

ANTARCTIC EXPRESS

DETAILED ITINERARY

FLY THE DRAKE

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You're ready to explore King George Island and the Antarctic Peninsula—and no Drake Passage crossings are required! With a spectacular aerial view, included charter flights between Punta Arenas and Antarctica have you experiencing the majesty of the 7th continent before transferring you to your ship in no time.

Keep your camera ready as you cruise in a Zodiac in search of whales, seabirds and astounding icebergs. Beaches dotted with leopard seals and penguins give way to icy plateaus, with snow-capped mountain peaks looming behind. You'll find yourself thankful for the near-constant sunlight by which you can continue to take it all in.

This is not an ElderTreks operated tour. As such, participants on this tour are not exclusive ElderTreks clients and it may not adhere to ElderTreks' maximum size restrictions of our tours.

FACTS & HIGHLIGHTS

- 7 or 8 Days • Start and finish in Santiago or Punta Arenas, Chile • All meals on board included
- Experience the fastest, most direct way to Antarctica • Fly over the Drake Passage • Marvel at all the Antarctic Peninsula highlights • Enjoy on-board lectures and educational presentations from polar specialists • Whale watching • Watch for Gentoo, Adélie and Chinstrap penguins, fur, elephant, Weddell, crabeater and leopard seals, wandering albatrosses and other seabirds

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

See page 5 for a full list of departure dates and cabin prices.

Activity Level: 1

Comfort Level: Zodiac landings required

ACCOMMODATIONS

Travel aboard small expedition style ships, M/S Island Sky or the M/S Sea Adventurer.

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SMALL GROUP
EXOTIC ADVENTURES
FOR TRAVELERS 50 PLUS

7 DAY - SANTIAGO

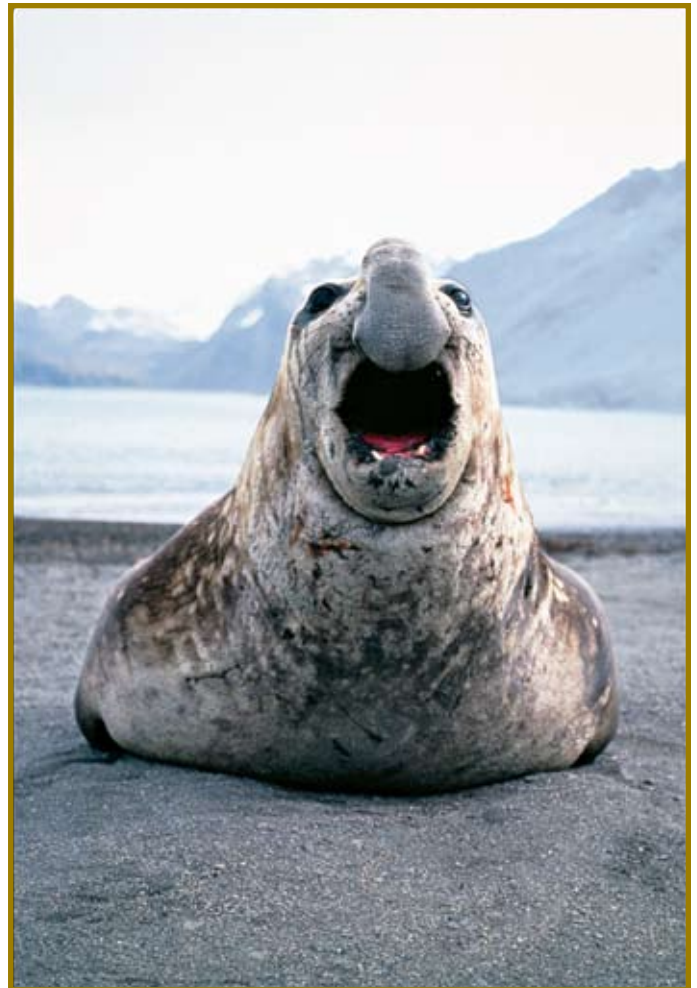
**DAY 1 • SANTIAGO AND PUNTA ARENAS,
CHILE**

DAY 2 • EMBARKATION DAY

**DAY 3-5 • ANTARCTIC PENINSULA
AND SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS**

**DAY 6 • DISEMBARK AND FLY TO PUNTA
ARENAS**

**DAY 7 • DEPART PUNTA ARENAS, FLY
TO SANTIAGO**





8 DAY - SANTIAGO

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VARIOUS DAILY DESCRIPTIONS

SANTIAGO, CHILE

Santiago, is the capital and largest city in Chile and is a starting point on some of our departures, before flying to Punta Arenas. Located in a country filled to the brim with stunning landscapes, historic beauty, local charm and delectable foods, Santiago is fast-becoming a destination in it's own right and with good reason.

