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PATAGONIA & ANTARCTICA
The Ultimate Trek & Cruise Adventure
ANTARCTICA & PATAGONIA: GET READY FOR THE ULTIMATE ADVENTURE!

We’ve teamed up two of the most unique and spectacular destinations – Antarctica & Patagonia – to provide you with the ultimate adventure. These exciting packages offer you the chance to experience the very best of land and sea as you combine a 10-day trek through Patagonia’s peaks with your choice of Antarctic expedition.

In Patagonia, you’ll venture into the spectacular world-renowned national parks of Los Glaciares and Torres del Paine. By foot you’ll explore the vast pampas and forests, home to herds of guanacos and hopefully spot Andean condor circling near the base of the dramatic granite peaks. After each exhilarating day, we return to our comfortable hotel or lodge, for a wholesome meal and a comfortable, warm bed.

Aboard our small and nimble expedition ship, Polar Pioneer, you’ll embark on an expedition to the ethereal icy continent of Antarctica. In true expeditionary style, we seek out the best opportunities for wildlife encounters, explore glacial fjords and bays filled with glistening icebergs, step on to the continent of Antarctica and discover fascinating historic sites. The aim of each voyage is to provide as many landings as possible, allowing you to experience the destination first hand with the support of an experienced team of experts who will unlock the wonders Antarctica has to offer.

Each Trek & Cruise package has been designed for a seamless experience, with all connections between trek and cruise included in the package price. Now is the time for you to take the ultimate adventure of a lifetime!

SAVE with a Trek & Cruise Package!

Make the most of your trip to South America with a Trek & Cruise package, and SAVE up to 20% off the price of both your Antarctic voyage and Patagonia trek!

Call us on +61 2 9252 1033 or email info@auroraexpeditions.com.au

Cover images:
Photographers dream amongst the icebergs; Michael Baynes
Hiker taking in the view, Fitz Roy Mountain, Patagonia
SMALL SHIPS, SMALL GROUPS
Our small, yet strong expedition ship was purpose-built for the conditions we encounter, provides access to places larger ships can’t reach and offers a warm, informal atmosphere. With group sizes of no more than 54 people, you’ll often enjoy more and longer landings.

TWO TO THREE EXCURSIONS DAILY
That’s just our minimum, more if time and conditions allow. We aim to be off the ship as much as possible, enjoying the wildlife and environments we encounter. Thanks to our experienced team, we often make landings when others are on ‘weather hold’.

EXPERTS ENRICH YOUR EXPERIENCE
Whether it’s the life cycle of penguins, comparing Patagonia’s famous peaks or details of Shackleton’s historic epic, information draws you deeper into the destination. Our expedition team are hand-picked specialists passionate about sharing their knowledge. There is no ‘us and them’ – only ‘all of us’.

FLEXIBILITY IS OUR MANTRA
Whenever the ice or weather dictate, our expedition leader is quick to find alternatives. And if an amazing wildlife display catches our eye – think bubble-netting humpbacks or a shy Patagonian Puma – we’ll take the time to stop and savour it.

A PERSONAL APPROACH
You’ll notice we use names, not booking numbers. From our Expedition Experts in our head office to your onboard team and crew, we take the time to listen to your requirements, answer your questions and share a laugh or two. We want you to feel important, because you are!

THE ENVIRONMENT IS OUR PRIORITY
Aurora Expeditions helped draft environmental guidelines that are the world standard in polar regions. All expeditioners are briefed on how to enhance your visit without being intrusive. Our overall aim? To create lifelong environmental ambassadors during a time of rapid global change.

CONSISTENTLY AURORA EXPEDITIONS
Aurora Expeditions is owned and operated by an experienced and dedicated team who love what they do. All trips, whether our own or those run by carefully-chosen local operators, are meticulously crafted to match our values and style.

“A wonder-filled experience of a lifetime. Words can’t describe it to others, and photos only go so far, but it will stay in my mind forever.”
JANE RETALLACK, ANTARCTICA, 2015
Patagonia sprawls across the border of southern Chile and Argentina, a wild, natural region that ranges from the solitude of vast pampas, or steppes, to jagged ice-capped peaks of the Andes. All of our Patagonia Discovery Treks explore the spectacular Los Glaciares and Torres del Paine National Parks, with some beginning and ending in El Calafate, Argentina, while others cross the steppes to the historic port Punta Arenas, Chile, on the Magellan Strait.

