

ANTARCTIC 2026/2027

Essential Patagonia: Chilean Fjords and Torres del Paine

 **ULTRAMARINE**



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Expedition Overview

Essential Patagonia: Chilean Fjords and Torres del Paine

The vast scale of Chilean Patagonia can be daunting for travelers, but our 15-day *Essential Patagonia: Chilean Fjords and Torres del Paine* overcomes those challenges with a ship-based journey supported by two twin-engine helicopters and 20 quick-deploy Zodiacs. Retrace Darwin's voyage to the "edge of the world" as you navigate remote fjords and channels, helicopter flightsee above dramatic peaks and tidewater glaciers, and Zodiac cruise along Patagonia's enchanting coastlines. Encounter guanacos, Magellanic penguin, sea lions, elephant seals, and seabirds while experiencing one of the planet's most spectacular frontiers.

HIGHLIGHTS



Explore Patagonia with the best team in the polar industry



Enjoy helicopter flightseeing for a unique perspective of the landscape



Spot iconic wildlife, such as Magellanic penguins, sea lion, guanacos and seabirds



Experience some of the world's most remote glacial and fjord systems, including Glacier Alley



Retrace Darwin's route through the Beagle Channel and learn about the storied history of southern Chile



View glaciers, fjords and remote channels on a Zodiac cruise.



Itinerary

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 pre-expedition hotel, which is included in your Charter Flight and Hotel package.

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 meeting the bus (at a designated location) to be transferred to your ship.



ESSENTIAL PATAGONIA Chilean Fjords and Torres del Paine

- Onboard *Ultramarine*
- - - Flights from Buenos Aires / to Santiago
- Torres del Paine excursion

After a late afternoon embarkation, we will sail along the historic Beagle Channel, which transects the Tierra del Fuego archipelago in the extreme south of South America.

DAY 3 | CAPE HORN

As we begin our exploration of Chile's southern extent, expect a new adventure every day. Though each expedition will be different, depending on the weather, we aim to start our journey to the "edge of the earth" with a visit to historic Cape Horn (Cabo de Hornos). At the southernmost point of the Tierra del Fuego ("Land of Fire") archipelago, this steep, rocky headland on Hornos Island marks the northern boundary of the famous Drake Passage, where the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans meet. From the 1700s to the early 1900s, prior to the opening of the Panama Canal, this cape was part of a major global trade route.

If sea and weather conditions allow, you may go ashore for a hike out to the lighthouse, the tiny Stella Maris ("Star of the Sea") Chapel, and the albatross-shaped monument honoring the many mariners who lost their lives attempting to "round the Horn." Atop the windswept promontory, pause for a moment to take in the panoramic view and to enjoy the peaceful solitude that can only be found at one of the most southern stretches of land in the world.

DAYS 4 & 5 | PIA AND GARIBALDI GLACIERS, GLACIER ALLEY

As our ship sails north toward the southern edge of Tierra del Fuego, stimulating presentations by your Expedition Team will enrich your knowledge of the glacial systems, geology, environment, wildlife and storied history of the region as you retrace Charles Darwin's historic

IMPORTANT REMINDER

As this voyage will start in Argentina and enter Chile, please ensure you obtain visas for both countries as required by your nationality. Residents of some countries may also be required to pay a reciprocity fee to enter Chile.

journey through the Beagle Channel, a 150-mile (240 km) strait separating Tierra del Fuego's main island from several smaller islands. Named after Captain Robert FitzRoy's famous ship on which Charles Darwin was a young naturalist, the channel presents plenty of photo ops to capture seabirds hovering overhead and dramatic vistas of jagged-peaked mountains and glaciers.



Rugged and untouched, this magnificent landscape is as starkly beautiful as it was when Darwin first laid eyes on it in 1833. What he experienced in this region would later help him form his then controversial theory on evolution by natural selection.

Glacier Alley (as it's nicknamed) is one of the most spectacular ship passages in Tierra del Fuego. The glaciers' names honor the European countries that first explored the region: España (Oblicuo), Romanche, Alemania (Roncagli), Francia, Italia, and Holland Glaciers.

Situated within the protected boundary of Alberto de Agostini National Park, both Pia and Garibaldi Glaciers sit at the head of picturesque, often ice-choked fjords that offer guests jaw-dropping views. Located within the Cordillera Darwin (Darwin Mountain Range), the impressive Pia Glacier extends from the soaring mountaintops down into the sea. A short hike to a lookout point provides superb vistas of the glacier and mountains.

Surrounded by pristine sub-Antarctic forests, Garibaldi Glacier flows from a separate mountain, providing equally exceptional views, with the Darwin Mountains rising dramatically out of the fjord. We can explore this area by Zodiac, and include a visit to a beautiful glacial waterfall nearby.

As we navigate the fjords, your Expedition Team will keep watch for Andean condors, massive birds whose wing span is second only to the wandering albatross.

