

• ANTARCTICA CLASSIC AIR & CRUISE •

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 Classic Antarctica air-cruise is the most popular Antarctica expedition itinerary. Once arriving by flight to Antarctica, you will sail between the South Shetland Islands and the western coast of the Antarctic Peninsula. Enjoy seeing ice-filled fjords and spectacular icebergs, while spotting penguins, seals, and whales that call the White Continent home. The Classic Antarctica air-cruise is available on two expedition ships. You may wish to add an adventure option to go kayaking or snowshoeing!

FACTS & HIGHLIGHTS

- 8 Days • Start and finish in Punta Arenas, Chile • All meals on board included • Pre and post cruise hotel included • Avoid the rough seas of the Drake by flying instead • Travel aboard the Ocean Nova or the Magellan Explorer • Roundtrip flights from Punta Arenas to the expedition vessel in Antarctica • Visit the South Shetland Islands and Western Antarctic Peninsula
- 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

2024 DEPARTURE DATES (See page 2 for complete pricing)

Ocean Nova

Jan 17 - Jan 24, 2024
Jan 22 - Jan 29, 2024
Jan 27 - Feb 3, 2024
Feb 01 - Feb 8, 2024
Feb 06 - Feb 13, 2024
Feb 11 - Feb 18, 2024
Dec 27 - Jan 3, 2024

Prices start from:

\$13,595 USD

See page 2 for complete pricing.

Magellan Explorer

Jan 14 - Jan 21, 2024
Jan 19 - Jan 26, 2024
Jan 31 - Feb 7, 2024
Feb 05 - Feb 12, 2024
Feb 10 - Feb 17, 2024
Feb 15 - Feb 22, 2024
Feb 20 - Feb 27, 2024
Feb 25 - Mar 3, 2024
Mar 01 - Mar 8, 2024
Dec 26 - Jan 2, 2024
Dec 31 - Jan 7, 2024

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 Ocean Nova or Magellan Explorer.

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SMALL GROUP
EXOTIC ADVENTURES
FOR TRAVELERS 50 PLUS

2024 PRICING PER PERSON

Ocean Nova

Triple Cabin	-	\$13,595
Twin Cabin	-	\$15,595
Single Cabin	-	\$21,995

Kayaking (optional)	-	\$895
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Magellan

Veranda	-	\$19,795
Deluxe Veranda	-	\$20,795
Penthouse Suite	-	\$24,995
Grand Suite	-	\$27,995
Single Cabin	-	\$27,995
Triple Suite		\$15,495

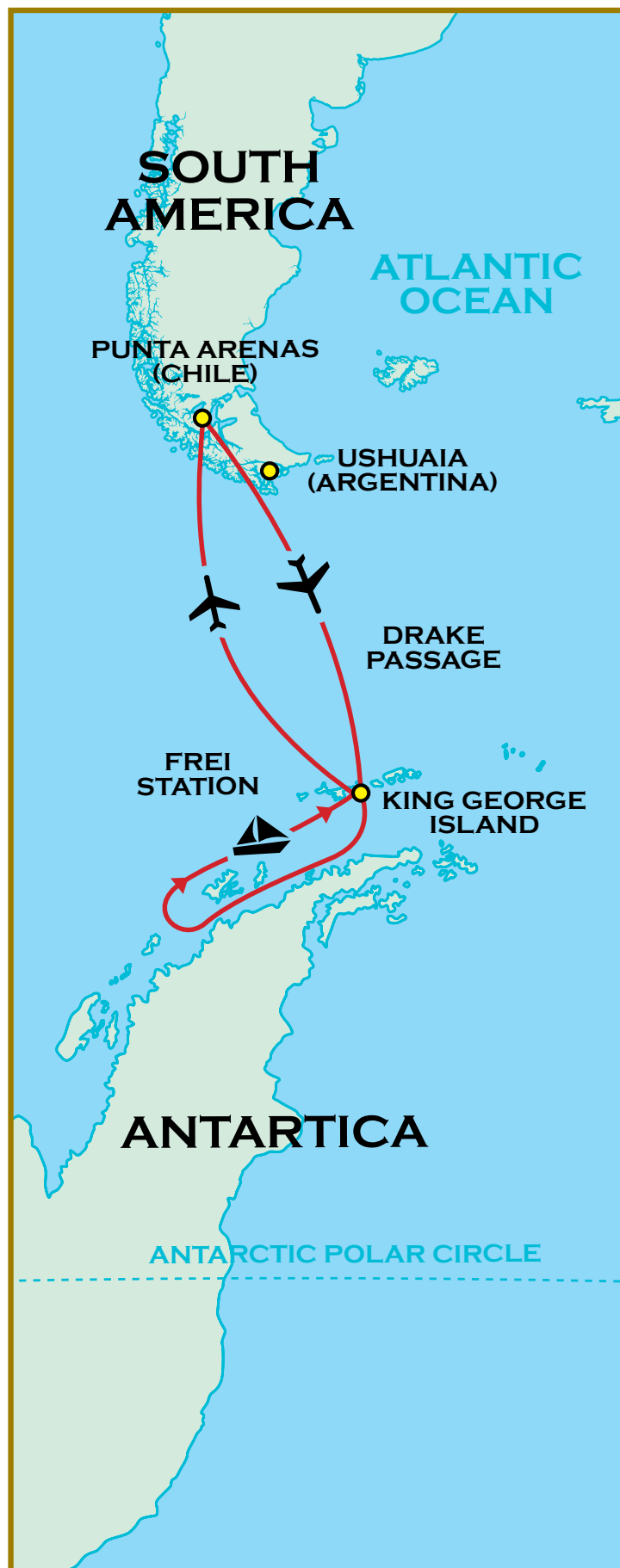
Kayaking (optional)	-	\$995
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DAY 1 START OF THE AIR-CRUISE