Each Patagonia trek connects with one of our Antarctic expeditions, either in Punta Arenas or by including a short flight between El Calafate and Ushuaia. See our departure points below.

**CHILE**
- **TORRES DEL PAINE NP**
  - Visit climber’s basecamp beneath soaring peaks.
  - Photograph guanacos on pampas.
- **EL CALAFATE**
  - Perfect starting or finishing town with easy access to Los Glaciares National Park.
- **PUERTO NATALES**
  - Boutique beers, cafés, and gateway to Torres del Paine National Park.
- **PUNTA ARENAS**
  - Lively Patagonia and Antarctica gateway, 3-hours drive from Puerto Natales.

**ARGENTINA**
- **LOS GLACIARES NP**
  - Home to the frequently-calving Perito Moreno glacier and stunning peaks.
- **EL CHALTÉN**
  - Colourful village near trails to Cerro Torre and Mt Fitz Roy.
- **USHUAIA**
  - Argentina’s adventure hub and most popular gateway to Antarctica.
- **PUERTO WILLIAMS**
  - Chile’s small Antarctic gateway, set amongst the natural beauty of the Dientes de Navarino mountains.
We make it possible to trek into some of South America’s wildest, most spectacular mountains and return to extremely comfortable lodging each night. Our walks are tailored to the fitness of the group and are accompanied by a naturalist to interpret what we see. Sometimes it’s ok to be spoiled!

Lelia Cataldi
Expedition Leader

LODGE STYLE
From boutique hotels to exquisite trekker’s lodges, you’ll be delighted by our choice of Patagonian accommodation. Each night you relax in the perfect base camp for exploring the destination, whether it be slipping out for handmade chocolates in El Calafate, a stroll along the waterfront of Puerto Natales or to photograph the glaciers of Torres del Paine National Park. Talented chefs provide delicious meals, many made from local produce. All offer warm, inviting lounges where trekking tales can be recounted and new friends made.

DAY WALKS
From a four-hour stroll along the boardwalks overlooking the oft-calving Perito Moreno Glacier, to treks to Mt Fitz Roy base camp and Cerro Torre Lagoon; each day offers a differing walking experience. In Torres del Paine National Park we walk up the Ascencio Valley to view the Paine Massif and take shorter walks in search of birds, wildlife and cave paintings. Walks will be calibrated to the group’s fitness, with many of the region’s highlights requiring a 6 to 7-hour, round-trip walk – well worth the effort. As with any trek, the fitter you are, the more you’ll enjoy it.

OUR PATAGONIA EXPERT

Lelia knows Patagonia. She lives and breathes it. Lelia grew up in Argentina, studied tourism, geography and hotel management before becoming an interpretive guide and naturalist in Patagonia. For the past 10 years, her view has been of the Perito Moreno Glacier. Lelia teams up with qualified local guides for treks through Los Glaciares and Torres del Paine National Park.

For more info on our trekking style or fitness levels contact us on +61 2 9252 1033.
Our trusty expedition ship is aptly-named and absolutely adored. Witness it cracking ice-floes in the Weddell Sea, slicing shimmering reflections in the Lemaire Channel or standing proud as mother ship welcoming back Zodiacs and kayaks from yet another adventure.

Ice-strengthened, 71.6 metres long and capable of carrying 54 passengers, *Polar Pioneer* offers simple, yet comfortable accommodation. All cabins have outside portholes, ample storage and individual heating. Yet what sets it apart from other vessels is its size. Large enough to offer creature comforts like its friendly bar, sauna, lecture theatre; plenty of space for observing passing wonders, yet small enough to slip in close for those special, secluded landings.

Best of all is its atmosphere of camaraderie and shared adventure, as kayakers, climbers, divers, photographers and polar travellers share the greatest voyage of their lives.

SHIP FEATURES

- Ice-strengthened hull
- Active stabilizers
- Range of triple, twin & suite cabins
- Spacious viewing platforms & decks
- Fleet of inflatable Zodiaks
- Lounge bar & two dining rooms
- Dedicated lecture theatre
- Basic medical clinic & doctor
- Shared sauna room
- Daily cabin cleaning service
- Gumboots provided for landings
- Satellite phone & internet access*
- Laundry service available.*

CABIN SELECTION

THE CAPTAIN’S SUITE En-suite Bathroom
Our most deluxe cabin features a separate sleeping area with double bed, lounge room with table, en-suite bathroom and large windows for optimal viewing opportunities. It also includes a fridge, TV and DVD player. Only one available.

