

ANTARCTICA EXPRESS

DETAILED ITINERARY

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There is still a side of the Earth that remains virtually untouched. An entire continent of windswept expanses, snow-shrouded peaks, and haunting emptiness stretching to the far horizon. A place where ice takes on hues of turquoise and iridescent blue so surreal, you feel you've entered a dream world. Where even as you reach for words to describe your sense of awe, you realize none will ever capture the experience of being here.

The Antarctica Express Air-Cruise was designed for travelers looking for a quick and affordable Antarctica expedition. This trip offers you the chance to visit Cape Horn, cruise the Drake Passage, land in Antarctica, and fly back.

FACTS & HIGHLIGHTS

- 6 Days • Start in Ushuaia, Argentina and finish in Punta Arenas, Chile (includes 1 flight) • All meals on board
- 1 overnight in Punta Arenas included • Travel aboard the Ocean Nova or the Magellan Explorer • Sail from Ushuaia, Argentina and fly back to Punta Arenas, Chile • Visit the legendary and rarely visited Cape Horn Island • Explore the ice filled Shetland Islands • Watch for gentoo, Adelie and chinstrap penguins; elephant, fur, Weddell, crabeater and leopard seals and many seabirds • Engaging onboard programs of educational presentations • Choose from 2 boutique expedition ships

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES (Prices per person)

Ocean Nova Jan 14 - 19, 2024

Triple Cabin - \$4995
Twin Cabin - \$5995
Single Cabin - \$6995

Magellan Explorer Jan 11 - 16, 2024

Porthole - \$6495
Veranda - \$6995
Deluxe Veranda - \$7495
Penthouse Suite - \$8595
Grand Suite - \$8995
Single Cabin - \$8995
Triple Suite - \$5995

Activity Level: 1-2

Comfort Level:

- Must be able to get in and out of zodiacs from the ship.
- Wet landings only • Walking on ice and snow during landings
- Must have proper winter gear to bear the elements

ACCOMMODATIONS

Travel aboard the the Ocean Nova or Magellan Explorer.

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DAY 1 START OF THE AIR-CRUISE

Your journey begins in Ushuaia, Argentina, at the pier. Board your ship in the afternoon and sail along the Beagle Channel towards Puerto Williams, Chile, the southernmost town in the world. Explore the surroundings before setting sail to Cape Horn.

DAYS 2 CAPE HORN AND DRAKE PASSAGE

After an overnight crossing of Nassau Bay, you awake in full view of legendary Cape Horn! Weather permitting, board a Zodiac and be one of the few privileged adventurers to step foot on this famous and rarely visited island. Back on board, set sail towards Antarctica and cross the famous passage named in honor of Sir Francis Drake, the great 16th-century British explorer.



DAYS 3 DRAKE PASSAGE

As you sail through the Drake Passage en route to King George Island, in the South Shetland Islands, attend an engaging program of lectures and presentations. In the company of expert guides, watch for wildlife from the lounge or the outside decks. You may spot magnificent seabirds, such as albatrosses and petrels, as well as different species of whales on their way south to Antarctica.

DAY 4 DRAKE PASSAGE AND ANTARCTICA

After crossing the Antarctic Convergence, the environment changes noticeably. Keep your camera ready, as this is the time to watch for the first icebergs and the first sight of Antarctic land. Reaching the South Shetland Islands, sail in ice-filled bays, while enjoying the company of seabirds, penguins, seals, and whales. Board a Zodiac for your first memorable shore visit to a penguin colony.

Exploration will continue well into the evening, taking advantage of the long Antarctic daylight.

DAYS 5 ANTARCTICA AND SCHEDULED RETURN FLIGHT

Upon reaching King George Island, disembark at Fildes Bay. A 2-km (1.25-mile) walk takes you through Chile's Frei Station and Russia's Bellingshausen Station to the aircraft. Bid farewell to Antarctica as you board the flight back to Punta Arenas. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel for the night. (Note: Meals in Punta Arenas are at your leisure and not included in the program.)

DAYS 6 END OF THE AIR-CRUISE RETURN FLIGHT

After breakfast, transfer to the Punta Arenas airport for your onward flight.



THE MAGELLAN EXPLORER DETAILS:



Magellan Explorer is a new and modern expedition vessel custom-built for our Antarctic air-cruises to the latest Polar Code specifications. For our air-cruises, Magellan Explorer has a capacity for 73 guests accommodated in seven categories of accommodation, including dedicated single cabins. All cabins except Porthole cabins feature private balconies. All double cabins except two have two twin beds that can be configured as one king-size bed. Most cabins have two twin beds that can be configured as one queen-size bed.

