Antarctica Fly & Cruise

8 Days

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Journey through narrow straits of jaw-dropping majesty and gaze at vast glaciers of incandescent blue on this trip of a lifetime. A two-hour flight from Punta Arenas brings you to Antarctica's doorstep where you'll board your comfortable cruise ship. While sea conditions determine the itinerary, our ships call on remarkable places such as Deception Island — a volcanic caldera that we can sail into — and Paradise Bay, a favorite spot for Zodiac cruising to see fantastical iceberg sculptures. Few places on Earth make a deeper or more lasting impression than Antarctica.

**Details**

- **Arrive:** Punta Arenas, Chile
- **Depart:** Punta Arenas, Chile
- **Duration:** 8 Days
- **Group Size:** Up to 71 Guests
- **Minimum Age:** 8 Years Old
- **Activity Level:**

**Testimonials**

“We have traveled throughout the world, but never experienced a level of service and attention to detail as we did with MT Sobek.”

Dennis G.

"The "Fly"

Pam M.
# Why Take This Trip With Us?

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<td>MT Sobek’s Polar Value Promise means that we offer in-house services to help plan and execute your polar adventure for no added cost.</td>
<td>Enjoy a boutique Antarctica experience on ships that carry only 71 passengers including the brand new and purpose-built Magellan Explorer!</td>
<td>Over 30 years offering polar voyages we have built strong relationships with Polar outfitters and ships that cruise the 7th continent.</td>
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## What to Expect

### ACTIVITIES
Expert polar interpretation and on-board presentations, professional navigation through Antarctic waters, and up-close wildlife experiences on Zodiac excursions.

### LODGING
Stylish and well-appointed polar expedition ships offer a luxurious way to explore Antarctica. The Hotel Cabo del Hornos awaits in Punta Arenas.

### CLIMATE
There may be days of warm sunshine, but be prepared for wind, rain, and possible snow. Daytime temperatures are usually 20°-32°F.

## Meet Our Guides

Our expert guides and trip leaders are truly the key to our trips’ success. Many are locals who live in-country year-round; others have made it their second home—all are passionate, enthusiastic and endlessly knowledgeable. Meet two of the guides that might be on your trip.

Ben grew up in Auckland, New Zealand spending weekends on the water and exploring the outdoors. He earned a degree in Adventure Recreation and Outdoor Education he has worked as an outdoor educator, leader, and guide for over ten years. Ben’s passion for kayaking and adventure has taken him on many trips around the globe including paddling the White Nile, the Grand Canyon, and a month long exploration of the Indian Himalayas. Recently, kayaking has led him to the polar latitudes, where he has been guiding since 2010. Ben is a proficient, charismatic, and fun-loving guide who enhances the Polar experience for all MT Sobek travelers.

**Ben Jackson**

Andre earned a degree in Oceanography and spent his first Antarctic winter on board the R/V Nathaniel Palmer cruising the Bellingshausen and Amundsen Seas. This expedition reached the furthest south position for a ship in these waters, awarding the Antarctic Service Medal of the National Science Foundation (USA). He then went on to earn a PhD in Polar Oceanography at the Alfred-Wegener Institute. For the last 20 years he has studied “the role of Antarctica in the Global Climate Change,” working with other scientists focusing on physical and biological processes in sea ice. When he isn’t leading trips, André is Professor of Earth Sciences at Federal University in Rio de Janeiro, leading his research as part of the

Andre Belem
Itinerary

**DAY 1**

**ARRIVE IN PUNTA ARENAS, CHILE**

Receive a warm welcome in Punta Arenas, Chile, and transfer to your hotel. In the afternoon, gather for a briefing on important voyage information and essential guidelines for Antarctic visitors. In the evening, raise a toast to the trip with your fellow adventurers while dining on regional fare.

**Meals:** D

**DAY 2**

**FLY TO ANTARCTICA**

A quick flight whisks you from Punta Arenas to King George Island in the South Shetland Islands. Step off the plane and breathe in the clear Antarctic air for the very first time, then have the chance to explore Chile’s Frei Station and Russia’s Bellingshausen station. Finally, board a Zodiac to embark for your expedition vessel.

