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Antarctica Direct: Fly the Drake Passage

An Exhilarating & Efficient Exploration of the Wondrous White Continent

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Trip Details:

Days
9 Days / Nov–Mar

Price
From $9750

Physical Requirements
Easy to Moderate

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Experience the wild grandeur of Antarctica efficiently aboard the *National Geographic Explorer.* Cruise the Drake Passage one way and fly the other, maximizing your time on the White Continent. Explore channels framed by towering peaks, zip around icebergs on Zodiacs, and encounter whales, elephant seals and vast penguin colonies. Choose among active adventures like hiking and kayaking, then relax in comfort on our well-appointed expedition ship. With a National Geographic Photography Expert on board, capture stunning images as you learn from the best. This virtually untouched wilderness, first sighted by humans in 1820, is now readily accessible, yet you'll still feel the same exhilaration that captivated the likes of Shackleton and Amundsen. Witness colossal icebergs, observe wildlife in its natural habitat, and bask in the endless light of the austral summer. Antarctica's pristine wonders beckon, offering an unparalleled adventure you won't find anywhere else on Earth.

Trip Highlights

Save Time, Savor the Experience

Skip all or part of the Drake Passage with either short flights—ideal for those with limited time and a tendency toward seasickness.

Explore Boldly, Rest Easy

Experience the utmost comfort while exploring Antarctica's untamed wilderness aboard the *National Geographic Explorer*.

Travel With the Pros

On-board experts deepen the adventure with their specialized and intimate knowledge ofAntarctica, offering an unparalleled level of interpretation and guidance.

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Sail-Fly Itinerary

Experience all elements of a classic Antarctic adventure, with a one-way cruise through the Drake Passage, cruising around the White Continent on the *National Geographic Explorer* and a swift 2-hour flight return at the adventure's end.



Fly-Fly Itinerary

An in-depth Antarctic exploration aboard the *National Geographic Orion*. Fly directly from South America, navigate rugged shores, kayak among icebergs, hike beneath icy summits, and encounter wildlife for an unforgettable adventure in Antarctica's icy wilds.



Sail-Fly Itinerary

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Itinerary at a Glance

Day 1	Ushuaia
Day 2	Tierra del Fuego National Park / Beagle Channel / Ushuaia
Days 3–4	Drake Passage
Days 5–8	Antarctica
Day 9	King George Island / Puerto Natales
Day 10	Puerto Natales



Day 1

Ushuaia

Gather in Ushuaia before sailing to Antarctica

- Arrive in a port town between the Martial Mountains and Beagle Channel
- Join your expedition team and fellow travelers for a welcome dinner

Arrive in Ushuaia, “El fin del Mundo.” Nestled between the Martial Mountains and the Beagle Channel, this vibrant Argentinian port town of 60,000 people has undergone many iterations since its founding as a Christian missionary outpost in 1870. After serving as a naval base, penal colony, administrative center for the province of Tierra del Fuego, it is now considered the gateway to Antarctica. Meet your Expedition Leader and fellow adventurers at a welcome dinner this evening.

Day 2

Tierra del Fuego National Park / Beagle Channel / Ushuaia

Explore Tierra del Fuego before boarding your expedition ship

- Look for guanacos, foxes and Andean condors in Tierra del Fuego National Park
- Cruise the Beagle Channel by private catamaran, watching for sea lions and imperial cormorants
- Board your ice-strengthened expedition vessel and sail toward Antarctica

Diverse and dramatic landscapes define this rugged region, and we begin our adventure with a visit to nearby Tierra del Fuego National Park. Renowned for its spectacular mountains, deep valleys, glaciers, waterfalls and subantarctic forests, the 160,000-acre park is home to guanacos, foxes and Andean condors and more.
Afterward, a private catamaran cruise on the Beagle Channel offers broad vistas of the Andes mountains spilling into the sea and the area's rocky, isolated beaches. Watch for sea lions and seabirds like the imperial cormorants. Return to Ushuaia and board the National Geographic Explorer. Originally built for Norway's coastal service, the vessel was rebuilt with an ice-strengthened hull and advanced equipment for an ideal combination of comfort with durability. Settle in and prepare to sail off to the White Continent.

