



SOUTH GEORGIA & ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

Penguin Safari



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Overview

The Antarctic region offers so many extraordinary things to see and do for adventurous travelers. We've designed this guide to help you figure out what interests you most in order to plan the perfect Antarctic expedition that suits your interests and passions. Depending on what you're looking for, the following pages will inform you of everything you need to know about exploring Antarctica.

The *South Georgia and Antarctica: Penguin Safari* itinerary is the fastest way to get to the rarely visited South Georgia Island while also stepping foot on the 7th continent. Whether you choose to depart in November or December—including an exclusive New Year's Eve voyage—all trips operate during the peak season to optimize your chance of immersive encounters with iconic wildlife like penguins, whales and seals. Choose from our polar-class of expedition ships including the *Ocean Diamond*, offering an intimate experience or *World Explorer*. You also have the opportunity to further personalize your voyage with our robust selection of Adventure Options including hiking, kayaking and more.

Antarctica has been inspiring explorers for centuries and this expedition offers the chance for you to discover why. We're excited to host you on your unforgettable polar adventure! Feel free to reach out to our team of Polar Travel Advisers who can answer any of your questions and provide assistance at any time of your planning journey.



EXPEDITION IN BRIEF



See South Georgia's incredible wildlife, including 30 breeding bird species and four penguin species



Follow in the footsteps of Sir Ernest Shackleton's perilous voyages to South Georgia and pause for a moment at his gravesite



Explore the Antarctic Peninsula by ship, Zodiac and foot



Learn about Antarctica's unique geology, history and wildlife with our on-board lecturers



Immerse yourself in the icy realm of the Antarctic, with an optional paddling excursion



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16-Day Itinerary

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN USHUAIA, ARGENTINA

You will begin your journey in Ushuaia, a small but bustling port at the tip of South America. It's the ideal gateway for you to explore the southern extent of Patagonia while preparing for your adventure ahead. Get active in the mountains or enjoy handcrafted chocolate at a café in town.

DAY 2 | EMBARKATION DAY

Embarkation will occur in the late afternoon, after which your vessel will sail down the historic Beagle Channel, which transects the Tierra del Fuego archipelago in the extreme south

of South America. Expect an air of anticipation as you depart!

DAYS 3-6 | AT SEA

There are many activities to keep you engaged while you are at sea. Learn to identify seabirds that glide alongside the ship, or attend dynamic presentations by your Expedition Team. You will be prepped on safety procedures for Zodiac cruises and shore landings, and also be given instructions for getting the most out of your optional kayaking adventures (extra cost), a truly intimate way to experience Antarctica.



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— Onboard the *Ocean Diamond* and *World Explorer*

DAYS 7-8 | SOUTH GEORGIA

The first indication that you are approaching South Georgia is the sight of birds around a group of rocky spires called Shag Rocks. Have your binoculars and cameras ready to photograph these rocks rising out of the icy ocean waters. Shags and prions often rest here.

After enjoying South Georgia from a distance, we'll head toward its numerable beaches to find a protected bay for your first land excursion. Landing sites on South Georgia are varied, largely determined by the weather conditions of your voyage. Whichever sites we visit, they'll provide you with wildlife encounters unrivaled anywhere else on earth.

This is one of the most fertile breeding grounds in the world for sub-Antarctic wildlife, with beaches blanketed with penguins. It won't take you long to

realize that South Georgia is a paradise for bird lovers, as burrowing seabirds, albatross and petrels can be seen in abundance.

You'll find that South Georgia, once a popular base for whalers and sealers, is also scattered with abandoned relics and evidence of human activity from centuries gone by. Your Expedition Team will help bring those days to life while you visit old whaling stations and enjoy presentations on the South Georgia of then and now.

One of the most significant sites you will visit on the island is Grytviken. This settlement is one of the first whaling stations established in sub-Antarctic waters. Many travelers find that this place has a special appeal, as it is home to the remains of Sir Ernest Shackleton, one of the most famous Antarctic explorers.

DAYS 9 & 10 | AT SEA

Say goodbye to the king penguins, as your next destination is Antarctica! Your days at sea are filled with presentations and lectures led by your Expedition Team, who will prepare you for the wildlife that will greet you upon your arrival. In between activities, spend time chatting with your shipmates over a drink at the bar.

If conditions allow, we may attempt landfall on the South Orkney Islands, our first official stop in Antarctica.

DAYS 11-13 | ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

The most common reaction upon reaching the White Continent is a sense of reverence and awe. The experience is hard to put into words, since few places are as untouched, unique and enduring as Antarctica.



