

Quark Expeditions

Antarctic Explorer: Discovering the 7th Continent



This expedition offers the perfect chance to discover the best of the Antarctic Peninsula, the last continent's most northern region. You'll be delighted by penguins, seals and whales as they accompany you on your journey along the Antarctic coastline. Landing on the continent itself is a memorable highlight, where you'll explore the iconic sights that make this one of the world's most pristine, exotic and unforgettable natural environments.

In brief:

- Perfect for first time visitors to Antarctica;
- Witness and explore the highlights of the Antarctic Peninsula;
- Travel safely and comfortably aboard any of Quark's three small, ice-strengthened expeditions vessels;
- Learn about the environment and wildlife from onboard lecturers and specialists; and
- Witness the abundant wildlife - penguins, Elephant Seals, whales and more!



Day 1 — Ushuaia, Argentina

With a population of more than 63,000 people, Ushuaia is the southernmost city in the world. The city has grown over the past few years, yet it has retained an easy going and accessible feel. With the sea to the south and mountains to the north, Ushuaia is a spectacular departure point for your Antarctic cruise. If you arrive early, you can spend sometime in the nearby Tierra del Fuego National Park, enjoy some Argentinean wines and barbecues in the city, or visit the many boutique shops before for your expedition to Antarctica.

Day 2 — Embarkation Day

Embarkation will occur in the late afternoon, after which your vessel will sail down the historic Beagle Channel. This historic channel transects the Tierra del Fuego archipelago in the extreme south of South America. Expect an air of excitement as we depart - the next time you see land we'll be in the world's most southern continent!

Days 3 and 4 — Crossing the Drake Passage

Prepare yourself for potentially rough water, but hope for a smooth sailing as the Drake is unpredictable and always changing. You'll spend these first days getting to know your shipmates, while we'll provide safety briefings and insights into what excitement lies ahead.

Days 5 to 8 — South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula

When the Antarctic Convergence is left in our wake, you will truly begin your Antarctic adventure. Weather permitting we'll be able to make our first landing on the afternoon of day 5. It is perhaps the first sight of land itself that is embraced as the true beginning of any Antarctic expedition. You can begin to appreciate why this region has long captivated the attention of explorers and travelers alike. Every time we visit Antarctica we witness something new or unexpected, meaning your expedition will be unlike any other - creating a unique, personal experience.

We will take Zodiac excursions from the ship to explore bays, channels and landing sites each day. With wildlife always at the forefront of our minds you will visit penguin rookeries, scout for humpback and Minke whales and search for a number of the southern seal species, including the cunning leopard seal.

The majesty of the Peninsula's mountains will enchant you as you scramble up snowy pathways to vantage points offering you 360° views of your surroundings. One of these in particular, in Orne Harbour, gives the opportunity to visit a chinstrap penguin colony



high up on a ridge. Here you'll have the choice between going for a mountain hike or spending time sitting quietly on a pebbled beach to enjoy the antics of curious penguins. If you're feeling extra adventurous, participating in the Polar Plunge swim is about as crazy as it gets!

Amidst the peaceful silence of Antarctica, noisy interruptions become indelible memories such as penguins squabbling over prized pebbles or the boom and crack of a calving glacier in Neko Harbour. You can make a bit of noise yourself too by listening to the echo of voices bounce off a giant glacier.

Every day will be different, having been carefully crafted by your Expedition Team so as to entertain and educate you on this wonderful part of the world.

Days 9 and 10 — Drake Passage to Ushuaia

The journey back across the Drake Passage provides you with some final opportunities to enjoy the crisp Antarctic air. Spend time on the deck watching for seabirds and scouting for whales, enjoy a few final presentations by your Expedition Team or simply relax and reminisce about your experiences.

Day 11 — Disembarkation in Ushuaia

We'll arrive in Ushuaia in the morning for you to continue your adventure on land or catch your flights home.

Please note: The 12-day version of the Antarctic Explorer itinerary includes one extra day in the Peninsula region. However, the variability of ice and weather conditions often means that much of the route and a great many – if not all – of our planned Zodiac landings remain the same.