Days 3–4

Drake Passage

Cross the legendary Drake Passage toward Antarctica

- Sail across the 500-mile-wide passage first navigated by Sir Francis Drake in 1578
- Watch for albatrosses, killer whales and dolphins as you near the Antarctic Peninsula
- Attend talks on Antarctic biology and scan for wildlife from the observation lounge or Bridge

As we sail southward, witness the stunning transition from the snow-capped Andes and moss-covered beech forests of Beagle Channel to the vast, blue-grey seascape of the legendary Drake Passage. Named after Sir Francis Drake, who sailed these waters in 1578, this 500-mile-wide strait is known for its unpredictable conditions, ranging from fierce gales to flat calm. The National Geographic Explorer, well-equipped for potentially rough seas, provides a stable platform for the approximately two-day crossing. As we traverse the Antarctic Convergence in the southern Drake, an upswelling of nutrients attracts diverse seabirds, including majestic albatrosses. During the voyage, immerse yourself in the ship's amenities. Visit the Bridge for wildlife spotting, attend informative talks on Antarctic biology or simply relax in the observation lounge. Excitement builds as we approach the Antarctic Peninsula, possibly accompanied by wandering albatrosses, killer whales or rare dolphins. This passage not only marks a geographical transition but also prepares you mentally for the unique adventures awaiting in Antarctica.

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Days 5–8

Antarctica

Explore a world of ice beneath the austral summer sun

- Kayak among towering icebergs and glaciers along the Antarctic coast
- Walk near penguin colonies and look for Antarctic fur seals and southern elephant seals
- Cruise by Zodiac among the ice, watching for whales close enough to hear their blows

In the austral summer's extended daylight, we have ample opportunities to explore Antarctica's magnificent landscapes and wildlife. Our flexible schedule allows us to seize unexpected moments, from observing playful whales to hiking alongside penguin colonies or enjoying evening Zodiac cruises amid porpoising penguins.

While the wildlife is extraordinary, ice defines Antarctica. We encounter it in various forms—from towering icebergs and near vertical glaciers to newly formed fragile layers. Activities may include kayaking among icebergs, Zodiac excursions in search of seals and blue-eyed shags or walks amid vast penguin rookeries. The thrill of our ship crunching through pack ice is unforgettable.

Antarctica's waters are also vibrant. Enormous penguin colonies share beaches with Antarctic fur seals and southern elephant seals. Cruising among icebergs, we watch for whales and seals, sometimes close enough to hear their blows. Exceptional birdlife features diverse species of albatross, petrel, skua, gull, tern and cormorant.

After exhilarating days, return to the comfort of the National Geographic Explorer. Enjoy gourmet dinners while taking in the scenery through expansive windows. Throughout the journey, the expert expedition team enriches every experience, helping you fully appreciate this intact and grand natural world where we feel both humbled and inspired.

Day 9

King George Island / Puerto Natales

Make a final Antarctic landing before flying to Patagonia

- Look for Weddell and elephant seals and Adelie, chinstrap and gentoo penguins
- Disembark your expedition vessel and travel by Zodiac to King George Island
- Board a two-hour flight to Puerto Natales in Chilean Patagonia

The only airstrip on the Antarctic Peninsula archipelago that can reliably serve the South American continent on a regular basis is located on King George Island in the South Shetland group. The island is home to a diverse assortment of wildlife, including Weddell and elephant seals; and Adelie, chinstrap and gentoo penguins. There's also a human presence comprised of international researchers. We disembark and Zodiac ashore to board our 2-hour flight to Puerto Natales.

Day 10

Puerto Natales

Depart Puerto Natales after your Antarctic voyage

- Connect with homeward flights from Chilean Patagonia

Fly homeward today from Puerto Natales, carrying a trove of memories from your unforgettable Antarctic adventure.

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Fly-Fly Itinerary

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Itinerary at a Glance

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Day 2	Puerto Natales / King George Island
Days 3–8	Antarctica
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Day 1

Puerto Natales

Gather in Puerto Natales before your flight to Antarctica

- Arrive in a Patagonian town set among peaks and fjords on Last Hope Sound
- Join your expedition team and fellow travelers for a welcome dinner

Arrive in Puerto Natales, a once-small fishing village that now serves as a gateway to some of Patagonia's most arresting landscapes. Surrounded by peaks and fjords and only a short journey from Torres del Paine National Park, the town sits on Last Hope Sound. Meet your expedition team and fellow adventurers at a welcome dinner this evening.

Day 2

Puerto Natales / King George Island

Fly to King George Island and board your expedition ship

- Take a two-hour flight to the South Shetland Islands
- Watch for Weddell and elephant seals and Adelie, chinstrap and gentoo penguins
- Ride by Zodiac to your expedition ship waiting offshore

A 2-hour flight delivers us to King George Island where our Antarctic adventure begins in earnest. The island is home to a diverse assortment of wildlife, including Weddell and elephant seals; and Adelie, chinstrap and gentoo penguins. Researchers from around the world, including the U.S., Chile, Argentina and Brazil conduct a range of analysis from the various scientific stations here. Our flight lands at the Chilean research station where the National Geographic Orion awaits offshore. A brisk Zodiac ride delivers us on board, and we set sail.