You will discover that Antarctica is a land of extremes. At one moment you'll be overcome with a feeling of complete desolation and silence, and at the next moment you'll be inspired by nature as a calving glacier crashes into brilliant blue sea or a penguin waddles by to inspect your footwear.

Your Expedition Team will take care of you at each landing, whether you are Zodiac cruising, visiting a historical site or consorting with penguin colonies. Chinstrap, Adélie and gentoo penguins are found here, along with Weddell, fur, crabeater and leopard seals. Keep a lookout for curious whales, such as minke, while on a Zodiac cruise. Each day and each landing will present a new collection of creatures to delight you and keep your camera busy.

As exciting as the Zodiac excursions and landings are, perhaps you'll treat yourself

to an extra-special Antarctic experience by partaking in an optional kayaking excursion (extra cost) or going for a plunge in Antarctic waters!

DAYS 14 & 15 | CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE

After more than a dozen days of memorable wildlife encounters, your journey home begins. Crossing the Drake is your unofficial rite of passage, to spend time on the deck, watching for seabirds and scouting for whales, enjoy presentations by your Expedition Team, or simply relax and reminisce about your experiences.

DAY 16 | DISEMBARKATION IN USHUAIA

You will arrive in Ushuaia in the morning, which allows for you to continue your adventure on land or catch your flights home.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Embracing the unexpected is part of the legacy—and excitement—of expedition travel. When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must allow the sea, the ice and the weather to guide route and itinerary details. This itinerary is a tentative outline of what you'll experience on this voyage; please be aware that no specific itinerary can be guaranteed. By the same token, wildlife encounters as described are expected, but not guaranteed. Your Expedition Team will use their considerable experience to seek out wildlife in known habitats, but the presence of any particular species of bird or marine wildlife is not a guarantee.





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Arrival & Departure Details

As you prepare for your journey, you may be interested to know the details of your arrival and departure. Since air transportation to and from your voyage is not included in the cost of your expedition, you have some flexibility in planning your flights. Looking to extend your adventure beyond your polar cruise? Learn how to add on a pre-or post-expedition stop—or both!—in your gateway city on page 16.

Arrival Day and Embarkation

ARRIVING IN USHUAIA

You may arrive in Ushuaia at any time during Day 1 of your itinerary. Ushuaia is a destination worth exploring, so we do encourage you to arrive a day or two before your expedition. Based on the arrival information you send us, we will arrange for a transfer from the airport to your hotel.

A Quark Expeditions® representative will be available to answer your questions in the lobby of your hotel in Ushuaia during your optional pre-departure briefing on Day 1, at 6pm.



EMBARKATION IN USHUAIA

On the morning of Day 2, your luggage will be collected from the lobby of your hotel, transferred to the ship and stored in your cabin.

Ship embarkation will occur on Day 2 of your itinerary, usually around 4pm. You and your shipmates will meet at a designated spot near the pier, and board the waiting buses for transfer to the ship. Information about embarkation will be posted in your Ushuaia hotel and discussed during your optional pre-departure meeting on Day 1.

Final Day and Departure

DISEMBARKATION IN USHUAIA AND ONWARD

Your ship is scheduled to arrive at the pier in Ushuaia, between 7am and 8am. Once the ship has docked, you will have time to bid farewell to your Expedition Team and shipmates before completing your disembarkation. The process takes about an hour.

Weather conditions can always change our arrival times, and airline schedule changes have also been known to occur. Please book your flight home from Ushuaia to depart as late in the day as possible or at a date after the end of your expedition. If you have booked a flight that departs before 11am on the date that your expedition ends, you will be at risk of missing your flight.

Quark Expeditions® staff in Ushuaia will reconfirm your domestic flight 48 hours prior to disembarkation, provided you give your information to our team ahead of time or when you board the ship.

Included Hotel Accommodations

Your included accommodation begins on Day 1 of your itinerary, and the specific hotel(s) will be indicated on your final voyage confirmation. If you are arriving prior to Day 1 of your expedition or are staying after the disembarkation day and would like help booking a pre- or post-stay, please contact your preferred travel agent or Quark Expeditions® for hotel options. As accommodation space is limited, you are encouraged to request any extra nights as early as possible.

Ushuaia accommodations range from hostels to mid-range properties, and hotel space is limited. Quark Expeditions® endeavors to provide the best possible accommodation within these parameters. A particular property cannot be guaranteed, but space is most often booked at Hotel Las Lengas, Hotel Los Acebos, and Albatros Hotel.

