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Antarctica by Private Expedition Ship

An Intimate Polar Wilderness Adventure for Just 12 Guests

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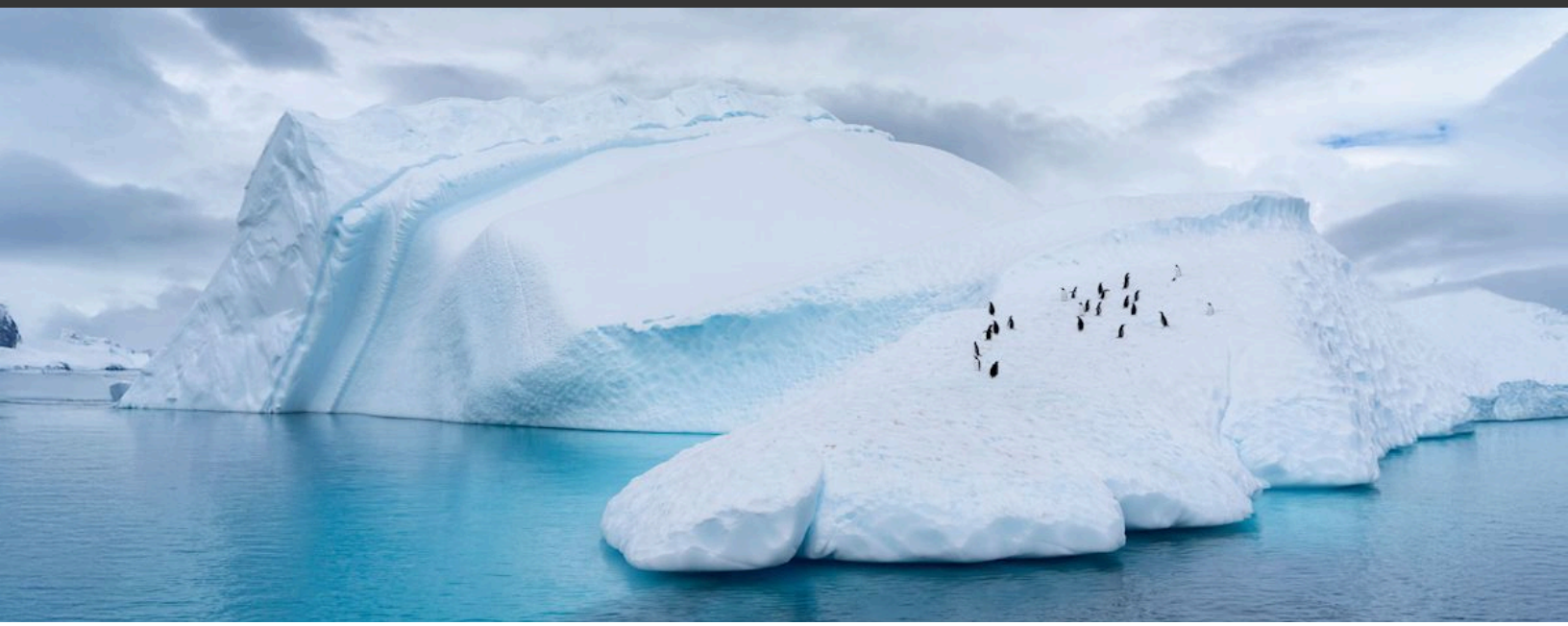
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Trip Details:

Days
10 Days / Dec–Jan

Price
From $24995

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Intrepid explorers passionate about genuine adventure won't find a more exhilarating way to experience Antarctica. For just 12 travelers on a handful of departures each season, this is the most exclusive of opportunities! Explore the Antarctic Peninsula aboard an ice-strengthened expedition vessel, surrounded by seals, whales, penguins and icebergs. Ply channels larger ships can't reach, and relish profound quiet, enveloped by ice and sky. In a world where “adventure travel” has become a relative term, we’ve reclaimed it with this total immersion in the planet’s last, most pristine wilderness. Our expeditionary voyage—with a world-class skipper and seasoned polar crew—rewards serious adventurers with a rare experience of one of the most remote and magnificent places on Earth.