Days 3–8

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National Geographic Orion

Among the most sophisticated ships in its class, with the highest sustainable marine environmental practices, *Orion*'s luxurious accommodations and recreational tools treat 100 guests to 5-star comfort.



National Geographic Explorer

The newly renovated ice-class polar expedition vessel accommodates 148 guests in 81 outside cabins, all with private facilities, plus the most innovative tools for exploration above and below the sea.

For detailed descriptions, visit nathab.com/antarctica-and-arctic/antarctica-direct/ships.

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Sail with the World Leader in Conservation-Focused Small Ship Cruising

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We're proud to offer a worldwide slate of Expedition Cruises through our partner, National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions. Nat Hab joined forces with National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions in 2016 to expand our mutual collection of nature adventures. Founded in 1958 by Lars-Eric Lindblad, the company pioneered eco-conscious expeditions for "citizen explorers" and today is the world leader in conservation-focused small-ship cruises. Our Adventure Specialists are intimately familiar with the ships and itineraries and are on call to answer any questions you might have.

1 **Small Ships Assure Closer Nature Encounters**

Meaningful nature adventures can't happen in big crowds. National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions' ships offer an exhilarating, up-close experience of the southern ice and the abundant wildlife of Antarctica. Their small size makes them nimble enough to access protected coves and channels that big ships can't reach, while full stabilization and state-of-the-art technology make them exceptionally safe. The ship you sail aboard will depend upon the itinerary and departure you choose. Each polar vessel offers personal access to naturalists, lecturers, staff and crew.

2 **Benefit from Decades of Expertise**

This is a genuine expedition-style experience aboard an authentic expedition ship with a seasoned polar adventure team. Pioneers in opening Antarctica to civilian travelers in 1966, National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions draws upon more than a half-century of experience navigating polar seas, assuring safe passage in one of Earth's wildest settings. You'll benefit from traveling with a company whose stellar reputation has been carefully earned over decades.

3 **Multiple Tools for Immersive Expedition Travel**

A fleet of 13 Zodiacs and 32 double kayaks facilitate close-up exploration of Antarctica's icy landscapes and abundant wildlife. Come eye level with penguins, leopard seals, marine mammals and floating ice along the bays and coastlines of the Antarctic Peninsula. A mobile platform enables fast, safe deployment of kayaks within minutes of finding an anchorage. Led by veteran Expedition Leaders, hikes and activities on shore are offered at a variety of physical exertion levels. A remotely operated underwater vehicle (ROV) and undersea interpretive specialist give passengers a rare opportunity to view Antarctica's seldom-seen underwater world. An onboard National Geographic-certified photography instructor helps you get your best shots.

4 **See the Undersea**

Unique to National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions, each voyage includes an undersea specialist who suits up for polar waters, dives to capture vivid HD video footage, and shares it on plasma screens in the ship's lounge. Going even deeper, the ship's hydrophone lets passengers listen in on whales while a remotely operated vehicle (ROV) capable of exploring depths up to 1,000 feet films the places where no diver can go. The ROV and polar dives provide a rare journey into the virtually unknown Antarctic undersea, while you enjoy the underwater expedition from a warm and dry spot on board. For the bird's eye view, a remote-controlled crow's nest camera broadcasts real-time footage on individual cabin video screens.

5 **Sail with Top Experts Who Specialize in Antarctica**

Explore Antarctica with a passionate team of experts whose knowledge will enhance your adventure and your understanding of our polar environs. Travel with an Expedition Leader, eight veteran naturalists, a National Geographic-certified photographer, an undersea specialist, expert guest speakers, a video chronicler and a wellness specialist. Your guide team specializes in Antarctica, from wildlife biologists to ornithologists, marine scientists and polar historians.

6 **We're Committed to the Planet**

Natural Habitat Adventures is a standard-setter in eco-conscious travel. We were the world's first 100% carbon-neutral travel company. And we continue to break innovative ground in adopting practices that help to protect our global environment. Because of our concern for the environment, we are pleased to partner with National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions for our Expedition Cruises, a company that shares our values and commitment to the planet.

7 **Natural Habitat Adventures is WWF's Travel Partner**

Because of our environmental commitment and the outstanding quality of our adventures, World Wildlife Fund has chosen Natural Habitat Adventures as its worldwide travel partner, a designation we're very proud of! When you book your National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions cruise with us, a portion of your trip fee supports WWF.



