



ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION TO TOTALITY

A CELESTIAL PHENOMENON

Witness a total eclipse in the most remote wilderness on Earth - Antarctica. On December 4, 2021, the Moon will pass perfectly in front of the Sun resulting in a total solar eclipse. Surrounded by the rugged peaks of the Ellsworth Mountains you will stand in darkness for 44 seconds during a season of 24-hour daylight.

While the eclipse will be the main event of your visit, you will also have time to enjoy living on a glacier where the ice is almost 5,000 ft (1500 m) thick and to explore all of the landscapes this unique environment has to offer. Our experienced guides will tailor daily excursions to suit your personal goals. You'll have the opportunity to hike over waves of blue-ice, ski across frozen sastrugi, or tour the polar wilderness from the comfort of a heated Tucker Sno-Cat.



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Arrival Day

Punta Arenas, Chile
Personalized Gear Check



Pre-departure Day

Flight Check-in and
Baggage Drop-off
Welcome and Safety Briefing



Day 1

Fly to Antarctica



Day 2-6

Explore Union Glacier



December 4th

Antarctic Solar Eclipse



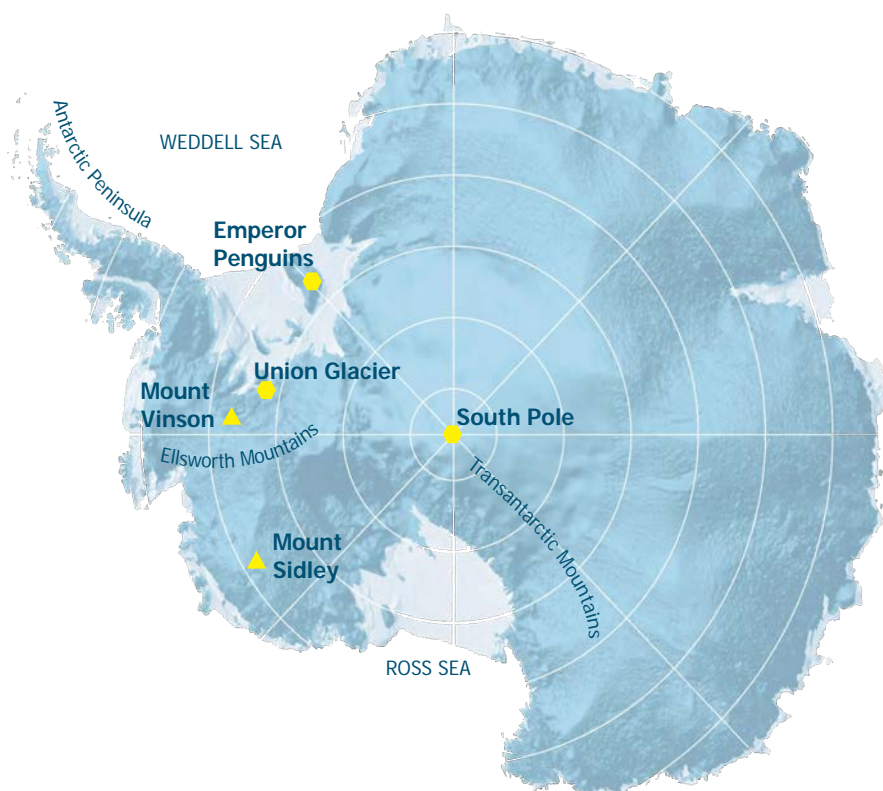
Day 7

Return to Chile



Flexible Departure Day

Fly Home



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



ARRIVAL IN PUNTA ARENAS

We ask you to arrive in Punta Arenas, Chile at least **four nights prior** to your scheduled Antarctic flight in order to fully prepare you for your upcoming experience. 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. If your luggage does not arrive, complete a missing form for lost luggage before leaving the Santiago airport.

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 **Clothing Rental** time (if applicable), your **Check-in and Baggage Drop-off time**, and the time of the **Welcome & Safety Briefing**. These events are required and very important steps in preparing you for arrival in Antarctica.

