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Expeditions®



QUARK EXPEDITIONS
HISTORY

Going Beyond in Polar Adventure.

Ultramarine's two twin engine helicopters and fleet of 20 quick deploy Zodiacs mean we can take our guests deeper into Antarctica than any other operator. For the last 32 years we've pushed the limits of our own imagination to create the most immersive adventures possible. Innovation is our DNA. We have the best team and the most diverse fleet in the industry, which allows guests to personalize their voyage. We also offer the most off ship adventure options that allows guests to customize their expedition experience. Get ready to explore with the Leaders of Heli Adventures in Antarctica!

Do you want to go on a vacation? Or on the expedition of a lifetime?



30 years of polar pride

The Antarctic Peninsula is an 800 mile (1,300 km) stretch of land and ice extending northward from the Antarctic continent towards South America. First time visitors, especially, are humbled by the staggering beauty of the Antarctic: icebergs, glaciers, snow covered mountain tops and incredible wildlife. People who dream of visiting the 7th Continent typically start here on the peninsula, which is ice covered and mountainous. The Bransfield Strait separates the peninsula from the South Shetland Islands to the north. Tierra del Fuego, the southernmost tip of South America, lies about 1,000 km (620 miles) away on the other side of the Drake Passage.

HIGHLIGHTS



Antarctic Convergence

Passengers en route to Antarctica from Ushuaia, at the southern tip of South America, must cross the Antarctic Convergence, the invisible line typically at 55 degrees latitude south where cold Antarctic waters mix with the warmer waters of the Indian, Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. Not only does this collusion of warm and cold water create the notoriously rough waters of the Drake Passage, but it also produces an abundance of krill (small crustaceans) and marine which whales and seals feed on.



Neko Harbour

Neko Harbour, which got its name from the Neko whaling ship and floating factory that operated here from 1911 to 1924, is bordered on one side by giant glaciers. Gentoo penguins breed on the cobblestone beach, which is a popular haulout location for Weddell seals and fur seals. Glacier Calving, when large chunks of ice crash into the harbour, creating a thunderous splash, is a popular occurrence in Neko Harbour. Birders are drawn to the area because of the concentration of Skua birds that dominate the rocky outcroppings above the landing beach.



Marguerite Bay

Marguerite Bay, a major bay on the west coast of the Antarctic Peninsula, is known for its ice covered mountains, historic research stations, and an Emperor penguin colony at the Dion Islands on the northern end of the bay. The nearby research stations were built between 1951 and 1975: San Martin, an Argentinian base at the small Barry Island; as well as Rothera and Fossil Bluff, two British bases at the large islands of Adelaide and Alexandra.



Crossing the Drake Passage

The infamous Drake Passage extends about 1,000 km (600 miles) between Cape Horn, on the tip of South America, and the South Shetland Islands. Crossing the Drake is a rite of passage for polar travelers. The channel, especially when the waves are high, is called the "Drake Shake." (Conversely, when it's calm, it earns the nickname "Drake Lake.") The huge swells that frequently arise in the Drake Passage are the result of cold seawater from the south colliding with the warm seawater from the north, which results in powerful eddies. Crossing the Drake can take up to 48 hours in favourable conditions. Temperatures range from 5°C (41°F) in the north to -3°C (26°F) in the south. A good pair of eyes – or a strong set of binoculars – is handy to spot whales (humpback, orca, minke and fin) and seabirds (albatrosses, petrels, shags, skuas, and gulls) during the crossing.



Danco Island

Danco Island was named in honour of Lieutenant Émile Danco, the Belgian geologist who died of a heart attack aboard the Belgica while it was trapped in the ice of the Bellingshausen Sea in 1898. The island sits in the middle of the Errera Channel, and despite its relatively small size—it's only 1.6 kilometers long and 180 meters high—Danco Island is home to more than 2,000 pairs of breeding Gentoo penguins, which occupy the slopes on the northern coast of the island. Weddell seals congregate on the offshore rocks and beaches. Wildlife enthusiasts can expect to see Humpback and Minke whales as they pass through the Errera Channel at the end of summer.

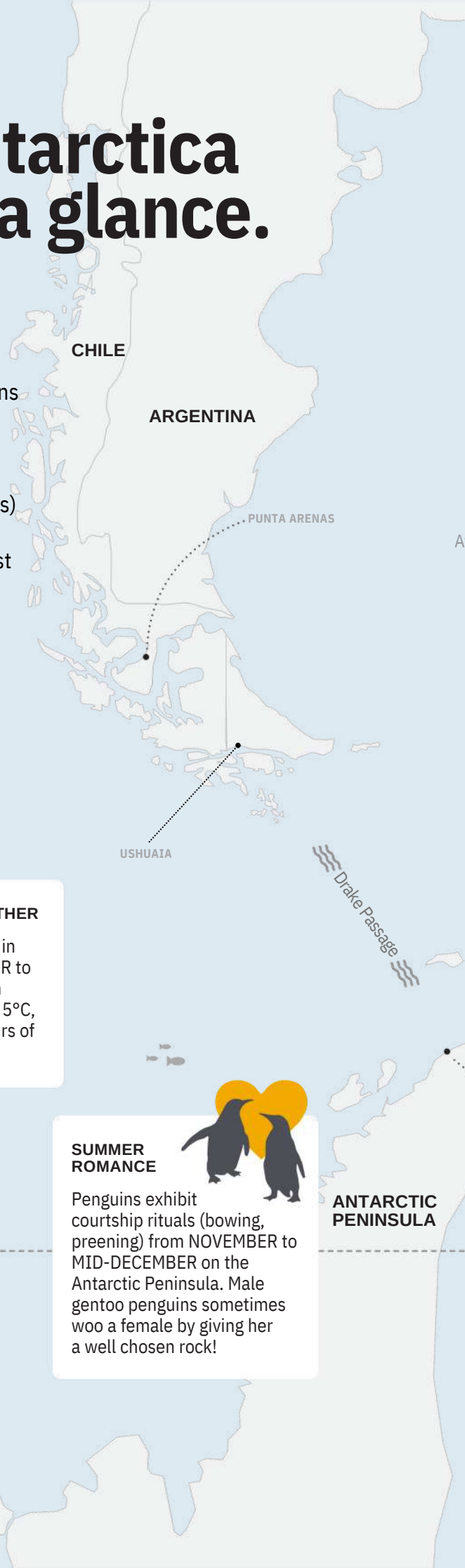


Antarctica at a glance.

Summer in Antarctica, which extends from November to April, is essentially three seasons within one. Each time period yields different weather, wildlife sightings (and behaviors) and varying conditions on land. Insider tip: First identify what you'd like to experience and then you'll know the best time to visit.

FALKLAND ISLANDS: AN ORNITHOLOGIST'S DREAM

Penguins aren't the only winged species here. There are 63 breeding bird species, including the inquisitive striated caracara, which likes to steal shiny objects.



Atlantic Ocean

CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE

Crossing the infamous 800 km (500 mile) wide Drake Passage, between Argentina and Antarctica, is a rite of passage for many polar travelers. Rough seas and high winds give it the name "Drake Shake." When it's calm, it's called "Drake Lake."

WHALE-WATCHING WEATHER

Humpbacks arrive back in Antarctica MID-DECEMBER to MID-FEBRUARY when temperatures reach 40°F/ 5°C, and there are up to 22 hours of sunlight daily.

NOV 1915–APR 1916

Shackleton and crew drift on ice, then row through rough ocean waters all the way to Elephant Island.



SUMMER ROMANCE

Penguins exhibit courtship rituals (bowing, preening) from NOVEMBER to MID-DECEMBER on the Antarctic Peninsula. Male gentoo penguins sometimes woo a female by giving her a well chosen rock!

ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

Weddell Sea

CROSSING THE ANTARCTIC CIRCLE



Sailing to 66°33', the Antarctic Circle, is a milestone few travelers reach!

PENGUIN CHICKS!

Wildlife viewing is excellent in the Antarctic from MID-DECEMBER to MID-FEBRUARY. Especially eye catching are the penguin chicks.

INCREDIBLE SNOWSCAPES

The Antarctic Peninsula is at its most pristine from NOVEMBER to MID-DECEMBER. As the region wakes up from winter, pure white snowscapes stretch beyond the horizons.

BIRDS OF SOUTH GEORGIA

Albatross and Cape petrels guide your ship to South Georgia, also known as the Galapagos of the South Seas.



KING PENGUINS

Salisbury Plain, South Georgia, is home to an incredible rookery of about 500,000 King penguins.

BLUE-TINTED ICEBERGS

During the mid-summer period of MID-DECEMBER to MID-FEBRUARY, sun and salt water turn icebergs into blue works of art.



SOUTH GEORGIA

APR-MAY 1916
Shackleton and five crewmen row to South Georgia to find help for the sailors left on Elephant Island.

DEC 5, 1914
Endurance departs Grytviken whaling station on South Georgia.

CALVING GLACIERS!

Thunderous glacier-calving, when chunks of glaciers crash into the sea, is common MID-FEBRUARY to LATE MARCH.

HONORING SHACKLETON

Heroic polar explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton, who died in 1922, is buried in the cemetery at Grytviken on South Georgia Island.



OVERNIGHT CAMPING IN ANTARCTICA

Sleeping outdoors overnight in a bivy sac on the Peninsula is an unforgettable experience. Temperatures are at their warmest (up to 40°F/ 5°C) MID-NOVEMBER to MID-JANUARY.



ENDURANCE FOUND

A search team, using undersea drones, located Endurance at the bottom of the Weddell Sea in MARCH 2022.

NOV 21, 1915
Endurance sinks to the bottom of the Weddell Sea after being trapped in ice for over a year.

Now that you've explored the highlights of the Antarctic region, discover the wide range of itineraries Quark Expeditions offers.

ANTARCTIC ITINERARIES

Our innovative team has created eight one of a kind itineraries to take you over and beyond by ship, helicopter, kayak, Zodiac and by foot in the Antarctic region.

**Watch a preview of the Antarctic
2024/2025 season!**

Some of the promotional and last minute rates do not include airfare or hotel





11 & 12 days cruises:
Nov 2024 through Feb 2025
 Embarkation/Disembarkation:
 Ushuaia, Argentina
 See Dates and Rates for details.

Charter flight:
 To/from Buenos Aires,
 Argentina
 (included in mandatory
 transfer package for
 Ultramarine only)

Ships:
 Ultramarine
 World Explorer
 Ocean Adventurer

Adventure Options:



Antarctic Explorer: Discovering the 7th Continent

If this is your first visit, our classic Antarctic Explorer voyage gives you the best of the stunning Antarctic Peninsula in 11 days. Conquer the famed Drake Passage in your choice of four stabilized, polar class vessels; explore majestic natural environments by zodiac and on foot; get up close and personal with penguins, whales and other wildlife; and enjoy talks on history, biology and glaciology by onboard polar experts. You can personalize your adventure with options that suit your interests, and cross the 7th Continent off the list your way.

Introduced in our Antarctic 2024/2025 season we have a new helicopter enabled itinerary on our Antarctic Explorer: Discovering the 7th Continent. This itinerary will focus on getting you in our helicopters as much as possible to allow you soar above Antarctica in one of our twin engine helicopters, to take in all the marvels below.