Trip Highlights

Fly Both Ways Across the Drake Passage

Maximize time and comfort with round-trip flights between Puerto Natales, Chile and King George Island off the Antarctic Peninsula

Access Remote Landings from Our Small Ship

Purpose-built for remote travel in polar regions, the newly retrofitted 144-foot SOLA gets you where big ships can't go, in exceptional safety and comfort

Explore with a Top Polar Expedition Leader

View prolific wildlife with our expert naturalist guide who is among the most highly experienced adventurers and interpreters Antarctica has to offer

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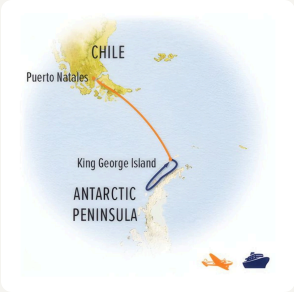


Antarctica by Private Expedition Ship Itinerary

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Itinerary at a Glance

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Day 3	King George Island
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Day 10	Puerto Natales



Day 1

Puerto Natales

Gather in Chilean Patagonia before your Antarctic voyage

- Arrive in Puerto Natales, gateway to the fjords and mountains of southernmost Chile
- Join your Expedition Leader and fellow travelers for a welcome dinner in town

Fly to Puerto Natales, Chile today and meet your Expedition Leader on arrival. Join your fellow explorers this evening at a welcome dinner in town. Puerto Natales enjoys a scenic location on Ultimate Esperanza Sound and is the gateway to southernmost Chilean Patagonia.

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Day 2

Puerto Natales

Take in views across Eberhard Fjord and the Señoret Channel

- Hike Cerro Benítez, scanning for condors riding thermals and roosting on the cliffs
- Explore Puerto Natales and learn how sheep ranching and gaucho culture influenced the region

Join our Expedition Leader for a hike up Cerro Benítez in Cueva del Milodon, one of the most important nature reserves in Chile. The view from the summit over Eberhard Fjord and the Señoret Channel is outstanding. We'll also have excellent chances to see Andean condors, famed for their 10-foot wingspans. Riding thermal currents above us, they soar dramatically overhead, sometimes stopping to perch on the steep cliff walls where they roost.

This afternoon, take a guided town tour to discover more of Puerto Natales. This region of mountains, fjords and islands was originally inhabited by the Kawesqar and Aoniken peoples. The first Europeans to visit the area were an expeditionary team led by Juan Ladriellero, a Spanish explorer looking for the western passage of the Strait of Magellan in 1557, an elusive goal among the maze of channels and islands that separates the mainland from the Pacific Ocean. Three centuries passed before further European forays, with a diverse influx of European immigrants arriving in the late 19th century, including Germans, British, Croats, Greeks, Italians and Spaniards, and an emerging Chilean cultural identity was evolving by the time Puerto Natales was founded in 1911 as a port town for transporting wool. The main industry through much of the 20th century was raising sheep, and the traditional gaucho culture persists today, although tourism has taken a more prominent role in recent decades.

Day 3

King George Island

Fly to Antarctica and set sail aboard the SOLA

- Land on King George Island for your first encounter with penguins and other Antarctic wildlife
- Board the SOLA, an ice-strengthened expedition ship built for the Southern Ocean
- Sail through the South Shetland Islands toward the Antarctic Peninsula

The only airstrip on the Antarctic Peninsula archipelago that can reliably be served by the South American continent on a regular basis is located on King George Island in the South Shetland archipelago. We plan to fly here today to meet our intrepid polar expedition vessel, the SOLA. Ashore, we have our first encounter with penguins and other wildlife of this southern polar wonderland. Our real adventure begins when we board our ice-strengthened ship, designed and outfitted to navigate the polar waters of the Southern Ocean. After meeting our captain, crew and Assistant Expedition Leader, and completing a safety orientation, we set sail into the Antarctic waters surrounding the South Shetland Islands, headed south to the Antarctic Peninsula with an eminent polar mariner and seasoned crew.

