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ANTARCTIC FRONTIER VOYAGE

Explore Earth's last true wilderness—praised by National Geographic
for transformative travel

DURATION: 11 days/10 nights
SEASON: November through March
DEPARTURE: Guaranteed with a minimum of 2 participants
TRIP RATING: Easy/Moderate Antarctic Cruise & Nature Tour, Grade (I) - This active, soft adventure includes a 7-night cruise and hikes or snowshoeing on unmaintained trails plus sightseeing on motorized Zodiacs and optional kayaking outings.

2026/27 DATES: On request throughout the season and subject to availability.

INTRODUCTION:

Embark on the Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise program by Antarctica21—an 8-day expedition that blends comfort, efficiency, and awe-inspiring adventure. Experience the Drake Passage from above on a swift flight from Punta Arenas to King George Island, where your journey begins aboard a boutique expedition vessel. Cruise the 40-cabin Magellan Discoverer through ice-filled fjords and past towering icebergs, encountering penguins, seals, and whales in their natural habitat. Each day offers Zodiac landings and guided explorations led by expert polar guides, complemented by onboard educational presentations and panoramic views from the ship's lounge.

Onboard, relax in cozy lounges with panoramic views, attend engaging talks on polar ecology, and connect with fellow travelers over shared discoveries. This program is ideal for leisure travelers seeking a seamless, immersive experience of the White Continent—where flexibility meets discovery, and every voyage is uniquely shaped by nature's rhythm.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS:

- Journey past towering icebergs and through ice-filled fjords in Antarctica's most scenic waterways.
- Witness Antarctica's extraordinary wildlife, from gracious penguins to majestic whales and lounging seals.
- Step ashore on the Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands, walking where few have ventured before.
- Experience the thrill of Zodiac excursions, navigating between glaciers and through pristine polar waters.
- Learn from expert polar guides during daily presentations and guided landings at remarkable sites.
- Sail aboard our boutique expedition ship, enjoying premium comfort while exploring Earth's last frontier.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY:

DAY 01: HOME / SANTIAGO
Depart home on an overnight flight to Chile's capital, **Santiago**, located at a comfortable 1,800 ft elevation at the base of the Andes.

DAY 02: SANTIAGO
Arrive early this morning in Santiago (SCL), clear customs, and meet your city guide for a private transfer to The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, located in the upscale, pedestrian-friendly Las Condes neighborhood. Check-in is at 3:00 pm, but you may store your luggage, freshen up, and enjoy lunch at your leisure. This afternoon, join your guide for an introductory tour of the capital (up to 4 hours). Visit the historic downtown and Constitution Square, which extends for a city block and is home to the Presidential Palace—considered one of the finest neoclassical structures in Latin America and a site of historic significance as the location of the 1973 Pinochet-led coup that ousted Salvador Allende, marking a solemn chapter in Chilean history. Continue to San Cristóbal Hill Park for sweeping views of the city and nearby Andean peaks, reached by a cable car ride to the top. At the base of the hill lies the artsy Bellavista neighborhood, where Nobel Prize–winning poet Pablo Neruda once resided. Stroll tree-lined streets filled with creative boutiques and avant-garde galleries, an excellent spot to find Chile's beautiful semiprecious stone—lapis lazuli. If time permits, visit Esculturas Park in Providencia, featuring walking paths along the Mapocho River, artistic modern sculptures, gardens, native trees, and cityscapes framed by the landmark Costanera Center. Return to the hotel for an evening at leisure, with the option to dine at the hotel's gourmet restaurant or at a nearby eatery.

