

YOUR GUIDE TO POLAR TRAVEL



ANTARCTICA

World Journeys sell Quark Expeditions and Aurora Expeditions cruises in Antarctica, and can also book land arrangements around cruising.

Clients usually cruise out of Ushuaia in southern Argentina, or can choose to fly one or both ways from Punta Arenas to King George Island in the South Shetlands if time is short.

WHY DEPART FROM SOUTH AMERICA?

Cruises departing from Ushuaia in Argentina cuts the travelling time to Antarctica in half. Flying from Punta Arenas to start cruising is quicker again.

CLIENT PROFILE

Polar travel appeals most to more adventurous clients who love the great outdoors, nature, wildlife and off-the-beaten-track destinations. Why not target clients who have been to and loved the Galapagos, the Amazon or an African Safari!



THE ARCTIC

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Arctic Kingdom Polar Expeditions offer land-based travel experiences and special interest trips for individuals and small private groups led by expert Inuit guides. Operating out of Winnipeg and Ottawa in Northern Canada, they also offer Polar Bear viewing, whale watching and northern lights experiences in the Arctic.

Operating out of Churchill, Frontiers North offer the unique Tundra Buggy, and Tundra Buggy Lodge, allowing guests to get out into the Polar Bear's natural habitat for up-close encounters.

BEST TIME TO TRAVEL

Summer – when the sun never sets above the Polar circle. As the season is so short, it pays to book well in advance! In the **Arctic**, summer is mid-June to early September. In the **Antarctic**, summer is mid-October to mid-March.

WHICH CRUISE COMPANY TO CHOOSE?

All of our cruise lines are experts in Polar cruising, and include activities such as Zodiac excursions, hiking, kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, whale watching, snow-shoeing, and sometimes cross-country skiing and mountaineering.



QUARK EXPEDITIONS

- 13 Arctic itineraries (Greenland, Svalbard, Canada, Iceland, Baffin Island, North Pole)
- 14 Antarctic itineraries (including one which flies the Drake Passage)
- 6 vessels including two icebreakers: From 128 to 199 guests. Currently the highest ice-rating of any Arctic ships
- Special activities: North Pole hot air ballooning and camping.



AURORA EXPEDITIONS

- Specialising in remote areas, with smaller vessels to go where others can't
- 13 Antarctic itineraries and 11 Arctic itineraries
- Two modern cutting edge vessels, purpose built for polar cruising, accommodating an average of 132 guests per voyage
- Zodiac loading and activities platforms allows faster to get out on excursions.

THE ARCTIC VS ANTARCTICA

Wish List	The Arctic	Antarctica
Wildlife unique to the region	Polar Bears, Walrus, Puffins, Arctic Fox, Beluga Whales	Elephant & Leopard Seals, Albatross, Penguins, Humpback & Minke Whales
Icebergs	Good	Better
Culture	Inuit peoples	—
Science	—	Visits to Research Stations
History	Northwest Passage	Scott, Shackleton, or Amundsen
Specific Areas	Greenland, Spitsbergen, Svalbard, Norway, North Pole, Canadian Arctic	South Georgia, Falkland Islands, Antarctic Peninsula, Ross Sea
Photo Opportunities	Landscape	Wildlife
The Northern Lights	Yes	—

HOW CAN WE HELP?

FURTHER TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

We can create further travel arrangements either side of an Antarctic cruise—try an Iguazu Falls & Rio extension, exploring Patagonia, cruising the fjords or just more time in Buenos Aires. We can also create a more comprehensive itinerary in the Arctic, with both cruise and land based experiences.

ADVICE

Talk to the experts at World Journeys - several of us have cruised in Antarctica and all in different months with their own unique experiences. See our website for more information.