MINI SUITE En-suite Bathroom
Two Mini Suites offer a more spacious cabin with a separate lounge and sleeping area (with double bed) as well as an en-suite bathroom and large windows to enjoy the view. Also includes a desk, fridge, TV and DVD player.

TWIN PRIVATE CABINS En-suite Bathroom
Twin Private Cabins accommodate two people and offer the convenience of an en-suite bathroom. It also features an outside window, desk and ample storage space. NB: Cabins 402 and 403 have an upper and lower bunk.

TWIN PUBLIC CABINS Shared Bathroom
Twin Public Cabins with shared bathrooms are surprisingly spacious, sleep two people in lower single bunks and feature a lounge, desk, washbasin, porthole and ample storage space. Bathrooms are located close by on the same deck.

TRIPLE CABINS Shared Bathroom
Two Triple Cabins feature two lower bunks and one upper bunk, as well as a desk, lounge, washbasin, porthole and ample storage space. Perfect for sharing with family or friends. Bathrooms are located close by on the same deck.

*Fees apply

Porthole or window in every cabin!
KEY EXPERIENCES

- Walk amongst militant chinstrap and peaceful gentoo penguins nesting and feeding their chicks
- Zodiac cruise amongst grounded mega-bergs and sparkling crystal-like arches
- Relax your kayak-paddling muscles while drifting past ice floes topped with Weddell seals*
- Climbers summit rarely-visited Antarctic peaks*
- Trek to history-laden Cerro Fitz Roy and Cerro Torre base camps in Los Glaciares National Park
- Search out melodious streams, native orchids and fairy-tale beech forests in bloom along hidden nature trails
- Cruise to Balmaceda Glacier for spectacular views followed by a Zodiac ride to Torres del Paine

*Some activities incur an activity surcharge.

DEPARTURE DATE
From: Ushuaia   To: El Calafate
16 Dec ’17  – 06 Jan ’18   EAP30 & PTG20

PACKAGE PRICE
From US$11,400 per person

ACTIVITIES*

- Mt Fitz Roy's towering peaks; Michael Baynes
- Chasing ice near Astrolabe Island, Antarctic Peninsula; David Hudson
PACKAGE TWO

27 DAYS • ANTARCTICA, SOUTH GEORGIA & PATAGONIA

Explore Antarctica and South Georgia's long summer days, perfect for extra landings to appreciate the various wildlife that line the shores. Continue on to Patagonia to experience exhilarating treks through spectacular peaks and wind-swept plains. As the only package featuring South Georgia, this really is THE ultimate Trek & Cruise adventure!

KEY EXPERIENCES

➤ Cruise Antarctica’s glassy waters and excite to the iridescent blues of icebergs that glow from within
➤ Walk amidst the world’s largest king penguin colonies and wallowing elephant seals in South Georgia
➤ Learn of Shackleton’s historic expedition and complete a leg of his famous trek across South Georgia (conditions permitting)
➤ Enjoy daily walks through Patagonia’s Los Glaciares and Torres del Paine National Park
➤ Watch charismatic guanacos on the Patagonian steppes
➤ Enjoy dramatic rock spires piercing the Patagonian icecap, while Andean condors and eagles soar above.

DEPARTURE DATE

From: Santiago or Punta Arenas   To: Punta Arenas
13 Jan '18  ➤  8 Feb '18  ASG72 & PTG22

PACKAGE PRICE

From US$17,500 per person

ACTIVITIES*

SAVE 10% ON VOYAGE & TREK

An unforgettable journey into the world’s finest wildlife oasis.
PACKET THREE

21 DAYS • ANTARCTIC CIRCLE & PATAGONIA

Begin in Patagonia’s Los Glaciares and Torres del Paine National Parks, enjoying splendid summer walks and returning to our well-appointed lodges each evening. Continue on to Ushuaia to board your Antarctic expedition and sail into a world of elegant snow petrels, powerful orcas and dreamlike icebergs to attempt the journey across the Antarctic circle.

