

SAILING

ANTARCTICA BY SAILBOAT – EXPLORATION TRIP

Antarctica by sailboat, ice horizons, penguins,
whales, and polar history



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ANTARCTICA



Set sail to Antarctica on an expedition yacht: ice-sculpted horizons, penguins and whales, and the legacy of heroic explorers. Responsible navigation, onboard comfort and expert crew. Return as an ambassador for this fragile, pristine wilderness.

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RECOMMENDED MONTHS

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, DECEMBER



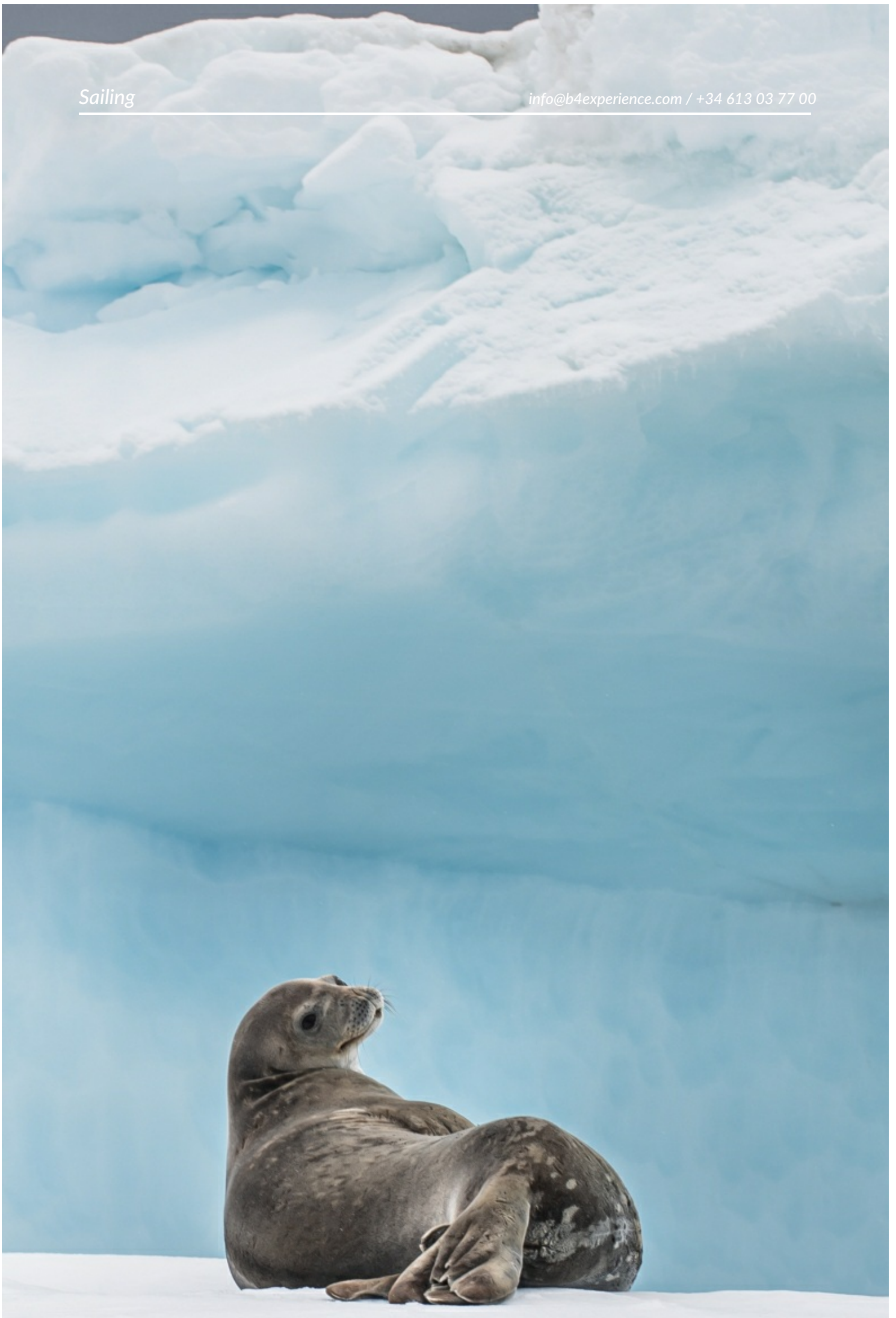
PRICE

From 10.640€ /person

Group discounts

Sailing

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Highlights

- CROSS THE DRAKE PASSAGE.
- EXPLORE THE ANTARCTIC PENINSULA.
- ICEBERG AND WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS.
- TRADITIONAL THREE-MASTED SAILBOAT.