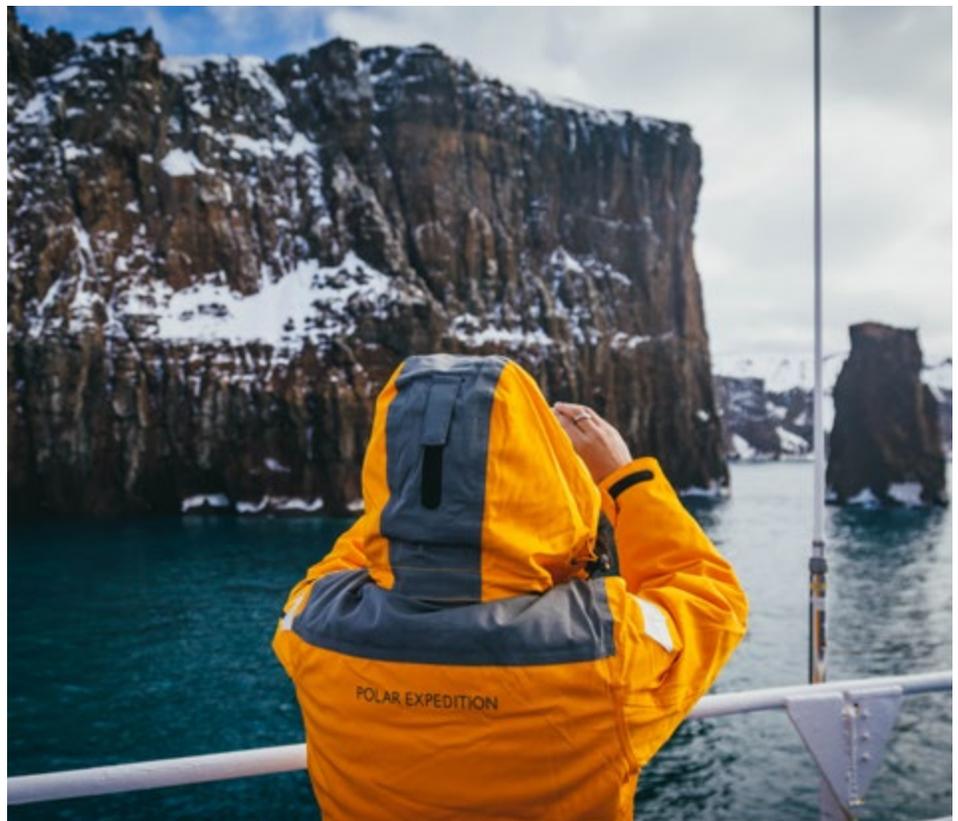
Arrival and Departure Transfers

USHUAIA AIRPORT TRANSFERS

ARRIVAL: A group transfer in Ushuaia is included from the airport to your included pre-expedition hotel on Day 1 of your itinerary.

DEPARTURE: A group departure transfer is included from the ship to the airport on the final day of your itinerary. If your flight is later in the day, you may opt to transfer to our luggage storage facility instead and enjoy further activities in Ushuaia on your own. Access to luggage storage is available until 6pm on the disembarkation day only. You will need to arrange your own transfer to the airport if you do not take advantage of the included transfer or if you are leaving Ushuaia after the disembarkation day.

In order to facilitate your transfers, we request that you provide your flight details to Quark Expeditions® at least 30 days prior to traveling.





Your Ship Options

Quark Expeditions® is pleased to boast the largest polar class fleet of any provider, and the ability to offer our passengers this great expedition on a number of different vessels.

The entire Quark Expeditions® fleet is built for the challenging yet fragile polar environments, so we can confidently take you to places ordinary cruise companies wouldn't dream of going.



