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ANTARCTICA SKI & SAIL: POLAR SKIING AND SAILING

Mountain skiing expedition in Antarctica:
glaciers, polar sailing and unique icebergs



ANTARCTICA



A unique mountain skiing and sailing expedition through the Antarctic Peninsula, aboard the Hans Hansson. Nineteen days to search for the best skiing areas, explore glaciers, and live with the polar nature.

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RECOMMENDED MONTHS

DECEMBER



PRICES

From 24.000€ /person

Group discounts

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Highlights

- MOUNTAIN SKIING ON GLACIERS OF THE ANTARCTIC PENINSULA
- EXCLUSIVE VESSEL AND GROUP OF UP TO 11 PARTICIPANTS
- TWO GUIDES AND MAXIMUM PLANNED TECHNICAL RATIO OF 1:5
- DRAKE PASSAGE CROSSING BY SAILING AND RETURN BY PLANE.

Private group

100% customizable

From (People)	Category	Availability	Days	Price per pers.
✕ No private groups available, only open groups				

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Open group

Share the experience with other travelers

Dates	Nº days	Avail. spots	Price per pers.
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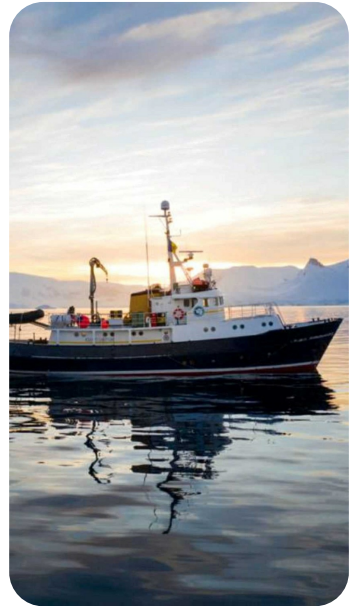


Includes

- Expedition aboard the polar expedition vessel **Hans Hansson** with shared double cabins.
- Professional crew and all operational ship costs.
- All necessary permits for the expedition development.
- Charter flight from King George Island to Punta Arenas at the end of the expedition.
- Arrival transfer between the Falkland Islands airport and the boarding port.
- Arrival transfer between Punta Arenas airport and the hotel.
- Two IFMGA/UIAGM High Mountain guides throughout the expedition.
- Maximum ratio of 1 guide per 5 participants.
- All meals on board during the expedition.
- Kayaks available for passenger use, as long as conditions and operations allow.
- Personal safety equipment for expedition operations.
- One night hotel in Punta Arenas in shared room with breakfast included.
- Technical and equipment advice before the trip.

Not included

- Airfare to the Falkland Islands (we can arrange this).
- International return flight from Punta Arenas (we can arrange this).
- Extra nights needed due to flight connections (we can arrange these).
- Alcoholic beverages.
- Personal ski equipment and avalanche safety gear: DVA, shovel, and probe.
- All personal expenses.
- Tips, optional.
- Mandatory rescue insurance.
- Travel and cancellation insurance: optional but recommended (we can arrange this).
- Everything not described in the "INCLUDED" section.



Itinerary

DAY 1: EMBARKATION IN STANLEY

Arrival by air to Stanley, in the Falkland Islands, and embarkation on the expedition ship Hans Hansson. After settling in the cabins, the group will meet the crew and attend maritime and environmental safety briefings. Technical equipment will also be checked and biosecurity, zodiac use, seasickness prevention, and emergency protocols explained.

Accommodation: Expedition vessel Hans Hansson

Meals: All included

DAY 2: HEADING TO ANTARCTICA

First day of ocean navigation heading to the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula. The pace will depend on sea state, wind, and weather systems. Safety and rescue briefings will be completed on board, rope teams organized, and gear prepared for upcoming skiing operations and polar landings.

Accommodation: Expedition vessel Hans Hansson

Meals: All included

DAY 3: LIFE ON BOARD AND POLAR PREPARATION

The journey continues aboard the Hans Hansson, a small and maneuverable ship designed as an expedition base. The day will combine navigation, review of glacier progression protocols, and forecast analysis. There will also be time to observe birds and marine mammals and learn more about Antarctica's geography, wildlife, and history.

Accommodation: Expedition vessel Hans Hansson

Meals: All included

DAY 4: GLACIER SAFETY AND PLANNING

Third estimated day of navigation toward the Antarctic region. Guides will deepen cord team planning, gear use, and response to cold, low visibility, or group separation situations. The crew and technical team will continue assessing sea state, ice, and weather to prepare possible first landings.

