

Antarctic Explorer in King George Island



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Day 02: PUNTAS ARENAS / FREI BASE AT KING GEORGE ISLAND / PUNTA ARENAS

Early in the morning, after checking weather conditions, we will board the airplane for departure.. We will land at the Antarctic airport of Frei Base at King George Island, after a pleasant three and a half hours flight. After arrival, we will visit the establishments of Villa Las Estrellas, the first site to be inhabited by civilians, its facilities and the meteorological center. We will then visit the Sea Lion rockery in the Drake Sea on a hike across the runway towards the beach. We will also walk to the Chinese Station to observe Marine Birds, Penguins and Weddell Seals. Finally we will walk through an isthmus to Ardley Island, where Papua Penguins inhabit. During our visit to the Antarctic Peninsula we have made it our duty not to step on the flora or disrupt the fauna. Lunch and/or snack depending on the place and time of arrival will be served. We will board the flight to return to Punta Arenas.

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Note: Food and beverages are included in all of our programs; please alert us beforehand if you have any special dietary requirement. These programs do not include any necessary clothing or accessories.

Overnight at King George Island

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Day 03 PUNTAS ARENAS / FREI BASE AT KING GEORGE ISLAND / PUNTA ARENAS

We will visit different Antarctic Research Stations and will be able to speak to researchers. If time permits, we can visit additional areas of attraction before returning to Punta Arenas. We will board the flight to return to Punta Arenas.

Optional tour: catch a Bo-105 helicopter that will fly you to nearby glaciers. Here you can enjoy a wonderful sight of millenary ices and enjoy a pleasant snowmobile ride over huge ice fields in Antarctica.



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