DAY 6 | DAINELLI (AGUILA) GLACIER

Located at the end of a tranquil lagoon surrounded by lush sub-Antarctic forests in Agostini Sound, Dainelli Glacier (sometimes called Aguila—Spanish for “Eagle” Glacier) is a unique sight, as it appears to flow over rolling hills rather than mountains. Cruising aboard a Zodiac toward the blue-tinged ice, conditions permitting, you will be humbled by the wonder of nature's power. We hope to venture ashore for

an easy hike along the beach to get a more intensive look at the glacier and surrounding mountains.

DAY 7 | CRUISING THE CHILEAN FJORDS

Continuing north, we'll navigate through a remote network of coastal fjords and channels, including time spent venturing out into the Pacific Ocean. Your Expedition Team will prepare you for the adventures that await, helping you further understand the glacial systems, as well as the flora and fauna that can be found in this part of Chile. Take a moment, as we glide past soaring snow-capped peaks, to contemplate the indigenous peoples who thrived here for thousands of years and the mariners of early European exploration who traveled these same sheltered passageways, and were rewarded with the same wondrous sights.



DAYS 8 & 9 | PUERTO NATALES AND TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK

Sailing the turquoise waters of the extraordinary stretch of coastline leading to the small port of Puerto Natales, we'll meander through a mesmerizing maze of deep, windswept fjords, narrow channels and isolated bays, with an eye toward the rugged landscape, unique wildlife and impressive glaciers that tumble from the towering mountains into the icy waters below, along with the imperial and king cormorants, South American terns, black-necked swans and southern wigeons (Chiloé wigeons) that frequent the fjords.

Torres del Paine National Park is one of the most stunning wilderness areas in South America, and Puerto Natales is the gateway. This enormous park is a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, so designated for both its natural wonders and ancient human history, and named for the three granite peaks that tower above the glacier-fed lakes. Enjoy a day of hiking, and exploration aboard chartered buses tailored to your

preferred activity level with lookouts in the park, followed by traditional Patagonian cuisine in the afternoon.

Taking our expedition onto dry land for another full day, we will also visit a working Patagonian *estancia* ("ranch"), founded in 1891 by Scottish immigrants. Here you will learn about Patagonian sheep farming in a historic pastoral setting. You may be lucky enough to spot in the surrounding grasslands wildlife such as ostrich-like rhea, and guanacos, a wild relative of the domestic llama. Complete your cultural experience with a lunch of barbecued lamb *al palo* ("on a stick"), and return to the ship in the early evening.

DAY 10 | CANAL DE LAS MONTAÑAS

Cruising the pristine waters of the Canal de las Montañas ("Channel" or "Fjord of the Mountains") will leave you breathless. You'll be awed by the amazing series of waterfalls cascading down between the jagged peaks that rise up sharply on either side of the narrow,

41-mile (66 km) long channel dotted with glaciers, five of which spill dramatically into the water. Here, impressive ice fields glisten in the distance, and steeply sloped glaciers exceed elevations over 8,235 feet (2,510 meters). The channel also provides an ideal place to put our Zodiacs in the water for more detailed exploring or the chance to go ashore for a hike to scenic viewpoints. If you're feeling more adventurous, perhaps you'll treat yourself to an optional kayaking excursion (extra cost), an exceptional opportunity to experience the channel from a unique perspective.

DAY 11 | TUCKERS ISLETS

A series of small islands and rocky outcrops in Almirantazgo Sound ("Admiralty Sound"), a fjord off the Strait of Magellan, Tuckers Islets is a superb location for viewing penguins. Though landing here is prohibited to protect the fragile nesting habitat, a Zodiac excursion will take you near a pebble beach to view a colony of 4,000-plus breeding Magellanic penguins, conditions permitting. Named



for Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan, whose crew sighted the charming creatures in 1520 during the first circumnavigation of the globe, the species is native to the region, and the sight of them in their burrows, lounging on the beach or waddling in and out of the water, is one you won't forget. If we're fortunate, we may also see Chilean skuas, Magellanic cormorants (rock shags), imperial cormorants (king shags), oystercatchers, kelp geese, or even dolphins.

DAY 12 | AINSWORTH BAY

Continuing our exploration of Almirantazgo Sound, we plan to explore ashore at Ainsworth Bay, one of the most picturesque and pristine places in Patagonia. Surrounded by untouched sub-Antarctic forest, this isolated bay is a protected area within the border of Alberto de Agostini National Park. It hosts abundant birdlife, so you'll want to keep your eyes peeled as we cruise in the Zodiacs. Hiking options will be available for all fitness levels, affording panoramic

views of Marinelli Glacier, Marinelli Fjord and the surrounding Darwin mountain range.

DAY 13 | BAHIA BROOKES

Another excellent spot for glacier exploring in Almirantazgo Sound is Bahia Brookes (Brookes Bay), where, conditions permitting, we'll go ashore by Zodiac. The bay offers ample chances for closer views of a number of waterfalls and glaciers, including the calving North Brookes Glacier, set against the breathtaking backdrop of the towering Darwin mountain range. Amid the serene silence of this icy wonderland, the only sound you may hear is the powerful roar of ice breaking off and crashing into the frigid waters below. This is also a great location for viewing ice fall deposits, which form reconstituted glaciers, and kame (silt and sediment deposits).