DAY 1: Arrive in Buenos Aires, Argentina

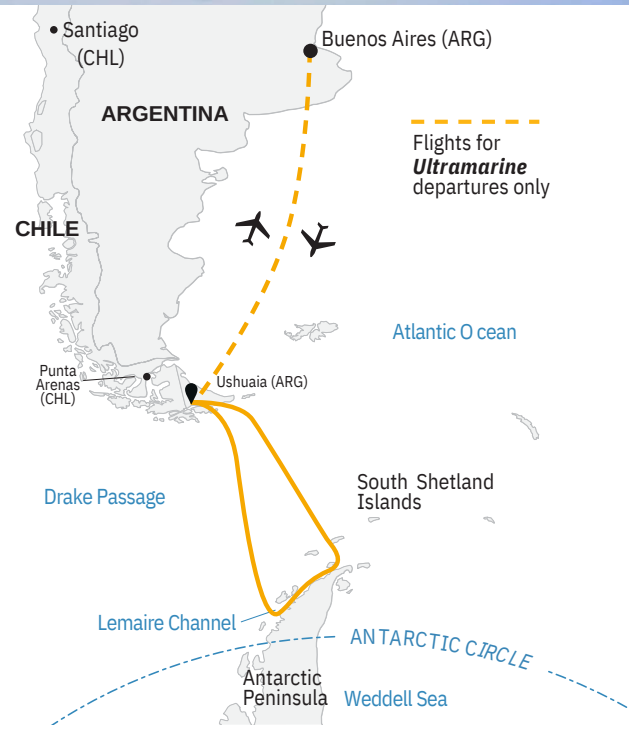
Pre expedition hotel night included in mandatory transfer package.

DAY 2: Fly to Ushuaia and Embark

After a late afternoon embarkation, you will sail along the historic Beagle Channel,

DAY 3 to 4: Crossing the Drake Passage

The unpredictable and exciting Drake Passage is an adventure!



Nature is the tour guide: Sea, ice, and weather conditions will affect your flights and trip itinerary. Embrace the unexpected!

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DAY 5 to 8: South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula

Each day, you will take Zodiac excursions from the ship to explore local bays, channels and landing sites. With wildlife always at the forefront of our minds, you will visit penguin rookeries, scout for humpback and minke whales, and search for a number of southern seal species, including the cunning leopard seal.

DAY 9 to 10 : Crossing the Drake Passage

The journey back across the Drake Passage provides a final opportunity to enjoy the invigorating Southern Ocean air.

DAY 11: Disembark in Ushuaia and Fly to Buenos Aires

You will arrive in Ushuaia in the morning and disembark after breakfast.

**EXPEDITION IN BRIEF**

Travel safely and comfortably aboard any Quark Expeditions ice strengthened vessel



Explore highlights of the Antarctic Peninsula



Witness abundant Antarctic wildlife, including penguins, seals and whales



Enjoy presentations on wildlife, history, glaciology & geology by our onboard polar experts



Immerse yourself in the icy realm of the Antarctic, with an optional paddling excursion.





14 days cruises
January through March 2025
 Embarkation/Disembarkation:
 Ushuaia, Argentina



Charter flight:
 To/from Buenos Aires,
 Argentina
 (included in mandatory
 transfer package for
 Ultramarine only)



Ship:
 Ultramarine
 Ocean Adventurer



Adventure Options:



Crossing the Circle: Southern Expedition

Setting foot on the 7th Continent is a polar achievement relatively few people experience in their lifetime. Even more rare is the incomparable milestone that's achieved when a traveler crosses the iconic Antarctic Circle. Navigating south of 66°33' S is for most guests the highlight of the 14 day itinerary Crossing the Circle: Southern Expedition, which rewards passengers daily with views of dramatic ice formations, humpback whales swimming alongside the ship, leopard seals diving beneath your Zodiac, penguins sliding off icebergs into crystal waters, or giant petrels soaring above the crackling sea.

Starting in 2021, this itinerary allows you to the opportunity to experience our pioneering new vessel, Ultramarine. This purpose built vessel is designed to extend the boundaries of polar exploration and offer an unmatched Antarctic experience, including a flightseeing tour you'll never forget and a range of adventure options more extensive than any other ship in its class.

DAY 1: Arrive in Buenos Aires, Argentina

Pre expedition hotel night included in mandatory transfer package.

DAY 2: Fly to Ushuaia and Embark

After a late afternoon embarkation, you will sail along the historic Beagle Channel,

DAY 3 to 4: Crossing the Drake Passage

The unpredictable and exciting Drake Passage is an adventure unto itself.

DAY 5 to 7: South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula

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DAY 8 to 9: Antarctic Circle

If conditions allow us to cross this famed latitude of 66°33'S, we'll toast the first explorers who ventured here, and you can raise a glass and take pride in knowing you've made it to a part of the world visited by very few people. This is raw Antarctica, home of the midnight sun, Weddell seals, and your best chances of encountering sea ice the foundation of the Antarctic marine ecosystem.

DAY 10 to 11 : Northbound Along the Peninsula

By now, your knowledge of Adélie, chinstrap and gentoo penguins will be matched by your ability to differentiate between a leopard, crabeater and Weddell seal

DAY 12 to 13 : Crossing the Drake

As you recross the Drake, Antarctica fades away, leaving you with a collection of memories to last a lifetime.

DAY 14 : Disembark in Ushuaia and Fly to Buenos Aires

You will arrive in Ushuaia in the morning and disembark after breakfast.

**EXPEDITION IN BRIEF**

Be one of the few travelers to venture to 66°33'S



Visit Antarctic research stations



Witness abundant Antarctic wildlife, including penguins, seals and whales



Experience western Antarctic Peninsula highlights and visit iconic landing sites



Enjoy presentations on wildlife, history, glaciology & geology by our onboard polar experts



Immerse yourself in the icy realm of the Antarctic, with an optional paddling excursion.





Fly/Cruise Express

For time strapped travelers who really want to visit Antarctica and perhaps don't want to use up all of their vacation time, Quark Expeditions offers the perfect solution: The Fly/Cruise Express option.

Instead of spending two days crossing the 800 km Drake Passage, which is also known as the Drake Shake due to the sometimes rough waters, guests can fly from Punta Arenas, Chile, to King George Island, Antarctica, in a staggeringly short two hours.



8 days cruise
December 2024 through
January 2025
 Flights from and to Punta Arenas (CHL)
 Embarkation/Disembarkation:
 King George Island, Antarctica

✈ Charter flight:
 To/From Punta Arenas,
 Chile (included)

🚢 Ship:
 World Explorer
 Ocean Adventurer

🗺 Adventure Options:



Antarctic Express: Fly the Drake

Answer the call of Antarctica by flying over the notorious Drake Passage by charter plane to land at King George Island before exploring the Antarctic Peninsula by ship. In just 8 adventure packed days, you'll experience rewarding shore visits and Zodiac cruises, marvel at intimate wildlife encounters, explore historic sites and make the most of your landmark visit to the 7th Continent. Select from a range of adventure options and onboard activities that match your personal interests and make your expedition uniquely yours.

DAY 1: Arrive in Punta Arenas (Chile)

Your adventure begins in Punta Arenas, Chile, the most populated city in southern Patagonia. If you arrive early, there are many museums, restaurants and shops to keep you busy for days. By early afternoon, a Quark Expeditions representative will meet you at the official starting point hotel, where you'll enjoy a welcome dinner and be briefed about preparing for your embarkation day.

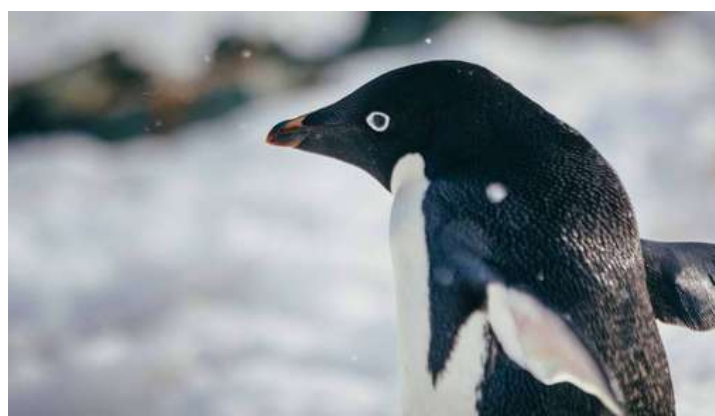
DAY 2: Fly to King George Island and Embarkation

Your charter flight from Punta Arenas to Antarctica will enable you to cross the legendary Drake Passage in only two hours, while far below, the ship will approach King George Island for your arrival.



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DAY 3 to 6: Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands

There are few places in the world as evocative as Antarctica. As your Captain and Expedition Team keep a lookout for whales and seabirds, you'll be alerted to any new sightings. Your first Zodiac landing is something you'll never forget! Walking on a shore inhabited by thousands of penguins is the most intimate way to experience the unique wildlife of Antarctica. Each landing is different and is dependent on weather.

DAY 7: Fly to Punta Arenas

After your week of exploration, you'll say goodbye to your Expedition Team and disembark at King George Island. Your two hour flight across the Drake Passage to Punta Arenas, Chile.

DAY 8: Depart from Punta Arenas

After breakfast, you are welcome to continue on your own travels or make your way to the Punta Arenas airport.



EXPEDITION IN BRIEF



Fly over the Drake Passage and experience the fastest, most direct way to Antarctica



Cruise starting in King George Island



Witness abundant Antarctic wildlife, including penguins, seals and whales



Explore highlights of the Antarctic Peninsula





Enjoy presentations on wildlife, history, glaciology & geology by our onboard polar experts




Immerse yourself in the icy realm of the Antarctic, with an optional paddling excursion.



 **11 days cruise**
January 2025
 Flights from and to Punta Arenas (CHL)
 Embarkation/Disembarkation:
 King George Island, Antarctica

 **Charter flight:**
 To/From Punta Arenas,
 Chile (included)

 **Ship:**
 Ocean Adventurer

 **Adventure Options:**



Antarctic Express: Crossing the Circle

Embrace true isolation as you journey south to cross the Antarctic Circle. Enjoy the highlights of the western Peninsula as you travel toward 66°33' S!

DAY 1: Arrive in Punta Arenas, Chile

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DAY 2: Fly to King George Island and Embarkation

Your charter flight from Punta Arenas to Antarctica will have you crossing the legendary Drake Passage in only two hours.

DAY 3 to 5: Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands

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DAY 6 to 7: Antarctic Circle

Crossing the Antarctic Circle is both a memorable experience and impressive achievement, as few travelers reach so far south. If conditions allow us to cross this famed latitude of 66°33 'S, we'll toast the first explorers who ventured here, and you can raise a glass and take pride in knowing you've made it to a part of the world visited by very few people. This is raw Antarctica, home of the midnight sun, Weddell seals, and your best chances of encountering sea ice the foundation of the Antarctic marine ecosystem.

DAY 8 to 9: Northbound Along the Peninsula

If you haven't had your fill of Antarctic wildlife and icebergs by now, you'll surely be satisfied by the time you return to King George Island. You will continue to explore by Zodiac or on land as you travel north along the western Antarctic Peninsula.

Your Expedition Team will always be on the lookout for species of seabirds, seals and whales that may have eluded you on your journey south.

DAY 10: Fly to Punta Arenas

After your week of exploration, you'll say goodbye to your Expedition Team and disembark at King George Island. Your two hour flight across the Drake Passage to Punta Arenas, Chile, brings your adventure to an end. After your group transfer to the hotel, you are free to explore and enjoy an evening on your own, in the city or at the hotel to reminisce about the sights and sounds of Antarctica.

DAY 11: Depart from Punta Arenas

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

**EXPEDITION IN BRIEF**

Fly over the Drake Passage and experience the fastest, most direct way to Antarctica



Marvel at Antarctic Peninsula highlights, including crossing the Antarctic Circle



Witness abundant Antarctic wildlife, including penguins, seals and whales




Enjoy presentations on wildlife, history, glaciology & geology by our onboard polar experts




Immerse yourself in the icy realm of the Antarctic, with an optional paddling excursion.





