

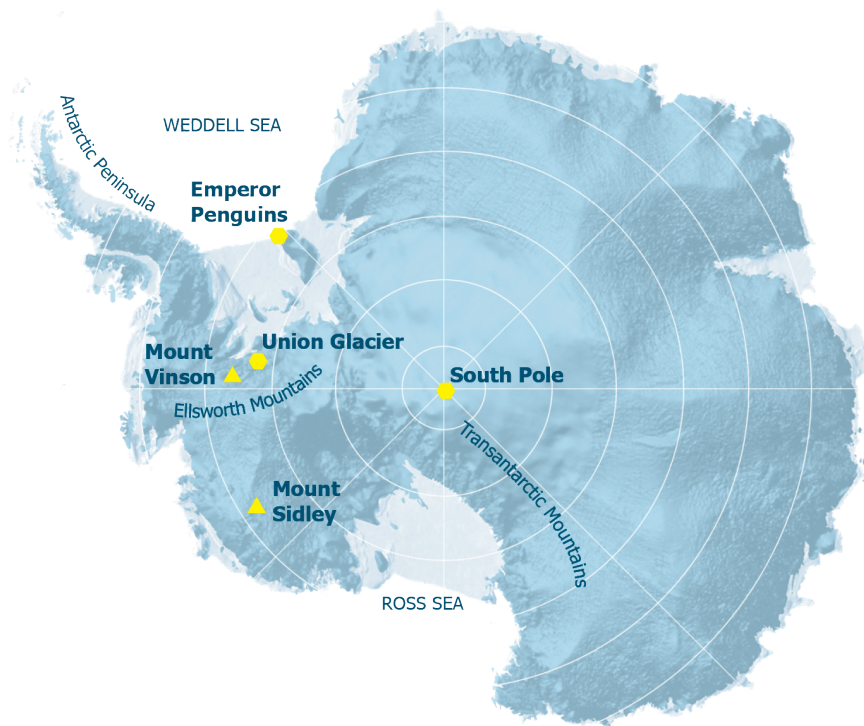


SOUTH POLE OVERNIGHT

WAKE UP AT THE SOUTH POLE

Fly to the Geographic South Pole, the holy grail of polar explorers, and spend the night at the World's Southernmost Resort. Embrace this exclusive opportunity to camp overnight and wake up at 90° South. Below your feet, all 360 lines of longitude meet and in just a few steps you can walk around the world!

History and modern science converge as you take photographs at the Ceremonial Pole, surrounded by flags of the Antarctic Treaty signatory nations, and just steps away from Amundsen-Scott South Pole station. Your overnight stay at our private camp allows you ample time to reflect on your surroundings and experience this special place on Earth.



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 Overnight
Fly to the South Pole



