

Antarctic Express

Sail South, Fly North

Onboard World Voyager



Expedition Overview

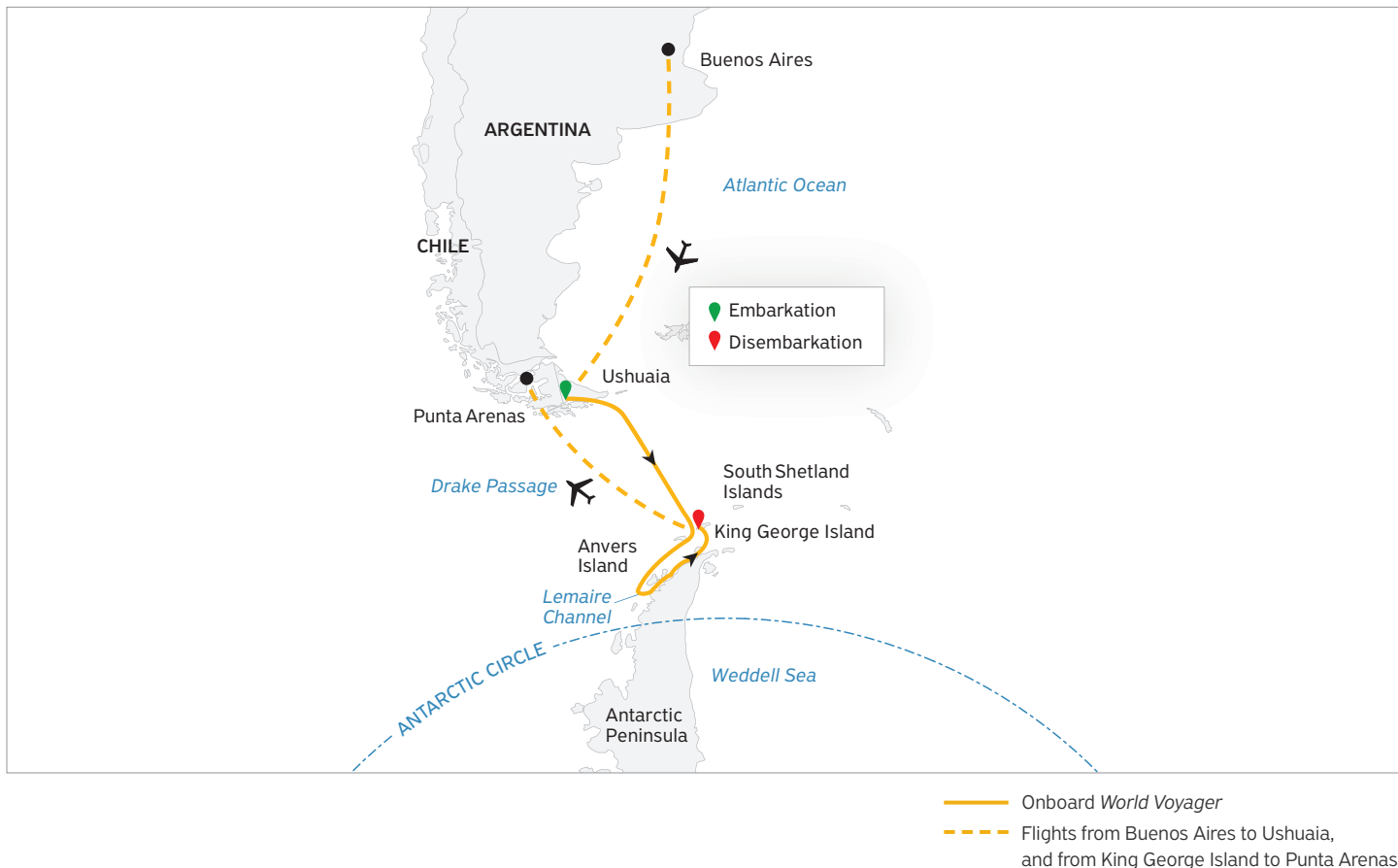


One of the Fastest Routes to Antarctica

Get the best of both worlds on our 10-day **Antarctic Express: Sail South, Fly North**. Achieve a polar rite of passage by crossing the legendary 800-km Drake Passage by ship—and on your return, board a comfortable charter flight at King George Island for a two-hour flight over the infamous waterway. That leaves several full days to experience the wonders of the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula. Expect to encounter minke and humpback whales, along with Adélie penguins, as you explore rugged snow-capped peaks, stark icescapes, and immense penguin colonies thriving in this remote wilderness.

- Embrace a thrilling southbound crossing of the Drake Passage
- Enjoy the speed and ease of a northbound flight from Antarctica
- Spot incredible wildlife, icebergs and more
- Learn about wildlife, history, glaciology and geology from our onboard polar experts
- Experience both Argentina and Chile as part of your journey to the 7th Continent

Day by Day Itinerary



Day 1 Arriving in Buenos Aires and Hotel Night

Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, make your way to the included group hotel, which is part of your Charter Flight & Hotel Package. A presentation room will be open from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. for luggage weighing and tagging. A Quark Expeditions representative will be available to answer your questions and provide information about the next day's flight and ship embarkation.

