

# Wild Earth Travel

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## ANTARCTICA DIRECT: SAIL AND FLY THE DRAKE PASSAGE EXPEDITION CRUISE

Experience the wild grandeur of the White Continent in a more efficient, expedient way. On this new itinerary, cruise the Drake Passage one way, and then bypass the Drake Passage on the way back on a 2-hour flight from Antarctica and discover all of the highlights without sacrificing the extra time. Travel with a diverse team of experts aboard the National Geographic Explorer, the definitive expedition ship. Venture into channels and coves framed by towering peaks. Watch for whales off the bow; Zodiac cruise around enormous icebergs; and hike, kayak, and even possibly cross-country ski in complete tranquility. Choose an active agenda or surrender to the pleasures of relaxing downtime and shipboard camaraderie. Plus, get top shots with the help of a National Geographic Photography Expert.



### ITINERARY

DAY 1 Ushuaia, Argentina

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Arrive in Ushuaia. Sandwiched between ice-mantled peaks and the frigid waters of the Beagle Channel, this is a fittingly wild place to be known as "El Fin del Mundo" or "The End of the World." Transfer from the airport to our hotel. Join us this evening for dinner and a briefing on our upcoming adventure.

Arrival Time: Arrive by 6:00 p.m. local time.

Arrival City: Ushuaia, Argentina

Meals Included: Dinner

## DAY 2 Ushuaia / Embark Ship

Check out of our hotel and begin exploring this amazing region. Visit Tierra del Fuego National Park, clad in dense beech forest just as much of Antarctica was millions of years ago. Savor lunch on board a private catamaran as you cruise the Channel, keeping an eye out for plump South American sea lions and sleek seabirds like the imperial cormorant. By day's end, you'll be comfortably on board the ship and ready to sail off to the White Continent.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAYS 3-4 At Sea Crossing the Drake Passage

At times ferocious, at others flat calm, this legendary 500-mile-wide strait divides South America from the Antarctic Peninsula. Feel the excitement build as we begin the crossing, often accompanied by seabirds like the wandering albatross and--if luck allows--a pod of killer whales or rare dolphins. Get to know the ship and prepare for the adventures ahead. Visit the Bridge (ideal for wildlife spotting), relax with a massage, attend a talk on the unique biology of penguins, or simply settle into a comfy chair in the observation lounge, looking out over the waves as you contemplate the history of this passage named for English privateer Francis Drake, but first discovered by Spanish navigator Francisco de Hoces.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAYS 5-8 Exploring Antarctica

With long hours of daylight at this time of year, we have ample opportunities to explore. Our schedule is flexible, allowing us to take advantage of the unexpected, whether we're watching whales at play off the bow of our ship, hiking alongside penguin highways, or enjoying an evening Zodiac cruise amid porpoising penguins. While wildlife is magnificent, ice defines the Antarctic. You'll get to know ice up close and personal--from icebergs the size of islands, bergy bits and near-vertical glaciers, to the fragile, nearly invisible layers that have just begun to freeze. One day, we might set out by kayak to encounter towering icebergs at water level; embark on a Zodiac excursion in search of seals and blue-eyed shags; or walk amid thousands of Adelie and gentoo penguins. The next, we might experience the thrill of the ship crunching through pack ice. Everywhere we go in Antarctica we're surrounded by opportunities to capture uniquely beautiful images. Along the way, your expert expedition team will enrich every experience.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 9 King George Island / Disembark Ship / Puerto Natales, Chile

This morning finds us off of King George Island. Home to a diverse assortment of wildlife--Weddell and elephant seals; Adelie, chinstrap, and gentoo penguins--this island also has a human presence. Researchers from a wide range of countries, including the US, Chile, Argentina, and Brazil, call the various stations home. Disembark and Zodiac ashore to board our 2-hour flight back to Puerto Natales where we will overnight at Hotel Costaustralis or Remota Patagonia Lodge (or similar).

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 10 Puerto Natales

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Check out of your hotel and transfer to the airport to begin your journey homeward.

Departure Time: Outbound flights from Puerto Natales should depart no earlier than 3:45 p.m. local time (or as late in the day as possible).

Departure City: Puerto Natales, Chile

Meals Included: Breakfast

[Please note:](#)

Itineraries are subject to change.



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## YOUR SHIP: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

<b>YOUR SHIP:</b>	<b>National Geographic Explorer</b>
<b>VESSEL TYPE:</b>	<b>Luxury Expedition</b>
<b>LENGTH:</b>	<b>108 meters</b>
<b>PASSENGER CAPACITY:</b>	<b>148 (single &amp; twin cabins)</b>
<b>BUILT/REFURBISHED:</b>	<b>1982 / 2008</b>

National Geographic Explorer is a state-of-the-art expedition ship. It is a fully stabilized, ice-class vessel, enabling it to navigate polar passages while providing exceptional comfort. It carries kayaks and a fleet of Zodiac landing craft. An Undersea Specialist operates a remotely operated vehicle (ROV) and sophisticated video equipment, extending access to the underwater world.

Public areas : Bistro Bar; Chart Room; Restaurant; Global Gallery; Library, Lounge with full service bar and state-of-the-art facilities for films, slideshows and presentations; Mud Room with lockers for expedition gear, and Observation Lounge. Our "Open Bridge" provides guests an opportunity to meet our Officers and Captain and learn about navigation.

Meals : Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Menu is international with local flair.

Cabins : A New Look for National Geographic Explorer Suites  
National Geographic Explorer recently debuted updated suites, enhanced with the sleek, Scandinavian design that has become the hallmark of our polar fleet. Each of these elegant cabins now holds a Command Center, which allows guests to continue to

explore from the comfort of their suites with a set of tools that includes a barometer, a National Geographic Atlas, a television that broadcasts entertainment and ship navigation, a coffee maker, and multiple USB and universal electric ports for cameras and other devices. 81 outside cabins

All feature windows or portholes, private facilities, climate controls, hair dryers, and TV, plus Ethernet, Wi-Fi connections, and USB ports for mobile devices. Some cabins have balconies. Single cabins in Category SA and Category SB are located on the main deck and upper deck.

