



## **Argentinian Explorer**



### **AIR-CRUISE ON THE MV OCEAN NOVA**

*Fly over Cape Horn and the turbulent waters of the Drake Passage in an awesome experience to the coldest and most inhospitable continent in the world: Antarctica. From Punta Arenas to King George Island (the largest island of the archipelago of the South Shetland ) in little less than 2 hours to start browsing for 6 days in the Antarctic Peninsula.*



We will fly over the rough and impressive Drake Sea and the famous Cape Horn in a unique experience that will lead us to the coldest and most inhospitable continent in the world: Antarctica. We will set out from Punta Arenas City heading for Saint George Island (scientific base of several countries) to get to the continent, sailing along the Antarctic Peninsula on Gregory Mikheev ship and saving the first days of oceanic navigation that every ship via the Antarctic should do when crossing the stormy waters of the Drake Passage.

### Cruise Route Aero Express (5 days 4 nights)

#### Ship-Airplane: From Ushuaia in cruise, returning to Punta Arenas by aircraft.

We set sail from the dock of the port of Ushuaia, we will navigate the Beagle Channel towards the Drake Passage with the aim to reach Cape Horn and from there we will go to the White Continent: Antarctica. Before we will visit Puerto Williams. Then we go to Nassau Bay to enter the area of Cape Horn. Then we follow the path to South Shetland Islands, sailing through the Antarctic Ocean. This trip starts by boat from Ushuaia and returns by plane to Punta Arenas. This is the shorter journey to visit Antarctica.

### Aero Cruise Classic Route (7 days 6 nights)

#### Airplane-Ship-Airplane: From Punta Arenas to King George Island by aircraft, navigation in Antarctica and returned by aircraft to Punta Arenas.

An unusual trip to Antarctica that combines a classic navigation with a first stage flying to Southern Patagonia, observing Cape Horn and flying over the turbulent waters of the Drake Passage. We leave the city of Punta Arenas eastward to the archipelago of the South Shetland Islands; more precisely we will land in its largest island, King George Island on a flight that lasts a little less than 2 hours. We will board to start the route to the South Pole, sailing for 6 days discovering the Antarctic Peninsula. Antarctica is the windiest, coldest, dry and desolate continent on earth. We managed to fulfill the dream of many people, see the Antarctic continent where is the 90% of the ice of the planet, the maximum reserve of water. The Antarctic marine fauna is diverse, we see the southern right whale, sea elephants Weddell seals, Adelie, Chinstrap Papua, along with birds such as albatross, petrels and Antarctic pigeon. Then we return by plane from King George Island to Punta Arenas.

### Aero Cruise Antarctic Polar Circle Route (9 days 8 nights)

#### Airplane-Ship-Airplane: From Punta Arenas to King George Island by aircraft, navigation in Antarctica and returned by aircraft to Punta Arenas.

In contrast to the aero-cruise express route, this program to Antarctica is the largest of the 3 routes, lasts for 9 days and starts from Punta Arenas, like the traditional route and return by plane. The first 2 days does not differ from the classic program of 7 days, then the journey to Antarctica is longer and after a few days we will fly over the Drake Passage to Punta Arenas.



### MV Ocean Nova + BAE-146

Departures	Days	Cruise	Cod	Departures	Arrival	Triple	Twin	Single
29NOV2016	6	Express	AE1-OCN	Ushuaia	Pta Arenas	4.595 USD	5.595 USD	6.995 USD
02DEC2016	8	Classic	CA1-OCN	Pta Arenas	Pta Arenas	10.795 USD	11.595 USD	15.995 USD
07DEC2016	8	Classic	CA2-OCN	Pta Arenas	Pta Arenas	10.795 USD	11.595 USD	15.995 USD
12DEC2016	8	Classic	CA3-OCN	Pta Arenas	Pta Arenas	10.795 USD	11.595 USD	15.995 USD
17DEC2016	8	Classic	CA4-OCN	Pta Arenas	Pta Arenas	10.795 USD	11.595 USD	15.995 USD
22DEC2016	8	Classic	CA6-OCN	Pta Arenas	Pta Arenas	11.995 USD	13.995 USD	19.995 USD
27DEC2016	8	Classic	CA8-OCN	Pta Arenas	Pta Arenas	11.995 USD	13.995 USD	19.995 USD
01JAN2017	10	Polar Circle	PC1-OCN	Pta Arenas	Pta Arenas	13.995 USD	15.995 USD	22.995 USD
14JAN2017	6	Express	AE4-OCN	Ushuaia	Pta Arenas	4.595 USD	5.595 USD	6.995 USD
17JAN2017	8	Classic	CA10-OCN	Pta Arenas	Pta Arenas	11.395 USD	12.995 USD	17.995 USD
22JAN2017	8	Classic	CA11-OCN	Pta Arenas	Pta Arenas	11.395 USD	12.995 USD	17.995 USD
27JAN2017	8	Classic	CA12-OCN	Pta Arenas	Pta Arenas	11.395 USD	12.995 USD	17.995 USD