The Ritz-Carlton Hotel – 1 night
(Deluxe Club room with king or twin beds with access to the Club Lounge)

DAY 03: SANTIAGO / PUNTA ARENAS / AIR-CRUISE PROGRAM
After breakfast and check-out, meet your private guide and transfer 45 min to the airport with check-in assistance for **Latam Santiago-Punta Arenas (PUQ) 08:50-12:19** (3.5 hours flight time). Located on the Strait of Magellan, this is one of Chile's main ports and is considered by many to be the southernmost city in the world. Upon arrival at the airport, you'll be greeted by Antarctica21 staff and escorted via shared bus transfer to town and the Cabo de Hornos Hotel. Check-in begins at 3:00 pm; luggage storage is available on arrival. A convenient transfer from the hotel to the nearby **Explorers House** is available where you are expected to arrive by 2pm for your Antarctica program check-in, join a mandatory 1.5 hours briefing that provides important information about your air-cruise schedule and essential guidelines for Antarctic visitors. Later at 7pm, gather for a welcome dinner and meet your fellow adventurers while enjoying a typical regional multi-course menu. Return transfer to your hotel.
(B,D)

Cabo de Hornos Hotel – 1 night

DAY 04: PUNTA ARENAS / ANTARCTICA (Scheduled Flight to Antarctica)
After a hearty breakfast, hotel check-out takes place at noon, followed by a shared transfer from the hotel to the airport for departure formalities. You'll embark on an exclusive two-hour chartered flight from Punta Arenas to King George Island (PUQ–TNM) in the South Shetland Islands—a gateway to Antarctica admired by experienced explorers for its striking isolation and pristine beauty. As you exit the aircraft, the clear Antarctic air fills your lungs for the first time. Comfortable transfer vehicles will escort you past Chile's Frei Station and Russia's Bellingshausen Station to the shore, just a short distance away, where you board Zodiacs that will take you to your boutique expedition vessel.

Note: If weather or logistical conditions delay the flight until the afternoon, enjoy thoughtfully guided excursions to historic landmarks, vibrant museums, or unique wildlife sites tailored to your interests while on standby. All meals are included. (B,L,D)

DAYS 05-08: ANTARCTICA DISCOVERY
Enjoy four unforgettable days exploring the pristine regions of Antarctica—by Zodiac, on foot, or by kayak. Cruise between the South Shetland Islands and the western coast of the Antarctic Peninsula, navigating ice-filled fjords and towering icebergs in the company of seabirds, penguins, seals, and whales. Each day, disembark by Zodiac and delve into the polar landscape alongside expert guides. Onboard, participate in engaging educational presentations and savor panoramic views from the lounge as you share daily adventures with fellow explorers. No

two journeys are the same; flexibility is essential for success in Antarctica. The Expedition Team continuously adapts the voyage route to maximize each day's opportunities, crafting a one-of-a-kind experience every time. While itineraries vary, you'll explore multiple sites offering an exceptional overview of the region's diverse environment. Your voyage may include visits to locations within the South Shetland Islands—a group of approximately 20 islands and islets forming the northern gateway to Antarctica. Wildlife sightings may include Adélie, Chinstrap, Gentoo, and Macaroni penguins in large colonies, as well as elephant, fur, leopard, and crab-eater seals. In surrounding waters, keep watch for humpback, minke, and orca (killer) whales. Birdlife may feature kelp gulls, blue-eyed shags, Antarctic terns, southern giant petrels, and a variety of storm petrel species.

Other points of interest may include:
• **The Antarctic Sound**, located between Trinity Peninsula (at the northern tip of the Antarctic Peninsula) and Joinville Island—known for its imposing tabular icebergs in Iceberg Alley. Nearby is Esperanza Station, an Argentine settlement at Hope Bay.
• **The Gerlache Strait**, which separates the Palmer Archipelago from the Antarctic Peninsula. Named after Belgian explorer Adrien de Gerlache, it features spiked blue icebergs, snowfields, jagged mountains, and feeding humpback whales.
• **The Penola Strait**, off the west coast of Graham Land. This area, including Petermann Island, is renowned for Gentoo and Adélie penguin colonies and thriving populations of blue-eyed shags. (B,L,D)

DAY 09: ANTARCTICA / PUNTA ARENAS
Return to King George Island by ship and bid farewell to Antarctica before transferring to the airfield and boarding your chartered flight back to Punta Arenas. Upon arrival on the mainland, benefit from a smooth shared transfer to your centrally located hotel in Punta Arenas for an overnight stay. (B)

Cabo de Hornos Hotel – 1 night
Note: If the return flight is scheduled for the afternoon, a guided excursion will likely be offered during the morning. All meals are included while in Antarctica. Meals in Punta Arenas are at your own expense and are not included in the Air-Cruise program.

