



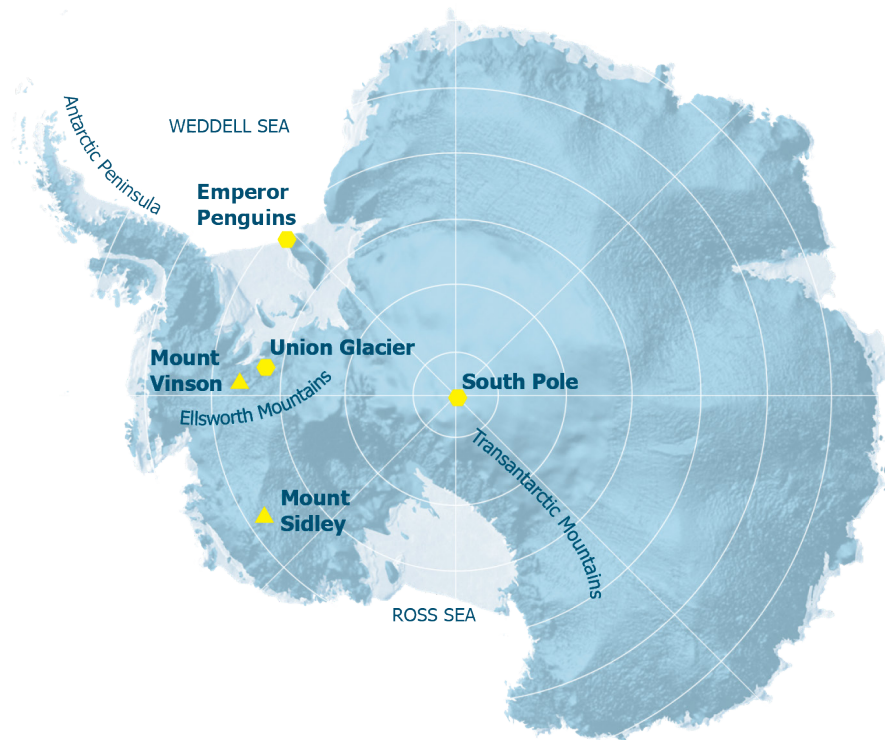
SKI ANTARCTICA

A BACKCOUNTRY SKIER'S PLAYGROUND

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 Days
Gear Check, Welcome and Safety Briefing



DAY 1
Fly to Antarctica



DAY 2-4
Expedition Preparations




DAY 5-12
Ski Safari



DAY 13
Return to Chile

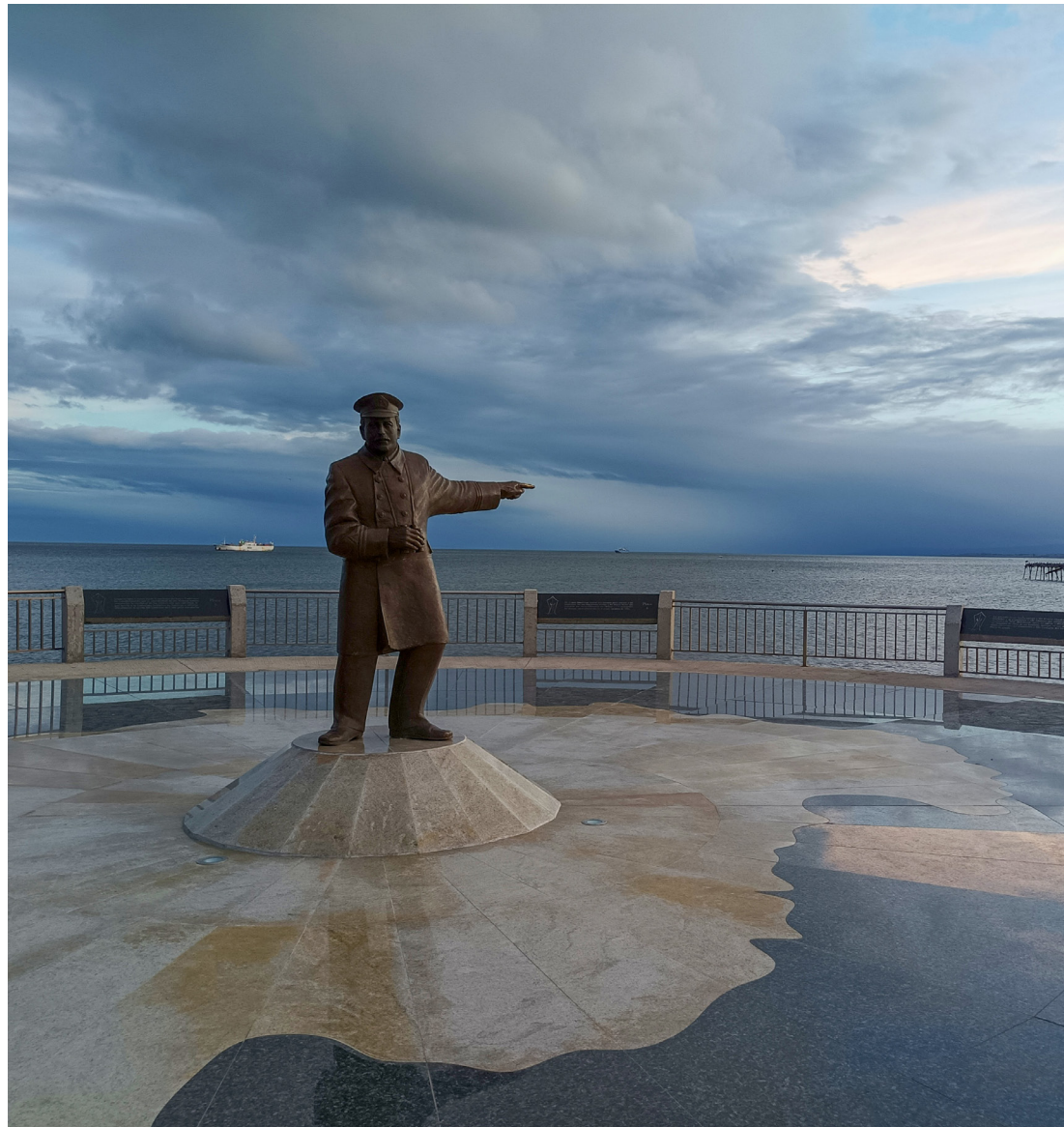


Flexible Departure Day
Fly Home

 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. Here you will meet your fellow team members, pack expedition food rations, and complete the pre-departure process. The pre-departure period 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.

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
2-4

EXPEDITION PREPARATIONS

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 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.



DAY
5-12

SKI SAFARI

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 event and toast your achievements!





DAY
13

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

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 9,800 ft (3,000m), 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 event and Certificate of Achievement
- Checked luggage up to 55 lb (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 55 lb (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.