01FEB2017	10	Polar Circle	PC2-OCN	Pta Arenas	Pta Arenas	13.995 USD	15.995 USD	22.995 USD
08FEB2017	8	Classic	CA13-OCN	Pta Arenas	Pta Arenas	11.395 USD	12.995 USD	17.995 USD
13FEB2017	8	Classic	CA14-OCN	Pta Arenas	Pta Arenas	11.395 USD	12.995 USD	17.995 USD
18FEB2017	10	Polar Circle	PC2-OCN	Pta Arenas	Pta Arenas	13.995 USD	15.995 USD	22.995 USD



## MV Hebridean Sky + BAE-146

Departures	Days	Cruise	Departures	Arrival	Triple	DWL Windows	DWL Deluxe	DWL Penthouse	Single
18DEC2016	6	Express	USH	PUQ	4.995 USD	5.995 USD	6.495 USD	7.795 USD	7.795 USD
21DEC2016	8	Classic	PUQ	PUQ	12.995 USD	14.595 USD	15.995 USD	19.995 USD	19.995 USD
26DEC2016	8	Classic	PUQ	PUQ	12.995 USD	14.595 USD	15.995 USD	19.995 USD	19.995 USD
31DEC2016	8	Classic	PUQ	PUQ	12.995 USD	14.595 USD	15.995 USD	19.995 USD	19.995 USD
05JAN2017	8	Classic	PUQ	PUQ	12.995 USD	14.595 USD	15.995 USD	19.995 USD	19.995 USD
10JAN2017	7	Express	USH	PUQ	4.995 USD	5.995 USD	6.495 USD	7.795 USD	7.795 USD

5 days - 5 nights

## Cruise Route Aero Express

**From Ushuaia in cruise, returning to Punta Arenas by aircraft.**

### Day 1 - We set sail from Ushuaia, in Tierra del Fuego

We leave Ushuaia on Isla Grande de Tierra del Fuego and began to sail through the Beagle Channel towards Cape Horn, we must go through the rough waters of the Drake Passage, before we will visit Puerto Williams, the southernmost town in the world, which is located on Navarino Island. Puerto Williams is located on the shores of the Beagle Channel, near the access to the Atlantic Ocean. It is the southernmost administrative population, but the southernmost town without considering the antarctic bases is Puerto Toro, which is located on the same island.

### Day 2 - We leave Nassau to discover Cape Horn

We crossed Nassau Bay to wake up at the famous Cape Horn. Depending on weather conditions we can disembark in order to get to know the lighthouse and harbor station. After discovering this beautiful site, we set the route that leads to Antarctica, we must cross the Drake Passage. Cape Horn is the southernmost end of the archipelago of Tierra del Fuego, considered the southernmost tip of South America, it defines the northern edge of Francis Drake Passage that divides the White Continent from the American Continent and joints the Pacific and Atlantic Ocean. Currently is still one of the challenges for yachtsmen, due to the constant winds, the presence of icebergs and the strong movement of the water.

### Day 3 - Sailing the Drake Passage

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We will sail nearby the Drake Passage to get to King George Island, the largest of the South Shetland Islands, the other islands are Nelson, Robert, Greenwich and Livingston. On the way we can sight wildlife, from birds like albatrosses or petrels to dazzle us with the presence of humpback whales and minke. The South Shetland Islands are a group of islands on the Antarctic Ocean, and are among the Drake Passage and Bransfield Strait. Covering almost 3,700 square kilometers. Mount Foster, with 2100 meters high is located in the Smith Island.

### Day 4 - Into the Antarctic Ocean

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We will cross the Antarctic Convergence or Frontal Region of Antarctica, to enter the Antarctic Ocean. We begin to see the first ice or icebergs before reaching the South Shetland Islands. We will navigate in boats to see a penguin colony. In this area are separated the icy waters of the Antarctic Ocean with the waters with temperate temperature of the subantarctic sector.

### Day 5 - From King George Island to Punta Arenas

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We arrive at King George Island, where we will disembark at Fildes Bay. We will visit the Chilean military base President Eduardo Frei Montalva and the Russian military base Bellingshausen. Then we will take the plane to fly to Punta Arenas. Those passengers wishing to stay in Punta Arenas must notice in advance, the night of Day 5 in Punta Arenas is included.

 [Map of Route](#)



 7 days 6 nights

## Aero Cruise Classic Route

From Punta Arenas to King George Island by aircraft, navigation in Antarctica and returned by aircraft to Punta Arenas.

