Carve first tracks on pristine slopes with unparalleled views in all directions. Explore some of Antarctica’s most spectacular ski terrain deep in the Heritage Range of the Ellsworth Mountains. Tour scenic canyons and wide-open valleys. Link turns in boot-top powder.

Whether you want to travel through the incredible Connell Canyon or enjoy a quick morning trip up the west face of Mount Rossman, the Heritage Range has the breadth and depth of terrain to suit any skier’s level of experience.

Each journey is unique, tailored to your interests, ambition, and level of experience. Set off with all of your supplies for a multi-day trip or day tour from the comfort of Union Glacier Camp. Let the slopes speak to you!
**ITINERARY**

- **Arrival Day**
  - Punta Arenas, Chile

- **Pre-departure Day**
  - Luggage Pick-Up & Briefing

- **Day 1**
  - Fly to Antarctica

- **Day 2-4**
  - Expedition Preparations

- **Day 5-11**
  - Ski Safari

- **Day 12**
  - Return to Chile

- **Flexible Departure Day**
  - Fly Home

*Subject to change based on weather and flight conditions.*
We ask you to arrive in Punta Arenas, Chile at least two full days prior to your scheduled Antarctic flight in order to fully prepare you for your upcoming expedition. These days also allow a buffer for flight and luggage delays should your travels to Chile not go as scheduled. We do not hold Antarctic flights for delayed passengers or luggage.

Do not forget to collect your checked luggage in Santiago, before clearing customs! Upon arrival in Chile, you will pass through immigration, collect your checked luggage, go through customs, and then go to the 3rd floor of the terminal and re-check your bags for your domestic flight to Punta Arenas.

Upon arrival at Presidente Carlos Ibáñez del Campo International Airport (PUQ), our representative, holding an ALE sign, will be waiting for you at the exit of the luggage claim area and will transport you to your hotel. Please notify our Punta Arenas team if you are delayed or your arrival time changes:

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You will receive a Welcome Pack which includes your **Gear Check** time, your **Luggage Pick-Up** time, and the time of the **Welcome & Safety Briefing**. These three events are required and very important steps in preparing you for arrival in Antarctica.

**Gear Check**
We will arrange a specific time to come to your hotel and review your personal clothing and equipment. Please lay out all of the items on our **Required Clothing and Equipment List** in your hotel room so we can go through each item with you. We will help sort the items to pack in your checked luggage vs. your carry-on bag and what items to leave behind in Punta Arenas.
Luggage Preparations

All luggage must comply with international air transport regulations. Fuels or other hazardous substances are prohibited on flights to Antarctica. Lithium batteries are prohibited in checked luggage and must be packed in your carry-on. For the safety of our staff, individual bags must not weigh more than 66 lb (30 kg).

Checked Luggage

On the morning before your Antarctic flight, we will come to your hotel at your scheduled Luggage Pick-Up time to weigh and collect your checked luggage & equipment. We collect luggage the day before your flight to preload the aircraft and to be ready to depart as soon as the weather is suitable.

Your checked luggage allowance on the flight from Punta Arenas to Union Glacier is **55 lb (25 kg)**. Any checked luggage in excess of this amount will be charged at **$30 USD per lb (66 USD per kg)**. You can pay in US cash or we can invoice you for the excess luggage. Carry-on luggage and clothing worn aboard the flight are not included in this allowance.

Keep in mind, you will not have access to your checked luggage until it is delivered to your tent in Antarctica, even if the flight is delayed. Do not put anything in your checked luggage that you might need during your stay in Punta Arenas, on the flight, or for the first few hours in Antarctica.

PRE-DEPARTURE DAY

CARRY-ON ITEMS

*Do NOT pack these items in your checked luggage

- Passport
- Medications
- Money
- Cameras
- Lithium batteries
- Perishable food
- Sunscreen and sunglasses
- Clothing for your arrival in Antarctica

Carry-on Luggage

We recommend bringing all of your essential personal belongings in a small backpack and wearing the outer clothing you will need for your arrival in Antarctica to board the aircraft. The Ilyushin-76 does not have overhead bins, so your carry-on bag must fit below the seat in front of you. **Carry-on luggage is restricted to 22” x 18” x 10” (56 cm x 46 cm x 26 cm).**

Left Luggage

We encourage you to leave luggage in Punta Arenas if there are items you do not need in Antarctica. All left luggage will be stored at your hotel and our staff will provide **Left Luggage Tags** with a tear-off claim receipt. Please give the bottom portion of the tag to an ALE staff member BEFORE you depart for Antarctica. In the event you stay at a different hotel upon your return, our staff will need this claim receipt to move your left luggage for you.
Welcome and Safety Briefing

The evening before your Antarctic flight, you are invited to our office for an important safety briefing to be followed by cocktails and hors d’oeuvres. At the briefing, we will describe the flight dispatch process, update you on the current weather, and prepare you for arrival at Union Glacier. Please stay to enjoy pisco sours served over ancient Antarctic ice with your fellow travelers.
We will call you at your hotel in the morning to advise you of current conditions in Antarctica. If the weather is suitable for our flight, we will pick you up at your hotel within the hour. Please meet us in the lobby with hotel bills paid, ready to board the bus.

