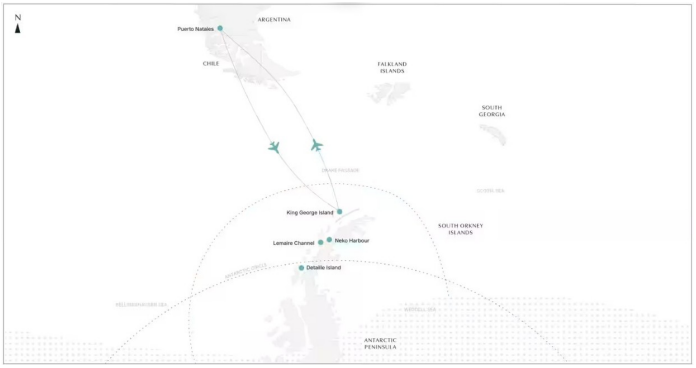


ANTARCTIC CIRCLE EXPEDITION MICRO CRUISE BY AIR

A 2.5-hour charter flight from Patagonia. Seven full days in Antarctica. And on every departure, a push south toward the Antarctic Circle at 66 °33'S: into sea ice, locked bergs, and the part of the continent most Antarctic vessels never reach. With 36 guests, five Senior Polar Guides, and four Zodiacs in the water at once, all guests reach the Peninsula together, with the time and space to go further. First navigated by Captain James Cook in 1773, this far-south route is still only attempted by a small number of vessels, and on our micro-ship Expedition Micro Cruise, your access is rare and intimate. We'll celebrate the moment aboard the ship before venturing into seldom-seen areas like The Gullet, Lallemand Fjord, and Detaille Island, where Adelie penguins tend chicks, elusive Ross seals may appear, and humpback whales bubble-net feed in krill-rich waters. Enter a realm few have reached and join an elite circle of Antarctic explorers. Six reasons to cross the Antarctic Circle with Secret Atlas Reach 66°33'S at 36-guest scale. The smallest scheduled expedition vessel currently pushing for the Antarctic Circle. Everyone lands together, in a single Zodiac deployment, at every site. Skip the Drake Passage. A two-hour direct flight from Puerto Natales to King George Island in the South Shetlands replaces two days of open-ocean crossing in each direction. Seven full days on the ice. More time on the Peninsula than a traditional sail-cruise, without the Drake. A push for the Circle on every departure. Weather and ice permitting, the captain and expedition team commit to reaching 66°33'S, not just attempting it. Named landing sites few travellers ever reach. Crystal Sound, Marguerite Bay, Stonington Island, Detaille Island, and the narrow passages of The Gullet, on the same voyage as the classic Peninsula sites. A gateway in Puerto Natales. At the foot of Torres del Paine, with an optional five-day Patagonian extension available. Journey to the edge where ice and wildlife converge in pristine wilderness. The fly cruise format eliminates the Drake Passage crossing in both directions maximising your time where it matters most. More time exploring the White Continent instead of spending days at sea increases opportunities for Zodiac cruises, shore landings, and wildlife encounters. Crossing the Antarctic Circle is never guaranteed and always depends on ice and weather conditions, every Secret Atlas Expedition Micro Cruise is designed to make the attempt, giving you the best possible chance to venture farther south. The season shapes everything. December and January bring the Peninsula at its most active: perpetual twilight, penguin colonies in full nesting season, humpback whales arriving in increasing numbers. Whether you are here for Christmas, New Year, or the height of the Antarctic summer, the expedition follows the same route, the same ambition, and the same intention to push as far south as conditions allow. In this frozen, awakening world, nature leads -- and we follow, quietly and



respectfully.

ITINERARY

Day 1 Arrive at Weskar Lodge in Puerto Natales, Chile
Check-in between 15:00 and 17:00.

Pre-Antarctic briefings from the expedition team, followed by a Patagonian asado at the Weskar Lodge club house marking the official start of your expedition.

Day 2 Fly from Puerto Natales to King George Island, Antarctica
From day two, we are ready to depart as soon as conditions allow. The charter flight to King George Island takes 2.5 hours. The timing is determined by the Captain based on the safest available weather window, not a clock.

If the flight window does not open on day two, the expedition continues at Weskar Lodge. The lodge, Torres del Paine, and Puerto Natales itself are not a holding pattern; they are a destination. The longer voyage duration is specifically designed to provide a wider operational window for the crossing.

Days 3 - 9 Dramatic coastlines and penguin colonies

Seven full days on the Peninsula. Where we go is shaped by conditions and opportunity, not a fixed timetable.

The range covers the South Shetland Islands including Deception Island. The Gerlache Strait, Wilhelmina Bay, Lemaire Channel, Paradise Bay, and Cuverville Island: the core of the Peninsula's most extraordinary geography. When the ice opens south, we push toward the Antarctic Circle at 66°33'S.