### Day 1 - Punta Arenas, Chile

Reception at the International Airport of Punta Arenas and transfer to hotel. You must arrive before 15 pm. During the afternoon you will be introduced to the crew of the expedition trip and given a lecture on the rules and instructions that apply in this journey to Antarctica, in addition to explanation of the processes of loading and unloading with the use of rubber boats. At night we expect an inaugural dinner at the city center.

## Day 2 – We will fly to Frei Base on King George Island, South Shetland Islands

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The dream comes true: the beginning of the journey to the South Pole. Departure from Punta Arenas airport to board the plane BAE146 manufactured in England by British Aerospace to the Base Presidente Eduardo Frei, located in the South Shetland Islands in a 2 hours flight. This plane has the advantage of its high wing and ability to land on short runways (runway is 1,300 meters long), perfect for those trips. Once we land on King George Island, we will visit not only the Chilean base, but we will also see the Bellingshausen Base, from Russia.

The Frei Base is the most important base in Chile Antarctic territory and is one of the principal's base of all the white continent. We located it at Fildes Peninsula, ice-free area, right in front of the homonymous bay. The Bellingshausen Base is a base that operates 365 days a year since 1968, its name comes from a Russian famous sailor and is just 90 meters from the Chilean base. Very near to the bases is the Church of the Holy Trinity, is the largest Orthodox church in Antarctica. This Antarctic region is one of the warmest, because in winter the temperature does not exceed  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$  and in summer is around  $3^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Then we will embark on the expedition ship at Fildes Bay.

## Day 3 to 6 – South Shetland Islands, Antarctic Peninsula, Livingston Island, Port Lockroy, Petermann Island, Paradise Bay, Cuverville Island and Deception Island

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During these days we will sail the route that separates the Shetland Islands of the Antarctic Peninsula, leaving on the way some beautiful fjords and icebergs that impact for its size, with the pleasant company of a rich marine wildlife, from birds to penguins, seals and whales. As we move forward in the journey we get to visit Livingston Island, Port Lockroy, Petermann Island, Paradise Bay and Deception Island. It all depends on each trip and climatic conditions during navigation. The main goal is to cross the Lemaire Channel, observing one of the most interesting natural phenomena of the trip, the Columns of the Lemaire Channel, called the Cemetery of Glaciers due to the action of the channel on the thaw. Pieces of ice remaining on the canal are destroyed by water currents, this occurs because the thermal difference between the surface water and the deep waters, accelerating the melting process. During these days we will make several landings in Zodiacs, we will learn about life in Antarctica thanks to lectures given by experts in the field.

## Day 7 – Back to King Island for take the flight to Punta Arenas

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On the last day we start the return to King Island, also called Isla 25 de Mayo (the Russians call it Waterloo Island). It is the largest of the archipelago, separated from the Nelson Island by the Strait Fildes. From the Frei Base with a Chilean flag, we will board the flight to Punta Arenas. As in the Express program, the 7th night is included, also needs to be notified in advance for booking. End of services.

 [Map of Route](#)



 9 days 8 nights

## Aero Cruise Antarctic Polar Circle Route

From Punta Arenas to King George Island by aircraft, navigation in Antarctica and returned by aircraft to Punta Arenas.

## Day 1 to 2 - Punta Arenas, Chile

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These first 2 days are identical to the classical program.

## Day 3 to 8 - South Shetland Islands, Antarctic Peninsula, Caleta Cierva, Port Lockroy, Petermann Island, Paradise Bay, Lemaire Channel, Prospect and Fish Islands

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During these days we will sail the route that separates the Shetland Islands of the Antarctic Peninsula, leaving on the way some beautiful fjords and icebergs that impact for its size, with the pleasant company of a rich marine wildlife, from birds to penguins, seals and whales. As we move forward in the journey we get to visit Caleta Cierva, Port Lockroy, Petermann Island, Paradise Bay, Lemaire Channel and Prospect and Fish Islands. It all depends on each trip and climatic conditions during navigation.

