



ANTARCTICA XXI ANTARCTIC EXPERIENCE AIR-CRUISE 2012

INVITATION TO TRAVEL

Overflying Cape Horn, Antarctica XXI invites you to a unique experience that will take you to one of the most remote places on Earth: the coldest, best preserved and most inhospitable continent – Antarctica! While sailing along ice-filled fjords and between spectacular icebergs, we will enjoy the company of sea birds, penguins, seals and whales. In our way back, we will sail the mythical waters of the Drake Passage, as well as the calm waters of the Beagle Channel, until the Port of Ushuaia, Argentina.



Duration: 8 days/7 nights

Type of trip: cruise / sailing ship

Lodging: hotel / vessel

Difficulty level: for the general public

Recommended period: Fix departures: 17/01/2012 to 24/01/2012

Code of the trip: SN / CRU 01 C

ITINERARY

1st DAY: PUNTA ARENAS (IN)

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 receive instructions concerning the guidelines that should be followed in Antarctica and the procedures for Zodiac boat embarkation and disembarkation. Later, you will enjoy our welcome dinner at the José Nogueira Hotel, a French-style mansion that is over one hundred years old. Night at HOTEL ISLA REY JORGE (4*) or of similar category according to availability.

Included meals: *Dinner*

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

2nd DAY: PUNTA ARENAS - KING GEORGE ISLAND

Our Antarctic adventure will begin with the flight from Punta Arenas to King George Island (South Shetland Islands). The flight takes a little over one and half hour. Upon arrival, we will be able to tour around the area where the Frei Chilean Base and the Bellingshausen Russian Base are located. We will gather at the beach on Fildes Bay for embarkation. Overnight ON BOARD.

Included meals: *Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner*

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- 3 to 4 DAY: KING GEORGE ISLAND - 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. Our adventure will be very active, with several daily landings and cruises in Zodiac boats, lectures and a very enjoyable time on board. Overnight ON BOARD.
Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner
- 5 to 6 DAY: ANTARCTIC PENINSULA – DRAKE PASSAGE**
During the afternoon we will start our way back across the mythic waters of the Drake Passage toward the Argentinean city port of Ushuaia. While sailing, we will be able to watch magnificent birds such as Albatrosses and Petrels, as well as Humpback and Minke whales swimming on their way down to Antarctica. Overnight ON BOARD.
Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner
- 7th DAY: DRAKE PASSAGE – PUERTO WILLIAMS – USHUAIA**
After spending the last hours sailing through the impressive waters of the Drake Passage, we will finally have Cape Horn and the American continent in sight. We will continue along the calm waters of the Beagle Channel towards the southernmost Chilean settlement of Puerto Williams, where we will have the time to tour around before continuing sailing towards Ushuaia. Overnight ON BOARD.
Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner
- 8th DAY: USHUAIA (OUT)**
In the morning, arrival at the port of Ushuaia and disembark. **END OF THE SERVICES.**
Included meals: Breakfast

ENJOY THE TRIP!

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*** 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 Antarctica XXI reserve the right to change the itinerary here described due to weather conditions or other factors beyond our 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.

A tight time-schedule connection with an Antarctic expedition is unwise. For this reason, we strongly suggest 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, we will apply the *Contingency Plan* corresponding to each trip.



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EQUIPMENT LIST:

CLOTHING

- Polar cap, hat or balaclava hood
- Thermal underwear, including sweatshirts and tuftlenecks
- Thermal socks
- Thermal gloves or mittens
- Fleece jacket and trousers
- Waterproof hooded jacket
- Insulated waterproof trousers (ski pants)
- Comfortable cloths to wear on board (temperature on board is about 20°C)
- Comfortable, used, rubber-soled shoes to wear on board
- Swimsuit (for possible hot spring dips)

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- Day pack (30-40 lt)
- Sun glasses or goggles
- Sun screen: Sun cream and lip screen.
- Personal First Aid Kit.
- Personal Toiletries: wet towels, soap, etc.
- Photographic equipment and binoculars
- Batteries (bring spares ones as cold temperatures can reduce their life span!)



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***ASK FOR RATES AND SPECIAL DISCOUNTS FOR EARLY BOOKINGS.**

-Single travellers can choose between: booking a single cabin; booking a twin cabin for single use (an 85% supplement should be added to the rate p/person in twin cabin); sharing a twin or triple cabin with other male or female passenger (this also implies sharing the hotel accommodation)

Included in the rate

• 1 Night in the mentioned hotel in Punta Arenas or of similar category according to availability (day 1).
• All meals mentioned in the program.
• Flight from Punta Arenas to Frei Station on King George Island.
• Cruising for 7 days and 6 nights
• All beverages on board.
• Lectures and entertainment on board.
• All guided shore excursions with bilingual guide (Spanish / English speaking). Guides in other languages subject to availability.
• Loan of waterproof boots for landing in Antarctica.
• Comprehensive pre- and post-voyage information material.
• Transfer from Punta Arenas airport to the hotel in Punta Arenas on day 1

NOT included in the rate

• Accommodation, transfers, and meals other than those included in the program.
• Flights and taxes not mentioned in the program.
• Visa and/or Passport expenses.
• Arrival and/or departures taxes.
• Communication expenses.
• Personal equipment
• Tips
• Laundry expenses.
• Travel insurance
• Services NOT mentioned in the program

The rates are valid from the 17/01/2012 until the 24/01/2012 except in case of a big variation in the USD exchange conditions in Chile. Thanks for reading our general sales conditions.