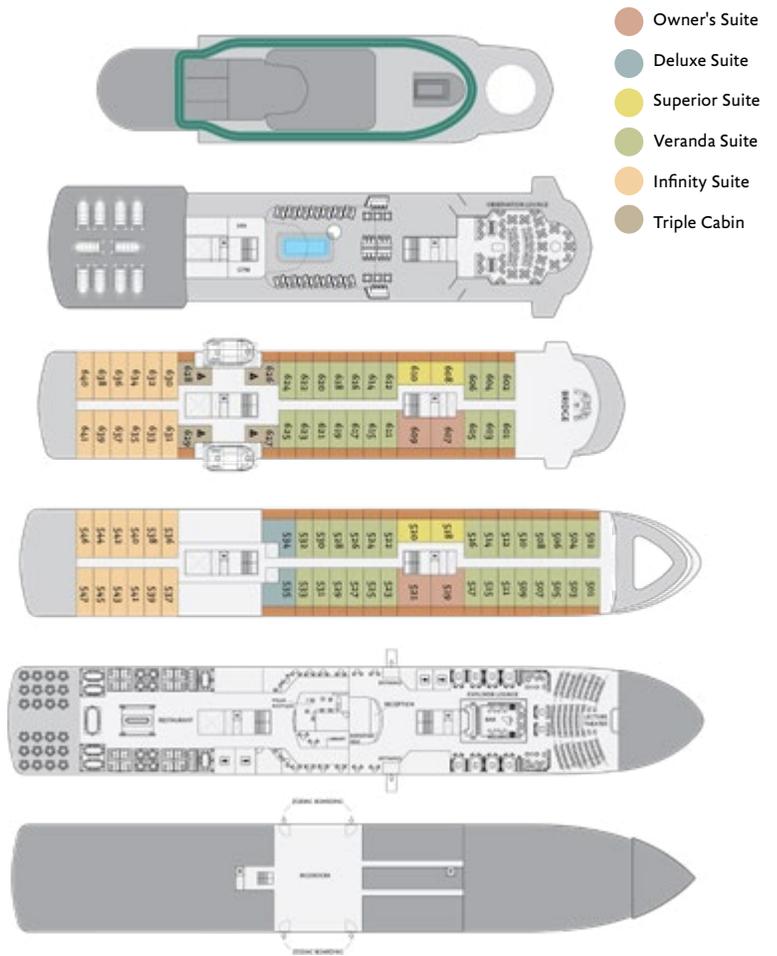
NEW! WORLD EXPLORER

The newest addition to the Quark Expeditions® Antarctic fleet, polar powerhouse *World Explorer*—our first all-suites, all-balcony ice-class ship—lets you discover everything Antarctica has to offer, with the type of service available only at premium hotels. *World Explorer* also delivers plenty of areas, both inside and out, to witness the incredible Antarctic wildlife or simply watch the world go by, including a spacious observation deck for taking in sights outdoors, an observation lounge with panoramic skyline views, a library for intimate relaxing and reading, and the Explorer Lounge for a drink and a chat. Presentations and discussions are held in a dedicated lecture theater. Health and wellness facilities feature an outdoor running track, small gym and spa, plus a heated outdoor swimming pool. With its new and environmentally sustainable hybrid technology and state-of-the-art Rolls-Royce engines and generators, the ship also boasts reduced fuel consumption and CO² emissions.

SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

- Staff & Crew: 125
- Guests: 176
- Lifeboats: 2, fully enclosed
- Ice Class: 1B

Visit QuarkExpeditions.com to view deck plan details.





OCEAN DIAMOND

You have the run of the place on the *Ocean Diamond*, one of the largest of our small ships. All rooms have an exterior view, ensuite facility, flat-screen TV and DVD player, with some suites sporting a private balcony. After a day of exploration, you can relax with a book in the polar library, head to the gym for a quick workout, have a drink at the bar, or just soak in the scenery from the panoramic observation lounge. For the 2019.20 season, the *Ocean Diamond* will have completed renovations throughout the ship.

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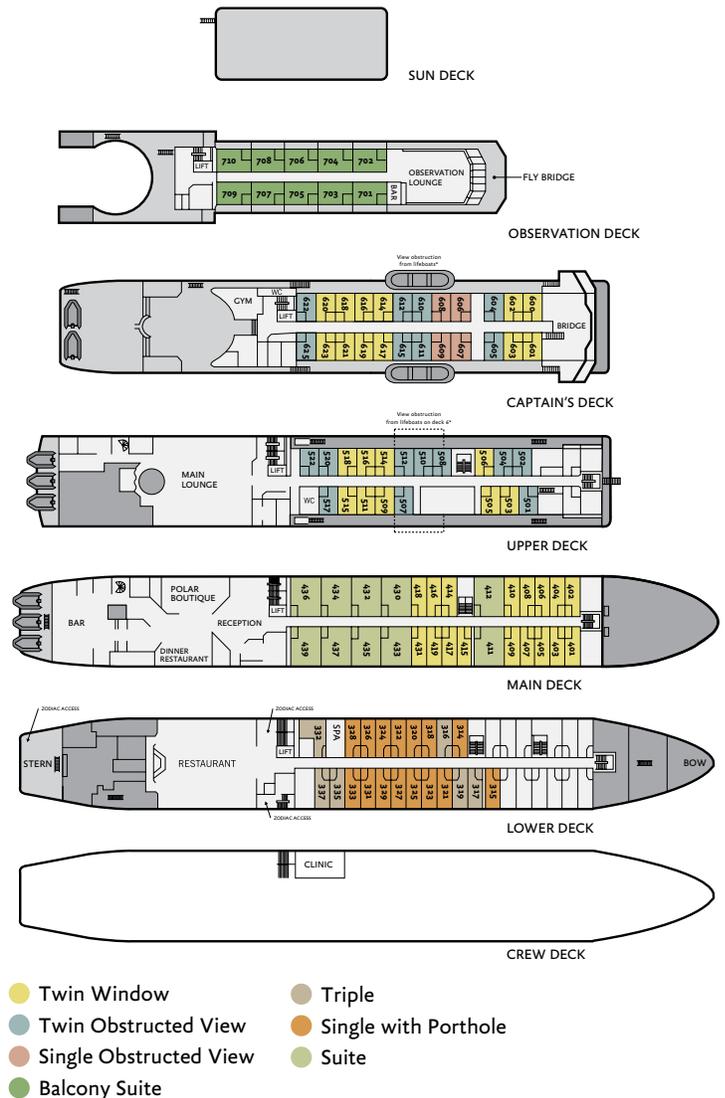
Staff & Crew: 108

