

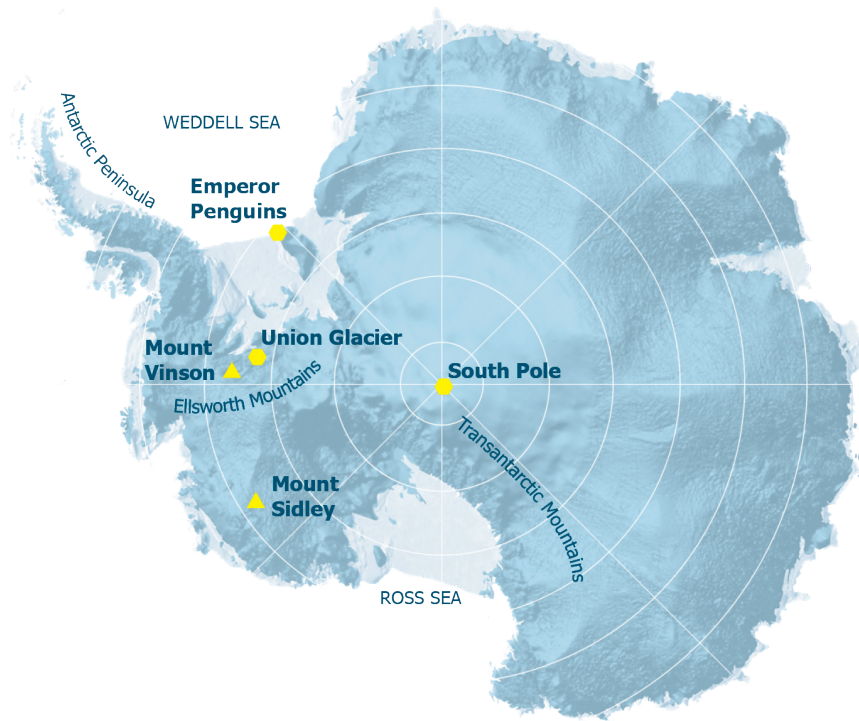


# SKYDIVE ANTARCTICA

## A BIRD'S EYE VIEW

**Freefall** over a land of extremes. Antarctica is the highest, driest, windiest, and most beautiful continent on earth. This is the ultimate destination for experienced skydivers and offers a unique adventure. Few will ever have the opportunity to jump here. No other landscape can match the majesty of Antarctica.

Living at Union Glacier, you will be surrounded by pristine wilderness and profound silence. In addition to skydiving, you will explore a region transformed by glaciers over millennia. Hike, bike, or ski through this stunning terrain alongside experienced polar guides.



## ITINERARY



**Arrival Day**  
Punta Arenas, Chile



**Pre-departure Days**  
Gear Check, Welcome and Safety Briefing



**DAY 1**  
Fly to Antarctica



**DAY 2-5**  
Explore Union Glacier




**Flexible Jump Days**  
Skydive on the 7th continent



**DAY 6**  
Return to Chile



**Flexible Departure Day**  
Fly Home

 All itineraries are subject to change based on weather and flight conditions.



## ARRIVAL IN PUNTA ARENAS



Known as the gateway to Antarctica, all of our flights depart from the Chilean city of Punta Arenas.

We ask you to arrive in Punta Arenas at least three nights prior to your trip start date, to allow time to complete the pre-departure process. This also provides a buffer for flight and luggage delays should your travels to Chile not go as planned. We do not hold Antarctic flights for delayed passengers or luggage.

We will be waiting for you in the terminal when you arrive at Punta Arenas airport and will transport you to your hotel. The following day, you will have an individual Gear Check at your hotel, where we will review the personal clothing and equipment you will need in Antarctica. If you have requested any rental items, they will be issued from our warehouse.

The day before your Antarctic flight there is a Welcome and Safety Briefing in the ALE Office. Here we will explain the flight dispatch process, review environmental and safety procedures for your stay in Antarctica, and provide the latest weather updates.



## DAY 1 FLY TO ANTARCTICA

At the Punta Arenas airport, you will check-in for your flight, pass through normal Airport Security then board our chartered jet for the 4 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 in 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.





DAY  
2-5

## EXPLORE UNION GLACIER

During your stay in Antarctica, you'll have multiple days to explore Union Glacier. Our meteorologists will carefully monitor the weather conditions and identify the best days for skydiving.