Please note: *It is our intention to fly to King George Island today, but occasionally weather conditions may delay us. If that is the case, we will spend today exploring more of the region around Puerto Natales and attempt to fly tomorrow. Other times, the flight schedule might be pushed up and some activities missed so we can fly during a clear weather window.*

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Days 4–8

Antarctic Peninsula

Explore remote Antarctic fjords, penguin colonies and iceberg-filled waters

- Navigate narrow coves and channels beyond the reach of larger ships
- Cruise among icebergs, watching for whales, seals and seabirds
- Kayak at wildlife eye level and step ashore among penguin rookeries when conditions permit

For the next six days we follow the best weather and safest water as we cruise the bays and fjords of the Antarctic Peninsula. Our small vessel gives us a distinct advantage for exploring. Able to navigate narrow fjords and coves inaccessible to larger vessels, or to easily change course in response to the presence of whales or other marine life—or giving us the option to simply stop and observe—our intimate ship delivers the utmost freedom. Unconstrained by a fixed itinerary and led by an expert team with unsurpassed navigation skills on sea or land, we discover this utterly wild realm away from crowds, where the loudest sounds come from nature.

Kayaks on board allow us to observe wildlife at eye-level, and where landings permit, we step ashore to hike. Some walks are gentle, while others take us through deep snow to geographic high points. Our highly attuned Expedition Leaders ensure that activities are appropriate for the group, and participation on excursions is always optional. For the most daring, plunging in the frigid polar sea may be an option. And, with our special permits, we have the option to camp ashore, too, weather and local conditions permitting. On these on pristine polar beaches, we share often solitude with legions of penguins or other seabirds.

Though our environs are austere, these waters are a haven for a remarkable array of wildlife, including vast penguin rookeries and beaches ruled by Antarctic fur seals and southern elephant seals. Taking advantage of the perpetual light, we spend long days cruising among the icebergs, watching for whales and seals. Sometimes, we get so close we can hear a whale blow, and we may even feel the spray from its spout. Birdlife is extraordinary, with huge populations of albatross, petrel, skua, gull, tern and cormorant. There are few places on the planet where the natural world feels more intact and grandiose, while we have never felt smaller.

Day 9

King George Island / Puerto Natales

Fly from Antarctica after a final voyage aboard the SOLA

- Disembark on King George Island and bid farewell to the captain and crew
- Return by air to Puerto Natales in Chilean Patagonia
- Gather for a farewell dinner and share stories from the expedition

The SOLA returns to King George Island in the South Shetland group today, lying off the northern tip of the Antarctic Peninsula. After nearly a week of extraordinary adventure, it is time to say farewell to our hardy vessel, captain and valiant crew. Weather permitting, we board our airplane for the flight back to Puerto Natales in Chilean Patagonia, where we check into our hotel on arrival. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner in town, regaling one another with stories and indelible memories of this truly singular adventure.

Day 10

Puerto Natales

Depart Chilean Patagonia

- Connect with homeward flights from Puerto Natales

Our grand Antarctic odyssey comes to a close, leaving us with a cache of memories to last a lifetime and then some! Fly homeward today from Puerto Natales.

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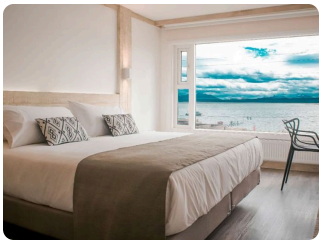
Antarctica by Private Expedition Ship Accommodations

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SOLA

This newly refitted 144-foot deluxe expedition yacht offers Scandinavian-style design, en suite cabins for 12 guests, panoramic lounges and polar-class engineering for exclusive travel in icebound regions.



Hotel Costanera

A contemporary waterfront hotel in Puerto Natales offering fjord views, welcoming guest rooms, local cuisine and eco-conscious design.

For detailed descriptions, visit nathab.com/antarctica-and-arctic/private-antarctica-expedition/accommodations.

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This Antarctica Adventure Stands Apart!

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While Antarctica is an epic adventure destination, most visitors never fully experience this pristine polar realm. The majority travel via larger cruise ship, often with several hundred other passengers. And while such voyages generally include shore excursions and Zodiac outings, there's still a level of buffering from the elements, from silence and solitude, that define the most moving encounters with this incomparable icebound wilderness. That's why we've created a different kind of Antarctica expedition—one that immerses you completely in the magic of the White Continent.