DAY 10: PUNTA ARENAS / SANTIAGO (end of the Air-Cruise program)
After a leisurely breakfast, join the shared transfer to Punta Arenas airport for your onward flight to Santiago or another destination. Upon arrival in Santiago, simply walk a short distance to the International Terminal to check in for your overnight flight home. (B)

DAY 11: HOME
Arrive back in your gateway city this morning to clear customs and make onward connections.

NOTES ON THE ITINERARY: A flexible mindset and good physical fitness are required to participate in this trip. Due to the extremely unpredictable nature of the weather in Patagonia and Antarctica, day-to-day activities are subject to modification at any time. Excursions may vary according to group dynamics and weather conditions. This trip is suitable for physically fit participants who are accustomed to outdoor activities; the minimum age is 8, and a small discount applies to children up to 12 years old.

Depending on flight schedules, on Day 02 travelers may need to arrive in Santiago and take a connecting flight to Punta Arenas, requiring an extra night at the Cabo de Hornos Hotel. There is a small chance the charter flight to Antarctica may take place on Day 03, so flexibility during the time in Punta Arenas is necessary as Antarctica21 evaluates current weather patterns and suitable flying windows. If the flight occurs on Day 03, the briefing and welcome dinner will be conducted onboard the ship.

On Day 04, approximately 80% of the time, the flight to Antarctica departs on schedule. However, if a second hotel night is required due to a delay, accommodation will be provided at the same Cabo de Hornos Hotel.

2026 LAND COST: Deluxe Veranda cabins (Upper deck)
2-4 participants: from $29,000 p.p.d.
5-9 participants: from $28,500 p.p.d.
Single Supplement: on request

p.p.d.= per person based on double occupancy, not including airfare (except for the charter flight to Antarctica).
2026 Land Costs are valid for departures through March 2027.
Holiday travel dates (Dec 21, 2026, through Jan 04, 2027) will have a Land Cost surcharge of about 10%.

Children's Discount: Antarctica21 welcomes children aged 8 and above on its tours, provided they meet all passenger requirements: a minimum height of 1.20 meters (3.9 feet), a minimum weight of 30 kilos (66 pounds), and are accompanied by a responsible adult who assumes full responsibility for the minor and signs a waiver. A 5% discount on the rate per person is offered for children under 12 years.

Single Travelers: no supplement is applied for single use of dedicated Single Cabins.
Booking a Twin Cabin for single use: an 85% per person supplement will be added to the rate when booking a limited number of Porthole and Veranda Cabins on Magellan Explorer, and Deluxe Veranda Cabins on Magellan Discoverer. A 100% supplement applies when booking all other categories.

ESTIMATED AIRFARE:

The Land Cost DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY FLIGHTS. Southwind's ticketing specialist can assist with all your air travel – providing an airfare quote to match your itinerary, personalized support for seating, monitoring schedule changes and coordinating directly with the airlines if any adjustments are needed. Round-trip **international** air from US gateway cities is approximately $900-1,100 per person. Dec 15-Jan 15 is a peak travel time so higher fares may apply. International carriers offering non-stop service from US gateways to Santiago include **American** (Dallas, Miami & JFK), **United** (Houston), **Delta** (Atlanta) and **LATAM** (LAX, JFK & Miami). Local **in-country** flights ARE NOT INCLUDED; budget on approx $350-$450 per person for the roundtrip local air with LATAM (Santiago-Punta Arenas-Santiago).

