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# Ultimate Antarctica by Private Expedition Yacht

*A Polar Adventure Aboard a Small Ship of Unparalleled Grace & Vigor*



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## Trip Details:

**Days:**  
13 Days / Feb

**Price:**  
From \$39995  
(+ Air)

**Physical Requirements:**  
Moderate -  
Remote

## Ultimate Antarctica by Private Expedition Yacht

### A Polar Adventure Aboard a Small Ship of Unparalleled Grace & Vigor

Your spirit for exploring the planet is immense. Your sights are set on Antarctica—the last great untamed nature adventure. And your dream is to encounter it in a manner that only a few discerning travelers ever will—in relative solitude, immersed in the icy wonders of the polar wilderness. If this is you—a voyage aboard the *Hanse Explorer* awaits. A 156-foot luxury expedition yacht carrying just 12 guests, this intrepid vessel elevates comfort and style to a matchless level in its class. Life on board holds all the amenities of home (and then some) while giving you intimate access to the icebound ends of the earth. Yet the real luxuries are the mindblowing experiences that surround you, from humpback whales breaching off the bow to luminous blue icebergs drifting in the frigid channels. Kayak alongside inquisitive seals, and walk ashore among scores of squawking penguins as you bask in the raw beauty of the austral summer. Our journey includes a flight one way across the Drake Passage, to allow more exploratory time on the Antarctic Peninsula.

### Trip Highlights

A remote expedition trip of this class generally requires a private charter—but you'll get the same rare experience on our exclusive booking of the luxury polar yacht *Hanse Explorer*

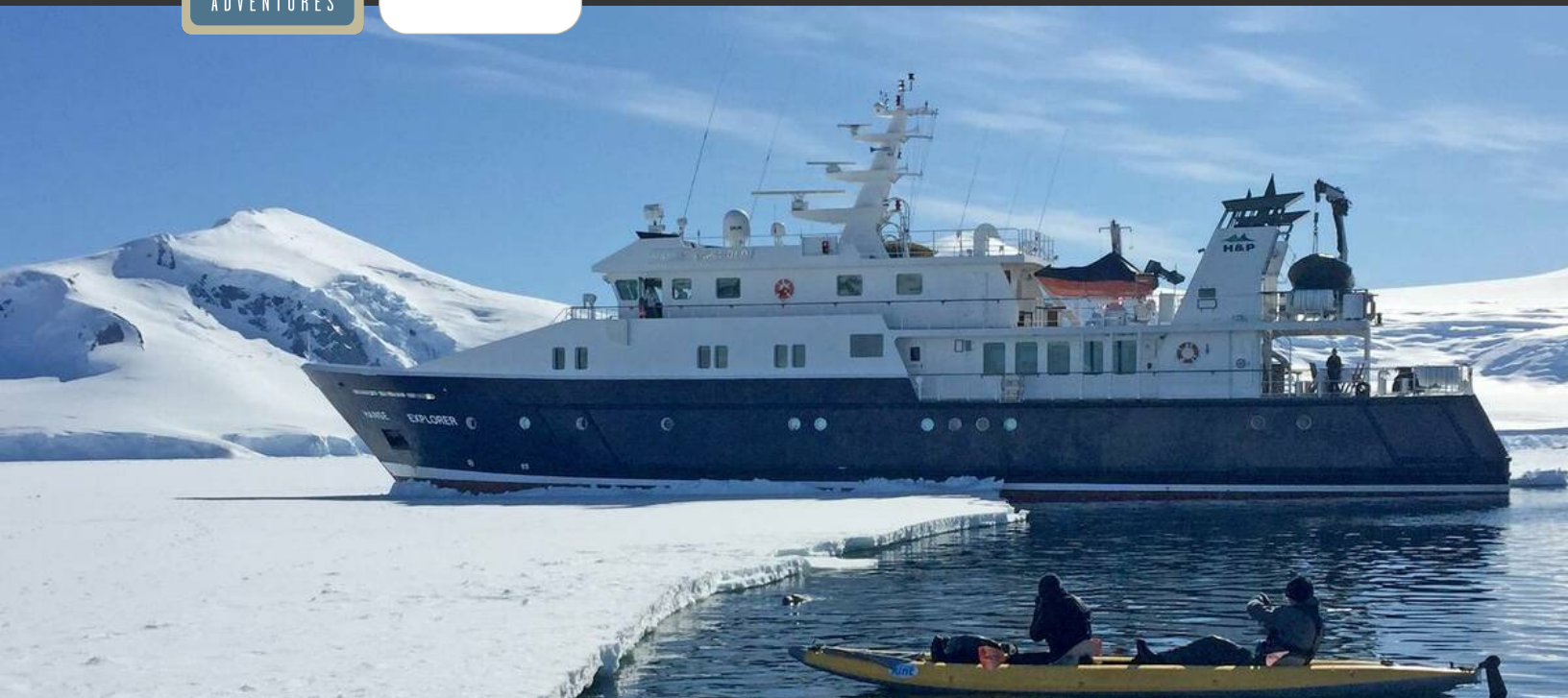
You won't find a more immersive encounter with the Antarctic Peninsula and its abundant wildlife, with access to coves and channels big ships can't reach