 **20 days**
November and December 2024
 Embarkation/Disembarkation:
 Ushuaia, Argentina

 **Ship:**
 Ocean Adventurer

 **Adventure Options:**
     

Falklands (Malvinas), South Georgia and Antarctica: Explorers and Kings

The Falklands (Malvinas), South Georgia & Antarctica itinerary is the fastest way to get to the rarely visited Falkland Islands and South Georgia before stepping foot on the 7th Continent. Stroll the quaint English village of Stanley in the Falklands, wander the islands' sandy dunes, and birdwatch at rugged seabird cliffs. In South Georgia, discover the beaches where king penguins breed one of the highest densities of animal life on earth and learn about the rich historical legacy of the places you visit. Both islands are known as meccas for wildlife with epic displays of animals congregating by the thousands. Then, explore the stunning Antarctic Peninsula and enter a world of ice, snow and natural wonders. Pursue your personal passions with a choice of rewarding activities and our extensive educational program.

DAY 1: Arrive in Ushuaia

Your gateway for this expedition is Ushuaia, Argentina. Nestled within the Tierra del Fuego archipelago, Ushuaia has a small town feel yet boasts many shops, museums, cafés and restaurants that you can enjoy before your voyage. If you're feeling adventurous, the nearby Tierra del Fuego National Park and Martial Glacier offer plenty of outdoor activities, such as hiking.

DAY 2: Embark

As you embark, the anticipation grows. Trade your land legs for sea legs, meet and greet your fellow travelers and get acquainted with your ship. Since every Antarctic adventure presents new opportunities and experiences, embarkation day is just as exciting for your Expedition Team as it is for you. On board your team will be there both to ensure your comfort and safety as well as help make your wildlife dreams come true.



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DAY 3: At sea

Your days at sea are filled with presentations led by your Expedition Team on photography, wildlife, glaciology, and history. In between presentations, spend time on deck looking for wildlife or chatting with your shipmates over a drink at the bar.

DAY 4 and 5: Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas)

Upon your arrival in the Falklands (Malvinas), your camera will get its first real workout capturing the abundant wildlife and rugged feel of this sub Antarctic region. The archipelago contains two main islands, East Falkland and West Falkland, which you will explore during daily excursions.

Stanley, also known as Port Stanley, is often a favored landing site, as the town offers a unique British outpost feel, complete with eclectic charm. You'll be free to explore, grab a pint at the local pub or visit the cathedral and museum. In terms of wildlife, the archipelago is home to Magellanic, gentoo and southern rockhopper penguins. If you're lucky, you may even spot king penguins here as well! You can expect to see black-browed albatross, plus two endemic bird species the flightless Falkland steamer duck and possibly the elusive Cobb's wren. Your expert education team will be sure to enrich your understanding of the local flora and fauna, making the most out of your time in the Falklands.

DAY 6 and 7: At sea

Sailing southeast to South Georgia, you'll officially enter Antarctic waters once you cross the Antarctic Convergence, an invisible biological boundary encircling the continent. This meeting of oceans, where the cold Antarctic waters mix and mingle with the warmer waters of the Indian, Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, helps nourish the abundance of krill that attracts whales, seals, and birdlife to this part of the world. Your Expedition Team will notify you when you cross this invisible yet important line, and also look out for the seabirds and marine life that frequent this nutrient rich area.



EXPEDITION IN BRIEF



Explore the Antarctic Peninsula by ship, Zodiac and foot



Follow in the wake of Sir Ernest Shackleton's perilous voyages



See South Georgia's incredible wildlife, including 30 breeding bird species and four penguin species



Experience western Antarctic Peninsula highlights and visit iconic landing sites



Enjoy presentations on wildlife, history, glaciology & geology by our onboard polar experts



Immerse yourself in the icy realm of the Antarctic, with an optional kayaking excursion



DAY 8 to 11: South Georgia

Each landing you make on South Georgia, often referred to as the Galapagos of the Poles, will open your eyes to the wondrous lives of new, enthralling creatures.

One day you may see colonies with hundreds of thousands of pairs of king penguins waddling on shore, and the next, you may visit another beach blanketed with hundreds of fur or elephant seals. The grasses, mountains and beaches of South Georgia all play an important role in the breeding and survival of different species on the island. This fragile and interwoven relationship is something your Expedition Team will instill in you during your time here.

DAY 12 and 13: At sea

Say goodbye to the king penguins, as your next destination is Antarctica! Your days at sea are filled with presentations, workshops, and social activities led by your Expedition Team.

If conditions allow, we may attempt landfall on the South Orkney Islands, our first official stop in Antarctica.



DAY 14 to 17: South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula

You will discover that Antarctica is a land of extremes. At one moment you'll be overcome with a feeling of complete isolation and silence, and at the next moment you'll be inspired by nature as a calving glacier crashes into a brilliant blue sea or a penguin waddles by to inspect your footwear.

Your Expedition Team will take care of you at each excursion, whether you are Zodiac cruising, visiting a historical site or consorting with penguin colonies. Chinstrap, Adélie and gentoo penguins are found here, along with Weddell, fur, crabeater and leopard seals. During Zodiac cruises, keep an eye out for Antarctic whales such as minke, as you may get a chance for an intimate experience with these majestic animals. Each day and each excursion will present a new collection of creatures to entertain you and keep your camera busy.

As exciting as the Zodiac excursions and landings are, perhaps you'll treat yourself to an extra special Antarctic experience by partaking in an optional paddling excursion (at an extra cost) or cast reason aside and jump into Antarctic waters for the Polar Plunge!

DAY 18 and 19 : Crossing the Drake

As you recross the Drake, Antarctica fades away, leaving you with a collection of memories to last a lifetime.

DAY 20 : Disembark in Ushuaia

You will arrive in Ushuaia in the morning and disembark after breakfast.



 **18 days cruise**
January and February 2025
 Embarkation/Disembarkation:
 Ushuaia, Argentina

 **Ship:**
 World Explorer
 Ocean Adventurer

 **Adventure Options:**



South Georgia and Antarctic Peninsula: Penguin Safari

Our South Georgia and Antarctica: Penguin Safari itinerary is the fastest way to get to the seldom visited South Georgia Island while also setting foot on the 7th continent. As we set sail, photograph massive albatross and beautiful pintado petrels as they swoop and soar around the ship, guiding us toward South Georgia. Beaches teeming with king penguins and elephant seals greet us on this fabled island, where we'll pay our respects to famed explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton. Antarctica awaits, with its soaring peaks and staggering expanse. Go further into the Antarctic sea on a Zodiac, experience the rugged peninsula from a sea kayak, undertake an exhilarating hike up a sparkling glacier, or share an endearingly comical moment with an inquisitive gentoo, chinstrap and Adélie penguin. In these ways and countless others, Antarctica will amaze, surprise and delight.

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DAY 1: Ushuaia

You will begin your journey in Ushuaia, a small but bustling port at the tip of South America. It's the ideal gateway for you to explore the southern extent of Patagonia while preparing for your adventure ahead. Get active in the mountains or enjoy handcrafted chocolate at a café in town.



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DAY 2: Embark

Embarkation will occur in the late afternoon, after which your vessel will sail down the historic Beagle Channel, which transects the Tierra del Fuego archipelago in the extreme south of South America. Expect an air of anticipation as you depart!

DAY 3 to 6: At sea

There are many activities to keep you engaged while you are at sea. Learn to identify seabirds that glide alongside the ship, or attend dynamic presentations by your Expedition Team. You will be prepped on safety procedures for Zodiac cruises and shore landings, and also be given instructions for getting the most out of your optional sea kayaking adventures (extra cost), a truly intimate way to experience Antarctica. If conditions are right, the first indication that you are approaching South Georgia is the sight of birds around a group of rocky spires called Shag Rocks. Have your binoculars and cameras ready to capture these rocky spires rising out of the icy ocean waters. Shags and prions often rest here, and due to nutrient rich upwellings around the rocks it can be a good place to keep a lookout for whales.

DAY 7 and 8: South Georgia

After enjoying South Georgia from a distance, we'll head toward its numerous beaches to find a bay for your first excursion. Landing sites are varied, largely determined by the weather conditions of your voyage. Whichever sites we visit, they'll provide you with wildlife encounters unrivaled anywhere else on earth.

South Georgia is one of the most fertile breeding grounds in the world for sub-Antarctic wildlife, with beaches blanketed with penguins and seals. It won't take you long to realize that you are in a bird paradise, as burrowing seabirds, albatross and petrels can be seen in abundance.

You'll find that South Georgia, once a popular base for whalers and sealers, is also scattered with abandoned relics and evidence of human activity from centuries gone by. Your Expedition Team will help bring those days to life while you visit old whaling stations and enjoy presentations on the South Georgia of then and now. One of the most significant sites you will visit on the island is Grytviken. This settlement is the first whaling stations established in sub-Antarctic waters. Many travelers find that this place has a special appeal, as it is the site of the grave of Sir Ernest Shackleton, one of the most famous Antarctic explorers.

**EXPEDITION IN BRIEF**

Explore the Antarctic Peninsula by ship, Zodiac and foot



Follow in the wake of Sir Ernest Shackleton's perilous voyages



See South Georgia's incredible wildlife, including 30 breeding bird species and four penguin species



Experience western Antarctic Peninsula highlights and visit iconic landing sites



Enjoy presentations on wildlife, history, glaciology & geology by our onboard polar experts



Immerse yourself in the icy realm of the Antarctic, with an optional kayaking excursion

DAY 9 and 10: At sea

Say goodbye to the king penguins, as your next destination is Antarctica! Your days at sea are filled with presentations and workshops led by your Expedition Team, who will prepare you for the wildlife and landscapes that will surround you upon your arrival.

DAY 11 to 13: Antarctic Peninsula

The most common reaction upon reaching the White Continent is a sense of reverence and awe. The experience is hard to put into words, since few places are as untouched and enduring as Antarctica.

You will discover that Antarctica is a land of extremes. At one moment you'll be overcome with a feeling of complete isolation and silence, and at the next moment you'll be inspired by nature as a calving glacier crashes into a brilliant blue sea or a penguin waddles by to inspect your footwear. Your Expedition Team will take care of you at each excursion, whether you are Zodiac cruising, visiting a historical site or consorting with penguin colonies. Chinstrap, Adélie and gentoo penguins are found here, along with Weddell, fur, crabeater and leopard seals. Keep a lookout for Antarctic whales, such as minke, while on a Zodiac cruise. Each day and each excursion will present a new collection of creatures to delight you and keep your camera busy.

As exciting as the Zodiac excursions and landings are, perhaps you'll treat yourself to an extra special Antarctic experience by partaking in an optional paddling excursion (at an extra cost) or cast reason aside and jump into Antarctic waters for the Polar Plunge!

**DAY 14 and 15 : Crossing the Drake**


After more than a dozen days of unique wildlife encounters and remarkable landscapes, your journey home begins. Crossing the Drake is your unofficial rite of passage. Spend time on deck watching for seabirds and whales, enjoy presentations by your Expedition Team, or simply relax and reminisce about your experiences.

DAY 16 : Disembark in Ushuaia

You will arrive in Ushuaia in the morning, which allows for you to continue your adventure onward or catch your flights home.