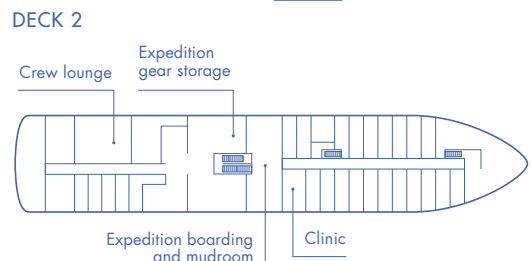
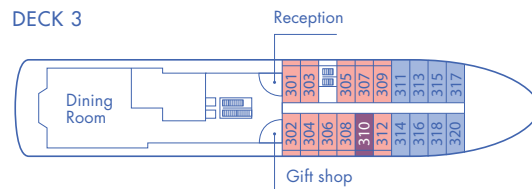
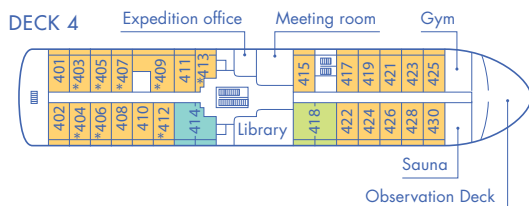
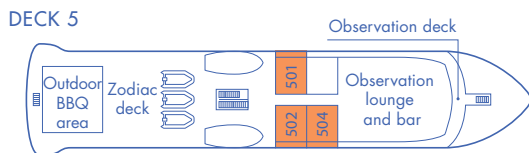
All cabins feature a wardrobe, individually controlled heating system, a sitting area, and a private bathroom with a shower and heated floors.

The ship features a glass-enclosed observation lounge and presentation room with state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment, a spacious and stylish dining room, a well-stocked bar, a library, a meeting room, a gym, a sauna, and a medical clinic. The forward-facing observation deck leads to the ship's bow, which is accessible to guests to offer proximity to marine wildlife. The ship has a fleet of 10 Zodiac boats that are well suited for disembarking and wildlife watching.

The fitness center aboard Magellan Explorer has been designed and built by the professionals at Anytime Fitness, the world's only fitness company with boutique gyms on all seven continents.

Magellan Explorer Deck Plan for Sea Voyages

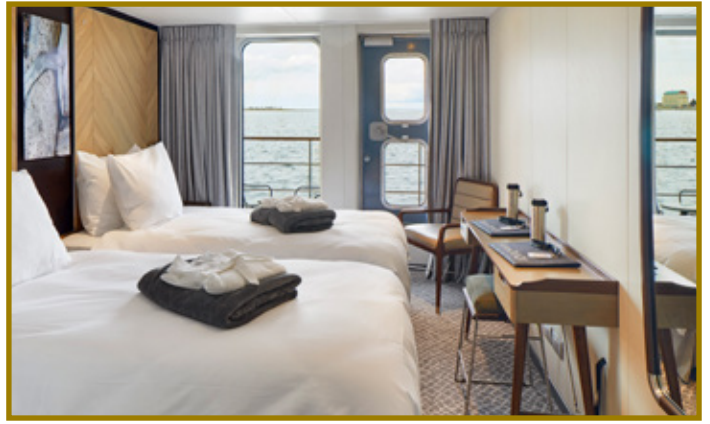
2023-24 Season



- CABINS**
- Grand Suite
 - Veranda Cabin
 - Triple Suite
 - Penthouse Suite
 - Porthole Cabin
 - Single Veranda Cabin
 - Deluxe Veranda Cabin
 - ✱ Only available with queen-size bed



Magellan lounge and bar.



Magellan cabins.



THE OCEAN NOVA DETAILS:



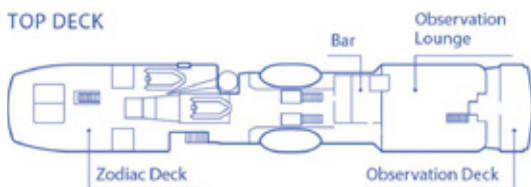
Ocean Nova is a great ship for Antarctica expeditions. It is a sturdy and nimble expedition vessel that was built in Denmark in 1992 to sail the ice-choked waters of Greenland. It has a strengthened hull that is ideally suited for expedition travel in Antarctica. The ship was fully refurbished in 2006 and since then has benefitted from annual upgrades and improvements.