Important reminder: Embracing the unexpected is part of the legacy – and excitement – of expedition travel. There are no guarantees that we can achieve everything we set out to accomplish. A measure of flexibility is something all of us must bring to a voyage. There are nearly 200 recognized sites in the Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetlands and the places mentioned above may be changed to others equally as interesting.

Choosing Your Adventure

Expedition ship details, departure dates and rates



Sail aboard the **OCEAN DIAMOND** a modern, stable super-yacht and experience Quark's Antarctica. Carrying a maximum of 189 passengers, this outstanding vessel features numerous adventure options plus onboard amenities such as a massage and wellness program and a well-stocked polar library. The

Ocean Diamond is staffed with Quark's legendary captains, officers, expedition leaders, and guides.

- Intimate viewing of Antarctic wildlife, icebergs and more
- All cabins have exterior views and facilities en suite.
- Flat Screen TVs and DVD players in every cabin
- Chefs pamper you with delicious meals, three times daily.
- Remote headsets available for remote presentations.
- Massage & Wellness Program, Photography Program
- Optional camping, kayaking, snowshoeing, skiing & mountaineering.
- Polar Library & Expert in Residence Program
- One-year enrollment in Friends of Scott Polar Research Institute (SPRI)
- All-inclusive beverage packages available

Ship Specification

Staff & Crew: 144

Guests: 189

Length: 124 meters

Breadth: 16 meters

Draft: 4.9 meters

Propulsion: 2 Wichmann Engines, 7375 horsepower

Ice Class: 1D

Cruising speed: 15.5 knots

Registered: Nassau, Bahamas

Lifeboats: 4 fully enclosed

Aboard the OCEAN DIAMOND

		Triple	TWINObstView	TWINWindow	SUITE	BalconySUITE
NOV 14 – NOV 24, 2016	11	6,295	9,295	9,795	10,795	12,295
DEC 09 – DEC 20, 2016	12	6,295	9,595	10,295	11,295	12,995
FEB 02 – FEB12, 2017	11	6,995	10,595	11,295	12,595	14,295
FEB 11 – FEB 21, 2017	11	6,995	10,595	11,295	12,595	14,295
FEB 20 – MAR 02, 2017	11	6,995	10,595	11,295	12,595	14,295

OCEAN ENDEAVOUR



Ocean Endeavour is a comfortable, well-appointed small expedition ship expertly engineered to explore the Polar Regions. It features an ice-strengthened hull, Zodiacs for exploration and remote landings, generous deck space and advanced navigation equipment. The ship has many superb amenities including a nautical lounge, two restaurants, sundeck, and plenty of deck space for observation of polar landscapes, and lounges for learning and reflection. The ship's interiors have a contemporary aesthetic that provides a bright and spacious feel to the cabins and common spaces.

Cabins & Amenities

- VOYA spa treatments and beauty products
- Choice of 13 cabin categories with private washroom facilities, radio and tv. Electrical Supply: 220 volts, 50 Hz.
- Bright, spacious cabins and common areas. Plenty of deck space for observation
- Lounge with expansive views
- Quiet zone for contemplation
- Newly-refurbished restaurant
- Contemporary dining with complimentary wine with dinner
- Juice and smoothie bar
- Lecture theater
- Polar library
- Polar boutique

Ship Specification

Staff & Crew: 124

Passengers: 199

Length (m): 137 m

Draft (m): 5.6 m

Ice Class: 1B

Lifeboats: 6

Cruising Speed: 15 knots

Registered: Marshall Islands

Aboard the Ocean Endeavour

		Triple	TWIN Window	TWIN Porthole	TWIN PortholePlus	TWIN WindowPlus	UpperDeck Twin	Superior Twin
NOV 06 – NOV16, 2016	12	5,995	10,595	9,995	11,795	12,995	11,795	12,295
DEC 03 – DEC 13, 2016	11	5,995	10,595	9,995	11,795	12,995	11,795	12,295
DEC 12 – DEC 22, 2016	11	5,995	10,595	9,995	11,795	12,995	11,795	12,295
DEC 21 – DEC 31, 2016	11	6,995	11,995	11,495	13,295	15,595	14,295	14,595
FEB 23 – MAR 06, 2017	12	6,995	11,995	11,495	13,295	15,595	14,295	14,595
MAR 05 - MAR 15, 2017	11	6,495	10,895	10,295	11,995	13,995	12,795	13,295



The **SEA ADVENTURER**: This Polar Adventure Ship was built in 1975. Sea Adventurer underwent a \$13 million conversion in 1998. Sea Adventurer is the perfect expedition ship for people who enjoy soft adventures and creature comforts.