PUNTA ARENAS - FLYING TO/FROM TO EITHER EMBARK OR DISEMBARK

Flights to/from Punta Arenas - King George Island. Enjoy a bit of time on King George Island. This port city is situated at the southern tip of Chile, on the north bank of the Strait of Magellan. Once a Chilean penal colony, Punta Arenas has transformed into a vibrant city offering you plenty of attractions to explore including historic sites and museums.

ANTARCTICA PENINSULA & SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS

There are few places in the world as evocative as Antarctica. As your ship approaches the White Continent, you may be overcome by feelings of excitement and awe. Much of Antarctica is indescribable and can only be fully appreciated through your own eyes.

As your captain and Expedition Team keep a lookout for whales and seabirds, you'll be alerted to any new sightings. Our team of expert lecturers will also provide in-depth explanations of the geology, history and wildlife of the region.

Even more exciting are your daily land excursions. Your first Zodiac landing is something you'll never forget! Walking up to a beach dotted with penguins and seals is the most intimate way to experience the unique

wildlife of Antarctica.

Each landing is different and is dependent on weather, but every day presents new sightings and photo opportunities, and it won't be long before you can tell the difference between an Adélie, gentoo or chinstrap penguin.

You may take a Zodiac cruise in search of whales and icebergs around Pleneau Island one day, followed by a hike to a penguin rookery the next day. From the booming sound of a calving glacier at Neko Harbor to the thrill of watching a leopard seal as it hunts a penguin, you'll wake up early and welcome each day with a sense of excitement and a desire to explore that which is unrivaled by any other travel experience. Your Expedition Team will be with you all along the way, providing insights into the places you visit.



ISLAND SKY

All Island Sky voyages are all-inclusive. Flights, alcohol, and gratuities are included

7 Days - Santiago

Date	Standard	Superior	Premium	Corner	Deluxe	Owner's Balcony
Feb 04 - Feb 10, 18	\$11,695	\$12,195	\$12,495	\$13,295	\$14,095	\$17,395
Feb 08 - Feb 14, 18	\$11,695	\$12,195	\$12,495	\$13,295	\$14,095	\$17,395

8 Days - Santiago

Date	Standard	Superior	Premium	Corner	Deluxe	Owner's Balcony
Dec 11 - Dec 18, 17	\$14,495	\$15,095	\$15,495	\$16,495	\$17,495	\$20,495
Dec 16 - Dec 23, 17	\$14,495	\$15,095	\$15,495	\$16,495	\$17,495	\$20,495
Dec 21 - Dec 28, 17	\$14,495	\$15,095	\$15,495	\$16,495	\$17,495	\$20,495

