

POLAR CIRCLE

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 Polar Circle air-cruise is one of the most adventurous expeditions offered. The main objective on this air-cruise expedition is to try and reach the Antarctic Polar Circle located at approximately 66° south of the equator. The Expedition Team handcrafts every voyage depending on the Antarctic weather and each day of the Polar Circle air-cruise is filled with ample opportunities to explore.

FACTS & HIGHLIGHTS

- 10 Days • Starts and finishes in Punta Arenas, Chile
- Included round trip flights from Punta Arenas to maximize time in Antarctica • Visit the South Shetland Islands and Western Antarctic Peninsula • Goal is to visit Polar Circle (depending on conditions) • Sail along ice-filled fjords and among spectacular icebergs • 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 1 - 10, 2024
Feb 16 - 25, 2024

Triple - \$15,995
Twin - \$18,495
Single - \$26,395

Kayaking - \$895
(Optional)

Magellan Explorer
Jan 24 - Feb 2, 2024

Porthole - \$21,395
Veranda - \$24,995
Deluxe Veranda - \$25,995
Penthouse Suite - \$29,995
Grand Suite - \$34,995
Single - \$34,995
Triple - \$19,995

Kayaking - \$995
(Optional)

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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SMALL GROUP
EXOTIC ADVENTURES
FOR TRAVELERS 50 PLUS

DAY 1 START OF THE AIR-CRUISE

Staff members welcome you in Punta Arenas, Chile, before 2 PM. Transfer to your hotel, visit Explorers House, and attend a mandatory briefing that provides important information about your air-cruise and reviews the essential guidelines for Antarctic visitors. A welcome dinner introduces you to the local gastronomy as you meet fellow adventurers from around the world.

DAYS 2 SCHEDULED FLIGHT TO ANTARCTICA

A smooth two-hour flight takes you 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. You then walk 2-kms (1.25-miles), passing Chile's Frei Station and Russia's Bellingshausen Station to reach the shore and board a Zodiac that will take you to your boutique expedition vessel.



DAYS 3-8 EXPLORING ANTARCTICA

Sail along ice-filled fjords and among spectacular icebergs, while enjoying the company of seabirds, 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. Our 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.

Enjoy spectacular views, from the glass-enclosed lounge, while sharing your daily adventures with fellow guests over a drink. The goal of this expedition is to sail far south in the attempt to reach the Polar Circle. The Expedition Team plans 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 voyage may include visits to sites in the South Shetland Islands, the Antarctic Sound, the Gerlache and Penola Straits, and the Crystal Sound. Each voyage is unique, and crafted to provide the best possible overview of the varied Antarctic environment.

DAY 9 SCHEDULED RETURN FLIGHT FROM ANTARCTICA

Back at King George Island, bid farewell to Antarctica as you board the flight 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 10 END OF AIR-CRUISE

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.

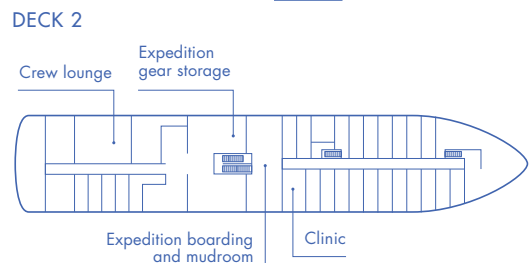
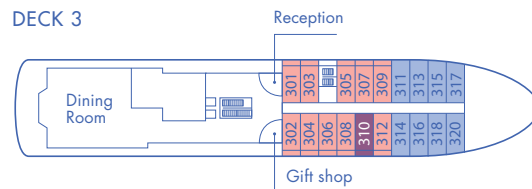
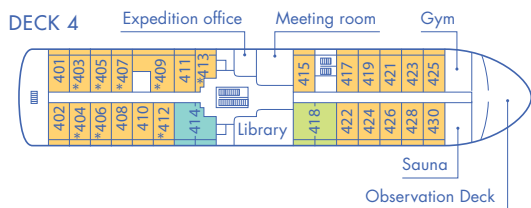
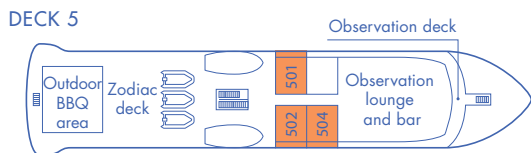
All cabins feature a wardrobe, individually controlled heating system, a sitting area, and a private bathroom with a shower and heated floors.

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

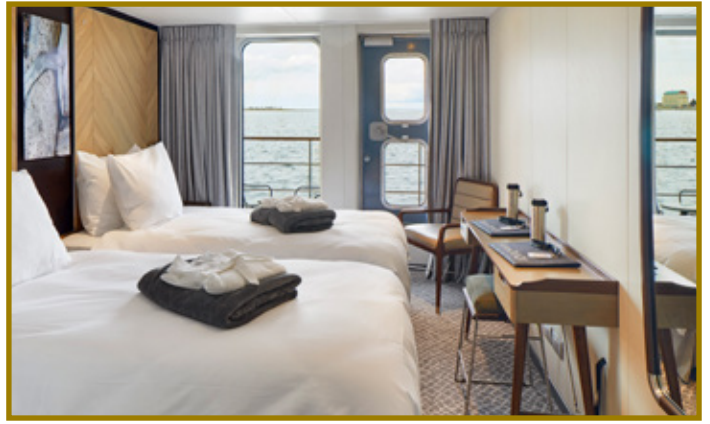
2023-24 Season



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



Magellan lounge and bar.



Magellan cabins.



THE OCEAN NOVA DETAILS:



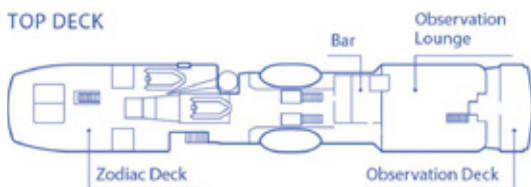
Ocean Nova is a great ship for Antarctica expeditions. It is a sturdy and nimble expedition vessel that was built in Denmark in 1992 to sail the ice-choked waters of Greenland. It has a strengthened hull that is ideally suited for expedition travel in Antarctica. The ship was fully refurbished in 2006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

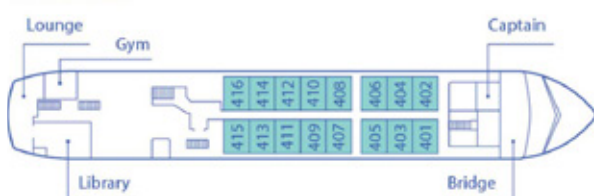
In addition to a glass-enclosed observation lounge and presentation room, Ocean Nova also has a spacious dining room, a bar, a library, a small gym, and an infirmary. The ship has a fleet of 7 Zodiac boats that are well suited for disembarking and wildlife watching.

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 \$3500 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.







