

# SOUTH POLE EXPEDITION ON SKIES



## **Ski crossing of the last degree of latitude from a base in the Antarctic continent.**

The desire to be one of the few members of mankind to reach the Geographic South Pole remains as strong today as it was for Amundsen and Scott a century ago, when whole nations put every effort to achieve that long-awaited spot. With less conquering eagerness, but with the same spirit of adventure and pursuit of the unknown, our expedition will ski the last degree of latitude to the legendary 90° South.

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This journey through the largest cold desert plateau of the world will take place at an altitude of 3,000 meters above sea level. We will travel on skis the 100 kilometer journey without the support of vehicles on the middle of the Antarctica polar ice cap: a true sea of ice and glacial snow that reaches a thickness of 3 kilometers.

Our starting point will be Patriot Hills, a base camp used by both the expeditions to the South Pole and Mount Vinson, the highest peak in Antarctica. After several unforgettable ski days, through one of the most inhospitable and virgin place of the world, we will reach that magic point where all terrestrial meridians join. There we will find the scientific base Amundsen-Scott, named in memory of those two brave polar explorers that a century ago set foot upon this desired point for the first time.

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## **TRAVEL PROGRAM**

- Day 1**  
Flight to Santiago de Chile and Punta Arenas.
- Day 2**  
Arrival in Punta Arenas. Overnight at hotel.
- Day 3**  
Preparation and checking of all equipment and gear for the expedition. Overnight at hotel.
- Day 4**  
As soon as the weather is suitable we will take the plane for our southern flight to Patriot Hill through the Antarctic Peninsula. The flight time from Punta Arenas to Patriot Hills is approximately 6 hours depending on the winds.
- Day 5**  
In the morning if weather conditions permit we will fly in a plane equipped with skis to the 89° South latitude, the starting point of the expedition. Overnight in tent in the middle of the glacier plateau.
- Days 6 to 16**  
Crossing on skis through the Antarctic glacier plateau. On our first day of skiing hauling our sleds we will notice a lot the altitude in our breath. But after a couple of days we'll be perfectly acclimatized. At the beginning of the journey we will move through a terrain of sastrugis (accumulations of snow due to wind. They did to suffer a lot Scott and Amundsen in their expeditions to the South Pole), but as we go along the terrain gradually become less steep and the snow surface a bit smoother.
- Some of these sastrugis can reach 2 or 3 meters high and therefore difficult to overcome. We will try to go winding through them, avoiding the sleds go constantly dumping or getting stuck. In this area could have monstrous cracks, true depths in the middle of this white desert. However it is not necessary to go roped as the pressure of our weight on the snow that covers the cracks is minuscule.
- Day 17**  
From a distance of 25 kilometers we will see the researching base Amundsen-Scott located in the very South Pole, where we will take the final steps to our goal: The Geographic South Pole, the southernmost point on the planet. Once in our destination we will walk around the post marking the most southern place on Earth. Under our feet we will have 360 lines of longitude, circling the globe. Overnight in tent.
- Day 18**  
The end of this incredible trip will be the return to Patriot Hills in a plane equipped with skis. Overnight in tent.
- Day 19**

If the weather permits, our plane will depart from Patriot Hill to Punta Arenas, the final stage of our journey in Antarctica.

### **Day 20**

In the morning arrival at Punta Arenas from Antarctica. Overnight at hotel.

### **Day 21**

Flight Punta Arenas - Santiago de Chile - home.

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### **WARNING**

This trip is an expedition where unforeseen circumstances may occur and therefore the program is subject to change on the ground for weather reasons, logistical matters, ice and snow conditions or force majeure.

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### **DATES**

December 2021 - January 2022

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### **PRICE**

[Ask price](#)

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### **REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

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### **RESERVATION**

Before 120 days of the trip: 50% of the trip price + flights. After 120 days: 100% + flights

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### **MINIMUM GROUP**

1 People

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### **INCLUDED**

- 4 Nights hotel in Punta Arenas with breakfast.
  - Transfers between Punta Arenas airport and hotel.
  - Specific polar equipment rental during the expedition.
  - Flight from Punta Arenas to Antarctica and return.
  - Plane flight from Patriot Hills to the starting point of the expedition.
  - Return plane flight from South Pole to Patriot Hills.
  - Food and fuel during the expedition.
  - Travel insurance.
  - Polar Guide.
  - 1 Piece of baggage of 20 kilograms as a personal luggage.
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### **NOT INCLUDED**

- Flight home - Punta Arenas and return.
  - Air taxes.
  - Personal mountain equipment needed for the expedition.
  - Meals on airports and transfers from home to Punta Arenas.
  - Lunches and dinners in Punta Arenas.
  - Extra hotel nights and meals in Punta Arenas and Santiago de Chile because of delays of the flights to and from Antarctica, due to weather, logistic matters, airport strikes and other causes beyond Arctic World.
  - Cancellation and trip interruption insurance (indispensable).
  - Costs of air excess weight in personal baggage.
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## SUPPLEMENTS

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## NOTES

Due to unpredictable weather conditions you should not have any important appointment at least 1 week after the end of the expedition.

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