SEA ADVENTURER

8 Days - Punta Arenas

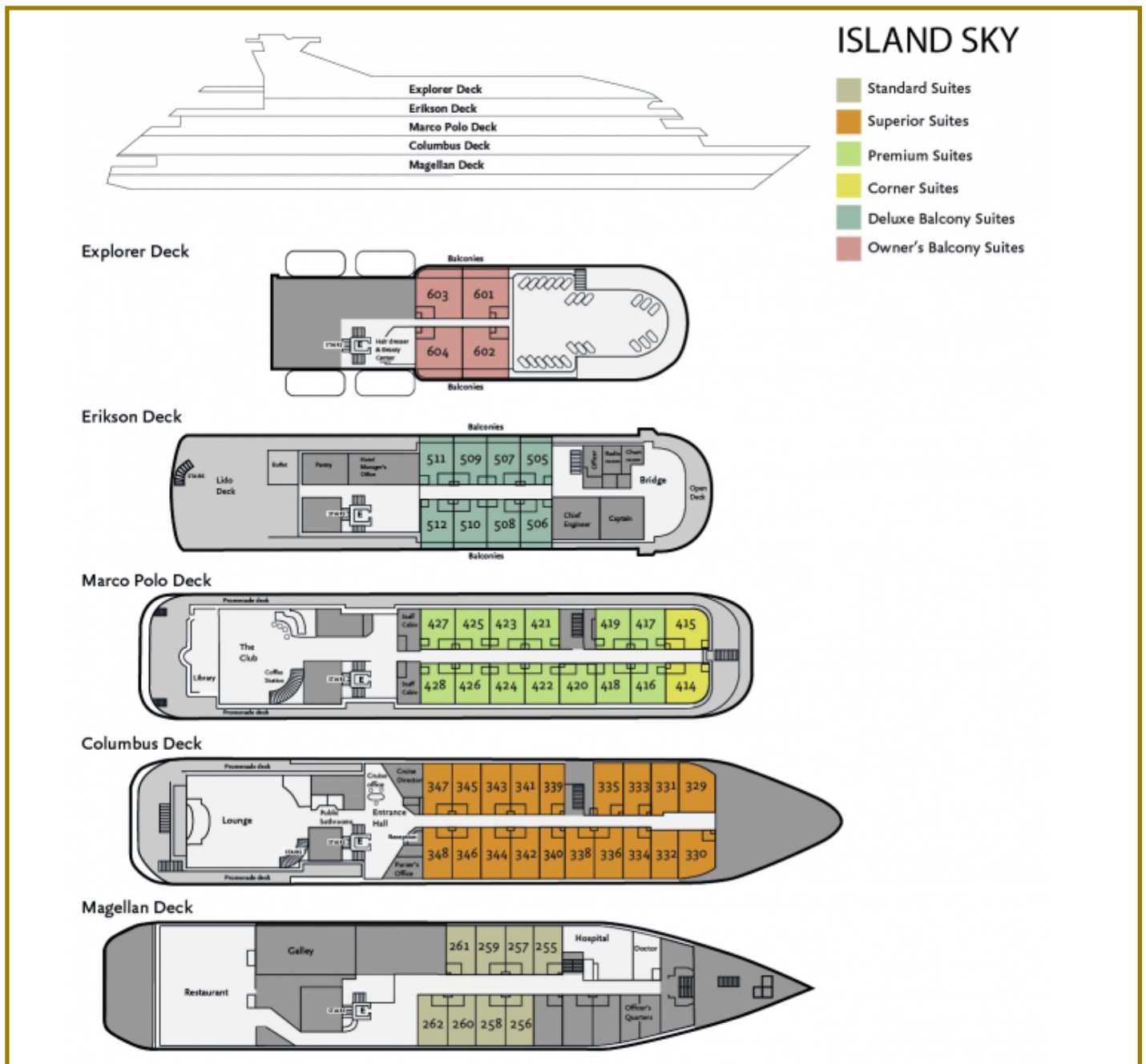
Date	Triple	Lower Deck	Main Deck (porthole)	Main (window)	Superior	Deluxe	Suite
Dec 15 - Dec 22, 17	\$9,495	\$10,795	\$11,795	\$13,095	\$14,295	\$15,395	\$16,995
Dec 28 - Jan 04, 17/18	\$9,495	\$10,795	\$11,795	\$13,095	\$14,295	\$15,395	\$16,995
Jan 02 - Jan 09, 18	\$9,495	\$10,795	\$11,795	\$13,095	\$14,295	\$15,395	\$16,995
Jan 07 - Jan 14, 18	\$9,495	\$10,795	\$11,795	\$13,095	\$14,295	\$15,395	\$16,995



THE ISLAND SKY DETAILS:



The Island Sky is an all suites, all inclusive small expedition vessel with touches of elegance throughout. It carries a maximum of 108 passengers and provides an abundance of public space for wildlife viewing, relaxation and taking in lectures and briefings. Every suite has private bathroom facilities and an exterior view, while some suites include a private balcony. All suites have flat screen televisions and DVD players.



THE M/S SEA ADVENTURER DETAILS:



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Maximum: 122 passengers, Registry: Bahamas, Tonnage (GRT): 4364 tons

The M/S Sea Adventurer is a 122-passenger vessel specifically constructed for expedition voyages. Its ice-strengthened hull permits the ship to glide easily and safely through ice-strewn waters that are not accessible to conventional cruise vessels.



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Standard Cabin aboard the M/S Sea Adventurer.