 **23 days cruise**
December 16, 2024
 Embarkation/Disembarkation:
 Ushuaia, Argentina

 **Charter flight:**
 To/from Buenos Aires,
 Argentina

 **Ship:**
 Ultramarine

 **Adventure Options:**



Epic Antarctica: Crossing the Circle via the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas) and South Georgia

Our Epic Antarctica voyage is called so for a reason, it includes all of the major Antarctic highlights you can imagine. From the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas) to South Georgia to the Antarctic Peninsula, you will have countless unforgettable moments on this adventure-packed, 23-day voyage. Start with the Falklands, reminiscent of both sandy Cape Cod and the English moors, home to albatross, dolphins, and five species of penguins. From there, venture to South Georgia where you'll enter the home of 300,000 breeding king penguins, 50 million other seabirds and 5 million seals. Then, explore the stunning Antarctic Peninsula, and finally cross the Antarctic Circle, a significant milestone for any world traveler. Starting in 2021, this itinerary allows you to the opportunity to experience our pioneering new vessel, Ultramarine. This purpose built vessel is designed to extend the boundaries of polar exploration and offer an unmatched Antarctic experience, including a flightseeing tour you'll never forget and a range of adventure options more extensive than any other ship in its class.

DAY 1: Arrive in Buenos Aires, Argentina

Upon arriving in this splendid city, known for its architecture and rich European heritage, you will independently transfer to your group hotel (pre expedition hotel night included in mandatory transfer package).



Nature is the tour guide: Sea, ice, and weather conditions will affect your flights and trip itinerary. Embrace the unexpected!

Some of the promotional and last minute rates do not include airfare or hotel

DAY 2: Fly to Ushuaia and Embark

After an early breakfast at the hotel, the group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Ushuaia, Argentina. Upon arrival, you will be transferred from the airport to a central downtown location to have some time on your own to explore this quaint port town before making your way to the pier. After a late afternoon embarkation, you will sail along the historic Beagle Channel, which transects the Tierra del Fuego archipelago in the extreme south of South America. Expect an air of anticipation as you depart the next time you see land, you'll be in a wildlife wonderland!

DAY 3: At sea

Your days at sea are filled with presentations led by your Expedition Team photography, wildlife, glaciology, and history. In between presentations, spend time on deck looking for wildlife or chatting with your shipmates over a drink at the bar.

DAY 4 and 5: Falkland Islands

Upon your arrival in the Falklands (Malvinas), your camera will get its first real workout capturing the abundant wildlife and rugged feel of this sub-Antarctic region. The archipelago contains two main islands, East Falkland and West Falkland, which you will explore during daily Zodiac excursions and landings. Stanley, also known as Port Stanley, is often a favored landing site, as the town offers a unique British outpost feel, complete with eclectic charm. You'll be free to explore, grab a pint at the local pub, or visit the numerous churches and museums. The archipelago is rich in wildlife, especially birds, and home to Magellanic, gentoo and southern rockhopper penguins. If you're lucky, you may even spot king penguins here as well! You can expect to see black-browed albatross, plus two endemic bird species the flightless Falkland steamer duck, and possibly, the elusive Cobb's wren. Your expert education team will enrich your understanding of the local flora and fauna, helping you make the most of your time in the Falklands.

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**DAY 8 to 11: South Georgia**

This remote, mountainous island was a popular stop for many historic Antarctic expeditions and was once a haven for hunting whales and seals. Today, island wildlife populations are rebounding, but you'll still see remnants of old whaling stations and other abandoned outposts.

Among the most significant and moving sites on South Georgia is the grave of the great explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton. You can visit his grave at the settlement of Grytviken, which is also home to an old whaling station, plus a museum, gift shop, church and small research station.

Although South Georgia's history is an important attraction to the island, it is the tremendous abundance of wildlife that you and your shipmates will surely find most captivating. Each landing you make on South Georgia, often referred to as the Galapagos of the Poles, will open your eyes to the wondrous lives of new, enthralling creatures.

One day you may see rookeries with hundreds of thousands of pairs of king penguins waddling on shore, and the next, you may visit another beach blanketed with hundreds of fur or elephant seals. The grasses, mountains and beaches of South Georgia all play an important role in the breeding and survival of different species on the island. Your Expedition Leaders will help you understand and appreciate the delicate balance among these fragile and interwoven relationships.

DAY 12 and 13 : At sea

Say goodbye to the king penguins, as your next destination is Antarctica! Your days at sea are filled with presentations, workshops, and social activities led by your Expedition Team.

DAY 6 and 7: At sea

Sailing southeast to South Georgia, you'll officially enter Antarctic waters once you cross the Antarctic Convergence, an invisible biological boundary encircling the continent. This meeting of oceans, where the cold Antarctic waters mix with the warmer waters of the Indian, Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, helps nourish the abundance of krill that attracts whales, seals, and birdlife to this part of the world. Your Expedition Team will notify you when you cross this invisible yet important line, and will also help you look out for the seabirds and marine life that frequent this nutrient rich area.



DAY 14 to 16: South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula

The experience is hard to put into words, but the most common reaction upon reaching the White Continent is a sense of reverence and awe. You will discover that Antarctica is a land of extremes: at one moment you'll be overcome with a feeling of complete silence and solitude; the next, you'll be laughing at the comical antics of a curious penguin.

Zodiac cruising, visits to historical sites and, of course, communing with seals and penguins are sure to keep you smiling every day. Perhaps you'll catch sight of the fearless penguin eater, the leopard seal, or maybe you'll come eye to eye with an Antarctic minke whale while you cruise in a Zodiac. Each day, and each excursion, will present a new collection of creatures to delight you and keep your camera busy.

If you find yourself wanting more, treat yourself to an optional kayaking adventure (reserve in advance when booking your trip), or cast reason aside and join in the Polar Plunge it's something you'll never forget!

DAY 17 and 18: Antarctic Circle

Crossing the Antarctic Circle is both a memorable experience and impressive achievement, as few travelers reach so far south. If conditions allow us to cross this famed latitude of 66°33'S, we'll toast the first explorers who ventured here, and you can raise a glass and take pride in knowing you've made it to a part of the world visited by very few people. This is raw Antarctica, home of the midnight sun, Weddell seals, and your best chances of encountering sea ice the foundation of the Antarctic marine ecosystem.



DAY 19 and 20: Northbound Along the Peninsula

If you haven't had your fill of Antarctic wildlife and icebergs by now, you'll surely be satisfied by the time you return to the Drake Passage. You will continue to make excursions by Zodiac as you travel north along the western Antarctic Peninsula.

Your Expedition Team will always be on the lookout for species of seabirds, seals and whales that may have eluded you on your journey south.

DAY 21 and 22: Crossing the Drake Passage

After more than three weeks of unique wildlife encounters and remarkable landscapes, your journey home begins. The unpredictable and exciting Drake Passage is an adventure unto itself. While being well taken care of by our expert onboard staff, you'll have plenty of time to gaze out at the ocean, take pictures of seabirds swooping around the ship, and reflect on your remarkable Antarctic adventure.

DAY 23: Disembark in Ushuaia and Fly to Buenos Aires

You will arrive in Ushuaia in the morning and disembark after breakfast. The mandatory transfer package includes a little taste of Patagonia with a Tierra del Fuego National Park tour before transferring to the airport for the return group charter flight to Buenos Aires.



THE QUARK EXPEDITIONS SHIPS

When it comes to polar expeditions, you're only as good as where your ships can take you. Quark Expeditions maintains the most diverse fleet of small polar vessels in the industry. Guest capacity ranges from 128 to 199, which creates an intimate and relaxed onboard atmosphere. The small size of our vessels also means we're able to navigate hard to reach places in the Antarctic that larger cruise ships can't reach.

Each ship delivers a unique experience of its own. You get to choose. Ultramarine, with its two helicopters and 20 quick deploy Zodiacs, offers the most off ship adventures in the Polar Regions. The all balcony suites World Explorer is the only ship in the world with a L'Occitane Spa. And the classic touches of Ocean Adventurer make it a favorite with guests and crew alike.





MV Ultramarine

The passionate Expedition Team and crew aboard this ship can't wait to show you around and take you to places most people only dream about. Every day presents a new adventure. An early wakeup call may signal the sighting of nearby whales, while an afternoon Zodiac cruise may present you with the intense blues of passing icebergs. Polar travel is unlike any other type of travel, so please take a moment to get to know your ship.

ABOUT THE SHIP

The newest ship in our fleet, Ultramarine was designed to go beyond the familiar in polar exploration, to discover new places, and immerse you in the best the region has to offer. Equipped with two twin-engine helicopters, it offers the most robust portfolio of adventure activities in the industry, and features the category's most spacious suites, breathtaking public spaces, and more outdoor wildlife viewing spaces than other expedition ships its size. It also features a best in class operational range and an innovative mix of sustainability features that exceed all industry standards. With all this and more, Ultramarine is perfectly poised to deliver the ultimate polar expedition experience

Ship Specifications:



Staff & Crew 140



Guests 199



Length 420 feet (128 meters)



Breadth 70.5 feet



Draft 16.4 feet (5.1 meters)