Accommodation: Expedition vessel Hans Hansson

Meals: All included

DAY 5: ARRIVAL TO ANTARCTIC REGION

Last estimated day of the crossing from Stanley, although the actual duration may vary due to sea and wind. If approaching the South Shetland Islands or the northern Peninsula allows, anchorage, zodiac access, and glacier conditions evaluation will begin. The goal is to be ready to ski as soon as there is a safe and authorized window.

Accommodation: Expedition vessel Hans Hansson

Meals: All included

DAY 6: FIRST SKI DAYS

The operational skiing and exploration window begins. The captain and guides will choose the objective based on weather, visibility, wind, sea ice, waves, and glacier conditions. The day may include zodiac approach, ascent with skins and roping, crampon and ice axe sections, and descent via the route scoped during the ascent.

Accommodation: Expedition vessel Hans Hansson

Meals: All included

DAY 7: SKIING AMONG ISLANDS AND FJORDS

Another opportunity for activity in the Antarctic region, without a guaranteed mountain or route. The team will assess areas like the South Shetlands, Northern Gerlache, or the Danco Coast, always according to actual conditions and permits. If skiing is safe, two guided groups will be organized; otherwise, polar exploration alternatives will be considered.

Accommodation: Expedition vessel Hans Hansson

Meals: All included

DAY 8: GLACIER TERRAIN AND VARIABLE SNOW

Planning will again adapt to weather windows and ship positioning. A moderate route or a longer day might be sought, with elevation changes varying roughly between 500 and more than 1,000 meters. The terrain will be glacial and may require roped progression, efficient transitions, and mastery of crampons, ice axe, and skiing on variable snow.

Accommodation: Expedition vessel Hans Hansson

Meals: All included

DAY 9: MOUNTAINS RISING FROM THE OCEAN

Flexible day to take advantage of the best terrain available among islands, fjords, and mountains rising directly from the ocean. After breakfast and the technical briefing, gear will be prepared and a zodiac approach made. Guides will evaluate access, crevasses, snow, and visibility before confirming ascent, descent, and return cut-off time.

Accommodation: Expedition vessel Hans Hansson

Meals: All included

DAY 10: EXPLORATION OF THE DANCO COAST

The expedition may explore sectors of the Danco Coast, with references like Paradise Harbour, Andvord Bay, Neko Harbour, or Enterprise Island, with no area guaranteed. The small size of the Hans Hansson allows searching suitable channels, bays, and anchorages. The priority is to combine safety, skiing quality, scenery, and polar experience.

Accommodation: Expedition vessel Hans Hansson

Meals: All included

DAY 11: ASCENT IN SMALL GROUPS

The daily skiing operations window continues. If weather and glaciers allow, ascents between three and eight hours will be made, organized in small groups with a maximum planned ratio of 1:5. Upon returning to the ship, time will be available to eat, rest, review the activity, and reposition the ship toward the area with better options for the next day.

Accommodation: Expedition vessel Hans Hansson

Meals: All included

DAY 12: ADAPTING TO CONDITIONS

The day's objective will be decided based on the weather report, wind, visibility, sea ice, and snowpack stability. Mountains of Northern Gerlache, Danco Coast, or nearby islands may be considered, always without promising a specific summit. In low visibility conditions, lower and more protected routes or alternative activities will be chosen.

Accommodation: Expedition vessel Hans Hansson

Meals: All included

DAY 13: GREAT ANTARCTIC OBJECTIVES

Possible exploration day around Anvers, Brabant, Neumayer Channel, Doumer Island, or other accessible areas. The region's great summits are considered ambitious, not guaranteed, and will only be attempted if the group level, schedule, and conditions offer a safe margin. The final decision will rest with the guides and captain.

Accommodation: Expedition vessel Hans Hansson

Meals: All included

DAY 14: SKIING, GLACIER AND ZODIAC

Each skiing opportunity will begin with an assessment of the landing and glacier. The group may ascend with skins and roping, overcome crampon and ice axe sections on foot, and descend the line checked during the ascent. Return to the beach, zodiac, and ship will be part of a day where discipline and adaptability are essential.

Accommodation: Expedition vessel Hans Hansson

Meals: All included

DAY 15: SEARCHING FOR THE BEST TERRAIN

The expedition will continue looking for the best balance between skiing, sailing, and exploration. The Lemaire Channel and Kiev Peninsula will only be considered as an extraordinary possibility if ice allows access; they do not constitute the core of the program. Main areas will remain the South Shetlands, Northern Gerlache, and Danco Coast.

Accommodation: Expedition vessel Hans Hansson

Meals: All included

DAY 16: SKIING OR POLAR EXPLORATION

Penultimate opportunities for ascents and descents in the Antarctic Peninsula. The program does not guarantee powder snow, specific summits, or a fixed number of days but does aim to ski whenever reasonably safe. If skiing is not possible, zodiac rides, photography, wildlife, historical visits, or authorized hikes may be proposed.