At the Punta Arenas airport, we board our chartered jet for the 4½ hour flight to Antarctica. Our route crosses the Drake Passage, then follows the west side of the Antarctic Peninsula and the spine of the Ellsworth Mountains. We land on a naturally occurring blue-ice runway on Union Glacier where you will take your first steps on Antarctica.

Climb aboard one of our specially-adapted vans for the 5 mi (8 km) shuttle to our main camp. Our friendly staff will provide a welcome tour of camp and show you to your tent.

*Every effort will be made to keep to the scheduled flight date and we will depart as soon as weather and runway conditions permit. Please understand that delays are common in Antarctic travel. All flights are dependent on weather, aircraft serviceability, and local conditions. Our staff will stay in close contact with you and will provide you with regular flight updates.
Your skiing team will spend the first few days at Union Glacier brushing up on skills and getting acclimated to the Antarctic conditions. You’ll practice avalanche rescue, rope work, crevasse rescue, navigation, weather observations, and polar camping skills. During this period, you will discuss your objectives with your guide and pack your equipment to ready for departure.

While based in Union Glacier Camp, you may also have time to join an excursion to one of the following destinations:

**Elephant’s Head**
Ride in one of our vehicles to this dramatic marble buttress overlooking the blue-ice runway. Beautiful ice pools and moraines offer endless opportunities for photography. If you’re looking for something more active, you’ll have the opportunity to hike up to the base of Elephant’s Head or all the way to the top of Rhodes Bluff for panoramic views of Union Glacier and the Heritage Range.

**Drake Icefall**
Named in the 1960s after geologist Benjamin Drake IV, this impressive icefall tumbles off the polar plateau into Union Glacier. Winds from the South Pole carve huge waves into the blue-ice and polish the surface into a high shine.
Charles Peak Windscoop
Discover the power of wind on ice as you wander through a sparkling turquoise corridor. If you’re truly adventurous, this is a prime place to try ice climbing with one of our experienced guides. For the less vertically inclined, you can rock hunt to your heart’s content. Just remember to leave them in place, as nothing may be removed from Antarctica.

The Beach at Rossman Cove
Another spectacular setting for blue-ice photography and panoramic views! Take cross-country skis with you or a picnic lunch and enjoy Antarctica’s version of a glacial beach getaway.

Hidden Valley
Our staff’s favorite getaway—this secret canyon opens up to a beautiful valley prime for hiking, climbing, and backcountry skiing.

If you’d prefer to stay closer to camp, we have a variety of activities for all abilities. You can check out a pair of cross-country skis or a fat-tire bike and take a spin around our groomed 10k loop or you can enjoy a cup of tea, an Antarctic book, or fun game in our camp library. In the evenings, we regularly offer lectures and films tailored to your experience.
It’s time to explore Antarctica as it should be, untracked and pristine. The opportunities for discovery are endless, whether you are looking for steep lines, first descents, or gentle, scenic ski tours. Only a handful of people have passed through this terrain and it is exhilarating to think that you may be one of the only people to stand on a summit, set tracks on a slope, or marvel at the view below.

Numerous valleys grant access to the snowy peaks of the Enterprise Hills, Pioneer Heights, and Soholt Peaks. In recent years, snowfalls have created consistently good skiing conditions with boot-top powder in some areas.

You and your guide will develop a custom expedition plan tailored to your personal skillset and pursuits. Take on local day trips and return home to Union Glacier Camp each evening for dinner or set out on a multi-day expedition to explore various peaks in the Heritage Range.

Once your skiing dreams are fulfilled, you’ll return to Union Glacier Camp to enjoy a celebration dinner, and toast your achievements!
When weather and runway conditions permit, our intercontinental aircraft will arrive at Union Glacier to transport you back to Chile. Our staff will meet you at the airport and transfer you back to your hotel.

We recommend booking your flight home one week after your return Antarctic flight. If you purchase a full-fare ticket, most airlines will allow you to move your departure date. It is important to give yourself a buffer as delays are common in Antarctic travel. Our Punta Arenas team can provide a list of local tour operators and excursions if you wish to explore Chile before you return home.

When it is time for your flight home, our staff will provide transportation from your hotel to the Punta Arenas airport.
Weather
Possible severe storms with temperatures ranging from -10°F to 25°F (-23°C to -4°C).

Activity Level
Strenuous—vigorous activity at altitudes up to 9800 ft (3000 m), sleeping in basic field camps.

Requirements
Previous backcountry or off-piste ski experience is recommended as well as a good level of fitness.

What’s Included
• Airport transfers in Punta Arenas, Chile
• Round trip flight to Antarctica from Punta Arenas
• Meals and tented accommodation in Antarctica
• Group camping and climbing equipment
• Mountain Guide
• Celebration dinner and Certificate of Achievement
• Checked luggage up to 55 lb (25 kg)

Not Included
• Insurance coverage—personal, medical, evacuation, or otherwise
• Commercial flights to and from Punta Arenas
• Airport transfers outside of Punta Arenas
• Meals and accommodation in Punta Arenas
• Additional flights within Antarctica
• Personal equipment and clothing
• Expenses incurred due to delays
• Luggage over 55 lb (25kg)
• Satellite phone charges