DAY 14 | MARTA ISLAND

In the middle of the Strait of Magellan, Marta Island (Isla Marta) is home to abundant birdlife and more than one thousand Patagonian (South American)

sea lions. To protect the wildlife, shore landings are not possible here, but we do plan to circumnavigate the island, providing numerous opportunities to observe and photograph the colony from a short distance, in the comfort of a Zodiac. Called *lobos marinos* ("sea wolves") by local Chileans, these giant pinnipeds—males can weigh over 700 pounds/320 kg—form quite a noisy group as each sea lion vies for a choice spot of coastline. As you cruise by, sightings of imperial cormorants, skuas, southern gulls, snowy sheathbill—and if we're lucky, dolphins—are also possible.

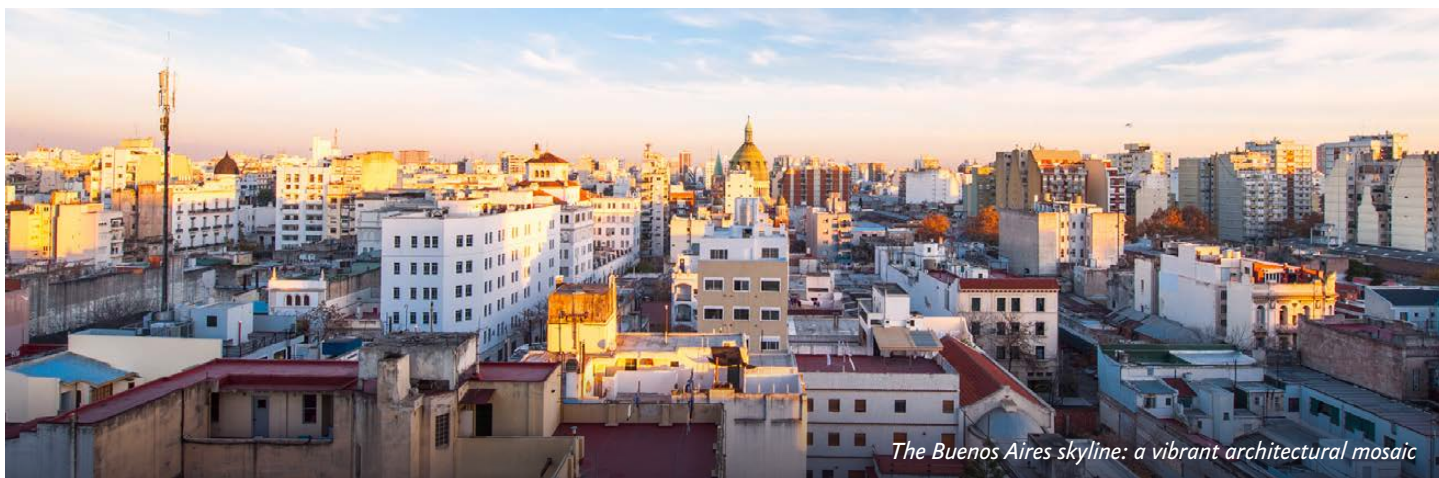
DAY 15 | DISEMBARK IN PUNTA ARENAS AND FLY TO SANTIAGO

After an adventurous two weeks of exploration, you'll say goodbye to your Expedition Team and disembark in Punta Arenas, to be transferred to the airport for your charter flight to Santiago which is included in your Charter Flight and Hotel Package. Upon arrival at the airport, you are welcome to continue on your own travels or connect to your homeward flights.



EXPEDITION SPIRIT

Embracing the unexpected is part of the legacy—and excitement—of expedition travel. When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. This itinerary is a tentative outline of what you may experience on this voyage; please be aware that no specific itinerary can be guaranteed. By the same token, wildlife sightings as described are expected, but not guaranteed. Your Expedition Team will use their considerable experience to seek out wildlife in known habitats, but the presence of any particular species of bird or marine wildlife is not guaranteed.



The Buenos Aires skyline: a vibrant architectural mosaic

Arrival and Departure Details, and International Flight Planning

				
DAY 1		DAY 2	EXPEDITION DAYS	FINAL DAY
<i>In-bound international flight*</i> Arrival and independent transfer to hotel night		Group transfer to airport, flight to embarkation point, and embarkation	On ship or landing days	Disembarkation, free airport transfer, and flight to Santiago, International flight onward**
* Arrive anytime on Day 1 or earlier. Day 1 includes an optional briefing. ** Consider booking your international flight home after the Final Day as charter flight times may vary.  International flights are not included in the cost of the voyage.				

Arrival Day and Embarkation

DAY 1 — ARRIVING IN BUENOS AIRES AND HOTEL NIGHT

Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, you will make your way to the group hotel, which is included in your Charter Flight and Hotel Package. A presentation room will be open from 12 pm to 8 pm for luggage weighing and tagging. A Quark Expeditions representative will be available to answer your questions and give information about the next day's flight and ship embarkation. After an early breakfast the following morning, your group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Ushuaia, Argentina, the southernmost city in the world. Your airport transfer and private charter flight are also included in your Charter Flight and Hotel Package.

