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TRIP DETAILS
9 days / 8 nts - Antarctica

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Polar Circle Air-Cruise

Jumping over Cape Horn and the mythical waters of the Drake Passage, we invite you to a unique experience that will take you to one of the most remote places on earth, the coldest, highest, windiest, driest, and most inhospitable continent - Antarctica.

Day 1: Arrive in Punta Arenas
Arrival at the city of Punta Arenas where you will be met by the staff, to be transferred to the hotel (should plan to be in Punta Arenas at 15:00 hours, at the latest). During the afternoon, you will receive instructions concerning the guidelines that should be followed in Antarctica and the procedures for Zodiac boat embarkation and disembarkation. Later, you will be invited to gather for a welcome dinner together with your expedition mates and you will have the chance to enjoy a typical Magellan menu.

Day 2: Punta Arenas - King George Island
A smooth two-hour flight takes you efficiently from Punta Arenas to King George Island, in the South Shetland Islands. Your Antarctic adventure begins as you exit the airplane and the clear Antarctic air fills your lungs for the first time. Explore the area surrounding Chile's Frei Station and Russia's Bellingshausen station, before boarding a Zodiac to embark your expedition vessel.

Days 3-8: South Shetland - Antarctica Peninsula
Sail along ice-filled fjords and among spectacular icebergs, while enjoying the company of sea birds, penguins, seals and whales. Visit the South Shetland Islands and the western coast of the Antarctic Peninsula, disembarking by Zodiac each day. In small groups, hike to extraordinary sites and take part in exploratory Zodiac excursions to otherwise inaccessible areas. Expert polar guides share their passion for Antarctica through an engaging program of illustrated presentations, and lead you ashore to interpret the wildlife, the history and the many wonders of the Antarctic environment. From the glass-enclosed lounge, enjoy spectacular views while sharing your daily adventures with fellow guests over a drink.

The goal of the expedition is to sail far south in the attempt of reaching the Polar Circle. The Expedition Team sets the specific voyage route based on local conditions, and takes advantage of the ever-changing opportunities provided by Nature. Flexibility will be the key to a successful voyage. Your expedition may include visits to sites such as Port Lockroy, Petermann Island, Paradise Bay, the Lemaire Channel, Prospect Point or other magnificent places. Each voyage is unique and each is crafted to provide the best possible overview of the varied Antarctic environment.

Day 9: King George - Punta Arenas
Back at King George Island, bid farewell to Antarctica as you board the flight to Punta Arenas. The program ends upon arrival at the airport in Punta Arenas (transfer to the city will be available for passengers staying overnight in Punta Arenas. One complimentary hotel night in Punta Arenas is offered upon request).

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Included:
* Transfers airport/hotel/airport foreseen on the first and last day of the voyage.
* 1 overnight in Punta Arenas at Hotel Rey Don Felipe or other hotel of similar category and a welcome dinner including drinks on Day 1
* 1 complimentary hotel night upon request in Punta Arenas on the day of return from Antarctica.
* 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 along the Antarctic Peninsula as indicated in the program corresponding to each voyage.
* Full board including drinks and open bar during the ship cruise.
* All guided shore excursions.
* Lectures and entertainment on board.
* Loan of waterproof boots for landing in Antarctica.

Not included:
* Accommodation, meals, excursions and transfers other than those included in the Travel Program and the Contingency Plan corresponding to each voyage.

* Personal insurances.
* Extra expenses (communication, laundry, souvenirs, etc.).
* Tips (suggested USD 10 per person per day).
* Visas or Passport expenses and/or any other arrival and/or departure tax, if applicable.

Notes:
- Single travellers can choose between:
* Booking a dedicated single cabin. No supplement is applied for single use of dedicated single cabins.
* Booking a twin cabin for single use. An 85% supplement should be added to the rate per person in twin cabin.
* Sharing a twin cabin with another passenger (male or female). No supplement is applied, and we will take care of finding the matching companion.
In case of sharing the cabin with another passenger, this also implies sharing any other hotel accommodation foreseen in the Travel Program of each voyage.

- Children Children are admitted from the age of 8 years. They must be accompanied by a fully responsible adult. A 5% discount on the rate per person is offered for children up to 12 years of age.

- Flight connexions:
A tight time-schedule connection with an Antarctic expedition is unwise. For this reason, we strongly suggests that a flexible air ticket be held for your journey home, and in any case not to book a flight on the same day of the return flight from Antarctica.

-Baggage Allowance:
The maximum weight allowed on the flights to and from Antarctica is 20 kg per passenger, including hand luggage. The excess baggage may be left in custody in Punta Arenas.

-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 the expedition company reserves the right to change the itinerary here described due to weather conditions or other factors the expedition company 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. A tight time-schedule connection with an Antarctic expedition is unwise. For this reason, the expedition company strongly suggests that a flexible air ticket be held for your journey home, and in any case not to book a flight on the same day of the return flight from Antarctica. 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, the expedition company will apply the Contingency Plan corresponding to each trip.

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