KEY EXPERIENCES

- Sunrise walk to the base of the three ‘Towers of Paine’
- Cruise to Balmaceda Glacier for spectacular views followed by a Zodiac ride to Torres del Paine
- Zodiac cruise along Chile’s Serrano River
- We cross the Drake Passage, accompanied by albatross, petrels, fulmars and prions
- Champagne toast at the Antarctic Circle, 66°33’ South
- If pack ice allows, enter the polar palace of Crystal Sound
- Enjoy a splendour of wildlife activity as birds, seals and whales race to fatten up for winter
- Be mesmerised as condors and eagles soar in the breeze above the Patagonian ice field

DEPARTURE DATE

From: El Calafate   To: Punta Arenas
20 Jan ’18  ➤ 09 Feb ’18  PTG21 & ANP117

PACKAGE PRICE

From US$12,600 per person

ACTIVITIES*

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Itinerary is a guide only and subject to ice and weather conditions. *Some activities incur an activity surcharge.

© Humpback whale tail in the Gerlache Strait, Antarctic Peninsula; Josh Griffiths
© Walking through the rocks, Torres del Paine, Patagonia; Jamie Lafferty
PACKET ONE

19 DAYS • ANTARCTIC CIRCLE & PATAGONIA

Begin your adventure by exploring Patagonia’s wind-swept plains, glaciated mountain ranges and turquoise lakes, with guided treks by day, and a warm, dry bed at night. From Punta Arenas, a short flight into King George Island will have you enjoying the wildlife and scenery of Antarctica in no time – and charging on for our Antarctic Circle quest.

KEY EXPERIENCES

- Enjoy daily treks with our experienced trek leader and naturalist and a team of expert local guides
- Explore Los Glaciares and Torres del Paine National Parks
- Visit Perito Moreno and Balmaceda Glacier
- Cruise to the Antarctic Circle, 66°33’ South, for a Champagne toast
- Enjoy a splendour of wildlife activity as birds, seals and whales race to fatten up for winter
- Visit scientific stations engaged in research and historic huts frozen in time
- Thrill to leopard seals (and possibly orcas) on Zodiac cruises amongst wave-sculpted icebergs

DEPARTURE DATE

From: El Calafate To: Punta Arenas
30 Jan ’18 ➔ 17 Feb ’18 PTG22 & ANP118

PACKAGE PRICE

From US$11,300 per person

ACTIVITIES*

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

DAY 1 Arrive El Calafate and overnight
DAY 2 Drive to Los Glaciares National Park. Visit Perito Moreno Glacier. Overnight El Chaltén
DAYS 3-4 Los Glaciares National Park: Fitz Roy and Cerro Torre treks
DAY 5 Cross Argentina-Chile border to Puerto Natales
DAY 6 Cruise Balmaceda Glacier. Zodiac ride along Serrano River to Torres del Paine
DAYS 7-8 Torres del Paine National Park: treks to Cuernos viewpoint, Las Torres base camp and more
DAY 9 Drive to Punta Arenas. Overnight Punta Arenas
DAY 10 Fly from Punta Arenas to King George Island to embark ship
DAYS 11-15 Antarctic Peninsula: Possible landings: Lemaire Channel, Crystal Sound, Yalour Islands, Detaille Is., Cuverville Is.
DAY 16 South Shetland Islands
DAYS 17-18 Drake Passage
DAY 19 Cruise down Beagle Channel and disembark in Puerto Williams. Fly Puerto Williams to Punta Arenas

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Edging in for a closer look at a crabeater seal; Mael Ressos
 Torres Del Paine NP, Chile
Daily walks and hikes through Patagonia’s national parks
Witness the spectacle of colours as the sun rises over Patagonia’s peaks
Trek with an expert English-speaking naturalist and guide to learn about Patagonia’s wildlife and environment
Fly directly to Antarctica and skip one sea crossing!
Feel your pulse race as vast tabular icebergs pass close by in Antarctic Sound
Land at rarely-visited sites to witness thriving penguin colonies along the peninsula’s west coast
Zodiac cruise in search of feeding, breaching and resting humpback whales and calves
Tour scientific research stations and historic huts

KEY EXPERIENCES

DEPARTURE DATE
From: El Calafate  To: Ushuaia
17 Feb ’18 ➔ 7 Mar ’18  PTG23 & ANP120