Propulsion 4 x diesel-electric



Ice Class PC6



Cruising speed 16 knots

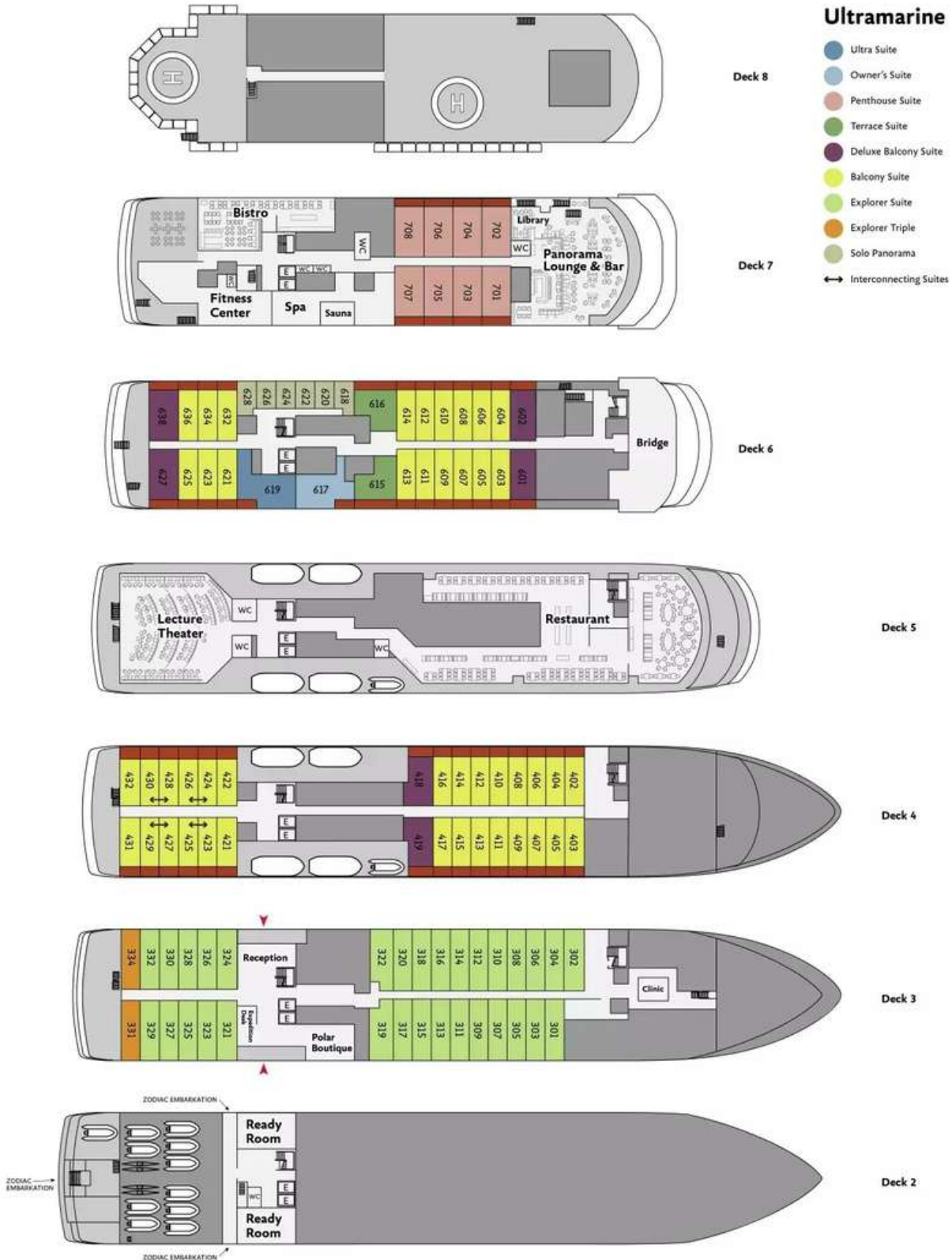


Registered Marshall Islands



Lifeboats 4 fully enclosed

Deck Plan & Cabins



Cabin information

ELECTRIC CURRENT

The electrical supply on board is 220 volts, 50 Hz. Passengers coming from the USA and Canada may need to bring a small 220v/110v converter. Before you buy a converter, check your electronics, as most modern cameras, computers and devices are already compatible to use 220/110 volts. The electrical outlets found in your cabin and around the ship accept standard European two round pin plugs, so you may need to bring a travel adapter. You'll also find a USB outlet at each bedside, and some in the public presentation spaces. Please be aware that the electricity supply may not be sufficient to power your electronic devices at all times. It is recommended that you check the voltage of your device before plugging it in, as the device may be damaged if the incoming voltage is higher than that for which it is manufactured.

SHOWERS AND TOILETS

Each cabin has a private bathroom with shower and heated floors, toilet and wash basin. Shampoo, conditioner and shower gel are provided for your use.

HAIRDRYERS

There is a hair dryer included in each cabin.

BATHROBES

The bathrobes in your cabins are on loan for you to enjoy for the duration of your expedition.

VALUABLES

Please store your valuables in the safe in your cabin. We recommend you travel with as few valuables as possible.

LAUNDRY

A complete list of laundry fees will be provided on board. Laundry is collected each morning; please allow 48 hours for your laundry to be returned. Ironing services are also available at a minimal charge. We encourage you to take advantage of the laundry services, as it will mean you can pack fewer articles of clothing. If you prefer to hand wash small items in your cabin, please remember to bring environmentally friendly detergent.





Explorer Triple

Located on Deck 3 and approximately 285 sq. ft. (26.5 sq. m) in size, this suite has three single beds, two of which can be combined into a double bed, and a picture window. Other amenities include a refrigerator, safe, TV, and a private bathroom with shower and heated floors



Explorer Suite

Located on Deck 3 and approximately 285 sq. ft. (26.5 sq. m) in size, this suite has one double or two single beds, and a picture window. Other amenities include a refrigerator, safe, TV, and a private bathroom with shower and heated floors. Suites 319 and 322 offer modified layouts and bathrooms for wheelchair accessibility.



Balcony Suite

Located on Decks 4 & 6 and approximately 226 sq. ft. (21 sq. m) in size, this suite has one double or two single beds, and a 52 sq. ft. (4.8 sq. m) balcony. The balconies in suites 421, 422, 423, and 424 are partially enclosed. Other amenities include a refrigerator, safe, TV, and a private bathroom with shower and heated floors. Some suites in this category offer interconnecting rooms



Solo Panorama

Located on Deck 6 and approximately 132 sq. ft. (12 sq. m) in size, this cabin has a single bed, and floor-to-ceiling windows. Other amenities include a refrigerator, safe, TV, and a private bathroom with shower and heated floors



Deluxe Balcony Suite

Located on Decks 4 & 6 and approximately 299 sq. ft. (28 sq. m) in size, this suite has one double or two single beds, and a 70 sq. ft. (6.5 sq. m) balcony. Other amenities include a refrigerator, safe, TV, and a private bathroom with shower, bathtub and heated floors.



Terrace Suite

Located on Deck 6 and approximately 350 sq. ft. (32.5 sq. m) in size, this suite has one double or two single beds, and a 100 sq. ft. (9.3 sq. m) balcony. Other amenities include a refrigerator, safe, TV, and a private bathroom with shower, bathtub and heated floors.



Penthouse Suite

Located on Deck 7 and approximately 369 sq. ft. (34 sq. m) in size, this suite has one double or two single beds, and a 67 sq. ft. (6.2 sq. m) balcony. Other amenities include a refrigerator, safe, TV, and a private bathroom with shower, bathtub and heated floors.



Owners Suite

Located on Deck 6 and approximately 446 sq. ft. (41 sq. m) in size, this suite has one double or two single beds, and a 46 sq. ft. (4.3 sq. m) balcony. Other amenities include a refrigerator, safe, TV, private bedroom with walk-in closet, sitting area with sofa bed and additional closet, two separate living spaces, powder room, and a private bathroom with shower, bathtub and heated floors.



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Ultra Suite

Located on Deck 6 and approximately 563 sq. ft. (52 sq. m) in size, this suite has one double or two single beds, and a 46 sq. ft. (4.3 sq. m) balcony. Other amenities include a refrigerator, safe, TV, private bedroom with walk-in closet, sitting area with sofa bed and additional walk-in hallway closet, two separate living spaces, powder room, and a private bathroom with shower, bathtub and heated floors.



Amenities according to cabin categories



EXPLORER TRIPLE

EXPLORER SUITE

BALCONY SUITE

DELUXE BALCONY SUITE

SOLO PANORAMA

Standard Amenities

Hair dryer, bathrobe, slippers, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, complimentary water bottle.

ULTRA SUITE

Standard Amenities

Hair dryer, bathrobe, slippers, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, complimentary water bottle.

Premium Amenities:

upgraded bedding, in suite coffee, binoculars on loan.

Services: **Onboard WiFi credit***, **included laundry****, in suite dining during scheduled meals, included spa package, upgraded hotel accommodation pre/post expedition where applicable, included arrival transfers where applicable.

TERRACE SUITE

Standard Amenities

Hair dryer, bathrobe, slippers, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, complimentary water bottle.

Premium Amenities:

upgraded bedding, in suite coffee.

Services: **Onboard WiFi credit***, **included laundry****, in suite dining during scheduled meals.

OWNER'S SUITE

Standard Amenities

Hair dryer, bathrobe, slippers, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, complimentary water bottle.

Premium Amenities:

upgraded bedding, in suite coffee, binoculars on loan.

Services: **Onboard WiFi credit***, **included laundry****, in suite dining during scheduled meals, included spa package, upgraded hotel accommodation pre/post expedition where applicable, included arrival transfers where applicable.

Onboard WiFi credit* WiFi may be limited in duration or data
Included laundry** Limited number of laundry loads per voyage



Unbeatable helicopter experience.

We're proud to be recognized in the polar industry as the Leader of Heli Adventures in the Antarctic. In fact, we have the longest running helicopter program in the Polar Regions dating back to 1991. Thanks to our innovative team, Antarctic 2024/25 will be our most helicopter focused season ever as Ultramarine's two twin engine H145 helicopters enable us to take travelers deeper into the Antarctic than anyone else.

We offer the largest portfolio of off ship adventure options in the industry. Our numerous helicopter supported activities designed to take guests beyond the polar horizons include, among others:



FLIGHTSEEING



EXCLUSIVE HELI-LANDING



ULTRAMARINE

Public Spaces

Relax, explore, learn,
reflect, and so much more!



POLAR BOUTIQUE

If you forgot any essentials or need a little souvenir from your voyage, the Polar Boutique on Deck 3 is our onboard gift shop. Opening hours will vary based on the daily expedition activities. Gifts and souvenirs are great to bring home as mementos of your polar expedition. In addition to small souvenirs, our Polar Boutique offers a selection of expedition gear, including base layer clothing, waterproof pants, gloves and more

RECEPTION AREA

A crew member is available at reception to assist you or answer any questions during posted hours. You can purchase internet or email access cards and phone cards here, arrange for a wake-up call or settle your accounts at the end of the voyage

LIBRARY

Located on Deck 7, the library offers a large collection of field guides, picture books and reference books, and also includes a selection of games for your entertainment. The Ultramarine collection includes books in multiple languages covering subjects like wildlife, history, marine biology, ecology and geology

LOUNGE AREAS

On Deck 7 forward, the Panorama Lounge & Bar is used for special functions and events, and is a comfortable spot to relax and enjoy panoramic polar views. You can also grab a cup of complimentary coffee or tea here. On Deck 7 aft, Bistro 487 is a light-filled space to enjoy a snack either inside or out on deck.

AMBASSADOR THEATER

Our auditorium on Deck 5 can easily accommodate everyone on board, so it serves as our main lecture hall where presentations and movies are provided for your enjoyment.

ELEVATOR

The onboard elevator system is available for travel between decks. However, for your safety this elevator will be shut down during any periods of inclement weather.

MEDICAL CLINIC

The Clinic is located on Deck 3. In case of emergency, the doctor is available 24 hours a day, and can be contacted through reception or any member of the Expedition Team.

GYM

Located on Deck 7, gym hours are posted at the door, with facilities available on a first come, first served basis. Please refrain from bringing glass bottles into the gym. We kindly ask that you take care using these facilities and when you leave, please ensure the equipment is as clean and tidy as when you arrived. Bring comfortable clothing and footwear if you will be taking advantage of the facilities.

SPA, SAUNA & STEAM ROOM

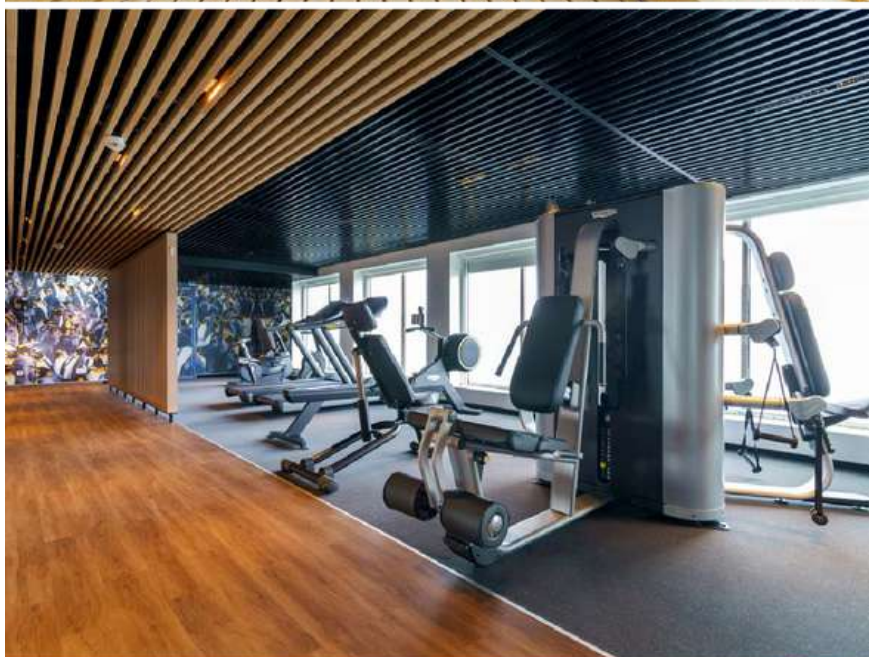
The Tundra spa is located on Deck 7, where you can take advantage of the services offered in calming spaces with panoramic views. Spa treatments and massages are bookable on board. The steam room is available for you to relax and rejuvenate after a hike or a workout. The sauna provides ample space to warm up with views to the icy waters of the Polar Regions. Bring your bathing suit so you can join us in the Polar Plunge, or to use the sauna or steam room. You might also appreciate having some waterproof shoes. It is recommended to wear closed-toed shoes while moving around the ship, but as long as your water shoes have a heel strap and fit securely, they can be safely worn while using the wet facilities.

