

SHORT TRIPS TO ANTARCTICA cont...

Antarctic Short Break:

Cruise and fly the Antarctic

4 Day/3 Night ex Ushuaia aboard the 'Grigoriy Mikheev'

DEPARTS 23 NOVEMBER 2007

Starting in Ushuaia, this program begins with a cruise through the Drake Passage and the South Shetland Islands before a return flight into Punta Arenas, Chile.



The vessel:

The Grigoriy Mikheev is an ice reinforced Russian research vessel with a capacity of 46 passengers. On board services include dining room, lounge/bar, infirmary and sauna. There are a number of zodiacs on board for excursions and landings.



The aircraft:

You will cut down on the time travelling back from the white continent itself by catching a plane from King George Island to Punta Arenas. The specially designed Dash 7 will be your aircraft between the mainland and the Antarctic continent and has a capacity of 50 passengers.

Itinerary

Day 1: Ushuaia - Cape Horn - Drake Passage (D)

Departing from the port of Ushuaia on the Argentine side of Patagonia, you will board the 'Grigoriy Mikheev' and sail past the Beagle Channel to Puerto Williams, the southernmost city in the world. You will explore the surroundings on Navarino Island before heading towards Cape Horn and entering the Drake Passage.

Day 2 - 3: Drake Passage - South Shetland Islands (B, L, D)

Cross the Drake Passage heading towards Fildes Bay, off the coast of King George Island. You can choose to appreciate the spectacular wildlife and surrounding landscape from the inside viewing areas or passenger bridge. Wildlife that can be observed through here includes sea birds such as albatrosses, giant storm petrels as well as humpback and minke whales.

Day 4: King George Island - Punta Arenas (B)

On reaching Fildes Bay you will disembark the 'Grigoriy Mikheev' and travel to King George Island on the zodiacs. Time and weather permitting you will visit the Chilean research station 'Eduardo Frei' and the Russian 'Belinghausen' for some informative lectures from the staff and explore the surrounding area. Reconvene at the airport for your return flight back to Punta Arenas, Chile. (Approx. 3 hours.)

***Itinerary is subject to change due to weather conditions etc.

Program includes:

Flight King George Island - Punta Arenas

All meals per itinerary (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner) all meals on board cruise

Zodiac excursions and landings

Detailed lectures

Transfer Punta Arenas airport - hotel on final day

Excludes:

Departure or port taxes

Personal passenger expenses, passports, visas, laundry costs, phone calls etc.

Excess luggage costs

Tipping

Prices:

Cabin	Double
Superior	3,643
DBL with private bathroom	3,215
DBL with shared bathroom	2,715

**** Single supplement applies. Contact us for single prices.

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