PACKAGE PRICE
From US$11,200 per person

ACTIVITIES*

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

DAY 1  Arrive El Calafate and overnight
DAY 2  Drive to Los Glaciares National Park. Visit Perito Moreno Glacier. Overnight El Chaltén
DAYS 3-4  Los Glaciares National Park: Fitz Roy and Cerro Torre treks
DAY 5  Cross Argentina-Chile border to Puerto Natales
DAY 6  Cruise Balmaceda Glacier. Zodiac ride along Serrano River to Torres del Paine
DAYS 7-8  Torres del Paine National Park: treks to Cuernos viewpoint, Las Torres base camp and more
DAY 9  Drive to Punta Arenas. Overnight Punta Arenas
DAY 10  Fly to King George Island and embark
DAYS 11-13  Antarctic Peninsula. Possible landings: Enterprise Island, Port Lockroy, Lemaire Channel, Astrolabe Is.
DAY 16  Antarctic Sound & Brown Bluff
DAYS 17-18  Drake Passage & South Shetland Islands
DAY 19  Disembark in Ushuaia

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Kayakers explore Port Charcot, Antarctic Peninsula; Al Bakker
Visit the Spectacular Torres del Paine National Park, Patagonia; Jamie Lafferty
PACKAGES SIX

20 DAYS • ANTARCTIC PENINSULA & PATAGONIA

Calling all intrepid explorers! Sail south and venture deep into the Antarctic Peninsula’s wild and remote sites to witness monstrous bergs and bustling wildlife. Absorb the magnificent coastline and spectacular peaks before flying to Punta Arenas to connect with your trekking adventure through Patagonia’s breathtaking wilderness.

KEY EXPERIENCES

- Roam the shoreline near where Adélie, gentoo and chinstrap penguins run leopard seal gauntlets to feed their chicks
- Be awed by Antarctica’s huge tabular icebergs
- Zodiac cruise in search of feeding, breaching and resting humpback whales and calves
- Fly directly to Punta Arenas and skip one sea crossing!
- Rise early for a sunrise walk to the base of the three ‘Towers of Paine’
- Explore Cerro Fitz Roy and Cerro Torre base camps in Los Glaciares National Park
- Watch ice calve from Perito Moreno’s 5km glacier front

DEPARTURE DATE
From: Punta Arenas To: El Calafate
17 Feb ’18 ➔ 8 Mar ’18 ANP119 & PTG24

PACKAGE PRICE
From US$11,200 per person

ACTIVITIES*

- Antarctic Peninsula
- Weddell Sea
- Antarctic Sound & Brown Bluff
- Drake Passage & South Shetland Islands
- South Georgia
- Falkland Islands
- Antarctic Circle
- King George Island
- Drake Passage
- Punta Arenas
- Puerto Williams
- Puerto Natales
- El Calafate
- Patagonia

SAVE 20% ON VOYAGE & TREK

Itinerary is a guide only and subject to ice and weather conditions. *Some activities incur an activity surcharge.
YOUR TREK & CRUISE PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

Expedition costs are like crevasses, they’re especially annoying when they’re hidden. Aurora Expeditions’ special Trek & Cruise packages are inclusive of nearly everything you’ll need for an unforgettable journey – including the travel arrangements between your trek and cruise for an all-inclusive adventure! Here is the list of regular inclusions that you can expect:

ANTARCTIC CRUISE INCLUSIONS

- Fully-serviced accommodation in your chosen cabin category
- Daily breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks
- An experienced team of guides made up of naturalists, historians, geologists, activity leaders and destination specialists
- An informative and entertaining lecture program by our team of experts
- Daily shore excursions, guided walks, Zodiac cruises and some activities
- Entry fees to historic or tourist sites
- Port and pilotage charges and landing fees
- Access to our onboard doctor or medical officer, if required
- A special 2-in-1 polar expedition jacket and gumboot hire
- Complimentary Voyage Photo Journal
- Access to VIP discounts offered on future voyages, exclusive invitations, complimentary inclusions and cabin upgrades

PATAGONIA TREK INCLUSIONS

- Fully-serviced twin-share hotel or lodge accommodation
- Most meals throughout trek (see trip notes for details)
- Vehicle transport between accommodation points
- An experienced trek leader and naturalist, plus local specialist guides
- Guided daily hikes and walks
- Entry fees to national parks

OTHER INCLUSIONS

Depending on the package you choose, your itinerary may require a few extras we consider essential for a smooth and stress-free experience. Other possible inclusions may include:

- Internal flights between trek and cruise
- Additional accommodation
- Airport and luggage transfers

Personal items such as bar charges, internet, laundry, gratuities and ship shop purchases are not included.

