

ANTARCTICA AND PATAGONIA: LEGENDARY ICE AND EPIC FJORDS

Join us on an odyssey that combines the celebrated wonders of the southernmost realms of the planet in a single epic voyage. The Antarctic Peninsula, southern Patagonia, and the Chilean fjords are places of unimaginable beauty. Humpback whales breach and penguins gather by the thousands. Icebergs shimmer and sapphire-hued fjords harbor snowcapped peaks and virgin forests. Flexibility is a hallmark of our expedition style, and often the shipboard day-by-day itinerary will change--so we may take full advantage of rare wildlife sightings, watching whales feed off the bow, or perfect conditions for a late day Zodiac excursion.



ITINERARY

DAY 1: Santiago

Arrive in Santiago and settle into the Mandarin Oriental (or similar) before a guided overview of the vibrant Chilean capital backed by the Andes. (L)

DAY 2: Punta Arenas / Embark

Today we fly from Santiago to Punta Arenas, Chile's southern gateway to Patagonia. Embark National Geographic Explorer or National Geographic Resolution. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: Tierra del Fuego: Karukinka Natural Park & Ainsworth Bay

Cruise to Tierra del Fuego and venture into the archipelago's largest protected land area: Karukinka Natural Park. Visit this private reserve by special permission, searching for Andean foxes, guanacos, black-browed albatross,





and more. Then sail to Ainsworth Bay, a stunning fjord surrounded by subpolar forest, keeping an eye out for elephant seals. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: Francisco Coloane Marine Park

Today, we enter the Strait of Magellan to explore Francisco Coloane Marine Park. The park covers more than 165,000 acres of land and sea and is home to an abundance of wildlife, including humpback whales, two species of sea lions, and Magellanic penguins. Cruise along the coastline by Zodiac and kayak to spot black-and-white Peale's dolphins, the endangered Chilean dolphin, and Andean condors. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: Puerto Natales & Torres del Paine Park

Early this morning we dock in picturesque Puerto Natales before heading out to explore majestic Torres del Paine National Park, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Set out by foot or by vehicle across the windswept, rugged landscape, which spans more than 550,000 acres and harbors an astounding variety of geological forms, from the soaring granite pillars of the "horns" to windswept grasslands to rivers, glaciers, and gem-colored lagoons. Keep an eye out for guanacos, rheas, foxes, and armadillos. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: Puerto Natales / Kirke Narrows

Local pilots will join our Captain on the Bridge to guide us through the winding Kirke Narrows, accessible only to small expedition ships. We then continue our discovery of the Chilean fjords where we may explore by ship or take a forest walk. (B,L,D)

DAY 7-8: Exploring the Chilean Fjords

Sail into southern Patagonia's vast wilderness of forested isles, mirror-like lakes, and snowcapped peaks. Myriad fjords cut between soaring granite walls and waterfalls tumble from high above. Explore the region known as Chile's "Glacier Alley," part of the UNESCO- recognized Cape Horn Biosphere Reserve. Cruise into the secluded Pia Fjord, admiring views of its massive glacier; and glide into Garibaldi Fjord in Alberto de Agostini National Park, where the Andes meet the sea. Get up close to the monumental wall of ice that marks the edge

of Garibaldi Glacier, exploring by Zodiac or kayak. Continue to Agostini Fjord, where numerous glaciers originate from the nearby mountains, for a chance to witness thunderous glacial calving. (B,L,D Daily)

DAY 9: At Sea / Drake Passage

Sail to Antarctica via the Drake Passage, named after 16th-century English admiral Sir Francis Drake. Watch for dozens of species of seabirds gliding alongside our ship--including the albatross, which boasts the longest wingspan of any extant bird--and enjoy talks from our onboard naturalists about the wildlife and geology that await us on the Antarctic Peninsula. (B,L,D)

DAY 10-15: Exploring Antarctica

With long hours of daylight at this time of year, we have ample opportunities to explore. Our schedule is flexible, allowing us to take advantage of the unexpected, whether we're watching whales at play off the bow of our ship or enjoying an evening Zodiac cruise amid glittering icebergs. One day, we might set out by kayak to encounter towering icebergs at water level; embark on a Zodiac excursion in search of seals and blue-eyed shags; or walk on a beach amid thousands of Adelie and gentoo penguins. The next, we might experience the thrill of the ship crunching through pack ice. Our expert expedition team will enrich our experiences. (B,L,D Daily)

DAY 16-17: At Sea

Relax onboard and enjoy the ship's amenities as the coast of Antarctica disappears from view. Round the southernmost tip of South America at Cape Horn and witness the dramatic meeting of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans en route to Ushuaia, Argentina. (B,L,D Daily)

DAY 18: Ushuaia / Disembark / Santiago (Resolution)

Disembark in Ushuaia and board our flight to Santiago to connect with your overnight flight home. (B,L)

Please Note:





Itineraries are subject to change.





YOUR SHIP: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

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VESSEL TYPE: Luxury Expedition

LENGTH: 108 meters

PASSENGER CAPACITY: 148 (single & twin cabins)

BUILT/REFURBISHED: 1982 / 2008

Originally constructed for Norway's renowned Hurtigruten Coastal Express, National Geographic Explorer was a natural fit for the Lindblad Expeditions fleet thanks to her exceptional manoeuvrability, ice-strengthened hull, and purpose-built expedition design. Now fully stabilised and refitted with over five decades of exploration expertise, she is ideally suited for navigating the most remote corners of the globe--from the rugged coasts of Europe to the icy passages of the polar regions. With vast windows throughout and a Scandinavian-inspired interior, the ship invites guests to stay connected with their environment at every turn.

Aboard National Geographic Explorer, every feature is tailored to enhance discovery. From the open Bridge and observation deck to the Chart Room and mudroom for expedition gear, the ship is an authentic platform for adventure. Her recently updated suites offer comfort and understated elegance, while public spaces such as the library, Global Gallery, and multiple dining areas encourage camaraderie and relaxation. Carrying expert guides, state-of-the-art tools, and a fleet of Zodiacs and kayaks, this 148-guest ship brings guests closer to nature with all the style and substance expected of a flagship expedition vessel.

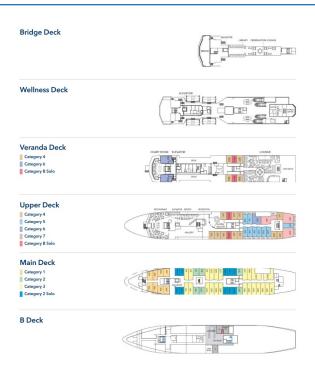


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