Airfares are subject to change at any time before tickets are issued. You have the option to arrange your own flights or redeem award travel yourself if you prefer. Tickets should only be purchased after Southwind notifies you that your trip is confirmed. The airlines request that tickets match your passport name. Upon receipt of your deposit, Southwind provides flight booking details for your travel dates.

SERVICES INCLUDED:

- Comprehensive **pre-departure planning information** and expert travel advice.
- **In-country land transfers** as noted. Ground transportation in spacious private vehicles with professional drivers.
- Ship cruise transportation, where applicable, is provided on a seat-in-boat basis (shared with other travelers).
- Round trip charter flights from Punta Arenas to Frei Station on King George Island (Antarctica) as indicated in the program.
- All **accommodations in (4 star) boutique style hotels** as listed (or at similar properties in Santiago & Punta Arenas) with double occupancy (king/queen or twin beds) in superior/preferential rooms with views and

private bath. Upgrades to Jr Suites or Suites can be quoted according to interest.
- Single Supplement provides single room accommodations. Due to the limited number of single cabins available, if you require single accommodations, making reservations well in advance is recommended.
- All **meals** indicated on the itinerary (B=breakfast; L=lunch; D=dinner). **Vegetarian diets accommodated** on request with advance notification. For other diets, contact us prior to your reservation.
- Daily buffet breakfast and lunch on board the ship, offering a variety of dishes. Three-course dinner offering a choice between one of three main courses.
- Wine, beer, juice, and soft drinks served with lunch and dinner on board. Coffee, tea, chocolate, cappuccino, water, and snacks on board the ship throughout the expedition.
- All **guided tours & shore excursions** (as listed) conducted on a private or shared basis by knowledgeable, English-speaking resident guides in each region (includes applicable entrance fees). Lectures and entertainment on board.
- Loan of waterproof boots for landing in Antarctica.
- Complimentary standard internet service on board.

NOT INCLUDED:

- US domestic, international flights, nor local flights within Chile, except the round-trip charter flights from Punta Arenas to Antarctica.
- Tours, meals (at about $40-60 each per person) or other services not listed on the itinerary.
- Personal travel insurance.
- Early arrivals, dayrooms or late check-outs at hotels.
- Items of a personal nature; such as clothing, equipment, laundry and phone calls.
- Beverages purchased at the ship's bar.
- Tips to the local staff.
- Expenses incurred in preparing for this program such as, but not limited to, non-refundable airline tickets or traveler's insurance, nor additional expenses resulting from flight delays unless included on Antarctica21 Contingency Plan, schedule changes, cancellations, or missed connections.

M/V MAGELLAN DISCOVERER: Magellan Discoverer is the newest addition to the Antarctica21 fleet, purpose-built to enhance our Antarctic air-cruise experience. Crafted in Chile, the vessel meets the latest Polar Code standards and will start service in 2026. The boutique vessel offers five cabin categories for up to 76 travelers who can be accommodated on a single, double, or triple basis. All 40 cabins feature private balconies and a king-size bed that easily converts into two twin beds. Each cabin has a wardrobe, individual heating control, a sitting area, and a private bathroom with a shower.

Onboard, guests can enjoy a panoramic observation lounge and presentation room equipped with cutting-edge audio-visual technology. The ship also boasts a spacious dining room, a bar, a library, a meeting room, a gym, a sauna with an open view, and a medical clinic. The top deck features a 360° walking track, providing unparalleled vantage points for viewing wildlife and enjoying the Antarctic landscape. With a fleet of 10 Zodiacs, the hybrid-electric vessel is expertly designed for daily outdoor excursions, allowing fast, efficient disembarking so all guests can access land simultaneously.