Guests: 189

Lifeboats: 2, fully enclosed

Ice Class: 1D

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Adventure Options



Ready for a little adventure beyond your ship? Each Quark Expeditions® voyage offers a variety of fun recreational activities to enhance your polar experience.

Included Activities

ZODIAC CRUISING

Zodiacs are the workhorses of polar expeditions, safely transporting guests to remote shorelines and shallow inlets—places the ships can't reach. Hopping in and out of them is super-easy.

HIKING

Led by experienced staff, exploring on foot is the best way to appreciate the landscape, communities and shorelines.

LECTURES

Daily chats with on-board experts—our guides, scientists and other special guests—let passengers rub shoulders with historians, botanists, ornithologists, biologists, geologists and more.

POLAR PLUNGE

This rite of passage, experienced just once per expedition, sees you safely jumping into icy ocean waters under the watchful eye of our staff—and just about every single camera lens on board!

PHOTOGRAPHY

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is both rewarding and constructive. Plus, it is next to impossible to take a bad picture of the Polar Regions.

OTHER EQUIPMENT ON BOARD

Walking poles are provided at each landing for your convenience. Snowshoes may also be provided when conditions are favorable. This equipment is available at no cost.

More information about your Included and Paid Activities, including the necessary experience, physical requirements and cost, is available by contacting your Polar Travel Adviser or your travel professional.



Paid Activities

SEA KAYAKING

Imagine gliding across the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers. Our Sea Kayaking adventures are a great way to feel at one with the sea. A small group of kayakers will plan to go out multiple times per voyage instead of shore landings. The number of opportunities to kayak is weather dependent and will only be conducted during calm conditions.

Prior kayaking experience is required for you to feel comfortable on the water, and you must have the capability to do a wet exit to participate. Beginners interested in kayaking should consider participating in the Paddling Excursion described below.

PADDLING EXCURSION

If you're interested in kayaking and would like to try something less in-depth than Sea Kayaking, you can still enjoy the benefits of adding an on-water experience to your expedition with a Paddling Excursion. Sign up for a one-time paddle on our sit-on-top kayaks, which are stable and unencumbered: perfect for anyone with little to no experience with kayaking. We take rotating groups of passengers out on calm days with expert guides to connect with the sea.

STAND-UP PADDLEBOARDING (on WORLD EXPLORER only)

Taken in small groups—in calm bays and harbors, in good weather conditions—and accompanied by a Zodiac, our paddleboarding adventures can be pre-booked in two consecutive priority groups. After the first two successful outings, it will be offered via sign-up on board the ship on a first-come, first-served basis for any subsequent outings.

PLEASE NOTE

For all paid activities pre-booking is required.
We recommend booking early as spaces fill quickly.



Dates & Rates

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WORLD EXPLORER

Dates	Days	Start / End	Triple	Infinity Suite	Veranda Suite	Superior Suite	Deluxe Suite	Owner's Suite	Adventure Options			
												
ANTARCTIC 2019.20												
DEC 27, 2019- JAN 11, 2020	16	Ushuaia	\$13,995	\$20,295	\$20,295	\$22,495	\$23,495	\$24,395	\$995	\$295		\$ 295

OCEAN DIAMOND

Dates	Days	Start / End	Triple	Single Porthole	Single Obst. View	Twin Obst. View	Twin Window	Suite	Balcony Suite	Adventure Options		
												
ANTARCTIC 2019.20												
NOV 16-DEC 1, 2019	16	Ushuaia	\$10,495	\$18,595	\$18,595	\$15,295	\$15,795	\$17,195	\$17,495	\$995	\$295	

OCEAN ENDEAVOUR

Dates	Days	Start / End	Triple	Inside Single	Twin Porthole	Twin Window	Upper Decks	Twin Porthole Suites	Superiors	Top Deck Double	Twin Window Suites	Junior Suite	Owner's Suite	Adventure Options			
																	