Accommodation: Expedition vessel Hans Hansson

Meals: All included

DAY 17: FINAL ACTIVITY WINDOW

Last planned day within the main skiing and exploration window. The activity will depend on the charter flight schedule, ship position, and environmental conditions. After setting out, the group will review and prepare gear while the crew begins positioning toward King George Island to coordinate landing and the air operation.

Accommodation: Expedition vessel Hans Hansson

Meals: All included

DAY 18: FLIGHT TO PUNTA ARENAS

The Hans Hansson will position in the King George Island area to coordinate landing and charter flight to Punta Arenas. The operation may be advanced, delayed, or modified due to weather. If delayed, the group will normally remain onboard with catering and adapted activities. After flying, transfer to the hotel will be done and the night spent in the city.

Accommodation: Hotel in Punta Arenas, subject to flight operation

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 19: INTERNATIONAL RETURN

After breakfast in Punta Arenas, international return begins to the country of origin, aiming to arrive before Christmas. Flexible tickets are recommended, as the hotel night provides initial margin for Antarctic flight changes but does not guarantee to absorb unlikely delays of multiple days in case of bad weather for the Drake Passage flight.

Accommodation: Not applicable

Meals: Breakfast

Payment and cancellation policy

Initial reservation: To secure your place, an initial payment of 30% of the total trip cost is required at the time of booking.

Final payment: The remaining 70% must be paid no later than 140 days before departure.

Extras: Additional costs such as insurance, flights, or optional services must be paid in full at the time of reservation.

Cancellation insurance: We strongly recommend purchasing cancellation insurance that covers the full amount of the trip from the time of booking.

The refund of any amount will depend exclusively on the conditions, covered causes, exclusions, and limits established by the insurance company in the contracted policy.

If the trip is canceled due to not reaching the minimum number of participants, the client may keep the credit for future trips or request a full refund.

Special cancellation policy:**FULL REFUND WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER PURCHASE**

In case of cancellation by the traveler, no refund will be issued, regardless of when the cancellation is communicated.

Flights, bookings, permits, and other services already issued or contracted will also not be refundable.

Cancellation of issued flights will imply a 100% penalty of their amount.

Off Trail S.L. acts in this combined trip as organizer. For scheduled open departures, the trip's realization requires a minimum of 7 confirmed registered people, informing the traveler through the customer portal when this minimum is reached to confirm departure. If the minimum number is not reached, the organizer may cancel the trip and notify the traveler within the legally applicable period of up to 20 calendar days before departure. For private departures or tailor-made trips, the program will be considered confirmed upon reservation acceptance, as it is a trip specifically designed for the number of people indicated in the contract and priced accordingly. In case of cancellation for not reaching the minimum required, the traveler will be entitled to a full refund of the amounts paid, without additional compensation.

Equipment list

Ski equipment:

- Your ski equipment: skis/splitboard, poles, ski boots, climbing skins and helmet.
- Ski bag and boot bag.
- Avalanche gear in backpack, shovel, probe, transceiver/receiver DVA (Mandatory).

When crossing glacier areas, the following is required:

- 1 Harness: Preferably a ski/mountaineering one (that can be put on without removing skis or crampons).
- 1 Petzl Micro Traxion: High-efficiency pulley blocker.
- 1 Petzl Tibloc: Ultralight emergency ascender blocker.
- 1 Sewn sling (120 cm): Dyneema or Nylon.
- 3 Locking carabiners: * One specific for the Micro Traxion (preferably symmetrical/oval shaped). One for the Tibloc. One additional for anchoring or belay.
- 1 Ice screw (17-21 cm).
- 1 Auxiliary cord (optional): A "jammy" or 5-6mm cord.
- 1 Classic mountaineering ice axe.
- 1 Set of boot crampons.
- 1 Set of ski crampons.

Sailing boat gear:

- Rubber boots and waterproof coat are recommended.
- Suitcases must be soft duffel type (rigid suitcases are not accepted due to space limitations on board).

Other recommended/necessary items for this trip, besides travel gear:

- Backpack (20 to 35 liters) with straps to carry skis.
- Socks.
- Mountain ski pants.
- Thermal shirt (base layer).
- Fleece or similar (mid layer).
- Gore-Tex type jacket and pants (outer layer).
- Light and thin primaloft or down jacket.
- Neck gaiter.
- Thin polar-type gloves and thick gloves.
- Cold hat and sun cap.
- Sunglasses and snow goggles.
- Headlamp
- Water bottle or thermos, minimum 1 liter. If you choose a Camelbak-type bag, consider that the tube may freeze, so it is advisable to carry an auxiliary bottle.
- Sunscreen and lip protection.
- Snacks (bars, gels, nuts...) to eat on the mountain during outings.
- Optional: spare batteries, camera, power bank, first aid kit.