Arrive in Punta Arenas, Chile, before 2 PM, where you are welcomed by the staff and transferred to your hotel. In the afternoon, you are welcomed at Explorers House to attend a mandatory briefing that provides important information about your air-cruise and reviews the essential guidelines for Antarctic visitors. Later, gather for a welcome dinner and meet your fellow adventurers while enjoying a typical regional menu.

DAYS 2 SCHEDULED FLIGHT TO ANTARCTICA

We arrive at George Island, in the South Shetland Islands. As you exit the airplane, the clear Antarctic air fills your lungs for the first time. You then walk 2-km (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 3-6 EXPLORING ANTARCTICA

Cruise between the South Shetland Islands and the western coast of the Antarctic Peninsula, sailing along ice-filled fjords and among spectacular icebergs, while enjoying the company of seabirds, penguins, seals, and whales. Each day disembark by Zodiac and explore the landscape together with expert polar guides. On board the ship, attend an engaging program of educational presentations, and enjoy spectacular views from the lounge while sharing your daily adventures with fellow guests.

No journey is the same and flexibility is the key to success in Antarctica. The Expedition Team plans the voyage route to take advantage of the ever-changing opportunities provided by nature, crafting a unique and extraordinary experience every time. While the exact itinerary changes with each expedition, you will explore several sites that offer the best possible overview of the varied Antarctic environment.

Your voyage may include visits to sites in the South Shetland Islands, the Antarctic Sound, the Gerlache Strait, and the Penola Strait.

DAY 7 SCHEDULED RETURN FLIGHT FROM ANTARCTICA

Return to King George Island and bid farewell to Antarctica before boarding 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 8 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.

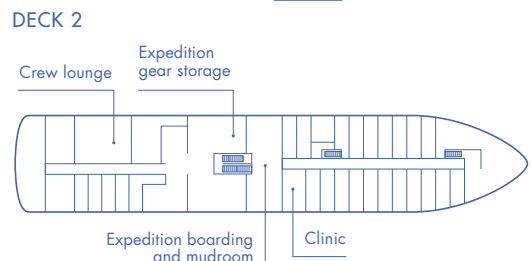
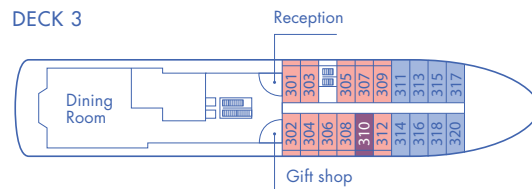
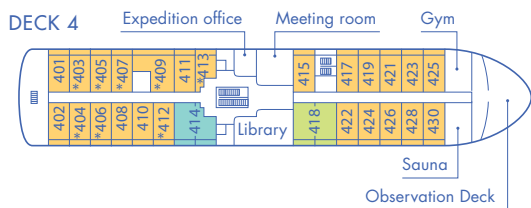
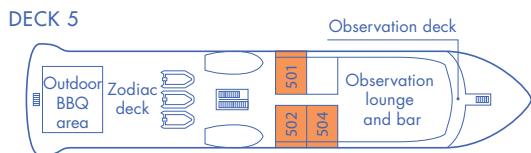
All cabins feature a wardrobe, individually controlled heating system, a sitting area, and a private bathroom with a shower and heated floors.

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:



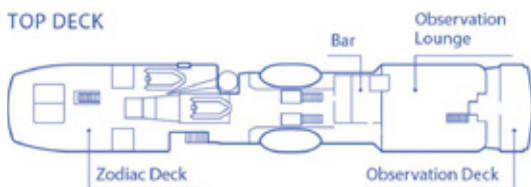
Ocean Nova is a great ship for Antarctica expeditions. It is a sturdy and nimble expedition vessel that was built in Denmark in 1992 to sail the ice-choked waters of Greenland. It has a strengthened hull that is ideally suited for expedition travel in Antarctica. The ship was fully refurbished in 2006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

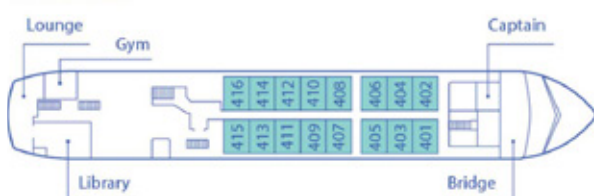
In addition to a glass-enclosed observation lounge and presentation room, Ocean Nova also has a spacious dining room, a bar, a library, a small gym, and an infirmary. The ship has a fleet of 7 Zodiac boats that are well suited for disembarking and wildlife watching.

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.