Cabins & Amenities

- Only 117 guests
- 4 partially enclosed lifeboats.
- Fleet of Zodiacs for shore transfers.
- All cabins have exterior views and facilities en suite.
- One dining room with unreserved seating
- Multi-purpose lounge and presentation room
- Ice-strengthened hull
- Every suite has an exterior view
- 10MB communications access card included in every voyage

Aboard the Sea Adventurer

	TRIPLE	Lower Deck	Twin	Main Deck	Port	Main Deck	Window	Superior	Deluxe	Suite
NOV 18 – NOV 28, 2016	11	6,995	8,995	9,995	10,995	11,995	12,995	13,995		
NOV 27 – DEC 07, 2016	11	6,995	8,995	9,995	10,995	11,995	12,995	13,995		

Expedition Rates

All rates per person in US dollars. If you're traveling alone, ask us about the significant savings you can realize from our Request-Share Program, which matches solo travelers in the same cabin.

Start /Finish Locations

Ushuaia, Argentina/Ushuaia, Argentina

Rates for the 2016-17 Season Include

- One night pre-expedition hotel accommodation with breakfast, as indicated in the itinerary. (The number of guests per room is the same as cabin occupancy on the ship. Due to limited availability, travelers who reserve a suite on board are accommodated in standard rooms at the hotel.)
- Group transfer from hotel to ship on embarkation day.
- Group transfer upon disembarkation in Ushuaia from the ship to the local airport
- Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping.
- All breakfasts, lunches and dinners on board throughout your voyage. (Please inform us of any dietary requirements as far in advance as possible. Unfortunately, the ships' galleys cannot



prepare kosher meals.)

- All shore landings per the daily program.
- Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Leader, including shore landings and other activities.
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising per the daily program.
- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled.
- Photographic Journal on DVD, documenting the voyage.
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for shore landings.
- A Quark Expeditions parka – yours to keep.
- Coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock.
- Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin.
- Comprehensive pre-departure materials, including a map and an informative Antarctic Reader.
- Group transfers from the hotel to the ship at the embarkation port, and from the ship to the local airport on disembarkation.
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program.
- All luggage handling aboard ship.
- Emergency Evacuation Insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of \$100,000 per person.

Rates do not include:

- Any airfare. For some departures, economy seats on group flights must be purchased in conjunction with the expedition.

The applicable per-person cost is indicated on the dates and rates pages.

- Passport and visa expenses.
- Government arrival and departure taxes.
- Any meals ashore with the exception of breakfast at the host hotel before embarkation.
- Baggage, cancellation and medical travel insurance.
- Excess baggage charges.
- Waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned.
- Laundry, bar, beverage and other personal charges.
- Telecommunications charges.
- The voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for Hospitality Team members, ship's crew and Expedition Team members.
- Additional overnight accommodation.
- Optional kayaking activities.

QUARK EXPEDITIONS TERMS & CONDITIONS OF SALE

Reservations and Payment

Deposits - To confirm reservations on all Quark products a deposit of 20% (minimum \$1000 per person) is required at time of booking. The deposit may be paid by major credit card, bank wire transfer or check. For any bookings within 120 days of departure full payment is required.



Final Payments – Balances are due 120 days prior to departure. Final payment may be paid by bank wire or check.

Deposits and payments for pre-expedition and post-expedition services are specific to each item and are explained and communicated at time of purchase.

Late payments

All late payments are subject to a penalty of 1.5% interest per month, or 18% per annum. Quark reserves the right to cancel any booking that is not paid within 120 days of departure or deny boarding on any unpaid balances.