READY ROOMS

The Ready Rooms on Deck 2 offer an open storage locker for each person on board, where you can store and dry your gear between excursions. Enjoy ample space and plenty of benches to help you gear up to embark on the Zodiacs.

OBSERVATION DECKS

The promenade deck wrapping around Deck 5 is generally open for viewing wildlife and enjoying the open ocean. Our outer decks provide a good deal of open space and are accessible at any time (unless weather/sea conditions deem it unsafe).





Food & drink.

Food is an integral element on Ultramarine voyages. In addition to enjoying fine dining inspired by cuisines from around the world, mealtime is an excellent way to connect with fellow passengers and expedition team members.

Our internationally trained chefs work with local experts across our far flung destinations to source local items that provide an authentic flavor accent to food and beverage offerings. Desserts are fabulous! Afternoon tea, with pastries or cookies, is offered 4 pm daily. Fresh pastries arrive warm from the oven for early birds about 6 am. Guests on Ultramarine can choose from two restaurants, as well as two additional bars. Please inform our team of dietary restrictions when you book your voyage.



DINING

If there is one constant at sea, it is that you'll enjoy delicious meals every day. Balena is the main restaurant located on Deck 5. Bistro 487 presents an alternative dining option on Deck 7, with selections from the main menu, augmented by an array of healthy options. While mealtimes may change due to landings and wildlife encounters, you'll always be served three meals a day. Hours of operation will be posted around the ship, as they are subject to change based on the activities planned for your voyage each day. An early riser's breakfast will be offered in Bistro 487, as well as afternoon tea and late night snacks. A selection of light snacks will be available at all times in Bistro 487

SPECIAL EVENTS

You can arrange something special for an anniversary, birthday or other event by talking to the Guest Services representative ahead of time.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS & ALLERGIES

If you do not eat meat there is a wide selection of vegetables, pasta, grains and fruit available. Quark Expeditions® is able to cater to most special dietary requests, as long as you clearly indicated your needs on the required expedition forms when you booked your voyage. Menus will be clearly labeled for vegetarian and gluten free options, but please do notify your server of the dietary restrictions you indicated on your form. We regret that kosher food cannot be prepared.

FOOD PREPARATION

Breakfasts and lunches are normally served buffet style, while dinners are served plated. À la carte meals are made at the time of your order, allowing our chefs to prepare each dish to your individual needs. Working in a small kitchen, our chefs are able to monitor and control the quality of food being served, ensuring you receive top quality meals during the course of your expedition.

PERSONAL ALCOHOL POLICY

Consuming personal alcohol is prohibited anywhere on the ship.

BAR & WINE SERVICE

The well stocked bar on the ship is open to enjoy with your fellow shipmates in the late morning, afternoon and evening. Soft drinks, juices and water are available at no cost, and beer and wine are offered with dinner. A selection of liquors, spirits, and premium beer, wine and champagne is available and can be charged to your shipboard account. Please note that it is Quark Expeditions®' policy to not serve alcoholic beverages to persons under the age of 18 years.



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Balena

Balena is our finer dining restaurant on Ultramarine, serving contemporary cuisine for breakfast, lunch and dinner with capacity to seat all guests and the entire expedition team at the same time. Expect globally inspired dishes and regional specialties that feature locally sourced and sustainable ingredients. Savor house wines and beers at lunch and dinner or select from the beverage menu. Spirits cost extra. Balena, designed so that every seat has a good view, provides direct access onto the wraparound deck.



Bistro 487

Bistro 487 is the more casual restaurant on Deck 7, serving extended breakfast, lunch, and dinner to accommodate those who rise early or late or simply want a change of scenery. Bistro 487 serves quicker meals and offers "grab and go" staples between meal times. With access to outdoor seating on the aft deck, Bistro 487 hosts the popular barbecues and is ideal for guests who like to enjoy a coffee or cocktail outdoors.



Ambassadors

Ambassadors is the main theater/lounge on Ultramarine, where guests enjoy informative talks and presentations from expedition staff, polar experts, and special guests. The Ambassadors bar is open during presentation hours and special events.

Panorama Lounge

The Panorama Lounge on Deck 7 is the main bar on Ultramarine and features spectacular forward views, comfortable seating and a friendly atmosphere offering an array of specialty cocktails, 24 hour coffee and tea, plus a well stocked polar library.



World Explorer

The passionate Expedition Team and crew aboard this ship can't wait to show you around and take you to places most people only dream about. Every day presents a new adventure. An early wake-up call may signal the sighting of nearby whales, while an afternoon Zodiac cruise may present you with the intense blues of passing icebergs. Polar travel is unlike any other type of travel, so please take a moment to get to know your ship. Below you'll find some information about your expedition vessel.

ABOUT THE WORLD EXPLORER

Distinct and comfortable, refined and roomy these attributes and more describe World Explorer. Every cabin has either a private walk out or French balcony for direct ocean views. World Explorer also delivers plenty of public areas to unwind in after a day outdoors, including the glass domed Observation Lounge, the Explorer Lounge, and a dedicated presentation theater. Health and wellness facilities feature an outdoor walking track, a fitness center and a spa, plus a sauna with a change room and shower.

Ship Specifications:



Staff & Crew 125



Guests 172



Length 413 feet (126 meters)



Breadth 62 feet (19 meters)



Draft 15 feet (4.7 meters)



Propulsion 2 x diesel-electric



Ice Class 1B



Cruising speed 16 knots



Registered Portugal



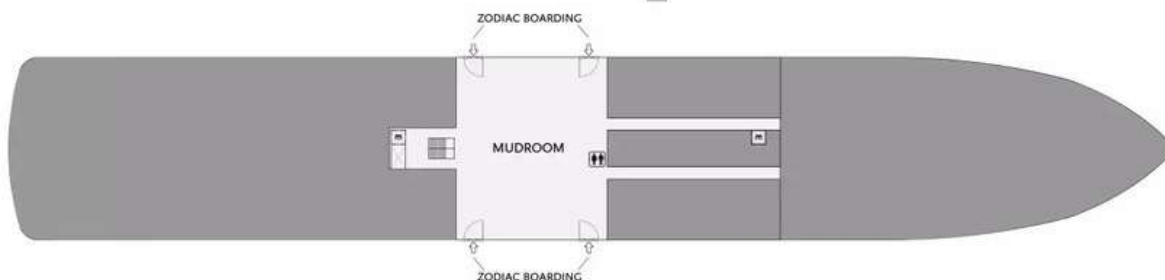
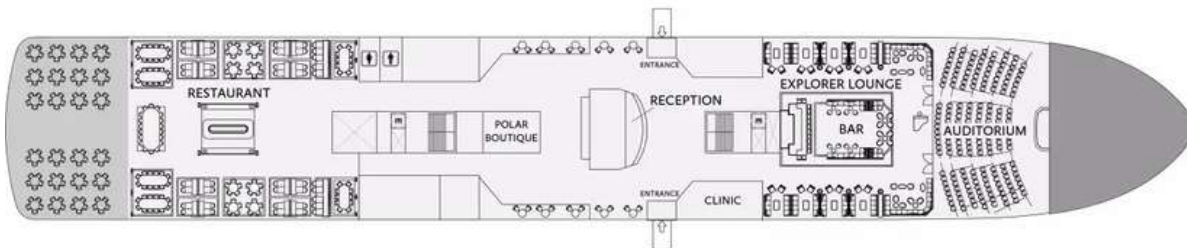
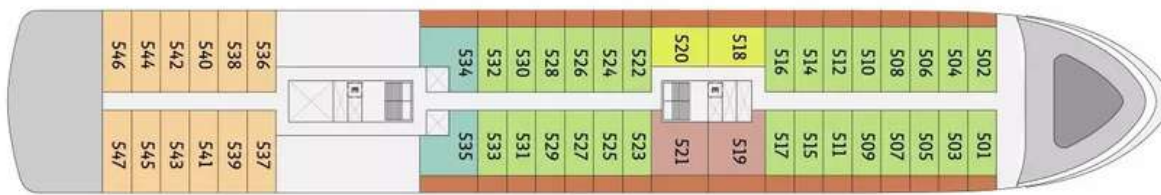
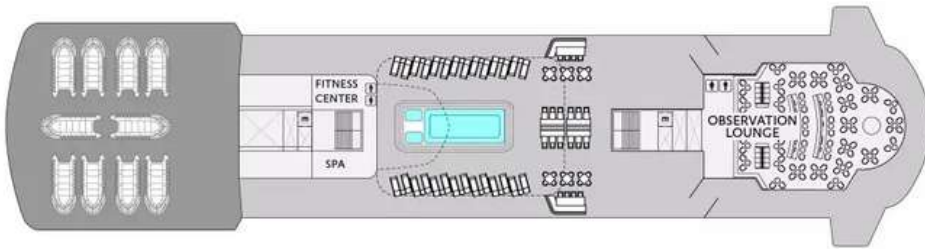
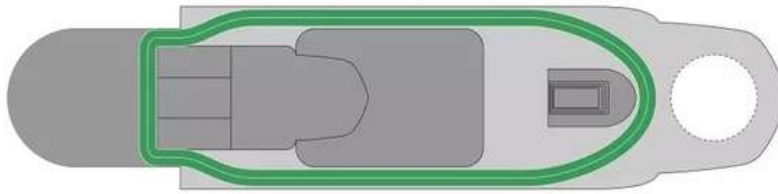
Lifeboats 2 fully enclosed

Deck Plan & Cabins



WORLD EXPLORER

- Owner's Suite
- Deluxe Suite
- Superior Suite
- Veranda Suite
- Infinity Suite
- Triple



Cabin information

SHOWERS AND TOILETS

Each cabin has a private bathroom with shower, toilet and wash basin. L'Occitane shampoo, conditioner and shower gel are provided for your use. The toilet system is very sensitive and can only handle toilet paper. Please do not deposit any tissues, paper towels, feminine products, etc. in the toilet.

HAIRDRYERS

There is a hair dryer included in each cabin.

BATHROBES

The bathrobes in your cabins are on loan for you to enjoy for the duration of your expedition.

VALUABLES

Please store your valuables in the safe in your cabin. We recommend you travel with as few valuables as possible.

CABIN TEMPERATURE

You may control your cabin temperature by adjusting the thermostat. If you are sharing a cabin with other travelers, please be considerate of their temperature preferences as well.

ELECTRIC CURRENT

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LAUNDRY

A complete list of laundry fees will be provided on board. Request forms and bags are provided in your cabin. Laundry is collected each morning; please allow 48 hours for your laundry to be returned. Ironing services are also available at a minimal charge. We encourage you to take advantage of the laundry services, as it will mean you can pack fewer articles of clothing. If you prefer to hand wash small items in your cabin, please remember to bring environmentally friendly detergent.

SPRINKLER SYSTEM

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LIFE JACKETS

Each cabin is equipped with orange SOLAS life jackets. These life jackets are to be used in case of a ship emergency and during emergency lifeboat drills.