Contact our Expedition Experts or visit auroraexpeditions.com.au for details.
SAVE UP TO 20% ON BOTH TREK AND VOYAGE!

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Key: PUQ: Punta Arenas, USH: Ushuaia, SCL: Santiago (or Punta Arenas), FTE: El Calafate

Indicates Antarctic voyage is a Fly & Sail itinerary with a flight between Punta Arenas and King George Island.

Optional Activities in Antarctica:
- Sea Kayaking available on all departures
  - US$1,050 – EAP30, ANP117, ANP118, ANP119, ANP120
  - US$1,350 – ASG72
- Scuba Diving from US$975
  - Available on ANP118, ANP119, ANP120
- Polar Snorkelling from US$600
  - Available on ANP118, ANP119, ANP120

Mountaineering from US$950
- Available on EAP30

Camping FREE
- Available on EAP30

Prices include advertised Trek & Cruise discounts. Cabin categories apply to Antarctica only.
EXPEDITION INCLUSIONS (Check trip notes for detailed inclusions)

Patagonia All accommodation in quality hotels or lodges during the expedition • Most meals and snacks during trek (see trip notes for details) • All transfers in private vehicles during the expedition • Tours and sightseeing as indicated in the itinerary • Guiding services by our expert team, including lecture program • National park entry fees and trekking permits • Comprehensive pre-departure information.

Antarctica Onboard accommodation with daily cabin service • All meals on board, snacks, tea and coffee • All shore excursions and Zodiac cruises • Guiding services by our expedition team • Comprehensive lecture program • Basic medical service, if required • Port taxes and charges and landing fees • Luggage transfer to ship • Gunboat hire during voyage • Comprehensive pre-departure information, including destination primer • A complimentary 2-in-1 waterproof expedition jacket • Professionally-printed photo book of your voyage.

EAP30 includes transfer from ship to airport in Ushuaia; one-way flight Ushuaia to El Calafate, transfer from airport to hotel in El Calafate, and additional night accommodation in El Calafate.

ANP117 includes transfer from hotel to El Calafate airport; one-way flight El Calafate to Ushuaia; one night accommodation in Ushuaia; one-way flight between King George Island, Antarctica and Punta Arenas, Chile; one-night accommodation in Punta Arenas post-voyage; and transfer between airport and hotel in Punta Arenas post-voyage.

ANP118 includes an airport transfer to Punta Arenas airport; one-way flight between Punta Arenas, Chile and King George Island, Antarctica; one-way flight between Puerto Williams, Chile and Punta Arenas, Chile; and transfer from Punta Arenas airport to hotel.

ANP119 includes an airport transfer to Punta Arenas airport from joining hotel; one-way flight between Punta Arenas, Chile and Puerto Williams, Chile; one-way flight between King George Island, Antarctica and Punta Arenas, Chile; one-night accommodation in Punta Arenas post-voyage; transfer between airport and hotel in Punta Arenas post-voyage.

ANP120 includes transfer to Punta Arenas airport pre-voyage, and one-way flight between Punta Arenas, Chile and King George Island, Antarctica.

ASG72 include a one-way flight from Santiago (or Punta Arenas), Chile to Stanley, Falkland Islands; transfer to ship; transfer from ship to airport in Ushuaia; one-way flight Ushuaia to El Calafate, and transfer from airport to hotel in El Calafate.

EXCLUSIONS Flights or transfers to or from expedition starting point • Arrival or departure taxes • Visa, passport and vaccination charges • Any arrangements, tours or optional activities not included in the expedition itinerary • Travel insurance • All items of a personal nature including but not limited to alcoholic beverages, laundry services, personal clothing, gratuities, medical expenses and email or phone charges.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Price and Validity

Expedition costs are based on ground costs, fuel prices, ship charter rates and airfares at time of printing. While we try our utmost not to increase our prices, this is sometimes outside of our control. We reserve the right to amend our prices. Amendments should occur only in the event of significant surface increases and/or market fluctuations in the US exchange rate upon which the land content is based or large fluctuations in fuel costs. Any increase in price must be paid by you before your departure.