DAY 2 — USHUAIA AND EMBARKATION

In Ushuaia your Charter Flight & Hotel Package allows for some free time to explore this quaint port town. We will transfer the group to the ship for embarkation around 4 p.m.

CHARTER FLIGHT AND LUGGAGE LIMITS

This expedition includes two charter flights, one between Buenos Aires and Ushuaia, and one from Punta Arenas to Santiago. This package includes one checked bag and one cabin bag. Luggage weight restrictions on these flights are typically less than those on international carriers. There are no options to pay for additional luggage, and there are no options to store excess luggage. Specific weight restrictions will be confirmed in your final travel documents.

Final Day and Departure

DISEMBARKATION IN PUNTA ARENAS

The ship is scheduled to arrive in Punta Arenas, Chile between 7 am and 8 am. After breakfast you will bid farewell to your Expedition Team before completing your disembarkation. This process takes approximately one hour. Your Charter Flight and Hotel package includes transfer to the airport for our return charter flight to Santiago.

DEPARTING FROM SANTIAGO

Flight details will be available closer to departure, however arrival in Santiago is likely to be after most international flights have departed. You may choose to book a stay at the airport hotel in preparation for an early morning departure, or book a transfer and hotel in the city if you will be staying longer.

Expedition travel is occasionally unpredictable. We strongly recommend booking flexible international air tickets. Quark Expeditions is not responsible for any air ticket change costs you may incur.

Arrival and Departure Transfers

BUENOS AIRES AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Arrival transfers in Buenos Aires are not included.

SANTIAGO AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Departure transfers in Santiago are not included, as the expedition concludes at the airport.

We request that you provide your flight details to Quark Expeditions at least 30 days prior to traveling.

PLEASE NOTE

Included Hotel Accommodations:

Your included accommodation that's part of your Charter Flight and Hotel Package begins on Day 1 of your itinerary. The specific hotel will be indicated on your final voyage confirmation. If you are arriving prior to Day 1 of your expedition or are staying after the disembarkation day and would like help booking a pre- or post-stay, please contact your preferred travel agent or Quark Expeditions for hotel options. As accommodation space is limited, you are encouraged to request any extra nights as early as possible.





Your Ship

ULTRAMARINE

The technologically-advanced *Ultramarine* is designed to go beyond the familiar in polar exploration, to immerse guests in parts of the Polar Regions where few humans have ever set foot.

Equipped with two twin-engine helicopters and 20 quick-launching Zodiacs, *Ultramarine* offers the most off-ship adventure activities in the industry. Guests can enjoy two restaurants (Balena and Bistro 487), Tundra Spa, a sauna-with floor-to-ceiling windows, spacious suites and abundant wildlife-viewing spaces. *Ultramarine* also features advanced sustainability systems—which exceed all industry standards.

Ultramarine is perfectly designed to deliver the ultimate polar expedition experience.

SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

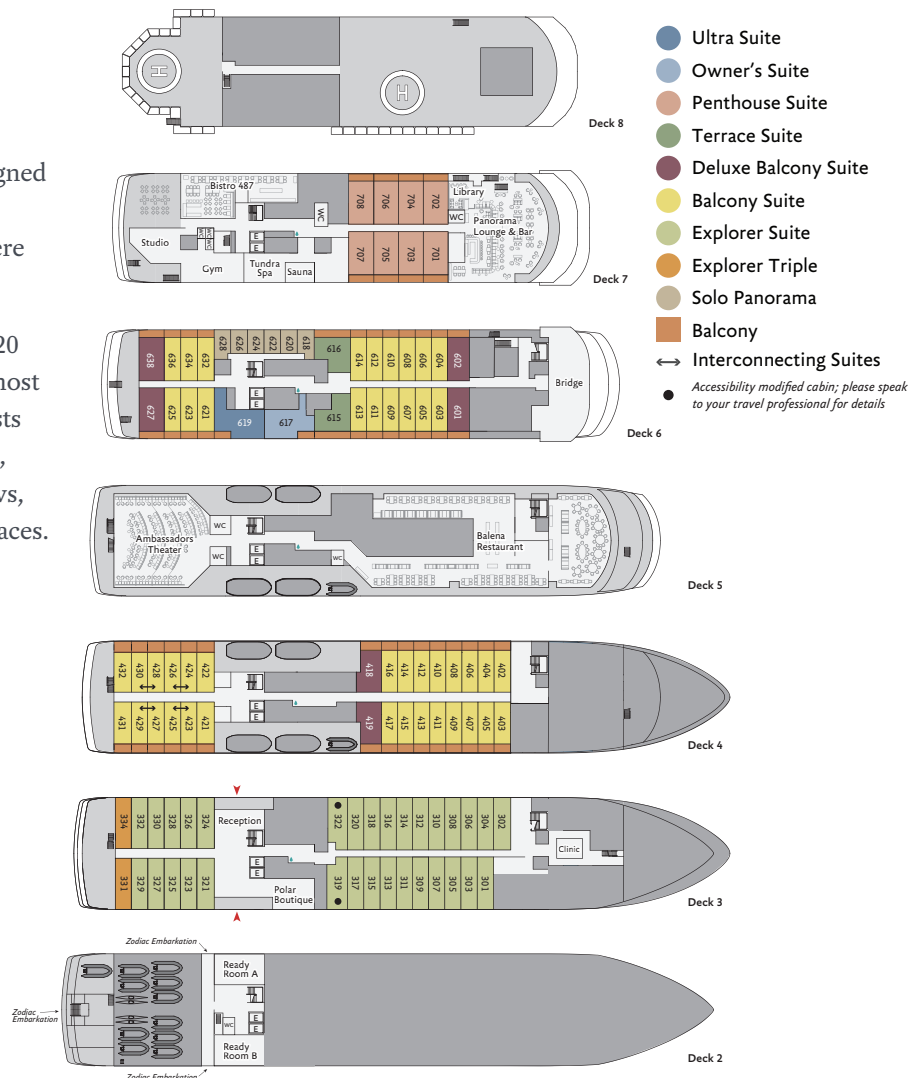
Staff and Crew: 140

Guests: 199

Lifeboats: 4, fully enclosed

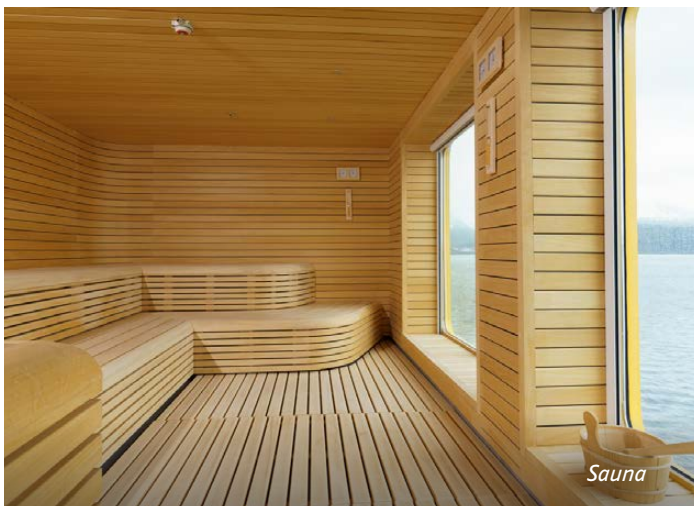
Ice Class: PC6

Visit QuarkExpeditions.com to view deck plan details.





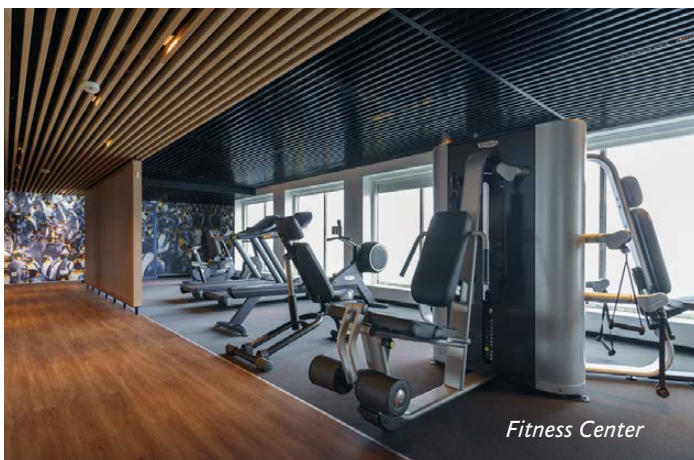
Deluxe Balcony Suite



Sauna



Panorama Lounge



Fitness Center



Balena Restaurant



Included Activities

These are included in your trip package.

Ready for a little adventure beyond your ship? Each Quark Expeditions voyage offers a variety of immersive off-ship activities to enhance your experience.

FLIGHTSEEING

While alpine landscapes are spectacular from the sea, they are even more striking from the air. On board *Ultramarine* you will experience remarkable aerial perspectives on a 10- to 15-minute flightseeing excursion included in the cost of your voyage.

ZODIAC CRUISING

Zodiacs—rugged inflatable watercraft—are the workhorses of our expeditions,

taking you to places the ships can't access, allowing you to reach remote shorelines, explore shallow inlets and search for unique wildlife. Expedition staff make stepping in and out of them safe and comfortable, and your Zodiac drivers will provide active interpretation, making the landscape come even more alive.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is a rewarding experience. Our photography guide will help you hone your skills to capture the beauty of Patagonia.

PRESENTATIONS

Enjoy daily chats with and presentations by our world-class onboard experts—expedition guides, specialists, photography guides and other local experts who will introduce you to the fascinating history, biology, ornithology, glaciology and geology of the region, and much, much more.

More information about your Included Activities and Adventure Options, including the necessary experience, physical requirements and cost, is available by contacting your Polar Travel Adviser or travel professional.



Adventure Options

These activities cost extra and must be booked in advance of your trip.



PLEASE NOTE

Pre-booking is required for all paid activities as there's no guarantee of available spaces by the time you board your ship. Book early as spaces fill quickly.

SEA KAYAKING

Imagine gliding across the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers. Our Sea Kayaking program is a great way to intimately explore your surroundings. A small group of kayakers will plan to go out multiple times per voyage as an alternative to shore landings or Zodiac cruises.