Day 2 Arrival in Ushuaia and Embarkation

After an early breakfast the following morning, your group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Ushuaia, Argentina, the southernmost city in the world. Your Charter Flight and Hotel package will allow for some free time to explore this quaint port town at the bottom of South America. Steeped in marine history, this walkable Argentine city has plenty of museums, galleries and historic sites to visit quite easily. We will transfer the group to the ship for embarkation around 4 p.m.

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Days 3 and 4

Crossing the Drake Passage

Legendary for its high winds and rolling seas, you may get lucky and have surprisingly calm seas through the Drake Passage. Spend your time in the lounge or chatting with your fellow travelers. As you develop your sea legs during the crossing, our Expedition Team will begin their series of presentations to help prepare you for your upcoming Zodiac and land excursions. You officially enter Antarctica when your ship crosses the Antarctic Convergence, a biological boundary that fluctuates around 60° south.

Days 5–8

South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula

The most common reaction upon reaching the 7th Continent is a sense of reverence and awe. The experience is beyond words, since few places are as untouched as Antarctica. You will begin to appreciate why this region has long captivated the attention of explorers and travelers alike. Every time we visit Antarctica, we witness something new or unexpected, which means that your expedition will be unlike any other—creating a unique, personal experience.

Each day, you will take Zodiac excursions from the ship to explore glaciated bays, channels and landing sites. Your Expedition Team will take care of you at each landing, whether you are hiking the Antarctic landscape, visiting a research station or observing chinstrap, Adélie and gentoo penguins, all of which can be found here. Keep an eye out for Weddell, fur, crabeater and leopard seals as well as curious whales, such as humpbacks, minke, or perhaps orcas while on a Zodiac cruise. Each excursion will present a new array of creatures to fascinate you and keep your camera busy.

Amid the serene silence of Antarctica, noisy interludes become indelible memories, such as penguins squabbling over prized pebbles, or the boom and crack of a calving glacier. Every day will be different, having been carefully crafted by your Expedition Team to inspire and educate you about this wonderful part of the world.

Day 9

Disembark & Fly to Punta Arenas

With only the Drake Passage ahead, you'll disembark on King George Island before flying to Punta Arenas, Chile. Once you're in Punta Arenas, we'll transfer you from the airport to your designated group hotel. You're then free to explore Punta Arenas and enjoy a final dinner on your own.

Day 10

Depart Punta Arenas

After breakfast, you are free to continue on your own travels or make your way to the Punta Arenas airport for your homeward flight.

Arrival & Departure Details



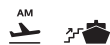
* Arrive at the hotel on Day 1 by 3pm or earlier. Day 1 includes a mandatory briefing.
✈️ International flights are not included in the cost of the voyage.



Day 1 Arriving in Buenos Aires and Hotel Night

- Make your own way from the airport to the designated hotel
- Weigh and tag your luggage in the presentation room

Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, you will make your way to the group hotel, which is included in your Charter Flight and Hotel Package. A presentation room will be open from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. for luggage weighing and tagging. A Quark Expeditions representative will be available to answer your questions and give information about the next day's flight and ship embarkation.



Day 2 Ushuaia and Embarkation

- After breakfast on Day 2, transfer with the group to the airport
- Board your charter flight to Ushuaia
- Enjoy free time to explore Ushuaia
- Around 4 p.m., transfer with the group to the ship

After an early breakfast the following morning, your group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Ushuaia, Argentina, the southernmost city in the world. Both the airport transfer and private charter flight are included in your Charter Flight & Hotel Package. In Ushuaia your Charter Flight & Hotel Package allows some free time to explore this quaint port town. We will transfer the group to the ship for embarkation around 4 p.m.



Disembarkation Day

- Disembark at King George Island
- Catch two-hour flight over the Drake Passage to Punta Arenas
- A group transfer will take you from the airport to your included hotel.

Disembarkation at King George Island

Ship disembarkation will generally occur in the late morning, on King George Island. You will be greeted at the beach by transfer buses that will take you to heated comfortable pre-boarding lounges before boarding your flight. Your luggage will be transferred from the ship to the plane. After a two-hour flight, you will land at the Punta Arenas airport (PUQ).

On arrival in Punta Arenas, you will be transferred from the airport to your post-expedition hotel for one final night. Please note that a departure transfer from the hotel to the Punta Arenas airport is not included. Expedition travel is occasionally unpredictable. We strongly recommend booking flexible international air tickets. Quark Expeditions is not responsible for any air ticket change costs you may incur.



Final Day

- Depart from Punta Arenas or continue exploring locally.

After breakfast at your hotel (which is included), make your way independently to the airport or continue your travel plans as prearranged.

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Airport Transfers

ARRIVAL

Arrival transfers from your international flights in Buenos Aires are not included.

DEPARTURE

A departure transfer in Punta Arenas is not included, however your Travel Professional or Polar Travel Advisor can arrange one for you.

In order to facilitate your transfers, we request that you provide your flight details to Quark Expeditions at least 30 days prior to traveling.

Luggage Restrictions

- Travel with one checked bag and one carry-on only.

Charter Flight Luggage Limit

This expedition includes charter flights. Your package includes one checked bag and one carry-on bag. Luggage weight restrictions on these flights are typically lower than those on international carriers. There is no option to pay for additional luggage. Specific weight limits will be confirmed in your final travel documents.



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