For our air-cruises, Ocean Nova has a capacity for 67 passengers accommodated in comfortable outside cabins. The ship offers three categories of accommodation: dedicated Single Cabins, Twin Cabins, and Triple Cabins. All cabins feature a picture window, a writing desk with a chair, a wardrobe, an individually controlled heating system, and a private bathroom with a shower.

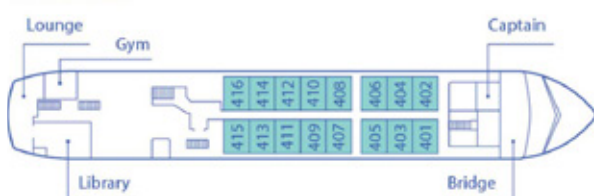
In addition to a glass-enclosed observation lounge and presentation room, Ocean Nova also has a spacious dining room, a bar, a library, a small gym, and an infirmary. The ship has a fleet of 7 Zodiac boats that are well suited for disembarking and wildlife watching.

Ocean Nova Deck Plan for Sea Voyages

TOP DECK



BRIDGE DECK



CABINS ● Single ● Twin ● Triple

UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK



CABINS ● Single ● Twin ● Triple



Lounge aboard the Ocean Nova.



Cabin aboard the Ocean Nova.



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. HOW BIG ARE THE GROUPS?

The Magellan Explorer is a 73 passenger vessel and The Ocean Nova is a 67 passenger vessel.

2. WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE?

Daily buffet breakfast, à la carte lunch and dinner, as well as wine, beer, juice, soft drinks, coffee, tea, chocolate, cappuccino, water, and snacks on board the ship.

Special access to Explorers House for guests in Punta Arenas.

Charter flights listed in the itinerary are included.

3. WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE?

International flights, tips and personal expenses like alcoholic beverages outside of meals, telephone calls, internet & laundry are not included. Although this is a personal choice, it is customary for passengers to leave a gratuity to the crew, service personnel, and expedition staff as a sign of appreciation. You can make a single contribution at the end of the

voyage. As a general guideline, we suggest US\$15 per passenger per day. Gratuities can be added prior to settling your shipboard account, or put in an envelope and dropped in a box set out on the last days of the voyage.

4. ARE THESE “EDUCATIONAL” TOURS?

There will be a variety of guests, expedition leaders and staff onboard who are ready and willing to share their knowledge of the region, geology and wildlife.

5. HOW DO WE TRAVEL DURING THE TOUR?

We cruise on our vessel and often use zodiac's for our adventure excursions.

6. WHAT ARE OUR ACCOMMODATIONS LIKE?

The ship offers interior and exterior cabins. All cabins have private washroom facilities, a phone for internal calls, radio, TV and air-conditioning. There are a variety of cabin categories available ranging from 9-30 m2 (100-320 sq ft). Please call for pricing and cabin availability.



7. WHAT ABOUT THE WEATHER?

We travel during the northern summer season. In general, we can experience temperatures between 0°C (32°F)

8. WHEN IS PAYMENT DUE?

A non-refundable deposit of \$2000 USD is due as soon as you decide to go and will reserve your place on the tour. The balance of the land payment is due 150 days before departure. Cancellation charges are applicable and these are outlined in the “Terms & Conditions” section of our brochure.

9. IS MEDICAL INSURANCE REQUIRED?

Insurance coverage is not included in the cost of your trip. Please note that medical insurance is required for this adventure with a minimum of \$500,000 coverage for evacuation insurance, including air ambulance. We strongly recommend cancellation and interruption insurance as well! ElderTreks offers comprehensive travel insurance and we are happy to provide you with a quote if you call our office. If you are purchasing insurance elsewhere, please ensure you provide the details to ElderTreks as soon as possible.

10. WHAT MEALS ARE INCLUDED?

Daily buffet breakfast, à la carte lunch and dinner, as well as wine, beer, juice, soft drinks, coffee, tea, chocolate, cappuccino, water, and snacks on board the ship.

11. WHAT SHOULD I TAKE ON THE TOUR?

There is a detailed “What to Take” list in our Trip Kit, which we will send to you after you have booked the trip.

12. CAN YOU ARRANGE MY FLIGHTS?

We would be happy to take care of your air arrangements. ElderTreks offers personalized flight itineraries, not group flights. Stop over enroute,

come in a few days early, or extend your stay. Call us for a customized itinerary.

13. WHAT IF I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION?

If you have any further questions about the adventure, please call our office for more details. A Trip Specialist will be happy to answer your questions. A Trip Kit containing further details on the destination will be sent to you once you have booked the trip.