The number of opportunities to kayak is weather dependent, and will be conducted only during calm conditions. Prior kayaking experience is required, and you must be able to do a wet exit to participate. Beginners interested in kayaking should consider participating in the Paddling Excursion.

PADDLING EXCURSION

If you're interested in kayaking but would like to try something a bit less demanding than Sea Kayaking, you're the perfect candidate to sign up for a one-time paddle on our stable sit-on-top kayaks—perfect for anyone with minimal or no kayaking experience. Small groups of paddlers will be taken out on calm days, with our expert guides always present to provide instruction and help you connect with the polar sea. Pre-book into one of two priority groups. Any subsequent excursions can be booked on board, and groups will be assigned via a lottery as spaces are limited.



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Pre-booking is required for all paid activities as there's no guarantee of available spaces by the time you board your ship. Book early as spaces fill quickly.



STAND-UP PADDLEBOARDING

Combining a surfboard with a kayak, stand-up paddleboarding will give you a very personal and unique perspective on Antarctica. Conducted in small groups—in calm bays and harbors, in good weather conditions—and accompanied by a safety Zodiac, one-time stand-up paddleboarding excursions can be pre-booked into one of two priority groups. Any subsequent excursions can be booked on board, and groups will be assigned via a lottery.



EXCLUSIVE HELI-LANDING

Imagine setting foot in an area of the Antarctic that can only be safely accessed by helicopter. With a small group of fellow passengers and expert guides, you'll board one of *Ultramarine's* two twin-engine helicopters to soar off to an exclusive polar site where no ships can navigate. Expect stunning bird's-eye views during your flight, and then, upon arrival, simply sit back, relax and take in the splendor of the Antarctic from "the best seat in the house": glacial amphitheaters, breath-taking summits, and more. At your landing, you'll have time to relax and quietly reflect on the beauty of your polar surroundings, after which you'll be picked up by the helicopters in the same location and returned to *Ultramarine*.

Each heli-landing experience is uniquely curated by our expedition team, taking conditions, regulations and location capacity into consideration.



Departure Date

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Adventure Options

Dates	Days	Start / End					
ANTARCTIC 2026/2027							
MAR 20 - APR 3, 2027	15	Buenos Aires / Santiago	\$	\$	\$	\$	Included

Raise a Glass and Stay Connected.
See below for specifics on our complimentary Wi-Fi and bar service.



Inclusions and Exclusions

Inclusions

RATES INCLUDE:

For all voyages:

- One 10- to 15-minute helicopter flightseeing excursion (weather and logistics permitting)
- An official Quark Expeditions parka to keep
- Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Team, including shore landings and other activities
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising as per the daily program
- All shore landings as per the daily program
- Torres del Paine National Park entrance fee and ground transfers
- Estancia visit and ground transfers
- Lunches ashore during Puerto Natales/Torres del Paine excursion days.
- Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage.
- Complimentary select beer, wines and cocktails during bar service hours and dinner

*Your Charter Flight and Hotel Package includes:

- One night's pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Buenos Aires with breakfast (Note: The number of guests per room is the same as cabin occupancy on the ship. Due to limited availability, travelers who reserve a suite on board are accommodated in standard rooms at the hotel. Triple rooms may not be available.)
- Group transfer from hotel to airport in Buenos Aires

- Complimentary coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock
- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled
- A photographic journal documenting your expedition
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
- Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin
- Complimentary Wi-Fi service on one device permitting basic Internet browsing, email, posting on social media and voice applications. (Premium packages are available for more data-intensive applications.) Note: Internet access in the polar regions is subject to geography, climate, and other factors beyond our control
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- All luggage handling aboard the ship

- Group flight departing from Buenos Aires' domestic airport (Aeroparque/AEP) to Ushuaia, and returning to Santiago International Airport (SCL)
- Group transfer from Ushuaia airport to the ship, and from ship to Punta Arenas airport (Note: Transfer on arrival in Buenos Aires from airport to hotel at the beginning of the journey is not included. Please make your way to the included hotel.)

Exclusions

RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

For all voyages:

- Charter Flight & Hotel Package
- International airfare
- Passport and applicable visa expenses
- Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned
- Meals ashore unless otherwise specified
- Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended
- Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic flights
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac landing and cruising excursions, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, spa services and other personal charges, unless specified
- Phone charges may vary by location
- Our basic complimentary Wi-Fi service does not include Premium packages which enable more data-intensive applications
- Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for expedition staff and shipboard crew
- Additional overnight accommodation
- Arrival and departure transfers, except where explicitly stated
- Adventure Options not listed in Included Activities.



Your Expedition Team

Our Expedition Leaders are proudly and unapologetically polar-obsessed. They focus exclusively on Arctic and Antarctic exploration, and they draw on 34 years of polar expertise. They obsess over every detail of your voyage—on ship and off ship. Our Expedition Leaders spend their careers—it's a life calling, actually—feeding and sharing their passion for the Polar Regions. And they're driven to ensure you experience polar moments no one else can offer.