1 **Exclusive Access! We Get You Deeper & Closer to Antarctica's Wonders**

This small expedition ship itinerary is offered exclusively by Natural Habitat Adventures and WWF. Our compact vessel, the SOLA, is built for navigating polar waters, with an ice-strengthened steel hull and state-of-the-art navigation and safety equipment. This means we can get you into places big ships and large cohorts can't go. We've got access to narrow channels and isolated coves, with a sense of seclusion evocative of pioneering voyages of a century ago. You won't find a more gratifying encounter with the White Continent!

2 **A Small-Group Wilderness Immersion for Just 12 Travelers**

We take a maximum of 12 guests. Most Antarctica cruise ships carry from 50 to 150 passengers and sometimes many more. On such voyages, you're in the most remote place on the planet, yet you never get a break from the presence of dozens of traveling companions, nor the noise of the ship. Our small-scale journey ensures a profound sense of solitude and quiet, which are ironically rare commodities on most Antarctica journeys. You'll feel like you're on a private expedition.

3 **Skip the Drake Passage & Fly Round-Trip from Chile**

Most Antarctica journeys require crossing the notorious 600-mile Drake Passage. While it's an adventure in its own right, and some travelers wouldn't miss it, it also requires 4-5 days of travel time, with little to see en route. We opt to fly you both ways between Puerto Natales and King George Island just off the Antarctic Peninsula, where our small ship awaits. You get a full immersion in the wonders of Antarctica in a shorter time frame—and we maximize your comfort as well.

4 **More Quiet...and More Flexibility**

Based aboard a smaller vessel, our expedition unveils remote bays, beaches and icebound headlands where we are generally on our own and away from the crowds that are inevitable with larger ships. We steep you in solitude and silence, as few Antarctica experiences can. And, because our nimble ship size allows us more flexibility, we have added freedom to craft the rhythm of our days as each group prefers.

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5 **Exclusive Permits for Camping Ashore**

Not everyone who sails to Antarctica gets a chance to leave the ship and camp on land. And while some ships offer a chance for a single night's camping on the ice, it happens in the company of up to 50 or 60 fellow travelers—not exactly the feel of a remote wilderness experience. Plus, these groups must arrive after dinner and be out by 5:30 am. It's really just a quick chance to sleep on the ice in the vicinity of many other people. We, however, hold special permits that allow us to spend up to three nights camping ashore (weather permitting) in locations far from other human presence. When we camp, it's just us and the penguins and seals. While camping is optional (you're welcome to sleep aboard the ship instead), it's usually a major highlight of our travelers' experience.

6 **Extended Exploring Ashore for a True Wilderness Encounter**

Most visitors who travel to Antarctica aboard larger ships go ashore and essentially stand on the beach, perhaps walking a short distance in large groups. While even this opportunity can be exciting, often among multitudes of penguins, it pales in comparison to the chance to really explore away from crowds. Our small group is able to hike farther, by ourselves, in the vast, pristine silence of the polar world. This is a genuine wilderness experience, and it isn't available on other itineraries.

7 **Guided Small-Group Kayaking Excursions**

Optional opportunities for kayaking are included, and you are accompanied by our experienced Expedition Leader on exciting short excursions. We explore the shoreline in very small groups to ensure the quietest and most intimate wildlife encounters. (Kayak outings from larger ships often include groups of 20 or more.) Also, when you're kayaking with just a few individuals, you receive personalized attention from our Expedition Leader to help you improve your paddling skills quickly and efficiently.

8 **Sail with World-Class Polar Mariners**

We've scoured the globe to find the premier vessels, captains and crew for this extraordinary expedition. You can rest assured that you'll be in the hands of preeminently qualified mariners with in-depth experience in polar waters as we navigate the crenellated coast of the Antarctic Peninsula. All have extensive training in offshore safety and sea survival in the Southern Ocean and Antarctic waters.