Dates & Pricing Summary:

Price
From $9750

Group Size
Limited to 148 Travelers

Physical Requirements
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2026 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Nov 30 - Dec 7, 2026	**From $12210** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Explorer · Fly-Fly Itinerary
Dec 7 - Dec 16, 2026	**From $14700** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Explorer · Sail-Fly Itinerary
Dec 14 - Dec 21, 2026	**From $12589** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Explorer · Fly-Fly Itinerary
Dec 19 - Dec 28, 2026	**From $15700** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Explorer · Sail-Fly Itinerary
Dec 26, 2026 - Jan 4, 2027	**From $18500** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Explorer · Sail-Fly Itinerary
Dec 27, 2026 - Jan 4, 2027	**From $23231** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Orion · Fly-Fly Itinerary

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2027 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Jan 2 - Jan 9, 2027	**From $18000** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Explorer · Fly-Fly Itinerary
Jan 2 - Jan 10, 2027	**From $18900** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Orion · Fly-Fly Itinerary
Jan 7 - Jan 16, 2027	**From $14900** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Explorer · Sail-Fly Itinerary
Jan 8 - Jan 16, 2027	**From $19500** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Orion · Fly-Fly Itinerary
Jan 14 - Jan 23, 2027	**From $17000** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Explorer · Sail-Fly Itinerary
Jan 19 - Jan 27, 2027	**From $22000** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Orion · Fly-Fly Itinerary
Jan 21 - Jan 28, 2027	**From $18000** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Explorer · Fly-Fly Itinerary
Jan 25 - Feb 2, 2027	**From $19500** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Orion · Fly-Fly Itinerary
Jan 26 - Feb 4, 2027	**From $16000** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Explorer · Sail-Fly Itinerary
Jan 31 - Feb 8, 2027	**From $19500** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Orion · Fly-Fly Itinerary
Feb 2 - Feb 11, 2027	**From $17500** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Explorer · Sail-Fly Itinerary
Feb 6 - Feb 14, 2027	**From $15900** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Orion · Fly-Fly Itinerary
Feb 9 - Feb 16, 2027	**From $16300** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Explorer · Fly-Fly Itinerary
Feb 14 - Feb 21, 2027	**From $13489** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Explorer · Fly-Fly Itinerary
Feb 14 - Feb 23, 2027	**From $14900** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Explorer · Sail-Fly Itinerary
Nov 19 - Nov 28, 2027	**From $14000** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Explorer · Sail-Fly Itinerary
Nov 22 - Nov 30, 2027	**From $13608** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Orion · Fly-Fly Itinerary
Nov 26 - Dec 3, 2027	**From $10000** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Explorer · Fly-Fly Itinerary
Nov 28 - Dec 6, 2027	**From $12750** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Orion · Fly-Fly Itinerary
Dec 1 - Dec 10, 2027	**From $10750** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Explorer · Sail-Fly Itinerary

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Dec 4 - Dec 12, 2027	**From $12750** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Orion · Fly-Fly Itinerary
Dec 8 - Dec 17, 2027	**From $11500** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Explorer · Sail-Fly Itinerary
Dec 15 - Dec 22, 2027	**From $12750** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Explorer · Fly-Fly Itinerary
Dec 20 - Dec 29, 2027	**From $15750** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Explorer · Sail-Fly Itinerary
Dec 21 - Dec 29, 2027	**From $20000** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Orion · Fly-Fly Itinerary
Dec 27, 2027 - Jan 4, 2028	**From $18500** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Orion · Fly-Fly Itinerary
Dec 27, 2027 - Jan 5, 2028	**From $15750** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Explorer · Sail-Fly Itinerary

2028 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Jan 2 - Jan 10, 2028	**From $17750** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Orion · Fly-Fly Itinerary
Jan 3 - Jan 10, 2028	**From $14000** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Explorer · Fly-Fly Itinerary
Jan 8 - Jan 17, 2028	**From $13500** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Explorer · Sail-Fly Itinerary
Jan 15 - Jan 24, 2028	**From $14500** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Explorer · Sail-Fly Itinerary
Jan 22 - Jan 29, 2028	**From $14000** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Explorer · Fly-Fly Itinerary
Jan 25 - Feb 2, 2028	**From $16500** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Orion · Fly-Fly Itinerary
Jan 27 - Feb 5, 2028	**From $13900** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Explorer · Sail-Fly Itinerary
Jan 31 - Feb 8, 2028	**From $14500** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Orion · Fly-Fly Itinerary
Feb 3 - Feb 12, 2028	**From $13900** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Explorer · Sail-Fly Itinerary
Feb 10 - Feb 17, 2028	**From $10900** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Explorer · Fly-Fly Itinerary
Feb 15 - Feb 24, 2028	**From $13000** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Explorer · Sail-Fly Itinerary
Feb 22 - Mar 2, 2028	**From $13000** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Explorer · Sail-Fly Itinerary