Gear Check

We will arrange a specific time for a virtual review of your personal clothing and equipment. Please have all of the items on our **Required Clothing and Equipment List** accessible 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.





PRE-DEPARTURE DAY

Flight Check-in and Baggage Drop-off

Keep the following requirements in mind as you prepare your luggage:

- All luggage must comply with international air transport regulations.
- For the safety of our staff, individual bags must not weigh more than 55 lb (25 kg).

Flight Check-in and Baggage Drop-off will be done using COVID-19 safe practices and you will receive more information on how this will be done on arrival in Punta Arenas.

You will need the following items:

- Passport, to check-in for the flight and receive your boarding pass.
- Checked luggage, to be loaded on the aircraft.
- Carry-on luggage and any camera equipment, to be tested for size and ticketed for the flight, although not collected at this time.

Checked Luggage

Checked luggage is collected the day before your Antarctic flight in order to preload the aircraft so it is ready to depart as soon as the weather is suitable. 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 a delay in Punta Arenas, on the flight, or for the first few hours in Antarctica.

Your checked luggage allowance is 55 lb (25 kg). Any checked luggage in excess of this amount will be charged at **\$35 USD per lb (\$77 USD per kg)**. You can pay in US cash or we can invoice you for the excess luggage. Carry-on luggage within the size limit, clothing worn aboard the aircraft, and sleeping bags rented from ALE, are not included in your checked luggage allowance.

Carry-on Luggage

Pack all of your essential personal belongings in your carry-on. **Carry-on luggage is restricted to 18" x 16" x 10" (46cm x 41cm x 26cm) so it will fit beneath the seat in front of you.** We recommend a 30 liter bag without a rigid structure. Carry-on items that do not fit under the seat will be gate checked and may result in additional fees. You will need to bring your carry-on to the check-in and baggage drop-off to be tagged and tested for size.

As we depart Punta Arenas you will be wearing the boots and outer clothing for your arrival in Antarctica. The temperature on board the aircraft will be adjusted accordingly, so don't worry about getting too hot. It is simpler to wear these items than to carry them.

Camera Equipment

If you are bringing a camera pack that is larger than the carry-on size limit or as a 2nd carry-on, it will be considered part of your checked luggage allowance, and it will need to be weighed and ticketed at the luggage pick-up. You will keep the pack with you to board the aircraft but once on board, your camera pack will be stored behind the last row of passenger seats. You will not have access to your camera pack during the flight. If you want to take pictures during the flight, keep that camera with you. Remember to retrieve your camera pack before disembarking the aircraft in Antarctica.



Left Luggage

You can leave luggage in Punta Arenas if there are items you do not need in Antarctica but we do not recommend leaving valuables. We will provide **Left Luggage Tags** with a tear-off claim receipt. Please give the bottom portion of the tag to an ALE staff member as you board the bus for your Antarctic flight. In most cases ALE will pick-up your left luggage from your hotel and bring it to our office for storage while you are in Antarctica. Your left luggage will be transported by ALE to your hotel once your return flight is confirmed. In the event you stay in a different hotel upon your return, our staff will need this claim receipt to move your left luggage for you. ALE is not responsible for lost or stolen luggage.

Welcome and Safety Briefing

The evening before your Antarctic flight, we will host an important virtual safety briefing. Here, we will describe the flight dispatch process, update you on the current weather, and prepare you for arrival at Union Glacier.





DAY **1** **FLY TO** **ANTARCTICA**

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 will go through General Airport Security before boarding our chartered jet for the 4¼ 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
2-6

EXPLORE UNION GLACIER

A typical day at Union Glacier starts with a guest briefing after breakfast where you'll meet with your guide to discuss the day's activities.

Our excursions can include any of the following destinations:

Elephant's Head

Ride in one of our wheeled vehicles to this dramatic marble buttress overlooking the blue-ice runway. Geology lovers will be delighted to find this is a 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. For photographers, beautiful ice pools and moraines offer endless opportunities to capture close-up frozen formations or wide angle glacial landscapes. Hikers can trek up to the base of Elephant's Head or around Rhodes Bluff for panoramic views of Union Glacier and the Heritage Range.