9 **Highly Personalized Guiding**

While most Antarctica ship operators travel with onboard experts from naturalists to polar historians, few guests have a chance to interact with them personally. Most are consigned to attending lectures in the ship's lounge, rather than traveling alongside the ship's staff, asking myriad questions and developing the kind of friendship that typically accompanies any genuine shared adventure. In contrast, our naturalist Expedition Leader provides a level of personalized service you won't find on other Antarctica trips. With tremendous depth of knowledge and experience in the polar realm, as well as training and resources from WWF's renowned scientists, our guide embodies why we hold a global reputation for hiring the very best! **See Expedition Leader bios** with traveler comments regarding the quality of our leaders.

10 **Top-Quality Expeditionary Equipment**

As part of our unwavering commitment to safety and comfort, we provide state-of-the-art equipment, including top-quality safety and survival gear, tents, kayaks and camping equipment. Our gear is meticulously maintained, reducing the chance for unexpected mishaps as we travel.

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11 **Our Quality–Value Guarantee Ensures Your Antarctica Expedition**

With Natural Habitat Adventures, you receive our exclusive quality and value guarantee, clearly stating that we will meet the lofty expectations we set in our promotional materials. To our knowledge, this is the most ambitious guarantee made by any adventure travel company. Read our important promise.

12 **Feel Good About Your Carbon-Neutral Journey**

We care deeply about our planet, as we know you do. When you travel with us, the carbon emissions from your trip are 100% offset—including your round-trip flights from home. Natural Habitat Adventures has been the world's first carbon-neutral travel company since 2007.



Dates & Pricing Summary:

Price
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Group Size
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Antarctica by Private Expedition Ship Dates, Pricing & Info

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2026 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Dec 26, 2026 - Jan 4, 2027	**$24995** +internal air	Aboard SOLA

2027 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Jan 1 - Jan 10, 2027	**$24995** +internal air	Aboard SOLA
Jan 7 - Jan 16, 2027	**$24995** +internal air	Aboard SOLA
Jan 18 - Jan 27, 2027	**$24995** +internal air	Aboard SOLA
Jan 24 - Feb 2, 2027	**$24995** +internal air	Aboard SOLA
Dec 20 - Dec 29, 2027	**$25995** +internal air	Aboard SOLA

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Dec 26, 2027 - Jan 4, 2028	**$25995** +internal air	Aboard SOLA

2028 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Jan 1 - Jan 10, 2028	**$25995** +internal air	Aboard SOLA
Jan 24 - Feb 2, 2028	**$25995** +internal air	Aboard SOLA
Dec 20 - Dec 29, 2028	**From $26595** +internal air	Aboard SOLA · Price & Date Not Confirmed
Dec 26, 2028 - Jan 4, 2029	**From $26595** +internal air	Aboard SOLA · Price & Date Not Confirmed

2029 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Prices and dates not confirmed for 2029		
Jan 1 - Jan 10, 2029	**From $26595** +internal air	Aboard SOLA
Jan 24 - Feb 2, 2029	**From $26595** +internal air	Aboard SOLA

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

Included

Trip price includes: Accommodations on the mainland in Puerto Natales, Chile and aboard our private expedition ship, services of Nat Hab's professional Expedition Leader(s), boat crew and local guides, all meals from dinner on Day 1 through breakfast on final day, some alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, airport transfers for those arriving by air on Day 1 and departing by air on the final day, gear including all kayaking equipment and camping equipment for optional overnights, all activities and entrance fees, all taxes, permits and service fees.

Not Included

Travel to and from the start and end point of your trip, some alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, passport and visa fees (if any), optional activities, items of a personal nature (phone calls, laundry, etc.), airline baggage fees, airport and departure taxes (if any), required medical evacuation insurance, optional travel protection insurance.

- **Internal air:** Round-trip flights from Puerto Natales to King George Island (this will be listed separately on our invoicing).

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Important Information About This Trip

Sea Sickness

Sea sickness is very common as we do have some transit days; some days can be rough, depending on the weather and where we are navigating. Travelers who are susceptible to motion sickness (and even those who are not!) or who have back problems or other health issues that could be exacerbated by such conditions) should take this into consideration and consult their physician before attempting this expedition.

Medical Release Form

Due to the extremely remote nature of this adventure, all travelers are required to submit a medical release form prior to departure. This form will be emailed to you approximately six months before your trip and can also be found in your Adventure Portal. It must be completed and signed by your primary care physician, confirming that you are medically cleared to participate based on the physical requirements outlined for this itinerary.