Emergency Evacuation Insurance

Emergency evacuation insurance, to a maximum benefit per paying traveler of \$100,000 USD, is included in the cost of Quark Expeditions voyages from Travelex insurance company. Included coverage is applicable only to travel occurring between the first and last day of program purchased from Quark Expeditions. Additional days of travel prior to the expedition and/or after the expedition purchased from suppliers other than Quark Expeditions are not covered by the included emergency evacuation insurance.

Travel Insurance

It is a condition of the booking that you and all members of your party have comprehensive travel insurance coverage. Due to the remoteness of the areas in which we travel, travelers must have a minimum \$50,000 of emergency medical coverage. Quark Expeditions requires proof of coverage prior to embarkation. The travel insurance policy should also cover trip cancellation insurance, trip delay (interruption or after departure coverage), baggage and repatriation. Quark Expeditions will not be held responsible for delays due to force majeure. Any additional costs accrued will be the responsibility of the traveler.

Cancellations and Refunds

All requests for cancellation must be received in writing. Cancellations received 180 days or more prior to departure, are refunded less an administrative fee of \$1000 per person. If cancellation is received between 179 days and 120 days, the deposit is forfeited. If cancellation occurs less than 120 days prior to departure, all payments are forfeited. If full payment has not yet been received, the full penalty will still apply and any unpaid balance is due immediately. To protect the traveler's investment, we recommend that you obtain adequate trip cancellation insurance.

Cancellations cannot be made online.

Transfers of Deposits or Payments to Alternate Voyages

Should travelers be unable to take the expedition they originally booked, but would like to travel on an alternate date, it may be possible to transfer deposits or payments from the original booking to an alternate booking, subject to the following conditions: The new expedition must occur within one year of the original expedition date and a request to transfer must be made in writing to Quark Expeditions more than 120 days prior to the departure of the original voyage.



Quark Expeditions reserves the right to prohibit transfers on any of its voyages. Should a transfer request be granted, a fee of \$250 per person will be charged.

Itinerary

The itinerary described is subject to change at the discretion of the ship's master and Quark Expeditions' Expedition Leader. This is an expedition to a remote part of the world, and we reserve the right to change the itinerary due to weather conditions, availability of anchorages, political conditions or other factors beyond our control without consulting the passengers. It is understood that such decisions will be made in the best interests of all passengers aboard and with regard to the safety of the vessel. Passengers have no right to any refund or other considerations in the event of these inevitable itinerary changes. Nothing in this brochure is meant to signify the use of any specific design or model of helicopter. The images featured in this brochure are inspirational in character and do not necessarily depict the exact people, animals and places encountered by passengers.

The passenger must be in possession of a valid passport and any visas, permits and certificates that are required for the whole of the trip {expedition} and shall arrange such vaccinations as are normally recommended for the countries through which they intend to travel including those vaccinations recommended by Quark Expeditions. Information as to these matters and as to climate, clothing, baggage, gear, and similar matters is given in good faith but without responsibility on the part of Quark Expeditions.

Rates

Voyage rates are based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect at the time of printing and are subject to change prior to departure. Substantial changes in tariffs, exchange rates and the price of fuel, services and labor sometimes increase the cost of expedition arrangements significantly, and we reserve the right to alter our prices or introduce surcharges accordingly, even if payment has been received in full.

Compensation

Compensation for personal injury is limited in accordance with the provisions of any applicable International Conventions. These include, for example, in the course of road travel, air travel, rail travel, sea travel, or hotel accommodation and are limited to the provisions of, respectively, the Geneva Convention 1973, the Warsaw Convention as amended by the Hague Protocol 1955, the 1961 Berne Convention, the 1974 Athens Convention and the 1962 Paris Convention.