M/V MAGELLAN EXPLORER: a modern expedition vessel custom-built for Antarctic air cruises to crush the ice in its path. Magellan Explorer has a capacity for 76 passengers in seven accommodation categories, including dedicated single cabins. Most cabins feature private balconies. All cabins feature a wardrobe, an individually controlled heating system, a sitting area, and a private bathroom with a shower and heated floors. The ship features a glass-enclosed observation lounge and presentation room with state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment, a fleet of Zodiacs, a spacious and stylish dining room, a well-stocked bar, a library, a meeting room, a gym, a sauna, a medical clinic, and an accessible bow for close-up wildlife encounters. Its Polar Class 6 ice rating, advanced stabilizers, and eco-conscious engineering ensure safe and smooth passage through the White Continent's dramatic landscapes.

ONBOARD: On Antarctica21 ships, we offer a boutique hospitality experience designed for comfort, flexibility, and personal connection. Whether you prefer privacy in your cabin, conversation in the lounge, quiet moments in the library, or fresh air on deck, our vessels cater to your rhythm. Our attentive team keeps you informed and engaged, while skilled chefs craft multi-course menus featuring fresh salads, fruits, pastries, and premium Chilean

wines and beers—all served with sweeping views of the Polar landscape. Weather permitting, enjoy the rare thrill of a deck barbecue in Antarctica.

Across our fleet, high standards of service and thoughtful amenities—like reusable water bottles, premium bath products, and nightly turndown with chocolates—enhance your journey. From briefings and social gatherings to bridge visits and cabin service, every detail is curated for excellence. While each ship has its own character, the modern Magellan Discoverer and Magellan Explorer feature private balconies in most cabins, ideal for taking in Antarctica's dramatic scenery. No matter which vessel you choose, you'll find a welcoming atmosphere, comfortable accommodations, and a dedicated team ready to make your expedition unforgettable.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Hiking & Snowshoeing excursions are carefully chosen for their scenic beauty and offer exceptional vantage points for photography. Each outing lasts approximately 1.5 hours and is designed to immerse guests in the pristine landscapes of Antarctica. Depending on seasonal conditions and terrain, some hikes may require snowshoes and/or trekking poles—both provided by Antarctica21. Snowshoeing is typically available from November through January, when snow coverage is ideal. By February and March, snowshoes are generally no longer necessary. Guests may select the excursions they wish to join, ensuring a personalized and flexible experience. The minimum age for participation is 15 years.
Additional cost: starting from $85 per person, per excursion.

Sea Kayaking, enjoy an intimate, small-group adventure limited to just 20 participants per outing (minimum age 15 years). Guests are divided into two rotating groups of 10, each embarking on one or two guided excursions during the voyage. Led by a seasoned Kayak Master, every excursion is designed to maximize safety, serenity, and close-up encounters with Antarctica's pristine wilderness. A dedicated safety Zodiac will support the group. Each kayaking excursion will last approximately 1.5 hours. Participants must have previous kayaking experience using a sea kayak with a spray skirt and experience with an emergency wet exit.
Additional cost: from $995 per person per outing.
This optional activity needs to be reserved and fully paid at the time of your initial reservation.

COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY: Antarctica21 leads sustainable travel in Antarctica, setting high standards in environmental protection, traveler safety, and the promotion of science and education. Our 2030 vision is to be a model of responsible travel in Antarctica and Sub-Antarctica, offering unforgettable experiences that inspire global appreciation and preservation of this pristine region. We work closely with the scientific community and prioritize innovation, wildlife respect, and ecosystem care to ensure future generations can enjoy and learn from Antarctica as we do today.

Key Sustainability Efforts

- Technological Innovation: both vessels are designed with advanced sustainability features, such as a heat recovery system for efficient heating and water use, and Marorka software to optimize fuel consumption and reduce emissions.
- Carbon Offsetting: We offset emissions by investing in wind energy projects in Chile and Guatemala, aiming for net-zero emissions through ongoing certification and improvement.
- Environmental Protection: Antarctica21 as a Carbon Neutral® certified company and IAATO member, minimizes the operations impact through ESG-based strategies developed with Deloitte.