**Meals:** B, L, D

**DAY 3**

**EXPLORE THE ANTARCTIC PENINSULA & SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS**

On Days 3 to 6, cruise between the South Shetland Islands and the western coast of the Antarctic Peninsula. Sail through ice-filled channels and among spectacular icebergs, enjoying the company of sea birds, penguins, seals and whales. Disembark by Zodiac and explore with expert polar guides. On board the ship, attend engaging lectures and presentations, and enjoy spectacular vistas from the glass-enclosed lounge. The expedition team sets the voyage route to take advantage of the ever-changing opportunities provided by nature, crafting a unique and extraordinary experience each time.

**Meals:** B, L, D

**DAY 4**

**DISCOVER DECEPTION ISLAND & WHALER’S BAY**

While the exact itinerary changes with each expedition, opportunities abound to discover the best possible overview of the Antarctic environment. These magnificent places include Deception Island, Orne Harbor, Cuverville Island, Paradise Bay, the Lemaire Channel, Paulet Harbor, and more.

Deception Island is one of the few volcanic calderas in the world that large ships can sail into and anchor. Explore abandoned whaling stations at Whaler’s Bay, hike to a scenic viewpoint, or take the intrepid Polar plunge in the protected waters of the bay. See more than 100,000 chinstrap penguins at Baily Head.

**Meals:** B, L, D

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DAY 5

VISIT ORNE HARBOR, CUVERVILLE ISLAND & PARADISE BAY

A steep climb to the summit of Orne Island along Gerlache Strait provides a 360-degree view of the straight, surrounding islands and mountains.

Visit the peninsula's largest gentoo penguin colony, with 5,000 nesting pairs, on Cuverville Island's rocky shores. Cruise by Zodiac or sea kayak among bergs and curious leopard seals.

Paradise Bay is one of the Antarctic Peninsula’s best-known locations! Land on the continent itself, enjoy sweeping hilltop views (and have fun sliding back down!), and see nesting seabirds and whales in the bay.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 6

CRUISE “KODAK ALLEY”

A cruise through a breathtakingly narrow Lemaire Channel, with mountain walls rising thousands of feet straight out of the water, is one of the highlights of a trip to Antarctica. Minkes, humpbacks, and orcas are occasionally spotted, and leopard and crabeater seals sometimes frequent the ice floes. This channel runs between Booth Island and the Antarctic Peninsula, one of the most stunning locations on the western coast of Antarctica. The 6.8 miles may become impassable when ice fills the narrow passageway.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 7

FLY FROM ANTARCTICA TO PUNTA ARENAS

Return to King George Island and bid farewell to Antarctica before boarding the flight back to Punta Arenas, then transfer to your hotel for the night.

Meals: B, L

DAY 8

DEPART FROM CHILE

After breakfast, transfer to the Punta Arenas airport for your onward flight. Due to the possibility of delay returning from Antarctica, we recommend reserving your outward bound flight for an afternoon departure.

Meals: B
Dates

Dec 11 - 18, 2019       Jan 19 - 26, 2020
Dec 12 - 19, 2019       Feb 1 - 8, 2020
Dec 13 - 20, 2019       Feb 6 - 13, 2020
Dec 18 - 25, 2019       Feb 11 - 18, 2020
Dec 22 - 29, 2019       Feb 15 - 22, 2020
Dec 23 - 30, 2019       Feb 20 - 27, 2020
Jan 5 - 12, 2020
Jan 17 - 24, 2020

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Pricing

2019

$12,995 per person

Additional Cost

$895 Sea Kayaking Program
$85 Snowshoeing per excursion

2020

$14,995 per person

Additional Cost

PRICE INCLUDES

- Listed pricing applies to Ocean Nova in the Twin Cabin category
- Flight transfer from Punta Arenas to King George Islands on embarkation day
- Flight transfer from King George Island to Punta Arenas on disembarkation day
- Expert leadership from an experienced team of naturalists and guides
- Accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- Meals as noted in the daily itinerary
- Potable water and snacks throughout
- Complimentary Chilean wines served at dinner
- Complimentary rental of waterproof boots
- All necessary gear for optional kayaking and snowshoeing programs
- All group entrance fees, activities, and ground transportation
- Arrival and departure day group airport transfers

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, any airport taxes, or excess baggage charges
- Optional tips to your ship staff and expedition team
- Personal expenses such as medical immunizations, phone calls, internet access cards, laundry
- Airport transfers if arriving outside of the group transfer
- Optional travel protection

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