Limitation of Liability

QEI purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and other services from various independent suppliers that are not subject to its control. Neither QEI, its affiliates, owners, officers, agents, employees, nor any associate organization shall be held liable for any act, default, injury (including death), loss, expense, damage, deviation, delay, curtailment or inconvenience caused to or suffered by any person or their property, howsoever arising, which may occur or be incurred by any organization or person, even though such act, default, injury, loss, expense, damage, deviation, delay, curtailment or inconvenience may have been caused or contributed to: (a) by the act, neglect or default of QEI, or of any persons for whose acts it would otherwise be responsible, or (b) defects or failures of any aircraft, vessel, automotive



vehicle or other equipment or instrumentality under the control of independent suppliers. In issuing tickets for transportation of the travel by any means and making arrangements for travel, hotel or other accommodation, QEI is not acting as principal but only as agent for the companies, corporations, owner, public carriers or persons providing or offering the means of transportation and accommodation. You further understand that QEI neither owns nor operates such third party suppliers and accordingly, agree to seek remedies directly and only against those suppliers and not hold QEI responsible for their acts or omissions. In no event will QEI be responsible for incidental, consequential or special damage or loss suffered by any person. QEI's maximum liability, for any reason whatsoever, will be limited to the amount paid to QEI for its services. Without limitation, QEI is not responsible for any negligent or willful acts of God or force majeure, weather emergencies, breakdown, or failure of diving or mechanical equipment, government actions, inclement weather, sickness, attacks by animals, availability of medical care or the adequacy of the same, criminal activity of any kind, terrorism, war, civil disturbance, sanitary conditions, quality or sanitation of food, quarantine, customs, regulations, epidemics, strikes, hotel overbooking, safety and/or security standards at hotels or other accommodations, or for any other reason beyond the control of QEI. You understand, agree with, and agree to be legally bound by the terms of the release and waiver of liability set forth herein.

QEI reserves the right (at their discretion) to alter or omit any part of the itinerary or change any reservation, feature and/or means of conveyance without notice and for any reason whatsoever, without allowance or refund and with extra costs, if any, resulting, said changes being paid by the travelers. We reserve the right to cancel any services prior to departure, in which case payment will be refunded without further obligation on its part. QEI shall not be responsible for any injury to person (whether or not resulting in death) or damage to property arising out of any act of war, insurrection, revolt or other civil uprising or military action occurring in the countries of origin, destination or passage.

In case of a medical problem arising during the voyage, either on board or on shore, which results in costs for evacuation, use of aircraft or repatriation, the responsibility for payment of these costs belongs solely to the traveler if costs incurred are above that of the Emergency Evacuation Insurance.

The traveler contract in use by the carriers concerned (when issued) shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation companies and the purchaser of these services and/or passage. By accepting the ticket, the traveler also agrees to its terms and conditions.

Acknowledgment of Risk

You understand and acknowledge that your travel in connection with and participation in the tour arranged at your request by QEI may involve risk and potential exposure to injury. You also realize and acknowledge that risk and dangers may be caused by the negligence of the owners, directors, employees, contractors, subcontractors, officers or agents of QEI or the negligence or participation of other participants, contractors and/or subcontractors to QEI. You also recognize and acknowledge that risk and dangers may arise from foreseeable and unforeseeable causes, including weather and other acts of nature. You fully understand and acknowledge that the aforementioned risks, dangers and hazards are a potential in connection with recreational activities which may take place during your journey.

By payment of your deposit, you certify that you do not have any mental, physical or other



condition or disability that would create a hazard for yourself or other travelers and you confirm that you are physically and mentally capable of participating in the activity and willingly and knowingly elect to participate in your travel package in spite of the potential risk of danger. By payment of your deposit, you certify that you willingly and voluntarily assume full responsibility for any injury, loss or damage suffered, whether caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the owners, directors, agents, officers, employees, contractors or subcontractors of QEI. QEI reserves the right to remove a passenger or cancel or withdraw any reservation at any time at its sole discretion.