Responsibility and Assumption of Risk

By my/our signature(s) as set forth on the booking form I also acknowledge and confirm the following:

- Except to the extent that this waiver may be prohibited or restricted by the Trade Practices Act 1974 or other legislation that may exist from time to time in Australia, I hereby release Aurora Expeditions, its employers and agents and any licensee or licensee of it from all claims and actions that I/we have or may have at any time in the future against them or any of them, howsoever arising, for personal injury, death, property damage or any other loss, damage or expense that I/we may suffer as a result of my/our participation in any trip organised with or in conjunction with Aurora Expeditions.

- We recommend cancellation insurance. If it becomes necessary to cancel your expedition, we ask that you notify your Travel Agent or our Sales Team immediately in writing. Cancellation will take effect upon receipt by Aurora Expeditions of your written notice. Cancellation made before 90 days of expedition departure are subject to a non-refundable deposit of $2500, however your deposit may be transferred towards a different expedition of equal or greater value if a fee of $500 transfer fee is paid. Transfer fee is subject to availability, and is non-refundable or transferable. Bookings that depart within 12 months from date of transfer and you are permitted one transfer only. Funds will not be held in suspense and new booking must be advised at time of request transfer. You must pay the difference between the original booked price and the price of any transferred booking including the new deposit amount. If cancellation takes place less than 90 days prior to departure, you will be required to pay the full cost of the expedition.

Delay or Change of Itinerary

Aurora Expeditions may for any reason change the date of departure or conclusion of the tour, the scheduled point of departure for the tour, omit or change any scheduled stop on the tour or change the scheduled place of conclusion for the tour whether before or after the tour has departed, without prior notice to you. You will have no right to any refund and Aurora Expeditions will have no obligation to you or be liable for any loss, consequential damages, expenses, loss of time or enjoyment or inconvenience in respect of such changes.

Aurora Expeditions reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure in which case any payment made by you will be refunded in full and you will not be entitled to make any further claim for compensation or damages, for any loss, consequential damage, expenses, loss of time or inconvenience which may result from such cancellation.

Health, Fitness, Trip Grades and Age Limits

It is your responsibility to advise Aurora Expeditions of any pre-existing medical conditions and/or disability that might reasonably be expected to increase your risk of requiring medical attention, or that might affect the normal conduct of an expedition and the enjoyment of other expedition members. You are required to provide an assessment of your medical condition from a fully qualified medical practitioner.

Aurora Expeditions reserves the right, at its reasonable discretion, to cancel your booking and refuse the money paid by you, less any unrecoverable costs. Aurora Expeditions also reserves the right to cancel your participation in an expedition at any time, including after the commencement of the trip, with no right of refund if your medical condition and/or disability could be reasonably expected to affect the normal conduct of the trip and the enjoyment of other expedition members. Any person under 18 years of age must travel with their legal guardian. Travelling when pregnant is not recommended.

Mandatory Travel Insurance

Passengers travelling with Aurora Expeditions are required to be covered by a travel insurance policy that includes emergency evacuation coverage. We travel to remote regions of the world and we recommend that the policy’s emergency evacuation benefit be higher than minimum and cover you for remote or Polar Evacuation should it be required. Please ask your Aurora Expeditions consultant or your travel agent about travel insurance.

Authority of the Expedition Leader

At all times the decision of the Aurora Expeditions expedition leader or representative will be final on all matters likely to affect the safety and well-being of the trip. This includes any decision that the Aurora Expeditions expedition leader makes about your ongoing participation in the trip or certain activities that compromise part of the trip. If you fail to comply with a decision made by the Aurora Expeditions expedition leader, or interfere with the well-being of the group, the Aurora Expeditions expedition leader reserves the right to terminate this contract and order you to leave the tour immediately, with no right of refund.

Use of Images

Passengers travelling with Aurora Expeditions, extend permission to Aurora Expeditions to take their photograph during the expedition for a fee of $500. Transfers are subject to availability and are only valid on expeditions that depart within 12 months from date of transfer and you are permitted one transfer only. Funds will not be held in suspense and new booking must be advised at time of request transfer. You must pay the difference between the original booked price and the price of any transferred booking including the new deposit amount. If cancellation takes place less than 90 days prior to departure, you will be required to pay the full cost of the expedition.

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