A typical day starts with breakfast, then a meeting with your guide to discuss the day's options and choose an activity tailored to the weather and the group's interests. Excursions may include any of the following destinations and activities:

### Elephant's Head

Ride in one of our wheeled vehicles to this dramatic marble buttress overlooking the blue-ice runway. Beautiful ice formations and moraines offer endless opportunities for photographers to capture close-up frozen formations or wide angle glacial landscapes. Hikers can trek 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.

### Rhodes Bluff and Fossil Garden

Geology lovers will be delighted to explore this hotspot for ichnofossils. Our experienced guides can help you navigate by GPS to known trace fossils or accompany you on a mission to discover new ones.



## Buchanan Hills

Board our one-of-a-kind Tucker Bus, a custom designed tracked vehicle, for the scenic drive to the remote Buchanan Hills. You'll arrive at a high pass that offers expansive views of Union Glacier as it flows into Constellation Inlet. Higgins Nunatak pokes through the ice, like an atoll in a frozen ocean. For the fit and adventurous, there are two easy hiking routes that require no prior experience and grant you the rare opportunity to summit a peak in the heart of Antarctica.

## 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 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 photography and panoramic views! Head out on cross-country skis and enjoy Antarctica's version of a glacial beach getaway.

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.

Lectures and films tailored to your experience round out our camp activities.





## SKYDIVE THE 7<sup>TH</sup> CONTINENT

Freefall over the Ellsworth Mountains of Antarctica is quite simply the most spectacular and surreal skydive you will ever have. The landscapes here are almost beyond words.

Our experienced team will select the best possible times for your jumps and our Skydive Master will keep you informed of current weather conditions during daily briefings. Safety is our top priority and jumps will proceed as conditions and flight operations allow.

When conditions are optimal, you will board the Twin Otter and head for the skies! Breathe in the crisp Antarctic air as you freefall for 50-60 seconds, high over the polar landscape, viewing mountain ranges, glaciers, and an endless expanse of white. Open your chute and gain a unique perspective on Union Glacier as you float towards your temporary home on ice.

Congratulations! You have joined an elite group of people who have skydived on the southernmost continent.



## Twin Otter Capabilities

The DHC-6 "Twin Otter" is a twin engine, turbo prop, STOL (short take-off and landing) aircraft, used throughout the world to access remote locations on wheels, floats, tundra tires and skis. Their rugged landing gear and STOL characteristics allow them to take off land where other aircraft cannot.

Ski-equipped Twin Otters are a staple in Antarctic aviation. They are used by ALE, the British Antarctic Survey, the United States Antarctic Program, as well as the Argentine and Chilean air force.

The Twin Otter can accommodate up to six skydivers plus the Skydiver Master.

## Landing Area

You will land near our main camp on a 492 ft x 492 ft (150 m x 150 m) groomed drop zone. A 13 ft x 7 ft (4 m x 2 m) orange arrow will be placed within the landing area to indicate wind direction and the center of the drop zone.

As a precaution, travel safety and medical personnel will be on standby at the landing area. All skydivers will carry a personal locator beacon, supplied by ALE, to locate you in the event of a landing outside the drop zone.