Aboard a matchless vessel that elevates your comfort at every turn, discover the wonders of Antarctica with a stellar team of guides and crew, with a greater than 1:1 ratio of staff to guests





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## Accommodation Details:

### Hanse Explorer

### Hotel Cabo de Hornos

For detailed descriptions, visit [nathab.com/antarctica-and-arctic/antarctica-tour-by-expedition-yacht/accommodations/](http://nathab.com/antarctica-and-arctic/antarctica-tour-by-expedition-yacht/accommodations/)

## Ultimate Antarctica by Private Expedition Yacht Accommodations

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### Hanse Explorer

A true expedition yacht in every sense of the word, Hanse Explorer offers guests a refined encounter with Antarctica that elevates comfort while maximizing a sense of oneness with the wonders of the polar environment.



### Hotel Cabo de Hornos

Located in the center of Punta Arenas on the historic town plaza and overlooking the Strait of Magellan, this landmark hotel enjoys iconic status in the capital of Chilean Patagonia.



## Antarctica as Few Will Ever Experience It

While Antarctica is an ultimate adventure destination that very travelers will ever get to, even then, most who come never experience this pristine polar wilderness as it deserves to be encountered. But guests on our Ultimate Antarctica expedition will. And these are the reasons why.

### 1 Just 12 Guests Aboard Our Private Expedition Yacht

Most visitors to Antarctica travel via cruise ship, often with several hundred other passengers. And while such voyages typically include shore excursions and Zodiac outings, there's simply no comparison to exploring this extraordinary realm of ice with a mere handful of companions. This adventure accommodates just 12 guests aboard a 156-foot yacht—allowing you to feel the scale, silence and solitude that is unmatched by any place on Earth.

### 2 A Peerless Expedition Vessel: Hanse Explorer

Built with the highest-class ice certification for polar waters, Hanse Explorer is the premier expedition yacht of its size navigating the coast of the Antarctic Peninsula. The ship was totally overhauled in 2020, including the installation of SKF zero-speed fin stabilizers that reduce rolling while still allowing the vessel to break ice. The retrofit created an open, light-flooded interior enhancing a sense of oneness with nature, the ship's spacious staterooms boast every accoutrement. View wildlife from new Mark IV Zodiacs added in 2021 or on board from the expansive decks, and soak in the topside hot tub as icebergs drift by. Dine on exquisite chef-prepared cuisine. This 153-foot vessel has no peer in Antarctic waters!

### 3 Enjoy All the Advantage of a Private Yacht Charter

To sail on an expedition yacht of this caliber, one typically must charter the entire ship for a private group—an ambitious undertaking. With our charter, however, you can book as an individual and travel in the same manner. And by the time our voyage has ended, you're sure to have made lifelong friendships with fellow guests who share your passion for exploration while basking in the inimitable comforts Hanse Explorer affords.

