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TRIP DETAILS

8 Days / 7 nights - Antarctica

Departures Daily

Trip Ref 2875

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Punta Arenas
Frei Station (King George Island)
Western coast of the Antarctic Peninsula
Drake Passage
Ushuaia.

PRICES FROM \$8,990



New Year Antarctic Air - Cruise

Enjoy New Year in the Antarctic by flying in from Punta Arenas to join the expedition ship right in the Antarctic, cruise around the Peninsula, and then fly back without spending Days crossing the Drake Passage.

A completely novel cruise, where you fly in a commercial jet from Punta Arenas across to the Antarctic, join the expedition ship and start cruising the continent immediately without Days crossing the Drake Passage. At the end you simply fly back.



Day 1: Arrive in Punta Arenas

Arrival at the city of Punta Arenas where you will be met by Antarctica XXI staff, to be transferred to the selected hotel. During the afternoon, you will meet your expedition mates and you will receive instructions concerning the guidelines that should be followed in Antarctica and the procedures for Zodiac boat embarkation. Later, you will enjoy our welcome dinner at the José Nogueira Hotel, a French-style mansion that is over one hundred years old.

PLEASE NOTE: Passengers should be in Punta Arenas by 15:00, hours at the latest.

Day 2: King George Island



The Antarctic adventure will begin with the flight from Punta Arenas to King George Island (South Shetland Islands). The flight takes a little less than two hours. Upon arrival, we will be able to tour around the area where the Frei Chilean Base and Russian Base Bellingshausen are located. We will gather on Fildes Bay for embarkation by Zodiac boats on board the [M/V Grigory Mikheev](#) (2008) & [M/V Professor Multanovskiy](#) (2009). We will celebrate our first Antarctic experience with a memorable New Year's Eve on board our ship in one of the most suggestive environments ever seen.

Days 3 - 4: South Shetland Islands - Antarctic Peninsula

While cruising between the South Shetland Islands and the western coast of the Antarctic Peninsula, sailing along ice-filled fjords and between spectacular icebergs, we will enjoy the company of sea birds, penguins, seals and whales. The adventure will be very active, with several daily landings and cruises in Zodiac boats, lectures and a very enjoyable time on board.

Day 5: Drake Passage

After a last visit in the region, in the afternoon the [M/V Grigory Mikheev](#) (2008) & [M/V Professor Multanovskiy](#) (2009) will set sail northwards across the famous Drake Passage en route to Ushuaia.

Day 6: At Sea

We invite you to relax and enjoy life on board and to take the time to watch wildlife from the bridge or outside decks. We may spot magnificent birds such as albatrosses and petrels, as well as Humpback and Minke whales swimming on their way down to Antarctica.

Day 7: Cape Horn - Beagle Channel

After spending the last hours sailing through the Drake Passage, we will finally have Cape Horn and the American continent in sight. The Professor Multanovskiy will sail along the calm waters of the Beagle Channel towards the southernmost Chilean settlement of Puerto Williams, located on Navarino Island. Here, we will have the time to tour around before sailing during the in the night towards Ushuaia.

Day 8: Disembark in Ushuaia

In the morning, arrival at the port of Ushuaia and disembarkation.

Note about the flights

You will be flying with a 60 passenger British Aerospace BAe 146-200, designed for short take off and landings and suitable for Antarctic conditions. It is operated by Aerovias DAP, a Chilean commercial airline with over 25 years of commercial experience flying around Patagonia, to the Falklands, and to Antarctica.



2009 Prices per person	
Suite	USD \$12,490
Superior cabin	USD \$11,490
Twin cabin with private facilities	USD \$9,990
Twin cabin with shared facilities	USD \$8,990
Lowest rate 3rd occupant in cabin with shared facilities USD 6,890	
NOTE: For single use of suite, superior and twin cabins an 85% supplement will be applied.	

Airplane "BAe 146-200" and Vessel "[M/V Professor Multanovskiy](#)"

Dates 2009 - 2010
30 December 2009 to 06 January 2010 (only departure)

Tour includes:

- Transfer from Punta Arenas airport to the selected hotel.
- One overnight in Punta Arenas at the selected hotel.
- Welcome Dinner at Jose Nogueira Hotel.
- Flight from Punta Arenas to Frei Station on King George Island.
- Cruising for 10 days and 9 nights along the Antarctic Peninsula.
- All meals and beverages on board.
- All guided shore excursions.
- Lectures and entertainment on board.
- Comprehensive pre- and post-voyage information material.
- Loan of waterproof thermal boots for landing in Antarctica.

Not Included:

- Accommodation and meals other than those included in the program.
- Transfers other than those included in the program.
- Visa and/or Passport expenses.
- Arrival and/or departures taxes.
- Communication expenses.
- Laundry expenses.
- Gratuities
- Personal insurance.

Baggage Allowance:

The maximum weight allowed on the flights to and from Antarctica is 20 kg per passenger, including hand luggage. The excess baggage will be transferred to Ushuaia free of charge and will be delivered to passengers upon return from Antarctica.

Important Notice:

Every effort will be made to adhere to the planned program, however it must be realized that with this type of adventurous travel to Antarctica, changes to the itinerary may occur due to severe and unpredictable weather. We need to emphasize the fact that weather conditions are unpredictable and that safety is always the paramount concern on any Antarctic voyage. For this reason Antarctica XXI reserves the right to change the itinerary here described due to weather conditions or other factors beyond Antarctica XXI's control without consulting the participants. Any change to the planned itinerary will be made exclusively and absolutely according to the judgment of the Captain of the aircraft or the vessel. It is understood that such decisions will be made in the best interests of all the passengers and with regard to the safety of the vessel and the aircraft. In case that the flight to or from Antarctica cannot take place due to unfavorable weather conditions either at point of origin and/or destination, Antarctica XXI will apply the Contingency Plan corresponding to each trip.

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