Express Assumption of Risk and Responsibility/Participation

In recognition of the inherent risk of the travels and related activities in which you are intending to engage, you confirm that you are physically and mentally capable of participating in the activity, that you are willingly and knowingly electing to participate in this tour in spite of the potential risk of danger, and you willingly and voluntarily assume full responsibility for any injury, loss or damage suffered by you or caused by you, whether caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the owners, directors, agents, officers, employees, or contractors of QEI. You understand and acknowledge that QEI reserves the right to accept or reject any participant for any reason, and QEI or its guide has the right to disqualify you from any trip activity, if in QEI's or such guide's judgment, you are incapable of that activity and/or your continued participation in the tour will endanger yourself or the safety of the group. It is your responsibility and obligation to inform QEI, at the time your reservation is made, of any medical or physical disability or limitation that might disable you or render you unable to perform or safely complete the tour or any activity on the tour. You further acknowledge that you are the best judge of your own conditions and limitations and that it is incumbent upon you to fully disclose the full extent of any such conditions or limitations to QEI.

Release of Liability

In consideration of the services and arrangements provided by QEI, you, for yourself and for your heirs, personal representatives or assigns, do hereby release, waive, discharge, hold harmless and agree to indemnify QEI, and its owners, officers, directors, employees and affiliates from any and all claims, actions, or losses for bodily injury, property damage, wrongful death, loss of services, lost profits, consequential, exemplary, indirect or punitive damages or otherwise which may arise out of or occur during your travel in connection with the scheduled travel package and any activities conducted in conjunction therewith. YOU SPECIFICALLY UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT YOU ARE RELEASING, DISCHARGING AND WAIVING ANY CLAIMS OR ACTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE PRESENTLY OR IN THE FUTURE FOR THE NEGLIGENT ACTS OR CONDUCT OF THE OWNERS, DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS OR AFFILIATES OF QEI.

Express Waiver of Consequential, Punitive or Exemplary Damages

Regardless of the situation or circumstances giving rise to a claim, you waive any right to seek consequential, punitive or exemplary damages against QEI its owners, officers, directors, agents, contractors and employees, for any reason whatsoever.

Arbitration

Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to these Terms and Conditions or the



performance there under, including without limitation any claim related to bodily injury, property damage or death, shall be settled by binding arbitration in Atlanta, GA, USA in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association then existing, and judgment on the arbitration award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction over the subject matter of the controversy. This agreement to arbitrate does not waive or modify the liability release contained in this document. Such proceedings will be governed by substantive Delaware law. The dispute will be resolved by a single arbitrator who must be a lawyer admitted to practice in the courts of at least one state in the United States and have a minimum of fifteen years of experience in civil litigation. The arbitrator so described will be selected by the American Arbitration Association. Each party to the dispute shall have the right on a single occasion to veto the designation of an arbitrator so selected. There will be judicial review of the arbitrator's decision if either side can show plain error in the application of law or be able to show an abuse of discretion with respect to factual findings. The parties waive the right to rely on any state law or statute which creates an exception to enforcement of the requirement that disputes be resolved pursuant to arbitration in the manner set forth herein.

Exclusive Governing Law and Jurisdiction

These Terms and Conditions and any actions and proceeding brought hereunder shall be governed by the laws of the State of Delaware without regard to conflict of laws principles. If the right to seek arbitration is for any reason waived by both parties, or if judicial review of any arbitration decision is sought, any action or legal proceeding to enforce any provision hereof, or based on any right arising out of, these Terms and Conditions shall be exclusively in the courts of the State of Delaware, or if it has or can acquire jurisdiction, in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, and all of the parties hereto hereby consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of such courts and of the appropriate appellate courts in any such action or legal proceeding and waive any objection to venue or jurisdiction in connection therewith.

Waiver of Jury Trial

In connection with any action or legal proceeding arising out of this agreement, the parties hereby specifically and knowingly waive any rights that either party might have to demand a jury trial.

Use of Likeness

Travelers extend Quark Expeditions permission to take their photograph during the voyage, and release all rights over those images understand and consent that QEI may use any likeness taken of you and any of your comments while on your tour for future publicity and promotional material. Travelers who do not wish to be photographed during the voyage must inform Quark Expeditions in writing prior to the voyage.

IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ: Your purchase is subject to your acceptance of these Terms and Conditions. IF YOU DO NOT AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN YOUR TOUR.

Scheduled Flights

For scheduled flights, the fare rules of the airline carrier, including payment and cancellation conditions apply.