ANTARCTIC 2018.19																	
JAN 26-FEB 10, 2019	16	Buenos Aires	\$9,395	\$17,095	\$14,195	\$14,795	\$15,395	\$15,995	\$16,595	\$17,295	\$17,995	\$18,695	\$19,395				
ANTARCTIC 2018.19																	
JAN 26-FEB 10, 2019	16	Buenos Aires		\$950		\$995	\$295									\$295	



Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions

ON ALL SHIPS, RATES INCLUDE:

- Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Leader, including shore landings and other activities
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising per the daily program
- Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage (Please inform us of any dietary requirements as far in advance as possible. Unfortunately, the ships' galleys cannot prepare kosher meals.)
- Beer and wine during dinner; and coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock
- All shore landings per the daily program
- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled
- A photographic journal documenting the expedition
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for shore landings
- An official Quark Expeditions® parka to keep
- Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin

- Comprehensive onboard materials, including a map and an informative Antarctic Reader
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- All luggage handling aboard ship
- Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person

Included in expeditions that embark and disembark in Ushuaia aboard: **WORLD EXPLORER & OCEAN DIAMOND**

- Group transfer in Ushuaia from airport to pre-expedition hotel on Day 1
- One night's pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Ushuaia with breakfast (Note: The number of guests per room is the same as cabin occupancy on the ship. Due to limited availability, travelers who reserve a suite on board are accommodated in standard rooms at the hotel. Triple rooms may not be available.)
- Group transfer from hotel to ship on embarkation day
- Group transfer upon disembarkation in Ushuaia from ship to local airport

Exclusions

RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

- For some specified departures, the purchase of a transfer package, including charter flight and hotels in conjunction with the expedition, is mandatory. The applicable per person cost is indicated on the Dates & Rates summary
- International airfare
- Passport and applicable visa expenses
- Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned
- Meals ashore unless otherwise specified
- Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended
- Excess-baggage fees on international flights
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, bar, massage services and other personal charges, unless specified
- Phone and Internet charges
- Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew
- Additional overnight accommodation
- Arrival and departure transfers, except where explicitly stated
- Adventure options on expeditions (all weather dependent) that are not included in the cost of the voyage (e.g., sea kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, etc.)



Your Expedition Team

Our Expedition Leaders and staff bring diverse polar expertise in subjects as varied as polar history, marine biology, glaciology and photography. Their knowledge will greatly enhance your immersion into the polar environment and further enhance your connection to the Antarctic.

With over 27 years of experience bringing passengers to remote polar regions and an industry leading staff to guest ratio, we know how to handle the unexpected to guarantee the safety of all passengers. Ensuring this hard earned experience is not lost, our new expedition staff receive comprehensive training in our newly developed Quark Academy, which provides real-world polar expedition training prior to any staff member's first voyage as well as ongoing training for experienced staff.





Extend Your Trip

PRE- AND POST-EXPEDITION TRIP EXTENSIONS

You can extend your trip by booking extra days to explore one of our gateway cities before or after the voyage. Since you're traveling such a long way, you may want to spend extra time in Buenos Aires. We have a variety of pre- and post-expedition packages in this fascinating city, known as the tango capital of the world. Enjoy an extensive city tour and take in a tango show and breathtaking art. Savor Argentine barbecue at a steakhouse, then stroll the tree-lined boulevards and marvel at the Spanish colonial architecture. Take an extended tour from Buenos Aires to Iguazú Falls and if you're daring, walk the catwalks over the falls.



Meals on Board

If there is one constant at sea, it is that you'll enjoy delicious meals on a daily basis. While meal times may change due to landings and wildlife encounters, you'll always be served three meals a day. Almost any dietary restriction can be accommodated by letting us know prior to your expedition.

Breakfasts and lunches are normally served buffet style, while dinners are served plated. À la carte meals are made at the time of your order, allowing our chefs to prepare each dish to your individual needs, ensuring you receive top quality meals during the course of your expedition.

Soft drinks, juices and water are available at all times, and beer and wine are served with dinner, all included in the cost of your package. Spirits, premium wines and champagne are available at an extra cost which can be billed to your shipboard account. The well-stocked bar on the ship is open to enjoy with your fellow shipmates in the late morning, afternoon and evening.





Possible Landings

Embracing the unexpected is part of the legacy—and excitement—of expedition travel. When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must allow the sea, the ice and the weather to guide route and itinerary details. The below landing sites are a sample of what you may experience on your expedition.

South Georgia

DRYGALSKI FJORD

This is a photogenic and dramatic fjord, with sharp and jagged peaks rising out of the sea. Glaciation never reached the peaks, giving the fjord a unique landscape.

GOLD HARBOUR

The backdrop to this harbor is the hanging Bertrab Glacier. King and gentoo penguins call Gold Harbour home, as do rowdy elephant and fur seals.