Triple

Located on Deck 6, and approximately 242 sq. ft. (22.5 sq. m) in size, these cabins have one double or two single beds, and a 55 sq. ft. (5 sq. m) walk-out balcony. A separate combo sitting area/bedroom with a sofa bed and additional closet is around the corner. A refrigerator, TV, state of the art “infotainment” system, and private bathroom with shower is also featured in each cabin.



Infinity Suite

Located on Decks 5 and 6, and approximately 270 sq. ft. (25 sq. m) in size, these cabins have one double or two single beds, and a floor-to-ceiling glass French balcony. A sitting area with sofa, refrigerator, TV, state of the art “infotainment” system, and private bathroom with shower is also featured in each cabin.



Veranda Suite

Located on Decks 5 and 6, and approximately 215 sq. ft. (20 sq. m) in size, these cabins have one double or two single beds, and a 55 sq. ft. (5 sq. m) walkout balcony. A sitting area with sofa, refrigerator, TV, state of the art “infotainment” system, and private bathroom with shower is also featured in each cabin.



Superior Suite

Located on Decks 5 and 6, and approximately 278 sq. ft. (26 sq. m) in size, these cabins have one double or two single beds, and a 110 sq. ft. (10 sq. m) walkout balcony with access from sitting room and bedroom. A separate sitting area with sofa, walk-in closet, refrigerator, TV, state of the art “infotainment” system, and private bathroom with shower is also featured in each cabin.



Deluxe Suite








Located on Deck 5, and approximately 334 sq. ft. (31 sq. m) in size, these cabins have one double or two single beds, and a 110 sq. ft. (10 sq. m) walk-out balcony with access from sitting room and bedroom. A separate sitting area with sofa, double closets, refrigerator, TV, state of the art “infotainment” system, and private bathroom with shower is also featured in each cabin.










Owner's Suite

Located on Decks 5 and 6, and approximately 355 sq. ft. (33 sq. m) in size, these cabins have one double or two single beds, and a 110 sq. ft. (10 sq. m) walkout balcony with access from sitting room and bedroom. A separate sitting area with sofa, refrigerator, TV, state of the art “infotainment” system, and private bathroom with shower, dual vanity, and bathtub is also featured in each cabin.

Amenities

-  Explorer Lounge & Bar
-  Polar Boutique
-  Clinic
-  Fitness Center
-  Lecture Theater
-  Library
-  Reception

-  Lounge
-  Mudroom
-  Open Bridge Policy
-  Pool
-  Restaurant
-  Sauna
-  L'Occitane Spa

WORLD EXPLORER

Public Spaces

Relax, explore, learn,
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POLAR BOUTIQUE

If you forgot any essentials or need a little souvenir from your voyage, the Polar Boutique on Deck 4 is our onboard gift shop. Opening hours will vary based on the daily expedition activities. Gifts and souvenirs are great to bring home as mementos of your polar expedition. In addition to small souvenirs, our Polar Boutique offers a selection of expedition gear, including base layer clothing, waterproof pants, gloves and more.

LIBRARY

Located on in the Observation Lounge on Deck 7, the library includes a selection of field guides, picture books and reference books. Whatever your personal interests are, we're sure you'll find something worth reading. The World Explorer collection includes books in multiple languages covering subjects like wildlife, history, marine biology, ecology and geology.

LOUNGE AREAS

On Deck 4, the Explorer Lounge is used for special functions and events, and where you can grab a cup of complimentary coffee or tea. The Observation Lounge on Deck 7 is a comfortable spot to relax and enjoy panoramic polar views.

AUDITORIUM

Our theater style auditorium on Deck 4 can easily accommodate everyone on board, so it serves as our main hall where presentations and videos are provided for your education and enjoyment.

OBSERVATION DECKS

The Observation Decks are generally open for viewing wildlife and enjoying the open ocean. Our outer decks provide a good deal of open space and are accessible at any time (unless weather/sea conditions deem it unsafe).

ELEVATOR

The onboard elevator system is available for travel between decks. However, for your safety this elevator will be shut down during any periods of inclement weather.

MEDICAL CLINIC

The Clinic is located on Deck 4. In case of emergency, the doctor is available 24 hours a day, and can be contacted through reception or any member of the Expedition Team

SPA

The spa is located on Deck 7. Please see the spa attendant for details on how to book massages, facials, and hand and foot treatments using L'Occitane products. Bookings can also be made at reception.

FITNESS CENTER

Located on Deck 7, fitness center hours are posted at the door, with facilities available on a first come, first served basis. Please refrain from bringing glass bottles into the fitness center. We kindly ask that you take care using these facilities and when you leave, please ensure the equipment is as clean and tidy as when you arrived.

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RESTAURANT

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EXPLORER LOUNGE

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Food & drink.

Food is an integral element on Ultramarine voyages. In addition to enjoying fine dining inspired by cuisines from around the world, mealtime is an excellent way to connect with fellow passengers and expedition team members.

Our internationally trained chefs work with local experts across our far flung destinations to source local items that provide an authentic flavor accent to food and beverage offerings. Desserts are fabulous! Afternoon tea, with pastries or cookies, is offered 4 pm daily. Fresh pastries arrive warm from the oven for early birds about 6 am. Please inform our team of dietary restrictions when you book your voyage.



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BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER SERVICE

There is one seating for all passengers at breakfast, lunch and dinner. The restaurant has an open seating policy.

SNACKS AND COCKTAIL HOUR

Assortments of fresh baked cookies and/or pastries are offered each afternoon. There is also a selection of hot and cold snacks available in the lounge during cocktail hour, expedition activities permitting.

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BAR & WINE SERVICE

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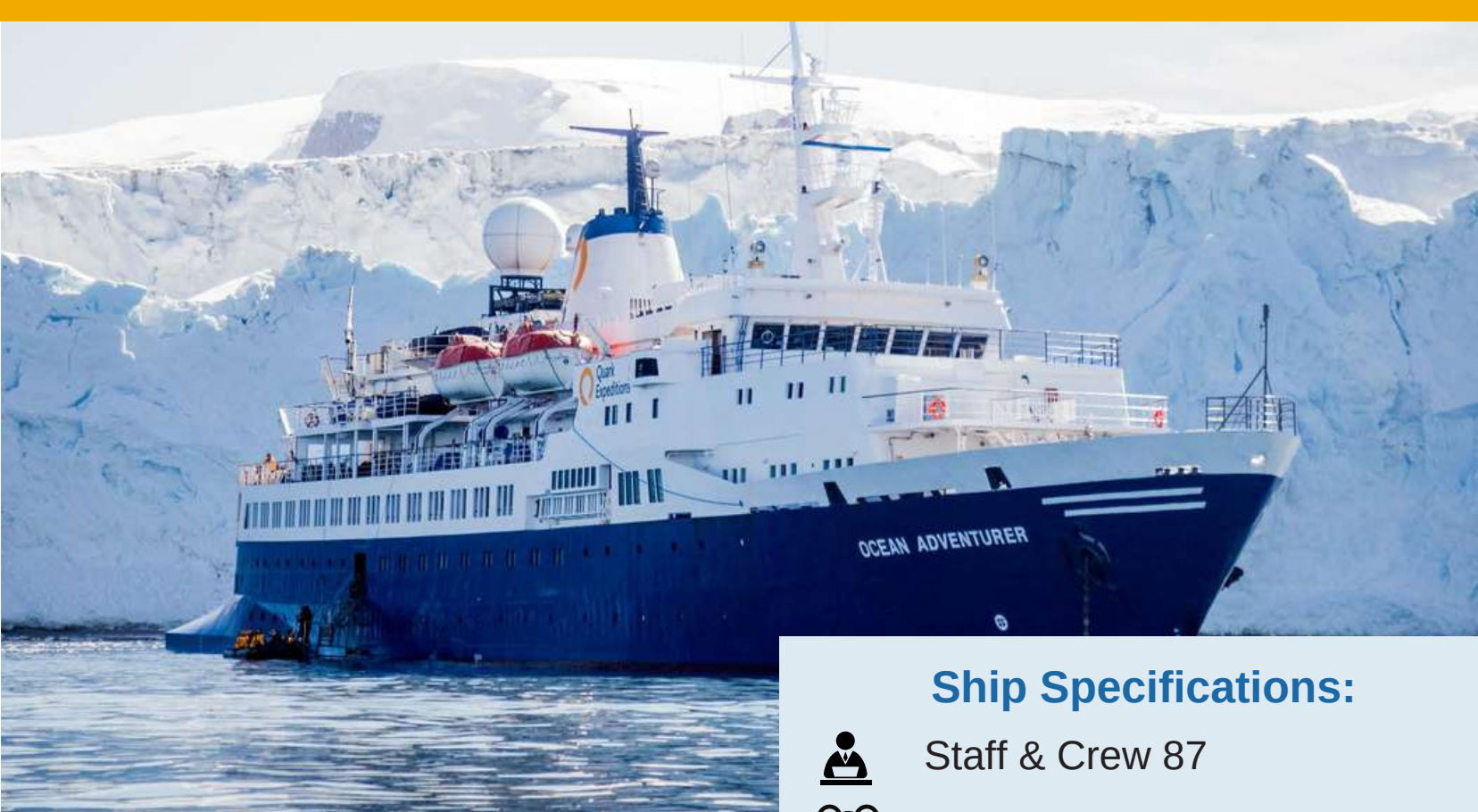


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PERSONAL ALCOHOL POLICY

Consuming personal alcohol is prohibited anywhere on the ship.





Ocean Adventurer

The passionate Expedition Team and crew aboard this ship can't wait to show you around and take you to places most people only dream about. Every day presents a new adventure. An early wake-up call may signal the sighting of nearby whales, while an afternoon Zodiac cruise may present you with the intense blues of passing icebergs. Polar travel is unlike any other type of travel, so please take a moment to get to know your ship.

ABOUT THE OCEAN ADVENTURER

The Ocean Adventurer is a comfortable vessel with spacious cabins, which all have private bathroom facilities and exterior views. Designed to carry travelers in comfort to the most remote corners of the world, Ocean Adventurer was built in 1976, and underwent extensive upgrades in 2017. This multi million dollar investment included renovations to the interior of the ship, significant technical upgrades, and the addition of a new cabin category, the Owner's Suites. The refurbishment gave the ship new bathrooms in every cabin, and upgrades to the Lounge, Dining Room, gym, and suites. Technical enhancements resulted in increased fuel efficiency, and a minimized carbon footprint.