Optional Camping

Weather and local conditions permitting, we may also have the opportunity to camp ashore overnight, as allowed by our special permits. As this activity is completely dependent on weather, as well as other factors, it is important to note that there is no guarantee that camping will be offered on every departure. We will provide appropriate tents and sleeping bags rated for winter camping, as well as expedition-style camping pads, but keep in mind that overnight temperatures can fall below freezing (though it is usually warmer in the tents). Travelers who choose not to camp may sleep aboard the boat if they prefer.

Optional Sea Kayaking

Sea kayaking is offered; our intent is to paddle in largely calm seas, though weather can change with little notice, and excursions can take place in windy, snowy or rainy conditions. Shifting ice may also force us to alter our kayaking itineraries. Paddlers should be aware that kayaking in the weather, sea and ice conditions on the Antarctic Peninsula requires confidence and physical ability. The paddling group will be accompanied by the Expedition Leader and followed by a Zodiac at all times, and if the weather deteriorates, we will return to the boat promptly. No one will be allowed to paddle on their own without the group and guide.

Flight & Sailing Delays

Please note that weather-related delays or changes to your scheduled flight and/or sailing departures may occur. In light of unpredictable weather and its potential impact on flight schedules and operations, guests are strongly advised to have sufficient travel insurance to protect against both flight cancellations and delays, as well as potential marine delays. It may be necessary, for instance, to spend an additional night in Puerto Natales or an extra night aboard the ship on King George Island, in order to wait for favorable weather conditions. Given the potential for such an event, we also recommend that guests consider booking an additional hotel night on the back end of their trip, in case of such a delay.

Environment & Weather

Summer in Antarctica can exhibit all kinds of weather—mostly governed by the prevailing westerly winds and the Antarctic ice sheet. The weather pattern is an unpredictable mixture of marine low-pressure systems and a more stable high-pressure inland climate. The weather is largely influenced by the immense ice sheet that covers the earth's southernmost continent. Temperatures typically range from 30 to 40°F. In other words, you should prepare for all kinds of weather—sunshine and milder temperatures as well as showers and snowstorms. Winds can be both fierce and shifting, and the Antarctic seas are famous for ferocious katabatic storms (rare, but possible).

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Meals

Please understand that the meals on board, while hearty and delicious, are specially planned and prepared for well in advance. Dietary requirements due to serious medical conditions or strict personal restrictions can be met, with ample notice, but must be adhered to while on the adventure.

Mandatory Insurance

Since the areas we travel to on this trip are remote and wild (that's why we go there!), we require medical evacuation insurance for our guests' safety. If you decline the medical evacuation insurance coverage offered by Natural Habitat, we require that you send us documentation of the independent coverage you have selected. We will add the cost of a medical evacuation policy to your tour invoice until you provide our office with proof of coverage including your insurance company's name, contact number and your individual policy number. Thank you for understanding that our policy exists exclusively in the interest of our guests' safety.

Also, to ensure quality medical care in the event of a medical emergency, as well as peace of mind from the time you book your trip to the time you return home, we highly recommend purchasing comprehensive travel insurance. Plans may cover everything from medical treatment and trip cancellations and delays, to lost luggage. We offer both medical evacuation and comprehensive travel policies through Travelex. Please contact our office if you would like more information about either of these plans.

Getting There & Getting Home

Please arrive in Puerto Natales by 5 pm on Day 1 in order to join the group welcome dinner at 7 pm. Because this is an international journey that typically involves long travel times, we also recommend guests arrive the night before Day 1 to rest from your travels and begin the trip refreshed.

You may depart Puerto Natales on the final day of the trip, though we recommend scheduling afternoon flights, as departures from King George Island can be delayed due to weather.

Our Natural Habitat Adventures Travel Desk can best assist with your travel reservations, as our staff is familiar with the specific requirements of this program and can help arrange the most efficient itinerary. Please call us at 800-543-8917. While we offer the best available rates to us on airfare and additional nights' accommodations, you may occasionally find special web rates or lower fares online.

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