The boats have 220V "EU" sockets to charge phones and cameras while sailing.

FAQs

When is the expedition conducted and how long does it last?

The trip is planned from December 4 to 22, 2027, with a total duration of 19 days. Embarkation will take place in Stanley on December 4, departure from Antarctica is scheduled on a charter flight on December 21, and the international return will begin on December 22 from Punta Arenas.

How do I get to the starting point and what is the nearest airport?

The starting point is Stanley, in the Falkland Islands, and you must arrive by air before the boarding on December 4. On December 4 we will arrange a group transfer by car from the airport to Port Stanley.

What technical and physical level do I need?

You must be an advanced and autonomous mountain skier, proficient on untreated snow, slopes up to about 35 degrees, crampons, ice axe, roped glacier progression, and basic crevasse rescue. Physically, you should be able to complete 5 to 8-hour days with 800-1,000 m vertical gain for several consecutive days.

Is it mandatory to purchase rescue insurance?

Yes. Provisionally, a minimum coverage of 300,000 USD for medical expenses and emergency evacuation is required. The policy must explicitly cover Antarctica, mountaineering skiing, alpinism, glaciers, maritime or air evacuation, transport to South America, hospitalization, repatriation, and search and rescue when insurable.

Do I also need travel and cancellation insurance?

It is highly recommended to purchase cancellation and interruption insurance that covers the entire trip cost, as well as delays and additional services resulting from the Antarctic flight. Each policy must be reviewed before accepting the participant, ensuring it does not exclude Antarctica, off-piste skiing, glaciers, or evacuation from ships.

What visa or documentation do I need?

Before booking flights and traveling, it will be necessary to confirm applicable requirements based on your nationality and the countries through which you transit.

What is the accommodation like during the trip?

During navigation and the Antarctic phase, you will stay on the Hans Hansson, an expedition vessel approximately 26.5 meters, solid, intimate, and functional, with a reinforced steel ice-breaking hull. The final cabin layout is pending confirmation. After the flight to Punta Arenas, one hotel night is included.

What meals are included?

Meals onboard, catering if the charter flight is delayed, and breakfast on December 22 in Punta Arenas.

Are international flights included?

You must arrive on December 4 to Falkland Island and the return flight must be on December 22 from Punta Arenas. These flights are not included in the trip price but we can manage them. The charter flight from Antarctica to Punta Arenas on December 21, lasting approximately two to two and a half hours, is included.

How many ski days are guaranteed?

No fixed number of ski days is guaranteed. The expedition offers a wide operational window, approximately from December 8 or 9 to 20, and the intention is to ski whenever safe opportunities arise. Weather, visibility, wind, sea, ice, snow, crevasses, permits, anchorages, and departure flight will determine each activity.

Are the itinerary and mountains fixed?

No. The route is organized by operational areas and adapts daily. The South Shetlands, Northern Gerlache, Danco Coast, Anvers, Brabant, or other accessible zones may be considered, but no mountain, summit, or descent is guaranteed. The captain and guides will choose the best objective based on safety, permits, and conditions.

What happens if skiing is not possible?

When skiing is not reasonably safe, the team may propose zodiac sailing, wildlife observation, photography, kayaking, historical visits, or short hikes. All alternatives depend on weather, permits, expedition team resources, and specific environmental restrictions in each location.

Can non-skiing companions travel?

Yes, approximately two places are forecast for non-skiing companions. They may enjoy sailing, wildlife, photography, icebergs, glacier fronts, history, and life on board. The exact operation and responsible person while the two guides are skiing still must be confirmed, so exclusive zodiac or guide is not guaranteed.

How many people are in the group and what is the ratio?

The planned configuration is up to 11 participants, with between nine and ten effective places for skiers and approximately two for companions. There will be two mountain guides and the promised maximum technical ratio will be 1:5.

Who will guide the expedition?

The main guide will be Jordi Tosas, high mountain guide and alpinist. He will be accompanied by a second guide experienced in skiing, glaciers, and remote environments.

What technical gear should I bring?

You must bring your own reviewed and approved equipment: skis, boots, bindings, skins and repair, blades, poles, three-antenna avalanche transceiver, shovel, probe, helmet, harness, carabiners, personal rescue gear, crampons, ice axe, and backpack. You will also need cold and waterproof layers, spare clothing, sun protection, thermos, and medication.

What if the flight from Antarctica is delayed?

The flight from King George Island depends entirely on the weather and may be advanced or delayed by one, two, or more days. If it cannot operate, the group will normally stay onboard with catering and adapted activities. The night in Punta Arenas provides margin, but does not absorb all contingencies; flexible flights and insurance are advisable.



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