### 4 Fly One Way to or from Antarctica for the Ultimate in Comfort

Crossing the Drake Passage is a legendary maritime adventure. But it's also a multi-day undertaking, and it's no secret that these waters are often turbulent. If you'd prefer to spend your time in the more sheltered seas of the Antarctic Peninsula itself, tucking into coves where penguins play and cruising narrow channels flanked by 300-foot-high walls of ice, this trip offers the exclusive option of flying one way. Depending on the departure you select, you will either fly from Punta Arenas, Chile to King George Island to embark ship, or you will sail south and fly from King George Island back to Punta Arenas.



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### 5 More Unscripted Time Ashore & Alone

Most Antarctica cruises generally spend just a few days making shore excursions on the Antarctic Peninsula. This journey, however, is a true expeditionary undertaking, with up to a week on the Antarctic Peninsula (depending on weather) to explore remote bays, beaches and icebound headlands, generally in solitude and away from the crowds that are inevitable with big ships. And, because our timing is more flexible, we have added freedom to craft the rhythm of our days around wildlife sightings and shifting weather conditions.

### 6 Extended Hiking Opportunities for a True Wilderness Encounter

Most visitors who travel to Antarctica aboard big ships go ashore and essentially stand on the beach, perhaps walking a short distance in large groups. While even this opportunity can be exciting, often among multitudes of penguins, it pales in comparison to the chance to really explore away from crowds. Our small group is able to hike farther, by ourselves, in the vast, pristine silence of the polar world. This is a genuine wilderness experience, and it isn't available on standard itineraries.

### 7 An Unparalleled Cohort of Guides & Crew

Each voyage has a top Nat Hab Expedition Leader at the helm, a polar natural history expert who will immeasurably enrich your knowledge and appreciation of our magnificent surroundings and abundant wildlife. Our Expedition Leader is supported by a naturalist guide who is a member of the ship's team, and additional crew are at the ready to attend to your every need.

### 8 Our Quality-Value Guarantee Ensures Your Antarctica Expedition

With Natural Habitat Adventures, you receive our exclusive quality and value guarantee, clearly stating that we will meet the lofty expectations we set in our promotional materials. To our knowledge, this is the most ambitious guarantee made by any adventure travel company.

### 9 Feel Good About Your Carbon-Neutral Journey

We care deeply about our planet, as we know you do. When you travel with us, the carbon emissions from your trip are 100% offset—including your round-trip flights from home. Natural Habitat Adventures has been the world's first carbon-neutral travel company since 2007.

### 10 Nat Hab is WWF's Travel Partner

Because of our commitment to environmentally friendly travel, as well as the exceptional quality of our worldwide adventures, we have been chosen by World Wildlife Fund—the world's leading environmental conservation organization—as its worldwide travel partner, a designation that makes us exceedingly proud!





## Make It Private with Your Family or Friends

Travel privately, exclusively with your immediate family, multi-generational family or group of friends. And when you choose a private departure, you're assured the most exclusive and authentic Ultimate Antarctica by Private Expedition Yacht on offer. Request your private departure by completing the form below.

Please note that on Ultimate Antarctica Make It Private departures we require a minimum group size of 12 travelers.

Also, please be aware that your per-person cost on a Make It Private trip will vary depending on the number of travelers in your group and may be as much as 10%-30% higher (ship-based trips may be even higher) than our normal trip cost unless you fill the trip.

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This **Make It Private** option is available on nearly every Nat Hab trip for family and friend groups. Call an Adventure Specialist at 800-543-8917 or look for the "Make It Private" icon in the **pricing section** of a trip online at [nathab.com](http://nathab.com) to see prices based on your specific group size.



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## Dates & Pricing Summary:

**Prices:**  
From \$39995  
(+ Air)

**Group Size:**  
Please note that on Make It Private departures we have a minimum group size of half the maximum size of our regularly scheduled departures.