Private groups

100% customizable

From (People)	Category	Availability	N° days	Price per pers.
✕ No private group options available, only open groups				

Travel only with your family or friends.

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Open groups

Share the experience with other travelers

Program	Dates	Nº days	Seats available	Starting point	Price
Antarctica Peninsula	26 Feb 2026	19	8	Ushuaia	10.640€

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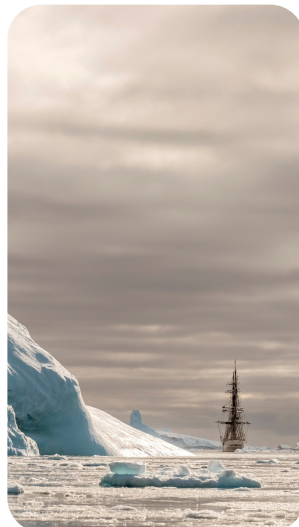
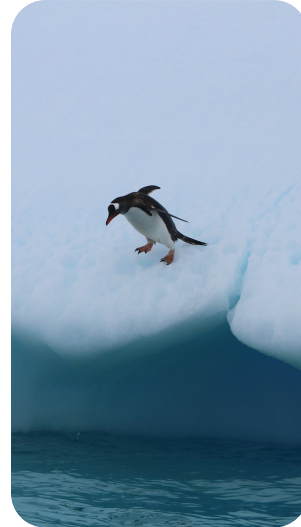


Included

- An Antarctic sailing adventure on one of the finest sailing ships
- Professional crew and all ship expenses covered
- All meals eaten onboard during the trip
- Landings in Antarctica
- Lectures on Antarctic biodiversity
- Personal safety equipment, inflatable life vest, and survival suit
- A shared experience and friendship with like-minded adventurers from around the world
- Guidance, orientation, and hands-on training in sailing and seamanship
- As an active crew member, you will participate and learn about ship operations
- Technical advice and equipment

Not Included

- Flights from/to Ushuaia (we can arrange them)
- Extra days before embarkation
- Alcoholic beverages
- Travel/cancellation insurance: recommended but optional (we can arrange it)
- Rescue insurance: mandatory
- Anything not listed under the "INCLUDED" section



Itinerary

DAY 1 : ADVENTURE STARTS

Begin your Antarctic adventure in Ushuaia, Argentina, the southernmost city in the world, where you will board the historic Tall Ship. After exploring the vibrant and adventurous atmosphere of Ushuaia, you will embark on your journey, settle into your cozy cabin, and meet fellow travelers. Spend the afternoon getting to know the crew, guides, and expedition leader, who will explain the exciting journey ahead as you prepare to sail into the remote wilderness of Antarctica.

Accommodation: Sailing ship

Meals: Dinner

DAY 2: WE SET SAIL TOWARDS THE BEAGLE CHANNEL

In the morning, we will depart from Ushuaia and sail through the calm waters of the Beagle Channel towards the wild nature of Antarctica. As we sail past the lush green mountains, we will begin our training, which includes safety instructions and climbing the rigging, while getting to know our fellow travelers and preparing for our duties during sea watches. In the afternoon, we will leave the Beagle Channel behind and head south, ready to face the challenging waters of the Drake Passage.

Accommodation: Sailing ship

Meals: breakfast + lunch + dinner

DAY 3-5 : DRAKE PASSAGE

Before reaching Antarctica, you will embark on an exciting four-day journey through the infamous Drake Passage, known for its unpredictable waters where seas can range from the stormy "Drake Shake" to the calm "Drake Lake." As the ship navigates these challenging waters, you will participate in active sea watches, steering the ship, handling the sails, and working alongside experienced crew members and fellow travelers. Along the way, you will witness impressive wildlife, including albatrosses and dolphins, while adapting to the rhythm of the Southern Ocean and contributing to the ship's journey.

Accommodation: Sailing ship

Meals: breakfast + lunch + dinner

DAY 6-9 : SHETLAND ISLANDS

Our first landing in Antarctica is usually in the South Shetland Islands, discovered by William Smith in 1819. These icy, snow-covered islands, despite their harsh climate, host mosses, lichens, and algae, creating a surprisingly green landscape. They are home to colonies of penguins, seals, and seabirds, including giant petrels, chinstrap penguins, gentoo penguins, and occasionally macaroni penguins. Elephant seals also frequent the coasts. A notable stop is Deception Island, famous for its volcanic caldera and its historical significance in Antarctic exploration, seal hunting, and whaling. The island, which includes ruins of a whaling station and an old British scientific base, is protected under the Antarctic Treaty. Despite its seemingly hospitable caldera, the island's strong winds and active volcano make it a unique and challenging destination, with warmer waters in Port Foster due to geothermal activity.