Expedition Equipment : Zodiac landing craft, kayaks, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, SplashCam, underwater video camera, Crow's Nest remote controlled camera, video microscope, snorkeling gear.

Special Features : A full-time doctor, Undersea Specialist, LEX Photo Specialist and Video Chronicler, Internet Cafe and laundry.

Wellness: The vessel is staffed by two Wellness Specialists and features a glass enclosed Fitness Center, outdoor stretching area, two LEXspa treatment rooms and Sauna.

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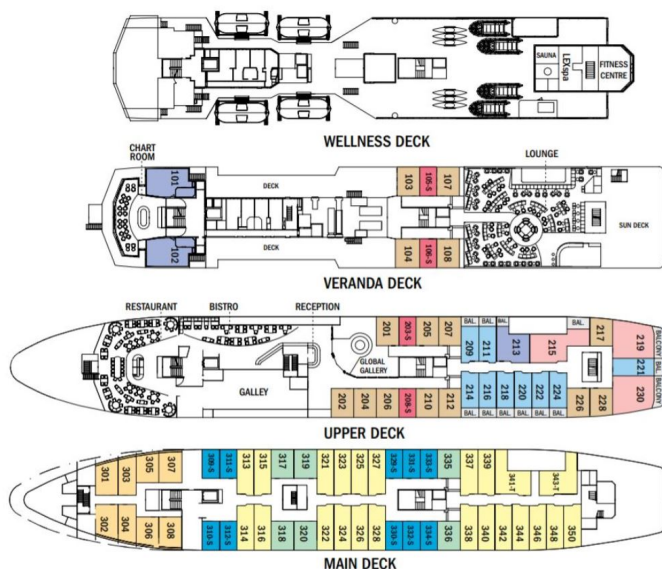
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## INSIDE YOUR SHIP



Category 1



Category 2



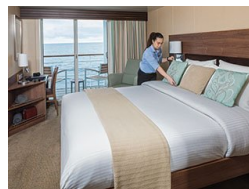
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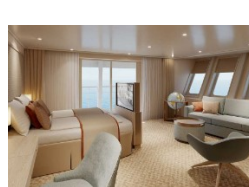
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Category 6



Category 7



Category SA (solo)



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## PRICING

### 15-Dec-2025 to 24-Dec-2025

Category 1	17071 AUD pp
Category 2	19004 AUD pp
Category 3	19547 AUD pp
Category 4	20910 AUD pp
Category SA (solo)	24893 AUD pp
Category 5	25780 AUD pp
Category SB (solo)	28606 AUD pp
Category 6	29743 AUD pp
Category 7	32714 AUD pp

### 03-Jan-2026 to 12-Jan-2026

Category 1	19929 AUD pp
Category 2	22214 AUD pp
Category 3	22857 AUD pp
Category 4	24470 AUD pp
Category SA (solo)	29179 AUD pp
Category 5	30230 AUD pp
Category SB (solo)	33571 AUD pp
Category 6	34919 AUD pp
Category 7	38429 AUD pp

### 22-Jan-2026 to 31-Jan-2026

Category 1	18500 AUD pp
Category 2	20609 AUD pp
Category 3	21201 AUD pp
Category 4	22689 AUD pp
Category SA (solo)	27036 AUD pp
Category 5	28003 AUD pp
Category SB (solo)	31087 AUD pp
Category 6	32329 AUD pp
Category 7	0 pp

### 10-Feb-2026 to 19-Feb-2026

Category 1	17786 AUD pp
Category 2	19894 AUD pp
Category 3	20487 AUD pp
Category 4	21974 AUD pp
Category SA (solo)	26321 AUD pp
Category 5	27289 AUD pp
Category SB (solo)	30373 AUD pp
Category 6	31614 AUD pp
Category 7	34857 AUD pp

### ADDITIONAL CHARGES:

Mandatory charter flight 1250  
AUD pp



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## SPECIAL OFFERS

### **\*\*10% OFF BACK-TO-BACK VOYAGES\*\***

Save 10% on consecutive departures, applicable on voyage fares only and not valid on extensions or airfare. Valid for new bookings only, subject to availability, and may not be combined with other offers. Call for details.

### **\*\*BRINGING THE KIDS\*\***

We believe sharing an expedition with your kids or grandkids is a life-enhancing experience. So take \$625 off for each child under the age of 18.

### **\*\*SAVE 5% TRAVELING AS A GROUP\*\***

Save 5% when traveling as a group of eight or more people. Valid on voyage fares only and not applicable on extensions or airfare. Deposit, final payments, and cancellation policies for group travel vary from our regular policies. Valid for new bookings only, subject to availability, and may not be combined with other offers. Call for details.

### **\*\*CELEBRATE LIFE'S MILESTONES\*\***

Celebrate a milestone with a group of eight or more and enjoy a special amenity package including: 5% savings on voyage fares, custom group photo, US\$150 shipboard credit for the group, and other special gifts. Milestone celebration to be communicated at time of booking. Valid for new bookings only on select departures, subject to availability, not applicable on airfare or extensions, and may not be combined with other offers. Deposit, final payments, and cancellation policies for group travel vary from our regular policies. Call for details.

### **\*\*COMBINING OFFERS\*\***

Combine now and save!

Certain offers may be combinable, up to two savings opportunities, except where noted otherwise. For example, travel with a group of 8 or more on back-to-back expeditions, and take advantage of both savings.



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