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 Peak Windscoop

Discover the power of wind on ice as you wander through a sparkling turquoise corridor. 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! Take cross-country skis with you or a picnic lunch 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.

In the evenings, we regularly offer lectures and films tailored to your experience.





WATCH THE SOLAR ECLIPSE

Early in the morning of December 4, wake up with excitement as you prepare to witness one of the most awe-inspiring phenomena the sky has to offer. You and your fellow travelers will depart camp for the viewing site, allowing plenty of time to setup camera equipment before the eclipse.

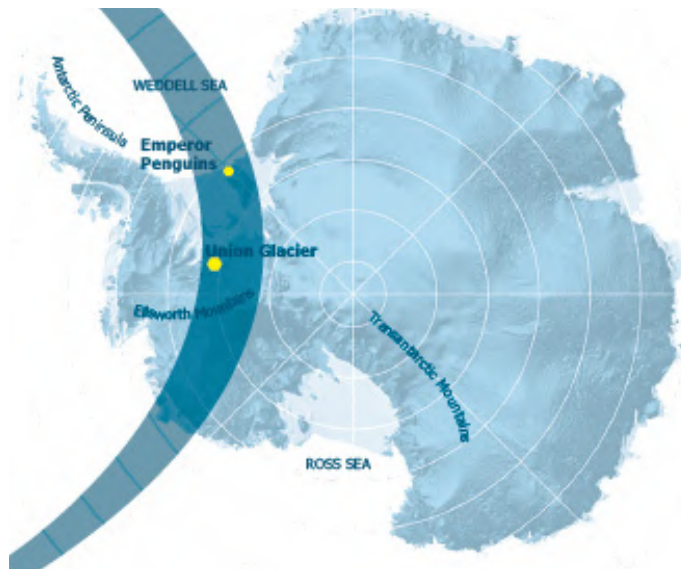
Just after 3:30 am the Sun will slowly begin to disappear as the moon passes between sun and earth. Track its progress using provided eclipse glasses and feel the anticipation building.

Approximately 50 minutes later, the perfect alignment of Sun, Moon, and Earth will bring darkness to Antarctica during a season of 24-hour daylight.

Once the 44 seconds of totality has passed you will have the rest of the day to relax and revel in what you have witnessed.



There may be overcast or cloudy weather at the time of the eclipse and we cannot guarantee clear skies. Even if cloudy you will still have an extraordinary experience as the sky darkens, bringing a big drop in air temperature during totality.





DAY 7 RETURN TO CHILE

When weather and runway conditions permit, our intercontinental aircraft will arrive at Union Glacier to transport you back to Chile. Once your flight has been confirmed we will ensure that you have a hotel reservation in Punta Arenas. If the flight returns in the early morning, we will book your reservation for a day ahead of your arrival because many hotels do not allow check-in until after 3:00 pm.

If in the event of a delay we cannot adjust your reservation, ALE will find you a new hotel of comparable quality. Upon your arrival our staff will meet you at the airport and transfer you and your bags back to your hotel.

FLY HOME

Due to the potential for weather delays, we strongly suggest booking your flight home one week after your planned return from Antarctica. If you purchase a full-fare ticket, most airlines will allow you to move your departure date. We recommend booking tickets through a travel agent, so they can change your ticket once the return flight from Antarctica is en route. Please note, ALE staff are unable to assist with airline reservations.

Should you wish to explore Chile before you return home, our team can provide a list of local tour operators and excursions. When it is time for your flight home, we will provide transportation from your hotel to the Punta Arenas airport.



Weather

Temperatures ranging from -12°F to 30°F (-24°C to -1°C).



Activity Level

Easy to Moderate—light walking on uneven snow and ice with the option to hike or cross-country ski at your own pace.



What's Included

- Airport transfers in Punta Arenas, Chile
- Accommodation in Punta Arenas
- Round trip flight to Antarctica from Punta Arenas
- Meals and tented accommodation in Antarctica
- Antarctic guides and lecturers
- 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 in Punta Arenas
- Additional flights within Antarctica
- Personal equipment and clothing
- Expenses incurred due to delays
- Luggage over 55 lb (25 kg)
- 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.