Accommodation: Sailing ship

Meals: breakfast + lunch + dinner

DAY 10-13 : FURTHER SOUTH

As we leave Deception Island and sail south through the Bransfield Strait, the landscape changes from lush mosses to spectacular glaciers and ice, marking our entry into Antarctica. Our adventure continues between Spert Island and Trinity Island, where a zodiac cruise reveals stunning ice formations reminiscent of Gaudí's creations, with piercing blues and turquoises. The tranquility is profound, allowing you to fully appreciate the solitude and the gentle sounds of nature. Each day includes landings, zodiac excursions, and hikes to explore the unique wildlife and history of these islands, with occasional whale sightings adding to the experience. The beauty continues into the night with stunning pastel skies during the night cruises. Our next destination is Paradise Bay, surrounded by towering glaciers and ice cathedrals, where we witness impressive ice calving and possibly see a leopard seal. This pristine nature exemplifies why the area is aptly named Paradise Harbour.

Accommodation: Sailing ship

Meals: breakfast + lunch + dinner

DAY 13-18 : BACK ON DRAKE PASSAGE

As our Antarctic adventure comes to an end, we say farewell to the icy continent and return to the rhythm of the sea watches through the Drake Passage. The crossing, which lasts approximately five days from our southern departure point, is known for its unpredictable and stormy conditions. As we sail through the rough seas, the ship pitches and crashes against the waves. Despite the harsh conditions, our well-equipped vessel carries us safely through, reminding us of the historic struggles faced by sailors like Sir Francis Drake. Approaching Cape Horn, which marks the end of our Drake Passage crossing, we enter the calmer waters of the Beagle Channel. If weather permits, we can visit Harberton Ranch in southern Patagonia, where lush green landscapes and the welcoming family managing the property provide a stark contrast to the icy world we left behind. The vibrant vegetation and scent of fresh grass are a refreshing change, making the ranch a memorable stop before our journey concludes.

Accommodation: Sailing ship.

Meals: breakfast + lunch + dinner

DAY 18-19 : ARRIVAL IN USHUAIA

After 19 days of adventure, we arrive back in Ushuaia, a stark contrast to the serene and isolated world of Antarctica. Upon disembarking, some may take a leisurely walk or explore the town for souvenirs, while others will enjoy one last evening together, reminiscing about the highlights of the journey. The next morning, we say farewell to the ship that has become our home and to the friends we have made along the way.

Accommodation: Sailing ship

Meals: breakfast + lunch + dinner

Booking & Cancellation Policy

Once the booking form is accepted, payment is due as follows:

30% of the trip price within 14 days after booking confirmation

50% of the trip price 5 months before departure/embarkation

20% of the trip price 2 months before departure/embarkation

The client may purchase trip-cancellation insurance to obtain reimbursement of all amounts paid (subject to the insurer's terms and conditions).

The traveler may withdraw from the contracted trip and is entitled to a refund of amounts paid, except for the penalties indicated below. Once the trip is confirmed, the traveler must also pay the Agency the amounts set out below. If the trip does not take place because the minimum group size is not reached, the client may keep the credit for future trips or request a full refund of the deposit.

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In case of cancellation, the client must pay the agency a fixed compensatory amount, as a percentage of the agreed price:

20% if canceled up to 6 months before the start of the sailing trip

40% if canceled up to 4 months before the start of the sailing trip

60% if canceled up to 2 months before the start of the sailing trip

80% if canceled up to 1 month before the start of the sailing trip

100% if canceled less than 1 month before the start of the sailing trip

A €250 management fee applies.

Cancellation fees already incurred for issued bookings/services will not be refunded. Any other issued non-refundable costs will also not be refunded and will be deducted from any amount to be returned.

Issued flight tickets are 100% non-refundable.

Packing List

Adventure Clothing

- Winter travel clothes and changes of clothes
- Wool underwear
- Wool socks (several pairs)
- Scarf, buff, and hat (preferably warm and windproof)
- Gloves preferably with wind or water-resistant covers
- Wool sweater, preferably turtleneck
- Warm pants, preferably multi-layered with warmer materials (to wear on deck or while sailing)
- Warm winter jacket
- Down jacket or preferably primaloft (as they handle water better)
- "Nice / party / restaurant" clothes
- Sea / sailing / rubber boots, preferably winter style. Bring some one or two sizes larger than your normal size. This way, you'll have room for your feet even with additional wool socks. They should have a rough sole and heels (hunting type)