GRYTVIKEN

Only a handful of people live, albeit temporarily, on South Georgia, a British overseas territory. Two of them are curators of the South Georgia Museum, located in the former villa of the whaling station manager. The church was built for the whaling community and is the only building in Grytviken that is still used for its original purpose.

SALISBURY PLAIN

One of the largest king penguin rookeries on South Georgia is located on Salisbury Plain. The Murphy and Lucas Glaciers flank the plain, creating a perfect backdrop for photos.

ST. ANDREW'S BAY

Thousands of breeding pairs of king penguins nest at St. Andrew's Bay—the largest king penguin rookery on South Georgia, and a wildlife spectacle to behold.



STROMNESS

This abandoned whaling station was in full operation the day that Sir Ernest Shackleton and his companions staggered into it after a 36-hour trek across the island. There is a small cemetery here, with the graves of 14 whalers.

Antarctic Peninsula

BROWN BLUFF

A dormant volcano, Brown Bluff towers 2,225 feet (678 meters) over the rookeries of Adélie and gentoo penguins, which number in the thousands. These penguins will create a symphony of background noise while you explore the bluff.

CIERVA COVE

If one of your expedition goals is to witness incredible icebergs and sea ice, Cierva Cove is the place for you. A massive glacial face regularly calves into the bay, and the floating ice can be quite

spectacular. Seals can be spotted on ice floes, and later in the season, humpback whales occasionally breach the icy waters.

DANCO ISLAND

Home to gentoo penguins, this small island is easy to explore, at only one mile (1.6 km) long. You can visit the marker of a former British Antarctic Survey hut, where you can enjoy the stunning view of the Errera channel.

ENTERPRISE ISLAND

Located in Wilhelmina Bay, this island was once used by whalers. A Zodiac cruise around the island passes a wrecked whaling ship.

HOPE BAY

Three members of the Swedish Antarctic Expedition (1901-04) spent the winter in a hut on the shores of the bay. The hut is located close to the jetty of Esperanza Station, an Argentine research station.

MELCHIOR ISLANDS

This group of low islands in Dallmann Bay is where you may see hauled-out male fur seals as they recuperate from their battles for supremacy at the end of their breeding season.

MIKKELSEN HARBOR

Located on the south side of Trinity Island, Mikkelsen Harbor is a 1.86-mile (3 km) wide bay surrounded by stunning ice cliffs. It was discovered by a Swedish Antarctic expedition in 1901-04, and is surrounded by several reefs. Keep your camera close, as gentoo penguins and skuas, as well as Weddell, Antarctic fur, leopard and crabeater seals, are often seen in the region.

PARADISE BAY

A wide bay and natural harbor on the West Antarctic Peninsula, Paradise Bay is also known as Paradise Harbor. Mountains, glaciers and ice cliffs offer



spectacular views. Icebergs regularly calve from the glaciers, providing a place for seals, penguins and seabirds to rest and play. Located in Paradise Bay, and named after Admiral Guillermo Brown, father of the Argentine Navy, the Almirante Brown Antarctic Base opened in 1951 but was destroyed by fire in 1984. It has since been partially rebuilt and is used as a summer research base. Also located in the Bay is Waterboat Point, where two scientists studying penguin behavior lived in a water boat from 1921 to 22. The remains of their camp have been designated an Antarctic historic site.

PAULET ISLAND

Located in the northwestern Weddell Sea, Paulet Island is home to a large Adélie penguin rookery. With a volcanic cone that rises 1,158 feet (353 meters), the island reminds you that this was once a very active landscape. In addition to penguins, you may be interested in visiting a historic hut built by members of

the Swedish Antarctic Expedition of 1901-04. A cross marks the gravesite of Ole Wenersgaard, a member of the crew.

WILHELMINA BAY

Humpback whales abound in “Whelmina Bay,” as it’s nicknamed, and the scenery is spectacular. Sheer cliffs and glaciers surround the calm waters of the protected bay, named after Wilhelmina, queen of the Netherlands from 1890 to 1948. If you’re lucky, you may see the humpbacks bubble-net feeding: they exhale while swimming in circles, trapping krill in a “net” of bubbles, and then swim straight up from below, mouths open, they engulf their prey. A truly spectacular sight!

South Shetland Islands

AITCHO ISLANDS

This group of small islands, some still unnamed, is situated in the northern entrance of the English Strait. You can

often spot a great mix of wildlife in the area, with gentoo and chinstrap penguins having established rookeries on the islands. Southern elephant and fur seals frequently haul out here, too.