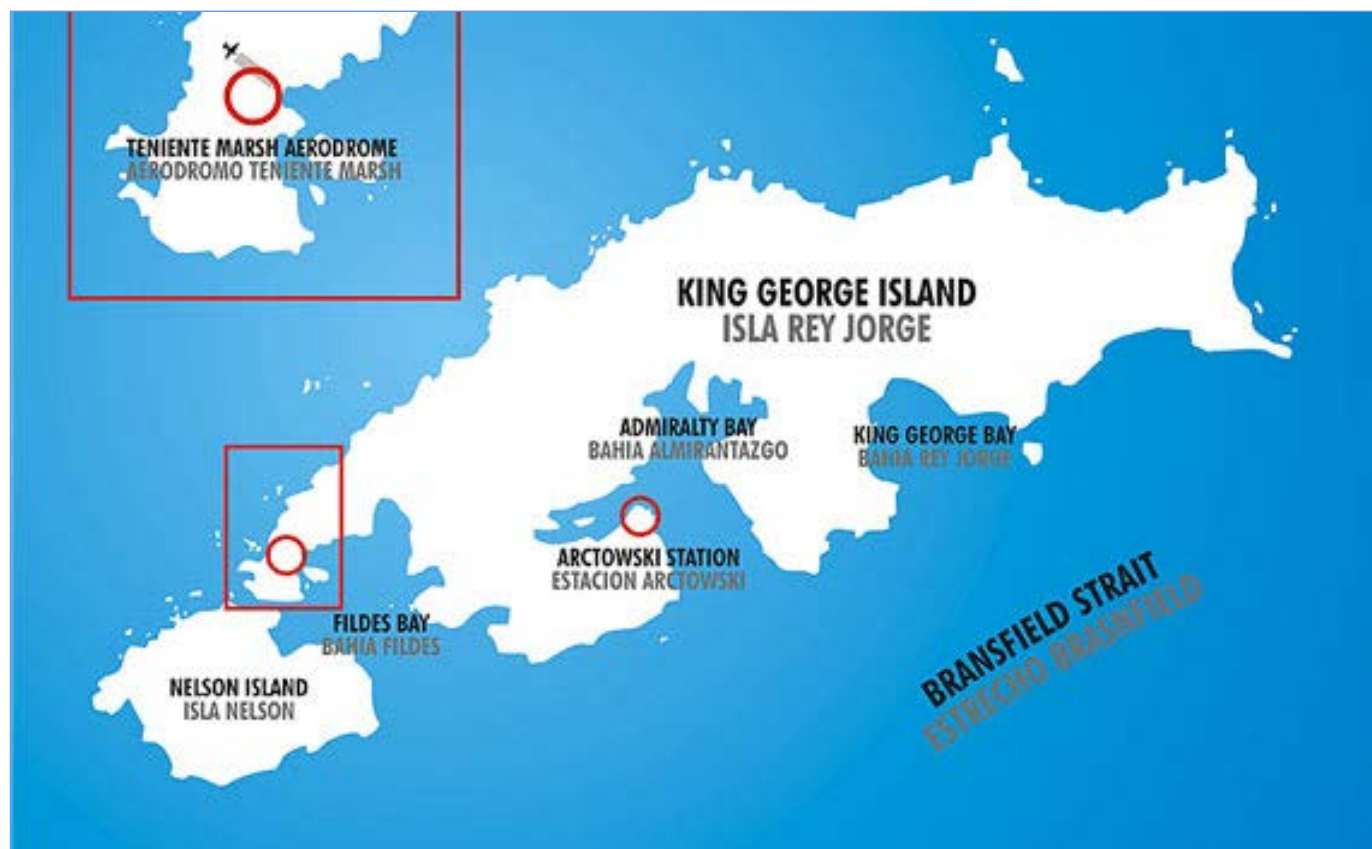
The main goal is to cross the polar circle. This border, one of the parallels that mark the maps of the Earth, is located at latitude  $66^{\circ} 33'$  south of the Equator and marks the Antarctic Territory according to one of the definitions. The Antarctic Circle experiences a period of 24 hours of continuous light at least once a year, which means that the Sun is above the horizon for a whole day. The reason for this phenomenon is that the axis of the earth is tilted by 23.5 degrees. But in addition there is a day in the year in which the Sun stays below the line of the horizon, for the same reason. During these days we will make several landings in Zodiacs, we will learn about life in Antarctica thanks to lectures given by experts in the field.

## Day 9 - Back to King Island for take the flight to Punta Arenas

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On the last day we start the return to King Island, also called Isla 25 de Mayo (the Russians call it Waterloo Island). It is the largest of the archipelago, separated from the Nelson Island by the Strait Fildes. From the Frei Base with a Chilean flag, we will board the flight to Punta Arenas. The night of the 9th day is included, as in the classical and express programs, it must be booked in advance. End of services.

### Map of Route





**Services include:**

- ✔ Transfer from Punta Arenas airport to the hotel chosen
- ✔ One night hotel accommodation in Punta Arenas
- ✔ Welcome dinner at José Nogueira Hotel
- ✔ Flight from Punta Arenas to Frei Base in King George Island
- ✔ Six-day and five-night cruise along the Antarctic Peninsula
- ✔ Food and beverage aboard
- ✔ Guided excursions
- ✔ On-board lectures and entertainment
- ✔ Flight from Frei Base in King George Island to Punta Arenas
- ✔ Delivery of informative material before and after the trip
- ✔ A pair of waterproof boots on loan for shore landings in the Antarctic

**Services do not include:**

- ✔ Lodging and meals other than the ones in the program
- ✔ Passport and Visa expenses
- ✔ Arrival and Departure taxes
- ✔ Communication charges
- ✔ Laundry charges
- ✔ Tips
- ✔ Personal Insurances

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