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Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Feb 23 - Mar 2, 2028	**From $17491** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Orion · Fly-Fly Itinerary
Feb 29 - Mar 7, 2028	**From $9750** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Explorer · Fly-Fly Itinerary
Feb 29 - Mar 8, 2028	**From $16171** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Orion · Fly-Fly Itinerary
Mar 5 - Mar 14, 2028	**From $10900** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Explorer · Sail-Fly Itinerary
Nov 23 - Dec 1, 2028	**From $16171** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Orion · Fly-Fly Itinerary
Nov 29 - Dec 7, 2028	**From $16171** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Orion · Fly-Fly Itinerary
Dec 21 - Dec 29, 2028	**From $14000** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Orion · Fly-Fly Itinerary
Dec 27, 2028 - Jan 4, 2029	**From $14000** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Orion · Fly-Fly Itinerary

2029 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Jan 18 - Jan 26, 2029	**From $17000** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Orion · Fly-Fly Itinerary
Jan 24 - Feb 1, 2029	**From $17000** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Orion · Fly-Fly Itinerary
Feb 15 - Feb 23, 2029	**From $17000** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Orion · Fly-Fly Itinerary
Feb 21 - Mar 1, 2029	**From $17000** +internal air	Aboard National Geographic Orion · Fly-Fly Itinerary

See https://www.nathab.com/antarctica-and-arctic/antarctica-direct/dates-fees for the latest pricing details.

Included

All accommodations aboard ship or in hotels per itinerary; all meals as indicated in the itinerary, both aboard and onshore; beer, wine, cocktails, and spirits aboard the ship (except certain super premium brands which are available for purchase); hors d'oeuvres, 24-hour access to snacks, premium coffees and teas, non-alcoholic beverages, and filtered water; excursions and airport transfers to and from recommended flights, as indicated in the itinerary; crew gratuities; exploration tools curated to destination, such as Zodiacs and kayaks; guidance and company of our leading expedition staff; assistance by the National Geographic Photography Expert and National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions certified photo instructor; access to the OM System Photo Gear Locker; presentations by expedition staff and expert guest speakers; complimentary reusable water bottle; services of a physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or paramedic; morning stretch classes and 24-hour access to

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exercise equipment; 24-hour access to lounges, observation decks, library, and other shared spaces; park and site entrance fees, special access permits, and port taxes. Unused services or items included in our programs are non-refundable.

Not Included

Airfare (except flights when indicated as included); pre- and post-expedition extensions; additional hotel nights (except when indicated as included); private transfers; laundry, spa treatments, Wi-Fi, and phone services (except when indicated as included); travel protection plans; and passport, visa, and immigration fees.

Physical Requirements

You must be able to walk unassisted for a minimum of one mile over rough and uneven terrain including rocky beaches, ice and snow (in knee-high rubber boots), in order to join this expedition cruise. To participate in excursions ashore, you will need to walk down steep stairs and climb into and out of inflatable Zodiacs, which can sometimes feel unstable depending on water conditions. Travel via Zodiac occurs over variable conditions and can sometimes be quite bumpy. If it's windy, you may get wet from sea spray. Travelers with back problems or other health issues that could be exacerbated by such conditions should take this into consideration. Travelers must be prepared for any type of weather, including extreme conditions. Daytime highs typically range from 30°F – 40°F on the Antarctic Peninsula, but can drop well below freezing with high winds and wind chill. Nighttime temperatures may drop into the low 20s. Sea conditions during the Drake Passage crossing, which typically lasts two days, can be extremely rough, potentially causing issues for those who are sensitive to motion sickness, and can make for unsteady walking around the ship. We recommend discussing medications with your personal physician if you are prone to motion sickness.

Important Information About This Trip

Due to the extremely remote nature of this adventure, National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions requires that all travelers submit a medical form before departure. This form must be completed and signed by your primary care physician.

Mandatory Insurance

Since the areas we travel to are remote and wild (that's why we go there!), we require that all guests have, at minimum, medical evacuation insurance for this program. This is for the safety of all guests. We require that your chosen independent insurance plan includes at least $250,000 in medical evacuation coverage.

To protect your investment and to provide peace of mind while you travel, we also strongly recommend purchasing comprehensive travel insurance. Plans may cover everything from medical treatment to trip cancellations and delays and lost luggage. Please contact our office if you would like more information about the medical evacuation and comprehensive travel insurance policies we offer by calling 800-543-8917.

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