Our Expedition Leaders are experts in polar history, marine biology, glaciology, ornithology photography and other subjects. They're trained to handle the unexpected. All staff undergo comprehensive training at Quark Academy, which provides hands-on polar expedition training to new and experienced team members.



Raise a Glass and Stay Connected

See below for specifics on our complimentary Wi-Fi and bar service.



Meals on Board

If there is one constant on board, it is that you'll enjoy delicious meals daily. While meal times may change due to landings and wildlife sightings, you'll always be served three well-prepared meals per day. Most dietary restrictions can be accommodated by letting us know prior to your expedition.

Balena Restaurant, the main diningroom on Deck 5 of *Ultramarine*, features tables that accommodate 2 to 10. Guests can enjoy a quiet dinner with a loved one or join a larger table of new friends. Guests will enjoy views from every seat in addition to direct access to the wraparound deck. Guests can also enjoy a meal in Bistro 487, which offers an indoor/outdoor dining experience—perfect for enjoying the polar landscapes.

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, ensuring you receive top-quality meals during the course of your expedition.

Complimentary coffee, tea, cocoa and water stations are available around the clock, while soft drinks and juices are available during meals and when the bar is open—all included in the cost of your package.

Enjoy complimentary select beer, wines and select cocktails during bar service hours and dinner as part of our “Raise a Glass and Stay Connected Free” program. Premium wines and champagne are available at extra cost and can be billed to your shipboard account. The well-stocked bars on the ship are open late morning, afternoon and evening, though hours may occasionally change to accommodate the expedition schedule.





Possible Excursions

DAINELLI (AGUILA) GLACIER

This striking blue glacier, which flows down from the middle of the Darwin mountain range, sits at the end of a tranquil lagoon formed by the glacier's meltwater. An easy hike along the shore takes you to the edge of the glacier.

AINSWORTH BAY

An offshoot of Almirantazgo Sound (Admiralty Sound), Ainsworth Bay is surrounded by pristine sub-polar forests. The bay is fed by the meltwater of the Marinelli Glacier, which flows down from the Cordillera Darwin Icefield.

BAHIA BROOKES

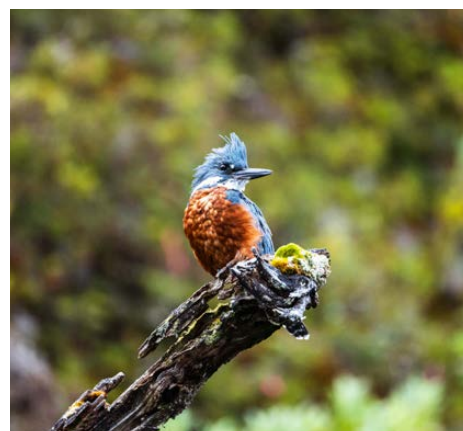
Located in Almirantazgo Sound (Admiralty Sound), in the heart of Alberto de Agostini National Park, this bay is the site of several glaciers, the most impressive being the North Brookes Glacier. The bay is also an ideal locale for learning about glaciology and how glaciers shape the landscape.

CANAL DE LAS MONTAÑAS

Situated within the Kawésqar National Park (formerly Alacalufes National Reserve), this 41-mile (66 km) long channel is flanked by two majestic mountain ranges, the Cordillera Riesco to the east and the Cordillera Sarmiento to the west. Sightings of sea lions and dolphins are possible.

CAPE HORN

Sitting at the southernmost tip of Tierra del Fuego, on Hornos Island, Cape Horn was named by Dutch navigator Willem Schouten, who discovered and first rounded the cape in 1616 and named it in honor of his birthplace, Hoorn, Holland. Filled with rugged, natural beauty, the historic windswept cape is located within Cabo de Hornos National Park, which was designated a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in 2005. The Chilean Navy mans the lighthouse on the island.



MARTA ISLAND

Marta Island, along with nearby Magdalena Island, is a designated natural monument, Monumento Natural Los Pingüinos (The Penguins Natural Monument), and has been a protected area since 1982. The small island is home to a large colony of sea lions, as well as an abundance of seabirds, including cormorants, skuas and gulls.

PIA GLACIER

In the Beagle Channel, Pia Glacier is situated in a fjord in the Cordillera Darwin (Darwin Mountains), the southern part of the Andes mountain range. This area provides outstanding opportunities for taking the Zodiacs out for a shore landing and hiking to a spectacular lookout. Though the provenance of the glacier's name remains unconfirmed, some believe Alberto Maria de Agostini, an Italian

missionary, mountaineer and explorer who lived in Tierra del Fuego, named it after Princess Maria Pia of Savoy, the daughter of Italy's first king.

TUCKERS ISLETS

Located in Almirantazgo Sound (Admiralty Sound), a stunning offshoot of the Strait of Magellan, this tiny group of islands is covered in grasses, mosses and small trees, providing a verdant backdrop for viewing a large colony of nesting Magellanic penguins. Other bird species that may be spotted here include king and rock cormorants, oystercatchers, Chilean skuas, kelp geese and dolphin gulls.