Into Antarctica 's hidden places

South of the Circle, the landscape changes. Locked bergs in frozen channels. A silence with a different weight. In the right conditions, guests go ashore onto the sea ice itself, walking among icebergs that have not moved in weeks. This is where Ross Seals and Emperor Penguins live. Neither is guaranteed, and in fact very uncommon to encounter; however, both are possible here and almost nowhere else on this itinerary.

With only 36 guests, there are no crowds. Our expert guides respond to conditions as they develop whether that's extending a landing, spending longer at a remarkable wildlife encounter, or adapting the plan to make the most of every opportunity. On a Expedition Micro Cruise, this flexibility is the norm, not the exception.

Exploring Antarctica's raw and untouched beauty

We often sail into the heart of the Antarctic Peninsula through the scenic Gerlache Strait, flanked by jagged peaks.

We aim to explore Antarctica's wildest corners. Possible



locations include: Cierva Cove, Trinity Island, Mikkelsen Harbour, Hydrurga Rocks, Hughes Bay, Wilhelmina Bay, Cuverville Island, Errera Channel, Neko Harbour, Paradise Bay, Almirante Brown Station, Dallman Bay, Melchior Islands, Neumayer Channel, Port Lockroy, Lemaire Channel, Port Charcot, Petermann Island, Argentina Islands (Wordie House), Crystal Sound, Detaille Island, Lallemand Fjord, The Gullet, Marguerite Bay, Half Moon Island, Yankee Harbour, Whalers Bay, Baily Head, Deception Island.

Day 10 Fly back to Puerto Natales from King George Island, Antarctica

Aureum holds at Maxwell Bay until the return flight window opens. When it does, the crossing back takes 2.5 hours.

If the flight window shifts, the expedition continues. There is no shortage of Antarctica to explore. Every additional day on the Peninsula is unplanned time in one of the most extraordinary places on earth.

The final night is at Weskar Lodge: farewell dinner, the expedition settling.

Day 11 Enjoy your last day in Puerto Natales, Chile

After your expedition, take the opportunity to explore Puerto Natales, the gateway to Chilean Patagonia--a frontier town with genuine character, exceptional local seafood, an unhurried pace, and an atmosphere entirely its own.

From here, discover nearby Torres del Paine National Park, part of the UNESCO Torres del Paine Biosphere Reserve, renowned for its granite towers, glaciers, turquoise lakes and remarkable wildlife.

Want to stay a little longer? Every Antarctica By Air expedition includes our Peace of Mind approach, with up to three additional nights in Puerto Natales at no extra accommodation cost.

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

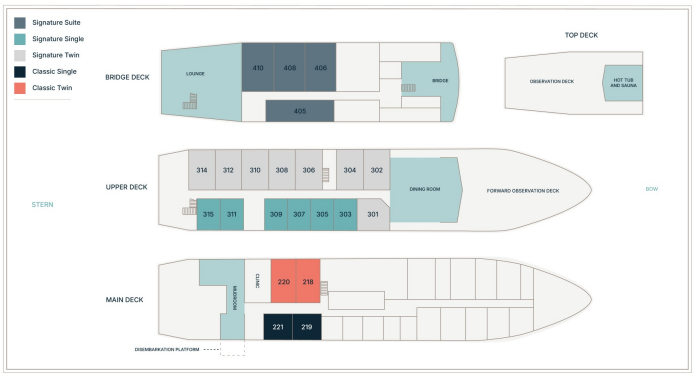
Accommodating just 36 guests, Aureum embodies everything that defines the Secret Atlas experience: small-ship exploration, exceptional flexibility, and a level of immersion that larger expedition vessels simply can't offer. Purpose-built for polar exploration, Aureum features a high ice class, allowing her to navigate through sea ice with confidence, along with wing stabilisers for enhanced comfort in open water. One of the features we're most excited about is her hybrid propulsion system. When conditions allow, we can switch off the engines and glide silently through the polar wilderness, experiencing the extraordinary stillness of the ice while watching whales and wildlife undisturbed. Onboard, you'll enjoy exceptional service alongside thoughtfully designed facilities, including a panoramic observation lounge and wellness centre with gym equipment, sauna, and outdoor hot tub. I particularly love the open bridge policy, so at any time you can watch the captain at work, ask questions, search for wildlife and feel in the heart of the expedition operations. With just 36 passengers onboard, MV Aureum is particularly well suited to solo travellers. You embark as strangers but often disembark as friends. Because the group is so small, you'll have the opportunity to meet everyone onboard, share the experience together and quickly become acquainted as one close



-knit group.



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