Day 6 or 7
Return to Chile

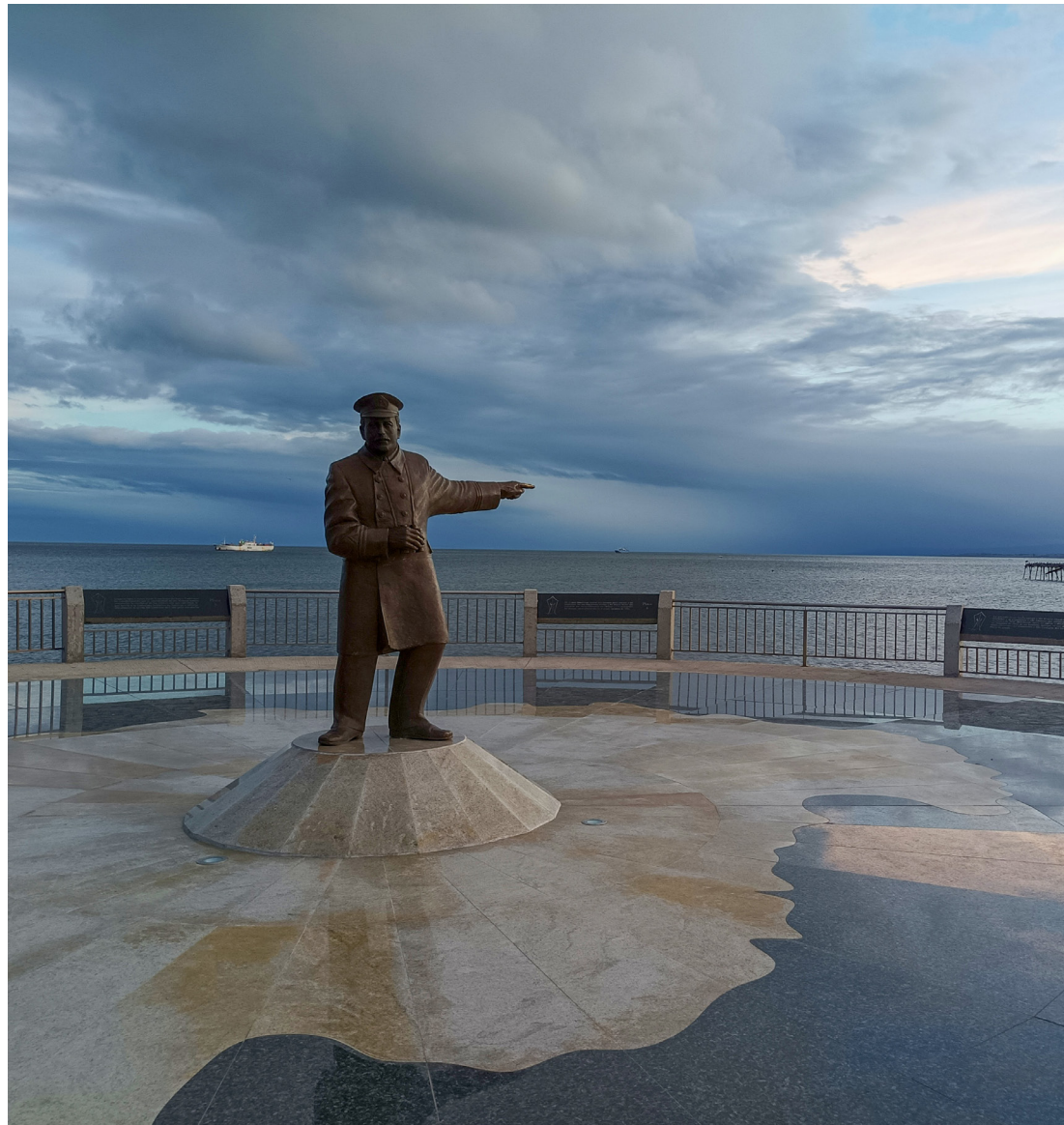


Flexible Departure Day
Fly Home

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



ARRIVAL IN PUNTA ARENAS



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 find the best day for your South Pole Overnight.

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.





FLY TO THE SOUTH POLE

Once weather conditions permit, you will board our ski aircraft and head for the southernmost point on Earth!

The flight takes 4 to 5 ½ hours depending on the aircraft, the shortest flight-time from any private camp. En route, you will fly over the high, polar plateau, viewing wind affected snow called sastrugi, crevasse fields, and an endless expanse of white. As you near 90° South, you will catch sight of Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station, a cluster of buildings surrounded by snow and sky.

We land on a groomed ski-way and you'll deplane near the South Pole marker. Here all 360 lines of longitude meet and beneath your feet the ice is almost 10,000 ft (3000 m) thick! You have joined an exclusive group of people who have journeyed this far south on our planet. Congratulations!



Our overnight stay offers a relaxed pace to experience this unique destination. There will be plenty of time for photos at both the Geographic and Ceremonial Poles, as well as time for reflection. Imagine how it must have felt to stand here a century ago, with only the sound of the wind and an endless expanse of white stretching northward in all directions.

A .6 mi (1 km) walk brings you to our private South Pole Camp. Enjoy a hot meal prepared by one of our talented chefs and mingle with your fellow explorers in the large, heated dining tent. Depending on when you visit, you may also get the chance to greet ski teams just completing their journey to the Pole. After a momentous day, climb inside your heated tent and get snuggled up for a southerly snooze at 90°S.



Be prepared for extreme cold and the effects of altitude during your stay. South Pole temperatures range from -31° to -13°F (-35° to -25°C) and even the slightest breeze can quickly freeze exposed skin. Wear warm layers and cover your hands and face completely when outside.

The physiological altitude (how high it feels) at the South Pole is roughly 11,000ft (3300m). You may feel the effects of altitude, including shortness of breath and mild headache. Take it slow and steady to help your body cope with these unfamiliar conditions.

One of our experienced medics accompanies all South Pole flights and is ready to assist you should you have any issues with the cold or altitude.

The next morning, you'll pack up for the return flight to Union Glacier Camp where you'll celebrate your achievement and receive a certificate to commemorate your South Pole Overnight Experience in Antarctica!





DAY
6 or 7

RETURN TO CHILE

When weather and runway conditions permit, our intercontinental, passenger aircraft will arrive at Union Glacier to transport you back to Chile. Upon your arrival 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

Possible severe storms with temperatures down to -40 °F (-40 °C).



Activity Level

Moderate—light walking on uneven snow and ice at a physiological altitude of 11,000 ft (3,300 m).



What's Included

- Airport transfers in Punta Arenas, Chile
- Round trip flight to Antarctica from Punta Arenas
- Round trip flight to South Pole from Union Glacier
- Meals and tented accommodation in Antarctica
- Antarctic guides and lecturer
- Celebration event and Certificate of Achievement
- Checked luggage up to 55lb (25kg)



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 55lb (25kg)
- 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.



SOUTH POLE CAMP

Accommodations

Our tented camp at the South Pole is designed to provide as much comfort and security as possible given the extreme environment. You will be sleeping in Arctic Oven tents. These double-walled, heated tents are designed to withstand Antarctic conditions. We provide cots, padded sleeping mats and pillows to use with your sleeping bag.

Facilities

Our South Pole Camp toilets are surprisingly comfortable and private. Housed in a tent and similar to those at Union Glacier Camp, we clean them regularly and provide hand sanitizer in each. There are no showers at our South Pole Camp. We recommend bringing Wet Wipes or one of our staff can show you how to take a "Snow Shower," if you are feeling brave.

Meals

Meals are prepared by one of our talented chefs and can include breakfasts of pancakes, bacon, and oatmeal, lunches of warm soups and cold meats and cheeses, afternoon snacks, and fantastic evening meals. Beverages include hot drinks, juice, beer and wine. Meals are served in a large heated dining tent and are open to expedition groups and guests to enjoy together.

Charging and Power

Limited charging facilities are available at the South Pole Camp and two types of outlets are available: USB and 120V A/C (North American Type A or B plugs).

Medical Support

Our field guides all hold advanced first aid certification, are trained in emergency response protocols, and carry comprehensive first aid kits. Additional support is available from our medics at both our South Pole and Union Glacier Camps.

South Pole ASMA #5

The South Pole has been designated as an Antarctic Specially Managed Area (ASMA #5) to conserve the environment, scientific and historical values of the area. A management plan directs all activities in the Area and specific guidelines apply to all non-governmental visits. We ask for your cooperation in respecting visitor guidelines during any time we may spend at the South Pole.