EXPEDITION SPIRIT

Embracing the unexpected is part of the legacy—and excitement—of expedition travel. When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. This itinerary is a tentative outline of what you may experience on this voyage; please be aware that no specific itinerary can be guaranteed. By the same token, wildlife sightings as described are expected, but not guaranteed. Your Expedition Team will use their considerable experience to seek out wildlife in known habitats, but the presence of any particular species of bird or marine wildlife is not guaranteed.

What to pack on your Patagonia expedition

BY SEA AND AIR

All transfers ship to shore, helicopter flights and Zodiac/ship cruising.

- ☐ Waterproof pants (mandatory for every Zodiac and helicopter ride)
- ☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic top*
- ☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic bottom*
- ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece top*
- ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece bottom*
- ☐ Warm wool or synthetic socks (keep a dry pair in your bag, and bring extras for layering)
- ☐ Glove liners * ☐ Hand and feet warmers* ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ Waterproof gloves or mitts (bring an extra, lighter pair for hiking)
- ☐ Scarf, buff, or other face protection
- ☐ Warm hat that covers ears (bring an extra)
- ☐ Waterproof, lightweight backpack or dry sack and/or rain sleeve for camera or a waterproof phone case (to keep camera and gear dry)
- ☐ Polarized sunglasses with UV protection (consider bringing an eyewear retainer: string/clip etc.)
- ☐ Ski goggles (for Zodiac cruising on snowy or windy days)

*recommended layering depending on the conditions of the day and reflecting your personal thermo-regulation comfort levels.

BY LAND (Shore Excursions and Hiking)

In addition to the gear requirements (as above) mandatory for the transit from ship to shore, it is recommended to bring:

- ☐ Worn-in Hiking footwear: While Muck-boots are provided and encouraged for most shore excursions, additional hiking footwear (Goretex-lined boots or similar water-proof hiking boots) can add to your hiking comfort, especially if you are a keen hiker
- ☐ (Smart) Wool or synthetic hiking socks for above footwear (bring an extra pair)
- ☐ Lightweight and quick-dry, trekking pants that may or may not convert to zip-off shorts* (*depending on your thermo-regulation)
- ☐ Breathable waterproof pants* and rain jacket** for outdoor activities in inclement weather (*can be the same pair you use for Zodiac operations (can be outer shell of complimentary Quark 3in1 Parka)
- ☐ Comfortable long or short-sleeve shirt for hiking either synthetic/quick-dry or merino (smart) wool
- ☐ (Hiking) gloves (medium thickness, waterproof preferred)
- ☐ Hat, buff or scarf (for wind and weather protection)
- ☐ UV protection (hat, polarized sun glasses, sun block, lip balm)
- ☐ Collapsible walking stick for hikes (if required).
Quantities are available on every vessel to borrow.
- ☐ Additional reusable (thermos-regulating) water bottle (in addition to the reusable collapsible water bottle provided)

WHAT TO BRING Packing for the Polar Regions doesn't have to be daunting, and to make it easier for you, all Quark Expeditions voyages include a Quark parka to keep, and a loan of insulated waterproof boots. Additional suggested items include:

TO WEAR ON BOARD

- ☐ The complimentary Quark 3-in-1 Parka provided on board is designed with a waterproof shell that can be worn out on deck, and a removable liner that you can wear to stay comfortable indoors)
- ☐ Comfortable casual clothing like lighter shirts, pants or jeans, etc. (in case the ship gets warm)
- ☐ Comfortable non-slip closed-toed, heelless shoes (flip flops, sandals or slip-on shoes should not be worn on board due to safety concerns)
- ☐ Workout attire (for the fitness center)
- ☐ Swimsuit (for the Polar Plunge. Some vessels may also have a pool, hot tub, sauna and/or steam room. See your ship book for details.)

Just a reminder: No formal evening wear required on our voyages but if you would like to bring something a little more dressy for the Captain's welcome and farewell cocktails you may certainly do so.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- ☐ Passport, visas, immunization records, travel documents, etc. as required
- ☐ Camera gear—complete with charger, storage medium, transport and cleaning kit (lens cloth etc.) and extra batteries
- ☐ Reusable waterproof bags or plastic bags with zippers (to keep small items organized and cameras dry)
- ☐ Voltage converters and plug adapters (see ship book for details)
- ☐ Seasickness, indigestion, headache, or other medications
- ☐ Earplugs and eye masks for sleeping
- ☐ Moisturizer for face and hands (skin dryness due to wind and temperature changes)
- ☐ Credit card and small amount of local currency (see pre-departure book for more details)

- › To view our packing checklist online, visit: QuarkExpeditions.com/What-to-Pack/Patagonia
- › Related topics are covered on our Frequently Asked Questions page: QuarkExpeditions.com/Frequently-Asked-Questions



Scan this QR code or [click here](#) to watch our video on what to pack before you go.

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND TEMPERATURES

Polar weather is extremely variable; temperatures may hover around the freezing mark and winds can be strong. The extended daylight warms sheltered areas so that you may sometimes find it warm enough for t-shirts. However, you may encounter rain, snow squalls, fog and white-outs during an expedition and should be ready for any conditions.



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