**Physical Requirements:**  
Moderate - Remote

# Ultimate Antarctica by Private Expedition Yacht Dates, Pricing & Info

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### 2026 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Feb 13, 2026	Feb 25, 2026	Sail to Antarctica via Puerto Williams - Fly Antarctica to Punta Arenas   Aboard Hanse Explorer
Feb 22, 2026	Mar 6, 2026	Fly Punta Arenas to Antarctica - Sail Antarctica to Puerto Williams   Aboard Hanse Explorer





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### Pricing

#### 2026 Prices

##### ▶ Trip Price

Standard: \$39995 (+internal air)

Suite: \$55995 (+internal air)



**Internal Air Cost:** \$3458 per person (this will be listed separately on our invoicing).

**Single Occupancy:** A single room rate is charged at 1.25 x Standard price. Singles not available in the Suite. If requested, we can also match you with a roommate. If we are unable to find you a match, you will not be charged for a single room.

**Deposit:** \$5000 per person (nonrefundable)

Trip prices are per person based on double occupancy and are given in U.S. dollars.

### Included

- ▶ **Trip price includes:** Accommodations, services of Nat Hab's professional Expedition Leader(s), boat crew and local guides, all meals from dinner on Day 1 through breakfast on final day, alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, airport transfers for those arriving by air on Day 1 and departing by air on the final day, all kayaking equipment, Wi-Fi on board when available, all activities and entrance fees, all taxes, permits and service fees.
- ▶ **Internal air cost includes:** Flight to and from King George Island (this will be listed separately on our invoicing).

### Not Included

Travel to and from the start and end point of your trip, some alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, passport and visa fees (if any), optional activities, items of a personal nature (phone calls, laundry and internet at hotels, etc.), airline baggage fees, airport and departure taxes (if any), required medical evacuation insurance, optional travel protection insurance.

### Physical Requirements

#### *Moderate - Remote*

This is an expeditionary polar trip in an exceptionally remote wilderness area. Definitive care medical facilities can be days away depending on weather and transport logistics. All participants must be in good health and fully mobile without assistance, and with physical stamina if they wish to participate in all activities. Daily activities include Zodiac excursions, hikes ashore, and kayaking excursions, all of varying duration. Physical requirements include but may not be limited to:

- Walking unassisted for two miles over a trailless landscape that can be rocky, snowy, muddy and steep. Hiking in snow may include soft or slushy snow, and post-holing in deeper snow. It is common to have to walk on surfaces and over small and large rocks that can be wet and slippery.
- Getting in and out of bobbing Zodiacs (rigid rubber boats), which requires flexibility and balance.
- Navigating Zodiac landings which can be unstable (Wet landings require walking a short distance in shallow water. Dry landings—disembarking directly onto shore—can include climbing and walking over



rocks or large boulders that may be very slippery or snow covered).

- Walking on ice
- Sea sickness from long days at sea
- Kayaking excursions are included and optional. They require some physical stamina and upper body strength, though no prior kayaking experience is necessary.

Note that while we expect to operate in generally calm waters, conditions in the Antarctic can change quickly and we may be exposed to cold, rainy, snowy or windy weather, with rough seas. Travelers will need be mentally and physically prepared to contend with less than perfect conditions at times.

### **Important Information About This Trip**

*Sea Sickness* Sea sickness is very common as we do have some long days at sea on all itineraries; some days can be rough depending on the weather. Travelers who are susceptible to motion sickness (and even those who are not!) should consult their physician before joining this expedition. *Medical Form* Due to the extremely remote nature of this adventure, we require that all travelers submit a medical form before departure. This form must be completed and signed by your primary care physician.

#### *Luggage Restrictions*

For safety purposes on the charter flights, travelers will be limited on total amount of weight and must use mostly soft-sided luggage (wheels are ok). In addition, your carry-on must fit in the small overhead bin or under the seat in front of you; bags are not permitted on your lap during flights. Please keep this in mind if you are carrying bulky camera equipment. You will not be able to purchase additional weight allowance for this flight. Total baggage allowance information can be found in your pre-trip information.

#### *Team Environment*

Psychological stamina and emotional stability are also essential in the context of this trip, as we confront unpredictable and sometimes challenging conditions while sharing space with a small group for a period of time in a remote environment. Given the unique and often unpredictable elements of this trip, its successful operation requires a commitment to group unity and a willingness to embrace the unexpected, including efforts to overcome any challenges we might face; we become a team on board.