- Light shoes / sandals / crocs that breathe well (for indoor and fair-weather deck use)
- Sailing clothes / waterproofs
- Sailing gloves (not mandatory), ski gloves can also be used

Other equipment

- A headlamp (preferably one with dimming function and/or red light (night use)) + extra batteries
- Sunglasses
- Light sleeping bag/liner (extra if you get cold at night). We always provide duvets, pillows, and sheets for all beds and cabins
- Water bottle, 0.5–1 liter
- Towel and bathing gear
- Chargers, smartphones, and other general advice
- Passport

On board the ships, there are USB ports and 220v sockets to charge phones and devices

Pack like a sailor; in a bag or backpack, NOT a suitcase. Pack as little as possible but bring what you need!

The fewer items you bring, the faster we will sail and the less time you will spend fussing with your gear

PS: This is a recommended packing list. Keep in mind if there are other items you may need on board.

FAQs

What equipment should I bring for the sailing trip to Antarctica?

You will need to bring waterproof boots (e.g. muckboots) and appropriate thermal clothing; the boat only provides life jackets and harnesses. When you confirm your reservation, you will receive a detailed packing list with everything you will need for your trip.

Is it mandatory to purchase specific travel insurance?

Yes, insurance is required to cover medical evacuations for at least USD 200,000. Without this minimum coverage, you will not be able to embark; check the clauses of your policy before traveling.

Will I have internet access during the expedition?

Connection in Antarctica is very limited and, by default, only text email is available. If you wish to use it, you will be charged an additional cost; check rates and conditions before boarding.

Are port transfers and hotel nights included?

No, the price of the sailing trip does not cover hotels or land transfers. You must arrange and finance your accommodation and transportation to the embarkation point separately.

How are tips for the crew distributed?

Tips are at the discretion of the travelers, but are generally pooled into a common fund that is shared among the entire crew on board. There is no fixed amount; it is usually suggested between 5% and 10% of the cost of the trip.

What adventure activities are included in the program?

The trip encompasses sailing, zodiac cruises and shore landings. No additional activities such as kayaking, climbing or skiing are offered; everything is around the nautical experience and contact with Antarctic wildlife and landscapes.

Can I travel alone even if it is a shared space?

Yes, single travelers are placed in shared four- or six-berth cabins. If you prefer a two-person cabin, you must pay the full fare for that cabin, even if traveling unaccompanied.

What is the minimum age to participate in the expedition?

For individual trips, the minimum age is 16 years old. Families can travel from 12-13 years of age, but each case is evaluated in a previous video call: all minors must be able to swim and meet health requirements.

Can I take medication during the trip?

Of course. Before boarding, you must inform the medical team of the sailboat about any treatment. The ship's doctors will verify that your medication is safe and compatible with the conditions of the trip.

Are there any medical conditions that prevent boarding?

Yes, people with uncontrolled diabetes or unable to swim are not allowed to board. If you do not meet these requirements, you should reconsider your trip.

Do I need to have previous sailing experience?

No experience is necessary. The permanent crew will teach you how to steer, sail and handle the sails during the trip. All learning is done on board, in a safe and collaborative environment.

What do I do if I get seasick?

It is recommended to bring sea sickness pills and notify the doctor on board if you feel sick. The health team can provide additional medication and offer advice on how to minimize seasickness while sailing.

How do they assess my health and physical condition before the trip?

You must complete a detailed medical form signed by a physician. If you are over 65 years old, an extra medical certificate is also required. This process ensures that you are fit for physical exertion and possible emergencies.

What is a typical day aboard the sailboat like?

The days vary according to the weather and the watch system, but usually include a change of helm, boat maintenance, wildlife observation in a zodiac, and social time on deck. Each day is different depending on the weather forecast.

Are there any extra fees or tariffs for landing in certain areas?

On the classic Antarctic Peninsula leg there are no additional fees - it is all considered part of the standard itinerary. However, if your route includes expeditions to areas such as South Georgia, the appropriate landing charges will be billed separately.

What is the sailboat like?

The Bark EUROPA, built in 1911 as a lightship on the Elbe River and later converted into a sailing ship in 1986, has been fully restored since 1994 to sail worldwide. This iconic vessel is safety certified under Dutch law and is ideal for adventurers of all sailing experience levels who wish to explore Antarctica. The ship features several public areas, including a library, a lounge, a bar, a poker corner, and a deckhouse, catering to both quiet moments and social activities.

What are the cabins like?

The accommodations consist of 12 comfortable cabins (four for 2 people, four for 4 people, and four for 6 people), each offering comfortable bunks, individual sheets, duvets, towels, and private shower and toilet facilities.



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