Ship Specifications:



Staff & Crew 87



Guests 128



Length 332 feet (101 meters)



Breadth 52 feet (16 meters)



Draft 15 feet (4.5 meters)



Propulsion 2 x diesel-electric



Ice Class 1A



Cruising speed 12 knots

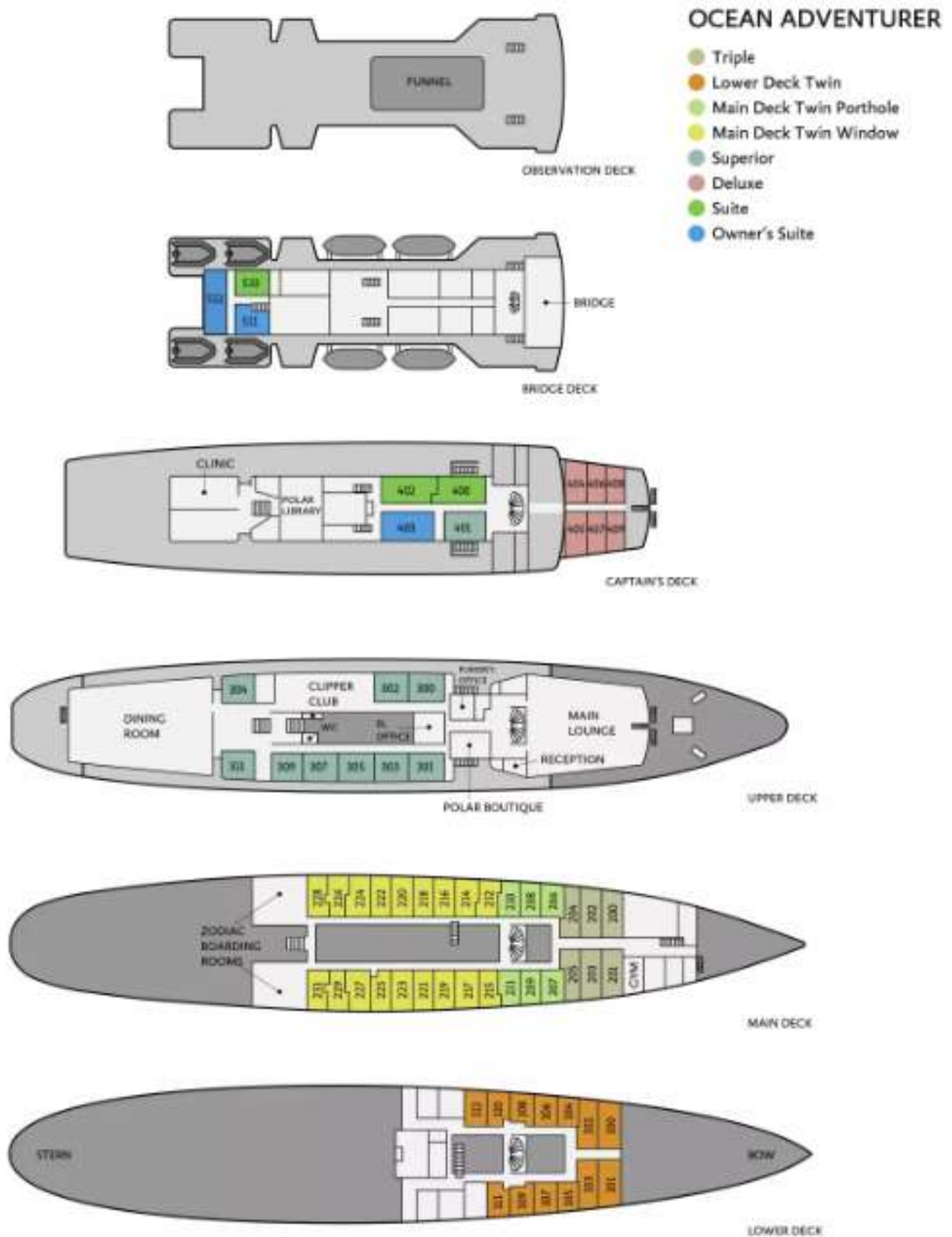


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Deck Plan & Cabins



Cabin information

Cabins and suites are outfitted with the essential amenities you'll need to feel comfortable throughout your voyage. If you need extra items such as extra pillows or towels, please contact reception or your cabin attendant.

SHOWERS AND TOILETS

Each cabin has a private bathroom with shower, toilet and wash basin. Shampoo and shower gel are provided for your use. The toilet system is very sensitive and can only handle toilet paper. Please do not deposit any tissues, paper towels, feminine products, etc. in the toilet.

ELECTRIC CURRENT

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HAIRDRYERS

There is a hair dryer included in each cabin.

BATHROBES

The bathrobes in your cabins are on loan for you to enjoy for the duration of your expedition.

VALUABLES

Please store your valuables in the safe in your cabin. We recommend you travel with as few valuables as possible.

CABIN TEMPERATURE

You may control your cabin temperature by adjusting the thermostat. If you are sharing a cabin with other travelers, please be considerate of their temperature preferences as well.

SHARED CABIN COURTESY

Many travelers elect to share a cabin with passengers they may not have previously met. All passengers have their own schedules and preferences. Please be courteous towards the needs of your fellow cabin mates.

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HOUSEKEEPING SERVICE

Your cabin will be cleaned on a daily basis. Your towels will be changed along with your bed sheets every third day, subject to the length of the voyage and in accordance with Quark Expeditions®' sustainability practices.



TRIPLE

From 145 sq. ft. (13.5 sq. m), a Triple Cabin is equipped with two lower berths and one upper berth. Located on the Main Deck, it has private facilities, and a porthole with exterior views. Please note that porthole covers may be closed during sea days or during inclement weather as a safety precaution.



LOWER DECK TWIN

From 115 sq. ft. (11 sq. m), a Lower Deck Twin Cabin is equipped with two lower berths. Located on the Lower Deck, it has private facilities, and a porthole with exterior views. Please note that porthole covers may be closed during sea days or during inclement weather as a safety precaution.



MAIN DECK TWIN PORTHOLE

From 115 sq. ft. (11 sq. m), a Main Deck Twin Porthole Cabin is equipped with two lower berths. Located on the Main Deck, it has private facilities, and a porthole with exterior views. Please note that porthole covers may be closed during sea days or during inclement weather as a safety precaution.



MAIN DECK TWIN WINDOW

From 115 sq. ft. (11 sq. m), a Main Deck Twin Window Cabin is equipped with two lower berths. Located on the Main Deck, it has private facilities, and a window with exterior views.



SUPERIOR

From 132 sq. ft. (12 sq. m), a Superior Cabin is equipped with two lower berths. Located on the Upper and Captain's Decks, it has private facilities, and windows with exterior views.



DELUXE

From 144 sq. ft. (13 sq. m), a Deluxe Cabin is equipped with two lower berths. Located on the Captain's Deck,



SUITE

From 215 sq. ft. (20 sq. m), a Suite is equipped with one double bed made up of two twin berths. Located on the Captain's Deck, it has windows with exterior views and private facilities



OWNER'S SUITE

From 208 sq. ft. (19 sq. m), an Owner's Suite Cabin is equipped with one double bed made up of two twin berths. Located on the Bridge Deck, it has private facilities, and windows with exterior views. Cabin 403 has a bathtub and shower; other Owner's Suites have showers.

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LIBRARY

On the Captain's Deck, you will find a small library of polar books, reference materials and general reading material. The library is open 24 hours a day and also includes a selection of games for your entertainment. Whatever your personal interests are, we're sure you'll find something worth reading. The collection includes books in multiple languages covering subjects like wildlife, history, marine biology, ecology and geology. A large collection of field guides, picture books and reference books is also at your disposal

LOUNGE AREA AND LECTURE THEATER

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Food & drink.

DINING ROOM

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PERSONAL ALCOHOL POLICY

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Included & optional activities

Quark Expeditions maintains the most robust portfolio of adventure options in the industry, offering guests the opportunity to experience the Antarctic landscape in ways never before imagined. Our new ship Ultramarine with its two twin engine helicopters and 20 quick launching Zodiacs is a game changer in polar adventure.

Guests choose from exclusive heli landing and Zodiac cruising to flightseeing and kayaking and more.



Choose your off ship adventure!

Some off ship activities are included in your expedition package, while others (Adventure Options) cost extra and need to be booked in advance.

All of our Included Activities and Adventure Options are weather permitting. Activity offerings vary by itinerary and ship. See individual itineraries for specific details.

Included activities



Zodiac Cruising

These reinforced rubber skiffs whisk you safely from ship to shoreline and back, taking you into shallow waters the ship can't reach. Touring by Zodiac on the look out for wildlife is an intimate and relaxing way to explore.



Walking/Hiking

Hiking in Antarctica is free form and supervised by our staff, who set out a perimeter at each landing site within which you are free to explore. Some walking poles are available upon request; bring your own if you require them on every landing.



Flightseeing

Enjoying a bird's eye view of the Antarctic icebergs, glaciers, snow capped peaks, ocean expanses from the seat of a helicopter provides a unique perspective of the polar wilderness.

***Only in Ultramarine**



Polar Plunge

As madcap as it looks, this activity sees willing participants jumping into the bone-chilling ocean waters. It's a polar rite of passage and the photo ops are priceless. Dare yourself to take the plunge!

Adventure Options



SEA KAYAKING & PADDLING EXCURSION

Kayaking along the rugged coastlines and through the calm bays with an experienced guide is one of the most inspiring ways to explore pristine Antarctica. Just imagine yourself gliding through the water. Guests in the sea kayaking program typically paddle along on a stable, sit-on-top kayak, totally at one with the water.



STAND UP PADDLEBOARDING

Part surfing, part paddling, this water sport is an intimate way to experience Antarctica from the unique vantage point of the water.

CAMPING

Overnight on the 7th Continent is absolutely wonderful, snug in your warm, water resistant and breathable bivy under the dim glow of a polar sky with an intimate group of campers.








EXCLUSIVE HELI-LANDING

A small group of guests will be transported by helicopter and have time to relax and enjoy your polar surroundings.

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ADVENTURE OPTIONS RATES

-  SEA KAYAKING USD 995
-  PADDLING EXCURSION USD 295
-  STAND UP PADDLING USD 295
-  CAMPING USD 295
-  HELI LANDING USD 395

A Polar Perfect Parka

(yours to keep!)

3-IN-1 HOODED PARKA
Water resistant shell with removable insulating layer can be worn as a stand-alone piece for warmer polar days or your journey home.

5 OUTER AND 2 INNER POCKETS
for carrying camera accessories and extra gear.

POLAR EXPEDITION

DROP TAIL
For added protection when seated outdoors.

REMOVABLE, ADJUSTABLE HOOD

REFLECTIVE PATCHES



What's included on your expedition?

In addition to the Quark Parka, you get:

- Zodiac cruising and shore landings, morning and afternoon, weather permitting
- Online photo journal post voyage.
- Three delicious meals a day, plus snacks
- Port transfers
- The best educational programming led by the top specialist in their fields.
- Wine or beer with dinner, soft drinks any time, coffee and tea around the clock.
- The loan of waterproof neoprene boots
- Taxes, port charges and emergency evacuation

Why travel with us?

We go to the ends of the earth to chart new adventures, so you can set foot where few ever will. As the Leader in Polar Adventures, we're committed to taking you beyond the ordinary. We'll take you to places no one else can.

| Good explorers respect their environment. Great ones protect it.

Our Polar Promise sustainability plan includes key initiatives like reducing emissions, and reusing or recycling 100% of waste. We're committed to preserving the beauty of the Antarctic.

| Explore alongside the most seasoned polar experts on Earth.

When you venture into the untouched wilds of the Antarctic, you need a great team around you, and we have the greatest. Your guests will join elite guides trained at Quark Academy, and interact directly with world class polar experts.

| Join the greatest fleet on the frozen seas.

When it comes to polar expeditions, you're only as good as where your ships can take you. And our diverse fleet of small polar vessels can take you to places larger ships can't!

| Venture far beyond the ordinary with us.

Quark Expeditions goes where others simply can't. Or won't. Our expert guides' abilities to read unknown terrain means where there's a will, there's a way—and that way could be by kayak, Zodiac boat or helicopter.

| Set foot where few ever will, and do what few ever dream.

The real adventures occur off ship in the polar wilds, where we camp, paddleboard, hike, kayak, and explore by helicopter.

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We've been pioneering new types of polar expeditions for over 30 years. We offer the most itineraries, and the most varied. More places to explore, more ways to explore them.

| Discover Earth's hidden beauty with a team dedicated to polar exploration.

Polar exploration is our life's work. It's the only thing we do, in fact, the only thing we've done since 1991. We understand these unique, otherworldly domains like few others do.



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