#### *Optional Sea Kayaking*

Sea kayaking is offered; our intent is to paddle in largely calm seas, though weather can change with little notice, and excursions can take place in windy, snowy or rainy conditions. Shifting ice may also force us to alter our kayaking itineraries. Paddlers should be aware that kayaking in the weather, sea and ice conditions on the Antarctic Peninsula requires confidence and physical ability, and paddlers should ideally have previous kayaking experience in choppy conditions. Paddlers must also have the stability, strength and agility necessary to enter a kayak directly from a Zodiac. The paddling group will be accompanied by the Expedition Leader and followed by a Zodiac at all times, and if the weather deteriorates, we will return to the boat promptly. No one will be allowed to paddle on their own without the group and guide.

#### *Flight & Sailing Delays*



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Guests will fly one way between Punta Arenas and Antarctica and sail the other direction across the Drake Passage. Please note that weather-related delays or changes to your scheduled flight and/or sailing departures may occur. In light of unpredictable weather and its potential impact on flight schedules and operations, guests are strongly advised to have sufficient travel insurance to protect against both flight cancellations and delays, as well as potential marine delays. It may be necessary, for instance, to spend an additional night in Ushuaia (if applicable) or an extra night aboard the boat on King George Island, in order to wait for favorable weather conditions for the Drake crossing or to fly back. Given the potential for such an event, we also recommend that guests consider booking an additional hotel night on the back end of their trip, in case of such a delay.

### *Environment & Weather*

Summer in Antarctica can exhibit all kinds of weather—mostly governed by the prevailing westerly winds and the Antarctic ice sheet. The weather pattern is an unpredictable mixture of marine low-pressure systems and a more stable high-pressure inland climate. The weather is largely influenced by the immense ice sheet that covers the earth's southernmost continent. Temperatures typically range from 30 to 40°F. In other words, you should prepare for all kinds of weather—sunshine and milder temperatures as well as showers and snowstorms. Winds can be both fierce and shifting, and the Antarctic seas are famous for ferocious katabatic storms (rare, but possible).

### *Specialized Equipment*

We provide all group gear such as life jackets, kayaking gear and a comprehensive first-aid kit and satellite phone for emergency communications. We will supply you with an individual and very comprehensive Clothing & Equipment list prior to your departure.

*Safety* Your safety is of paramount concern to us. Toward that end, we provide highly competent guides, a premier polar sailing vessel manned by a world-class captain and crew with extensive experience in Antarctic waters, and the very best equipment. Our guides and crew are thoroughly trained in emergency wilderness first-aid techniques and maritime survival in polar waters. Ultimately, our guides make decisions with everyone's comfort and safety in mind, while trying to maximize the adventure experience for each individual. We must stress that listening carefully to your guide's instructions and directions is ultimately your responsibility and in your best interest and that of the group.

## **Mandatory Insurance**

Since the areas we travel to are remote and wild (that's why we go there!), we require that all guests have, at minimum, medical evacuation insurance for this program. This is for the safety of all guests. We require that your chosen independent insurance plan includes at least \$250,000 in medical evacuation coverage.

To protect your investment and to provide peace of mind while you travel, we also strongly recommend purchasing comprehensive travel insurance. Plans may cover everything from medical treatment to trip cancellations and delays and lost luggage. Please contact our office if you would like more information about the medical evacuation and comprehensive travel insurance policies we offer by calling 800-543-8917.

## **Getting There & Getting Home**

Please arrive in Punta Arenas by 5 pm on Day 1 in order to participate in our group welcome dinner.



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You are free to depart Punta Arenas at any time on the final day of the trip.

We can serve you best if our Natural Habitat Adventures Travel Desk makes your reservations, as we are intimately familiar with the special requirements of this program and can arrange the most efficient travel. Also, in the case if you are delayed at King George Island and must spend an additional night on the yacht, we would be able to make international flight changes on your behalf. Please call us at 800-543-8917. Note that while we offer you the best possible rates available to us on airfare and additional nights' accommodations, you may find better fares online.



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