The Antarctica21 Foundation was established in 2021 as a vehicle for participation in a variety of programs focused on Antarctica. The foundation undertakes activities in support of science, art, conservation, and education, thereby contributing to the creation of Antarctic knowledge and to the transfer of that knowledge to wide segments of society.

OPTIONAL TRIP EXTENSIONS: For participants with extra days, we offer curated extensions to explore Chile's most iconic landscapes. Enhance your journey with a 5-day/4-night adventure to Torres del Paine National Park, renowned for its dramatic peaks, glaciers, and wildlife. Alternatively, discover the otherworldly beauty of the Atacama Desert, with its salt flats, geysers, sand dunes, and star-filled skies. Extensions require a minimum of 2 participants. For additional options visit Travel to Patagonia.

COMBINATION WITH ARGENTINA: For a truly immersive journey to the southern reaches of South America, consider extending your adventure to include Argentina's most captivating destinations. Highlights may include the vibrant capital of Buenos Aires, the spectacular landscapes of Patagonia, the awe-inspiring Iguazú Falls, or the renowned wine region of Mendoza. Your extended Antarctic journey can be seamlessly arranged as a custom itinerary, beginning in Santiago and concluding in Buenos Aires—or vice versa, tailored to your interests and travel rhythm.

ANTARCTIC WEATHER: Antarctica's climate is as captivating as its scenery—a realm of extremes shaped by ice, wind, and light. During the austral summer (November to March), when most expeditions take place, temperatures along the Antarctic Peninsula typically range from -2°C to 8°C (28°F to 46°F). While inland conditions are far harsher, the coastal zones are surprisingly temperate, especially under clear skies and low winds. Weather can shift quickly: a calm morning may give way to brisk gusts, snowfall, or fog, making adaptability essential. Extended daylight (up to 20 hours) creates surreal lighting and enhances wildlife viewing but also necessitates sun protection. Travelers should prepare for cold, dry air, reflective surfaces, and occasional precipitation.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Travel insurance **is mandatory** for all participants, covering medical issues that may arise during the trip—including those related to pre-existing conditions—and aero-medical evacuation from any of the areas visited during the voyage. It is also essential in case of unexpected events prior to departure that may require cancellation or date changes. Weather disruptions, natural events, medical emergencies, local strikes, or personal injury/illness (affecting you, your traveling companion, or family members at home) may necessitate itinerary changes or interruptions. Missed connections, delayed arrivals, lost or delayed baggage, and the need for medical attention or evacuation are additional reasons why comprehensive coverage is strongly recommended.

The Antarctica expedition takes place in remote regions with no medical facilities. Although the ship is staffed with a qualified physician and equipped with a small infirmary, onboard care is limited to basic treatment. In the event of a major medical emergency, passengers must be evacuated to a healthcare facility on the mainland.

Southwind recommends **Travel Insured International**, which offers well-valued coverage options to ensure you are adequately protected against all eventualities. If you, your traveling companion, or a family member has a pre-existing medical condition, coverage may still be available in the event of a recurrence—provided the insurance plan is purchased **within 21 days of your initial deposit**. Southwind can provide an eQuote for your review upon receipt of your deposit and completed Trip Reservation eForm.
Learn more about coverage offered by Travel Insured International

NEXT STEPS: Please contact Southwind to speak with a personal Travel Advisor to help fine tune your travel plans and to receive a custom itinerary with a land cost quote based on your travel dates. You can reach us by filling out our Private Trip Request form, by email at info@southwindadventures.com, by phone at 800-377-9463 or by text to 303-972-0701.

Reservations can be made up to 120 days before departure, subject to availability of tour services, cruise, and hotel accommodations. Due to the growing demand for Antarctica trips, we recommend making reservations at least 6-7 months in advance for non-holiday or about 1 year prior for holiday departures. Once your trip is confirmed to operate, you will receive pre-departure planning materials, flight booking assistance and advice to help prepare for your exciting upcoming journey.

We look forward to having you travel with us in Chile & Antarctica!

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