



Photography with Scott Portelli
 – 27th Dec '20

Join international award-winning wildlife, nature and underwater photographer Scott Portelli, as he hosts photography lectures on our New Year voyage.



Antarctic Explorer

Antarctic Peninsula | 11 or 12 Days



Including the New Year Voyage

Antarctica at its most accessible! Fly one way or both on our unique 'Fly and Sail' voyages to the icy continent's picturesque west coast of the Antarctic Peninsula. Mountains disgorging glaciers to the sea; humpback and minke whales feasting on krill; lively penguin colonies watched by hungry leopard seals – it all awaits you. Simply choose the dates that suit.

Highlights

- See, hear and smell the full-on activity of a penguin colony
- Spot leopard seals on ice floes from our Zodiacs
- Zodiac-cruise in search of feeding and breaching whales
- Discover Antarctica's mysterious underwater world by participating in the dive or snorkel program or experience the thrill of kayaking in Antarctica (additional cost)

Optional Activities



Sea Kayaking



Snorkelling



Snowshoeing



Camping



Alpine Trekking & Climbing

Included Activities



Zodiac-cruises



Walks & Hikes



Photography



Expert Lectures



Polar Plunge



Birdwatching



Research Stations

Optional activities available on select voyages, see page 93 for more information.



Itinerary Overview

DAY 1 Arrive in Ushuaia where you'll be met by an Aurora Expeditions representative and transferred to your downtown hotel. Enjoy rugged mountain scenery, lively cafés, restaurants and bars.

DAY 2 After checking out of your hotel, enjoy free time exploring Ushuaia and surrounds. Embark the *Greg Mortimer* late afternoon and sail down the wildlife-rich Beagle Channel.

DAYS 3–4 Photograph seabirds and the swell of the Drake Passage, marvel at first icebergs and landing in South Shetland Islands.

DAYS 5–10 Over the next five days a host of choices are open to us and depending on ice and weather conditions, the western side of the Antarctic Peninsula is ours to explore. Zodiac-cruise or kayak in search of feeding, breaching and resting humpback whales, step foot on the white continent and its offshore islands to visit penguin rookeries, seal haulouts, historic huts and a few of our other favourite spots along the peninsula. During selected voyages, there will be an opportunity to camp ashore (weather and time permitting). This will give you the chance to sample the adventures experienced by Scott, Shackleton and other legendary Antarctic explorers – in slightly more comfort.

DAY 11 Landing on King George Island, home to scientific bases; board our flight to Punta Arenas, enjoying a final night's stay in town.

DAY 12 After a delicious breakfast, bid new friends goodbye as you leave for home or to extend your adventure in South America.

Please note: Voyages ending in Ushuaia are one day shorter than the reverse direction as they do not include post-night accommodation.

In true expedition style we encourage exploration and adventure, offering flexibility in challenging environments in a way that puts you among the action to see and do as much as possible. This itinerary is only a guide and subject to change due to ice and weather conditions.

For more information on this expedition and current offers please visit auroraexpeditions.com.au/antarctic-explorer

Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
Ushuaia/Punta Arenas	12 Days	16 Jan '20 – 27 Jan '20	SOLD OUT	Sail/Fly
Punta Arenas/Ushuaia	11 Days	25 Jan '20 – 04 Feb '20	ANP132G	Fly/Sail
Punta Arenas return	11 Days	24 Feb '20 – 05 Mar '20	SOLD OUT	Fly/Fly
Ushuaia/Punta Arenas	12 Days	27 Dec '20 – 07 Jan '21	ANP135G	Sail/Fly
Punta Arenas return	11 Days	05 Jan '21 – 15 Jan '21	ANP136G	Fly/Fly
Punta Arenas/Ushuaia	11 Days	13 Jan '21 – 23 Jan '21	ANP137G	Fly/Sail
Ushuaia/Punta Arenas	12 Days	12 Feb '21 – 23 Feb '21	ANP138G	Sail/Fly
Punta Arenas/Ushuaia	11 Days	01 Mar '21 – 11 Mar '21	ANP139G	Fly/Sail

Combine & SAVE by adding a Patagonia trek to your voyage.
See price sheet for connecting treks.



Add Sea Kayaking



Joined by experienced guides, paddle past humpback whales, curious crab-eater seals and marvel at iridescent icebergs from your own kayak. The exhilarating sense of freedom you'll feel on a kayaking excursion will be one you'll remember for a lifetime! Sea kayaking is an optional activity and is an additional cost.

- 1 Spend your days whale watching, Humpback whale, Enterprise Island; G.Miller
- 2 Snorkeller poses for a photo with the stunning antarctic sunset; S.Boyd
- 3 Kayakers glide through the icy waters of Antarctica; A.Bakker