# ANTARCTICA & SOUTH GEORGIA AIR-CRUISE



Visit the **Antarctic Peninsula and South Georgia** aboard the new Magellan Explorer. Enjoy views of spectacular mountains and towering icebergs, and visit extraordinary snowy landscapes and remote penguin rookeries. Travel in the footstep of explorer Ernest Shackleton to the extremes of the Southern Hemisphere!



ANTARCTICA & SOUTH GEORGIA AIR CRUISE DATES – March 1-16, 2020 DURATION –16 days/15 nights SHIP –MAGELLAN EXPLORER From - \$15,395 Double

# **ITINERARY:**

#### Day 1: Start of the Air Cruise

It is highly recommended you arrive a few days early. We can arrange pre- and post-cruise programs for you.

Our staff welcomes you in Punta Arenas, Chile, before 2 PM. Transfer to your hotel and attend a mandatory briefing. A welcome dinner introduces you to the local gastronomy as you meet fellow adventurers.

# Day 2: Scheduled flight to Antarctica

A two-hour flight aboard a British Aerospace BAE-146 takes you from Punta Arenas to King George Island, in the South Shetland Islands. Explore the area before boarding a Zodiac to embark your expedition vessel.



# Day 3-5: Exploring Antarctica

Cruise between the South Shetland Islands and the western coast of the Antarctic Peninsula, sailing along ice-filled fjords and among spectacular icebergs. Each day, disembark by Zodiac and explore the landscape together with expert polar guides.

No journey is the same as flexibility is the key to success in Antarctica. The Expedition Team sets the





voyage route to take advantage of the ever- changing opportunities provided by Nature. You will explore several spots in the Gerlache Strait that offer the best possible overview of the varied Antarctic environment.



# Day 6: Elephant Island

After crossing the Antarctic Convergence, the environment changes noticeably. Keep your camera ready, as this is the time to watch for the first icebergs and the first sight of Antarctic land. Reaching the South Shetland Islands, sail in ice-filled bays, while enjoying the company of seabirds, penguins, seals and whales. Board a Zodiac for your first memorable shore visit to a penguin colony. Taking advantage of the endless Antarctic daylight, exploration will continue well into the evening.

# Day 7-8: Sailing to South Georgia

As we sail northward, our historian and our naturalists offer a series of presentations. There is time to socialize in the ship's lounge, while keeping an eye out for the region's abundant birdlife.



Pre- and Post-cruise tour programs are available to explore more of Chile and Argentina.

# Day 9-11: South Georgia

The island of South Georgia is a diverse landscape of majestic mountains, massive glaciers, grassy uplands and deep fjords. Visit the former whaling outpost of Grytviken, where you may pay your respects at the simple grave of Ernest Shackleton. At St. Andrew's Bay be overwhelmed by the sight of 150,000 king penguins. At Cooper Island, the nesting home of thousands of black-browed albatrosses, see a large colony of macaroni penguins. If the weather is favorable, visits are also planned at Fortuna Bay, Salisbury Plains, Prion Island, and Elsehul Bay.

#### Day 12-14: Sailing towards South America

As the ship heads to South America, the program of presentations continues. Use this time to enhance your understanding of the region and its history.



# Day 15: At Sea and Beagle Channel

Approach the South American continent and sail along the Beagle Channel. Take in the beauty of Tierra del Fuego and Navarino Island as you make your way to Ushuaia.

# Day 16: Ushuaia, Argentina

Arrival to Ushuaia, where your journey ends.



# Introducing the new Magellan Explorer

Strong and agile, *Magellan Explorer* has been developed from the ground up as the ideal platform for Antarctica21's air-cruise operations. Several international polar expedition experts have contributed to the design of the ship. Working with designers, engineers, and naval architects, they developed a wide range of technical solutions designed to enhance the expedition experience of guests.

Magellan Explorer will join the Antarctica21 fleet during the 2019-20 season. She is the world's first expedition ship custom designed for Antarctic aircruise operations. The ship provides a stylish base for our guests' adventures, combining excellence in expedition and boutique hospitality.



#### **RATES INCLUDE:**

Pre-departure booklet; For air-cruises starting in Punta Arenas, group transfers airport/hotel on Day 1; One overnight with breakfast in Punta Arenas at the Cabo de Hornos Hotel or similar, with a welcome dinner including drinks on Day 1; One overnight with breakfast in Punta Arenas at the Cabo de Hornos Hotel or similar on the Day of the Scheduled Return Flight from Antarctica; Group transfers airport/hotel on the Day of the Scheduled Return Flight from Antarctica, and group transfers hotel/airport on last day of the air-cruise; Flight from Punta Arenas to Frei Station on King George Island and/or vice versa as indicated in the program corresponding to each voyage; Ship cruise along the Antarctic Peninsula as indicated in the program corresponding to each voyage; Daily buffet breakfast and lunch on board ship offering a wide choice of dishes; Daily served dinner on board ship offering a choice of three main courses; Wine, beer, juice, and soft drinks served with lunch and dinner on board ship; Coffee, tea, chocolate, cappuccino, water and snacks on board ship throughout the expedition; All guided shore excursions; Lectures and entertainment on board; Comprehensive pre- and postvoyage information material; Loan of waterproof boots for landing in Antarctica; IAATO passenger fee.

# Contingency Plan as described below, contact us for further information.

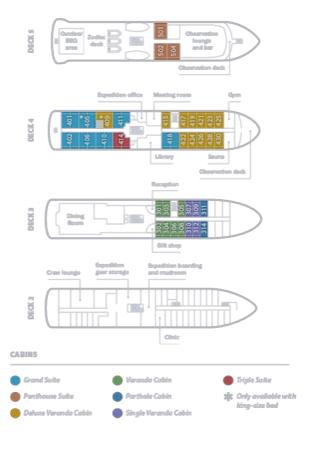
Possible Flight Delays and Contingency Plan. Flights to and from Antarctica operate based on weather conditions. While historically only a minority of flights have experienced a delay, you should be prepared for that possibility. The Contingency Plan is included in the cost of your expedition. The primary goal of the plan is to provide an engaging and comfortable travel experience while we adapt to the weather. A change in the flight schedule can impact travel to Antarctica or return back to Punta Arenas, and the plan includes a range of activities determined by the circumstances. Additionally, the Contingency Plan offers you financial protection by providing a refund should weather conditions prevent us from reaching Antarctica.

#### RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

Travel insurance; International airline tickets; Pre- or post-cruise arrangements; Items of personal nature (communication, laundry, souvenirs, etc.); Accommodation, meals, excursions and transfers other than those included in the itinerary and the Contingency Plan corresponding to each voyage; Beverages purchased at the ship's bar; Gratuities; Visas for Chile and/or Argentina, passport expenses, and any arrival and/or departure tax, if applicable.

2020 RATES – MAGELLAN EXPLORER	
CABIN CATEGORY	
	PER PERSON RATE
TRIPLE	\$14,395
PORTHOLE	\$15,395
VERANDA	\$17,495
DELUXE VERANDA	\$18,495
PENTHOUSE	\$21,995
GRANDE SUITE	\$25,495
SINGLE	\$25,595

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