BAILY HEAD

Also known as Rancho Point, Bailey Head is a rocky headland on the southeastern shore of Deception Island. Chinstrap penguins build nests on slopes leading to a high ridge that dominates the natural amphitheater and provides a superb setting for landscape photography.

HALF MOON ISLAND

This crescent-shaped island was known to sealers as early as 1821. Unlike sealers, who tried to keep their best locations secret, we’re happy to bring you ashore on this impressive island. Many Antarctic birds breed here, including chinstrap penguins, shags, Wilson’s storm petrels, kelp gulls, snowy sheathbills, Antarctic terns and skua.



HANNAH POINT

Macaroni, chinstrap and gentoo penguin rookeries are located on this point, which is on the south coast of Livingston Island. Due to the rather congested area available to the nesting penguins, you can only visit here from January 10 onward.

PENDULUM COVE

Geothermal waters are found along the shoreline of this cove, named for observations made in 1829 by a British expedition. You may see yellow algae and boiled krill floating on the surface because of the scalding water!

PENGUIN ISLAND

Antarctica has two flowering plants, both of which you can find on Penguin Island: *Deschampsia antarctica* and *Colobanthus quitensis*. Chinstrap penguins, fur seals and southern elephant seals use the island for breeding purposes.

ROBERT POINT

A nice spot for Zodiac cruising, this point was known to sealers as early as 1820. Chinstrap penguins, kelp gulls and pintado petrels breed here, and whales may be seen in the surrounding waters.

TELEFON BAY

Your Expedition Team will be happy to point out that this is where the most recent evidence of volcanic eruption on Deception Island can be seen.

TURRET POINT

Chinstrap and Adélie penguin rookeries are found on this point, situated on the south coast of King George Island. The beaches here are often crowded with southern elephant, fur and Weddell seals hauling out on the rocks.

WHALER'S BAY

To reach Whaler's Bay, it is necessary to sail through a narrow passage called

Neptune's Bellows. The bay was used by whalers from 1906 to 1931 and is part of a protected harbor created by the formation of the circular flooded caldera known as Deception Island. Along with waddling penguins and lounging seals, you'll see the rusting remains of whaling operations on the beach. Watch for steam that may rise from geothermally heated springs along the shoreline.

YANKEE HARBOUR

Gentoo penguins have established a rookery at this harbor, situated on the southwest side of Greenwich Island. Here, you can see an abandoned Argentine refuge hut and a large glacier that stretches along the east and north sides of the bay. An abandoned sealing try pot is all that remains of the activity that brought men thousands of miles in tall ships to seek their fortune.



IMPORTANT REMINDER

Embracing the unexpected is part of the legacy—and excitement—of expedition travel. When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must allow the sea, the ice and the weather to guide route and itinerary details. This itinerary is a tentative outline of what you'll experience on this voyage; please be aware that no specific itinerary can be guaranteed. By the same token, wildlife encounters as described are expected, but not guaranteed. Your Expedition Team will use their considerable experience to seek out wildlife in known habitats, but the presence of any particular species of bird or marine wildlife is not a guarantee.

Packing Checklist

WEATHER CONDITIONS & TEMPERATURES

Weather conditions are highly variable, with temperatures hovering around the freezing mark. The continuous daylight warms sheltered areas so that you may find temperatures warm enough for t-shirts. However, you may encounter snow squalls, fog and white-outs during an expedition and should be ready for any conditions.

WHAT TO BRING! Packing for the polar regions doesn't have to be daunting, and to make it easier for you, all Quark voyages include an expedition parka to keep, and a loan of appropriate polar footwear. Additional suggested items include:

FOR SHORE LANDINGS

- Base layers (wool, synthetic or a blend)
- Mid-layer warm/fleece top
- Mid-layer warm/fleece pant
- Wool and synthetic sock (3 to 4 pairs)
- Glove liners
- Neck warmer or balaclava
- Warm hat that covers ears
- Waterproof pants
- Waterproof gloves
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses with UV protection

SUGGESTED ITEMS

- Waterproof, lightweight backpack or dry sack
- Swimsuit (for the polar plunge!)
- Binoculars
- Camera with extra batteries
- Extra memory cards
- Earplugs (in case of noisy cabinmates)
- Eye masks for sleeping
- Seasickness, indigestion, headache or other medicine
- Voltage adapters

FOR ON BOARD

- Comfortable casual clothing (pants/jeans, shirts, sweaters)
- Lighter shirts (in case the ship gets warm)
- Comfortable non-slip close-toed unheeled shoes (**NOTE:** Flip flops or sandals should not be worn on board due to safety concerns)

For more packing and gear-related info, visit the Quark Expeditions® online Polar Boutique at [Shop.QuarkExpeditions.com](https://shop.quarkexpeditions.com)





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