance. Excursions typically last one to three hours, with short, moderately challenging walks on varied terrain. The Expedition Team adapts the route daily to maximize your experience, offering a unique adventure every day as you discover the wild beauty and ever-changing landscapes of Antarctica.



Day 4

See Penguins in the Wild!

Embark on unforgettable excursions, starting with a Zodiac landing on a shore bustling with thousands of penguins—an up-close encounter with Antarctica's unique wildlife. Each landing offers new sights and photo opportunities, and soon you'll recognize Adélie, gentoo, and chinstrap penguins. Between excursions, relax on the ship—read, play games, soak in the heated pool with jacuzzis, or book a spa treatment. Weather permitting, those with reservations can enjoy tandem sea kayaking, guided by the Expedition Team, for a thrilling perspective of Antarctica's pristine waters.



Day 5

Hiking and Learning

Step ashore for an unforgettable day of hiking exploration. At each landing site, our expert team sets safe perimeters and paths, giving you the freedom to hike and discover at your own pace. Guides are always nearby to answer questions and share insights into the wildlife, history, and geography surrounding you. Back onboard, gather for engaging presentations led by naturalists, historians, photographers, and guest experts, who bring Antarctica's history, biology, ornithology, glaciology, and geology to life.



Day 6

Take the Polar Plunge Challenge

On your final day in Antarctica, take part in a once in a lifetime experience: Polar Plunge! Under the supervision of an expert team, take part in this exhilarating activity. Then, work with a photography expert to capture the beauty of the region. This evening, reflect on the incredible journeys and memories made during a farewell dinner as you conclude an amazing adventure through this remarkable region.



Day 7

Disembark and Fly to Punta Arenas

After your week of exploration, say goodbye to your Expedition Team and disembark at King George Island. Your two-hour flight across the Drake Passage to Punta Arenas brings your adventure to an end. Lunch will be served on board the ship or during your flight. After your group transfer to the hotel, you are free to explore and enjoy an evening on your own, in the city or at the hotel, to reminisce about the sights and sounds of Antarctica

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Day 8

Depart Punta Arenas

After breakfast, you are welcome to continue your own travels or make your way to Punta Arenas airport (PUQ) for your homeward flights. Taxis are easily available, and your hotel can help coordinate your transfer to the airport

What's Included

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- Accommodations as per itinerary based on double occupancy
- One group arrival transfer in Punta Arenas from airport to pre-expedition hotel on Day 1
- · A pre-expedition group transfer in Punta Arenas from the hotel to the airport
- Flights to and from King George Island
- A post-expedition group transfer in Punta Arenas from the airport to the hotel
- · One night's post-expedition hotel accommodation (with breakfast) in Punta Arenas, as well as luggage storage
- · Cruise along the Antarctic peninsula as noted in the itinerary
- · Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily while on the ship
- · Included off-ship activities: zodiac cruising, hiking, polar plunge, photography
- · Daily presentations by experts onboard the ship
- · Snacks, soft drinks, and juices available onboard throughout the sailing
- · Select beer and wine with dinner
- · Coffee, tea, and cocoa available 24 hours a day on the ship
- Photographic journal documenting the expedition
- · Waterproof boots on loan for landings in Antarctica
- An official expedition parka to keep
- Emergency evacuation insurance coverage up to a maximum of \$500,000
- World Voyager guests will receive a free 1GB data card for limited Wi-Fi access for use on one device, permitting basic Internet browsing, email, posting on social media and voice applications. (Additional data can be purchased on ship.)
- A \$250 USD credit toward adventure options (subject to availability) and \$100 USD Global Experiences card
- · One Year Priority Pass membership

Not Included

- · International airfare
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Alcoholic beverages (unless otherwise specified)
- Fees for passport, visas, immunizations, or travel insurance
- Cost of hospitalization or emergency evacuation insurance above USD \$500,000 per person
- Adventure options not listed in the included activities (sea kayaking, paddling, stand-up paddleboarding)
- · Items of a personal nature
- Premium Wi-Fi package which enables more data-intensive applications
- · Mandatory waterproof pants for zodiac cruising and landings, or any other gear not mentioned
- · Laundry, spa services and other personal charges, unless specified Phone charges may vary by location

Please note: AdventureWomen will attempt to adhere to the itinerary as much as possible. However, certain conditions (political, climatic, environmental, and cultural) may necessitate changes in the itinerary. AdventureWomen reserves the right to alter any itinerary at any time if necessary. We will attempt to notify participants of changes as far in advance as possible. Costs incurred by such changes will be the responsibility of the participants.



Gratuities for expedition staff and shipboard crew
Group departure transfer in Punta Arenas from the hotel to the airport
• Excess baggage fees (there is a strict luggage limit of 33 lbs. (15 kg) checked luggage and 11 lbs. (5 kg) cabin baggage on each flight)
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