

ANTARCTICA: FLY THE DRAKE PASSAGE

9 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS ON BOARD

PUNTA ARENAS TO PUNTA ARENAS

The most Antarctica for time-challenged explorers.

Take to the Antarctic skies before embarking on an adventure unlike any other. On this voyage, you'll skip the unpredictable waters of the Drake Passage before exploring Antarctica by sea aboard Ocean Nova, one of the most renowned expedition vessels in operation, for an experience that combines the best of both flying and cruising. Your introduction to the White Continent begins in comfort as you watch your expedition ship come into view below the peaks of King George Island. Upon embarkation, you'll explore the very best of Antarctica, guided safely by your skilled and knowledgeable Expedition Leader and team. Marvel at penguins, whales, seals, and thousands of seabirds in their natural habitat, and experience the jaw-dropping ice of Antarctica from the moment you touch down. At journey's end, return to Punta Arenas in the comfort of a private plane.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the very best of Antarctica, with none of the Drake Passage
- Travel aboard a true expedition-style ship, Ocean Nova
- Explore Antarctica's wonders, from abundant wildlife to radiant ice and towering mountains
- Discover geology unlike any other in the South Shetland Islands
- Wave goodbye from high above before a final day exploring the best of Chilean Patagonia

EXPEDITION DATES ABOARD OCEAN NOVA

Arrive	Board	Disembark
Jan 19, 2028	Jan 20, 2028	Jan 25, 2028
Jan 24, 2028	Jan 25, 2028	Jan 30, 2028
Jan 29, 2028	Jan 30, 2028	Feb 4, 2028

Day 1: Welcome to Patagonia!

Arrive in Punta Arenas, one of Earth's southernmost cities and Chile's gateway to Antarctica. After lunch, check into the beautifully appointed Hotel Cabo de Hornos, where our friendly ground team awaits to prepare you for your Antarctic adventure. During the afternoon, meet your fellow explorers, join your Expedition Team to be fitted for your boots and parka, biosecure your expedition gear, and learn about



responsible Antarctic exploration, Zodiac landings, and tomorrow's travel schedule – in short, everything you need to get ready for Antarctica. Afterwards, gather for your first dinner together and enjoy irresistible Patagonian delicacies in the Faro Lounge restaurant.

Day 2: All Aboard for Antarctica!

Today's the day. After a hearty breakfast, gear up before departing for Punta Arenas airport, where your chartered aircraft awaits to whisk you across the infamous Drake Passage – waves not included. Watch from the window in awe as icebergs appear, guarding the coast of King George Island, one of Antarctica's northernmost islands. Descend onto the gravel runway, where our Expedition Team awaits to assist you safely aboard Ocean Nova. After the mandatory safety briefing and drill, toast the start of your Antarctic voyage as Ocean Nova sets sail southward..

Days 3–5: Immersive Antarctica

Welcome to Antarctica in all its awe-inspiring glory. For the next few days, we'll maneuver through picturesque channels, where sculpted icebergs and an array of captivating wildlife share these dynamic waters. This is your opportunity to become more intimately acquainted with Antarctica by Zodiac, kayak, snowshoe, or during a magical night of camping as you look up at the stars or listen to the ethereal call of a nearby whale. For those participating in our Citizen Science program, the important work of understanding and documenting this fragile environment continues. Prepare to be amazed as we encounter numerous species of penguins, seals, and whales, both along the rugged coastline and in open waters. With opportunities to visit penguin colonies and

historic landing sites, we plan to take full advantage of all the White Continent has to offer.

Day 6: South Shetland Islands

Over time, volcanic activity in the South Shetland Islands has created a geology unlike any other. Here, you can expect a spectacular display of mountains, glaciers, and wildlife, including Chinstrap and Gentoo penguins. It's also not uncommon to share the shoreline with elephant and fur seals, while whales are often spotted offshore. We'll settle into our Zodiacs and spend our final day in Antarctica exploring these remarkable islands.

Day 7: King George Island – Disembarkation

On the final day aboard Ocean Nova, we arrive at King George Island, Antarctica's most populous island. After a fond farewell to the Expedition Team, crew, and officers of Ocean Nova, disembark by Zodiac to the small Chilean station on King George Island, where your chartered aircraft awaits. Board your aircraft and watch

the White Continent recede as we fly across the Drake Passage. Upon arrival in Punta Arenas, a delectable dinner and comfortable rest await you at the beautifully appointed Hotel Cabo de Hornos.

Day 8: Punta Arenas, Chilean Patagonia

Spend the day exploring the best of Chilean Patagonia on an excursion to the famous Estancia Olga Teresa, a local ranch that embodies Patagonian hospitality. Learn about life at the bottom of the world while keeping watch for wildlife, including guanacos, rhea, and Andean condors. In the evening, relax in exceptional comfort at the Hotel Cabo de Hornos or explore the vibrant city of Punta Arenas.

Day 9: Punta Arenas – A Fond Farewell

After bidding farewell to your fellow explorers, continue exploring the surroundings of Punta Arenas, set off for further adventure in Patagonia, or head to the airport for your return journey home and a well-earned rest.