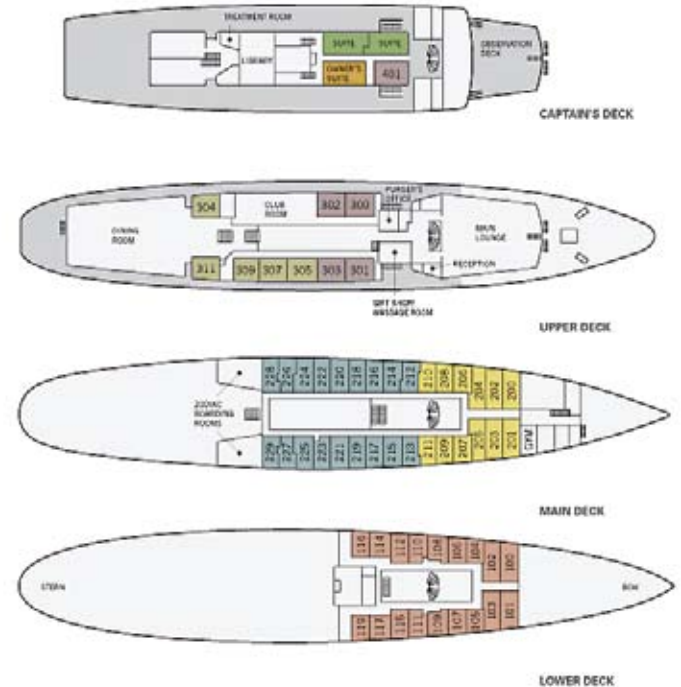


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Library aboard the M/S Sea Adventurer.

All cabins aboard the ship are outside cabins with private bathrooms. The ship has advanced communications and navigation equipment, and newly installed, state-of-the-art Sperry Gyrofin stabilizers.

COLOR CODED DECK PLAN:



- Twin: lower deck — 2 lower berths, porthole
- Twin: main deck — 2 lower berths, porthole
- Twin: main deck — 2 lower berths, window
- Superior — 2 lower berths, windows
- Deluxe — 2 lower berths, windows
- Suite — 2 lower berths, windows
- Owner's Suite — 2 lower berths, private bathrooms with a bathtub, windows

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. HOW BIG ARE THE GROUPS?

The M/S Sea Adventure is a 122 passenger ship and the Island Sky can hold a maximum of 108 passengers.

2. WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE?

- Island Sky departures include flights, alcohol and gratuities
- Voyage aboard the vessel per itinerary with shipboard accommodation
- All meals throughout the voyage
- All shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage
- Leadership by experienced expedition staff
- A program of presentations by noted naturalists and other experts
- Zodiac cruising
- The use of rubber boots for the duration of the voyage
- Comprehensive pre-departure information kit and Antarctic handbook
- Group transfers and baggage handling as per itinerary
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- Photographic album on DVD
- Daily international news bulletin
- Expedition parka for you to keep.

3. TRAVEL INSURANCE

Medical and cancellation insurance are not included in the cost of the program, but is strongly recommended.

Emergency Evacuation insurance (with a maximum benefit of \$100,000) is included, however MEDICAL coverage is not. ElderTreks offers a fully comprehensive policy to insure you fully, please call for details.

4. ARE THESE “EDUCATIONAL” VOYAGES?

All of the voyages are led by a carefully chosen team of dedicated and enthusiastic expedition staff, many of whom return to the Antarctic each season. One of the most important priorities for these Antarctic expeditions is the focus on interpretation and education. With formal lecturers, as well as informal briefings, your lecturers and expedition leader will cover all aspects of the voyage

including ornithology, marine biology, geography, geology, history and the environment, as well as practical things like photography.

On board you will be fully briefed on safety issues and our environmental policy and you will also receive appropriate briefings before every landing.

5. WHAT ARE THE MEALS LIKE?

The European chefs serve delicious international cuisine. The comfortable bar is stocked with a good selection of wine and spirits.

6. WHAT ABOUT THE WEATHER?

In very general terms, be prepared for temperatures that range from 5°F (-15°C) to 40°F (4°C). If you are properly dressed, even sub-zero temperatures can be quite comfortable.

7. WHEN IS PAYMENT DUE?

A non-refundable deposit of 30% (minimum \$1200 USD per person) is required to confirm a reservation with final payment due 120 days prior to departure.

Deposits can be made by credit card. Final payments can be made by check or credit card. Cancellation charges are applicable and are outlined in the “Terms and Conditions” section of our brochure.

8. WHAT SHOULD I TAKE ON THE TRIP?

Once you have made your final payment, an “Expedition Cruising-Preparing for your Antarctic Voyage” primer will be sent to you.

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

10. WHAT IF I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION?

If you have any further questions about the trip, please feel free to contact our office for additional information. A Trip Kit containing further details on the destination will be sent to you once you have booked the trip.