DAY  
**6**

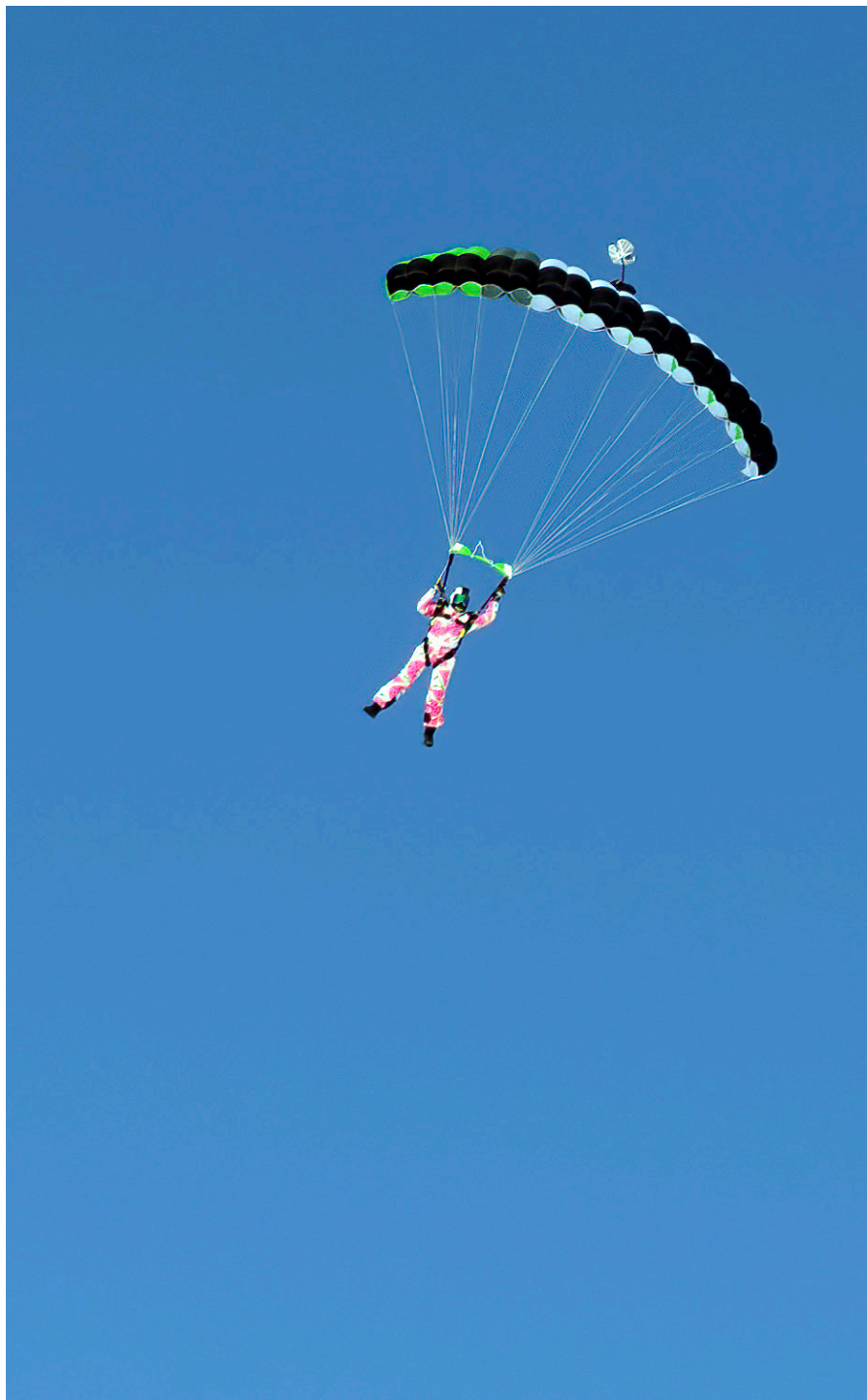
## RETURN TO CHILE

When weather and runway conditions permit, our intercontinental, passenger aircraft will arrive at Union Glacier to transport you back to Chile. Our staff will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel.



## FLY HOME

Your flight home concludes this remarkable adventure. We recommend keeping a flexible schedule due to the possibility of weather delays. Allow yourself to savor your experience without the pressure of other commitments.





## Weather

Ground temperatures ranging from -12 °F to 30 °F (-24 °C to -1 °C). Jump temperatures down to -31 °F (-35 °C).



## Activity Level

Moderate—light walking on uneven snow and ice and skydiving from 13,000 ft AGL (15,300 ft AMSL).



## Requirements

- Current FAI D Skydiving license or equivalent (USPA D license, APF D license, BPA C license)



## What's Included

- Airport transfers in Punta Arenas, Chile
- Round trip flight to Antarctica from Punta Arenas
- 2 skydive jumps over Union Glacier\*
- Meals and tented accommodation in Antarctica
- Skydive Master, Antarctic guides, and lecturer
- Celebration event and Certificate of Achievement
- Checked luggage up to 88lb (40kg)



## 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 88lb (40kg)
- Satellite phone charges



## Weather Delay Advisory

*All itineraries are subject to change based on weather and flight conditions. Every effort will be made to keep to the scheduled itinerary and flights will depart as soon as weather and runway conditions permit. Our staff will provide you with regular updates in the event of a delay.*

*Please understand that delays are common in Antarctic travel. For this reason we advise you not to plan any important meetings, functions, or other trips for at least one week following your scheduled return from Antarctica. We strongly suggest that you purchase a full-fare, flexible airline ticket that easily permits date changes without penalty.*

\*Additional jumps may be booked in Antarctica contingent on weather and aircraft availability.