



## **JOURNEY OVERVIEW**

With a luxury private yacht charter in Antarctica, you will have the incredible opportunity to explore one of the most remote and little-visited regions on the planet in complete luxury and privacy. Beginning in Punta Arenas, located in Chilean Patagonia, you will fly to Prince George Island (approx. 2-hour flight), the largest of the South Shetland Islands, where you will board the M/Y Hanse Explorer. This luxurious yacht was specifically designed to withstand the harsh conditions of the Antarctic region. The vessel can accommodate up to 12 guests in 7 staterooms, was recently retrofitted in 2020 and is fully staffed with an experienced captain, crew, and chef. During your time private yachting in Antarctica, you will cruise southward toward the Antarctic Polar Circle, stopping along the way for zodiac excursions and landings on the continent itself. You will have the chance to discover wildlife such as penguins, whales, and seals as you marvel at the stark and majestic landscapes at the southern edge of the world. Other unforgettable experiences include a stop at Palmer Station, a hub of important scientific activity and research, and a night spent camping under the midnight sun on the Antarctic mainland.

#### A Taste of Blue Parallel's Insider Access

- Private, custom-made adventures in Chilean Patagonia
- Overall personal logistical assistance before and after
  cruise
- Custom-made pre- and post- cruise extensions designed by experts in the region

#### The Discovery

- Punta Arenas
- Antarctica
- South Shetland Islands
- Port Lockroy & Palmer Station
- Antarctic Polar Circle

#### **The Adventure**

- Hiking
- Wildlife
- Polar explorations
- Zodiac excursions

Duration When to go?

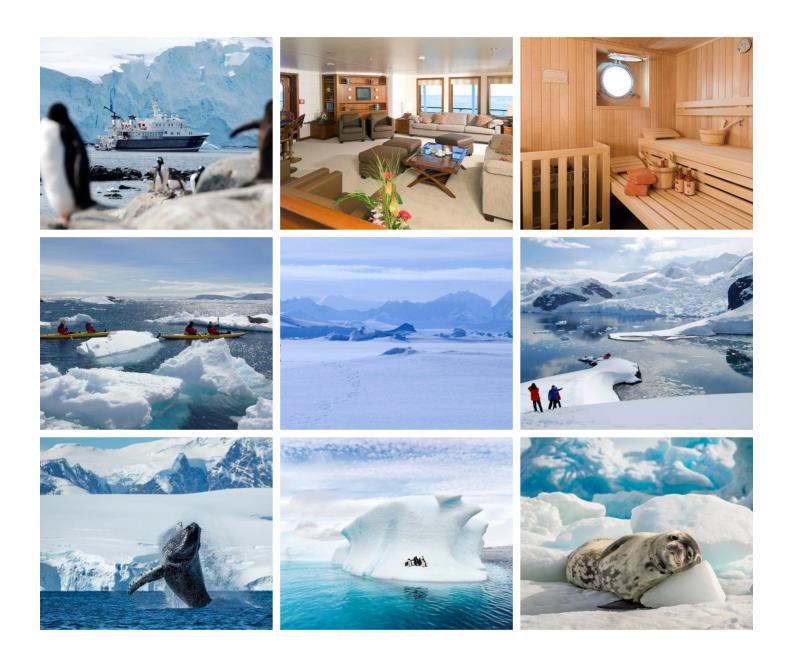
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# **PHOTOGRAPHY**





### PRIVATE YACHTING IN ANTARCTICA

Please note: This private tour to Antarctica is an example, as all of our luxury journeys are custom-made.

Please contact us to start planning your custom-made private adventure of a lifetime.

#### **Punta Arenas (2 nights)**

A domestic flight from Santiago takes you to Punta Arenas, located in Chilean Patagonia. Upon your arrival, private transfer to your hotel, where you may spend the remainder of the afternoon relaxing at your leisure. You will spend the following day exploring the highlights of Punta Arenas, visiting lively penguin colonies or a scenic nature reserve featuring spectacular Patagonian landscapes. In the afternoon, attend a mandatory briefing that will provide you with important information for the upcoming expedition to Antarctica.

#### **Private Cruise around Antarctica (9 nights)**

From Punta Arenas, your Antarctica journey commences with a private flight to King George Island in Antarctica, where you will board your private yacht, the M/Y Hanse Explorer. The ship, recently retrofitted in 2020, can accommodate up to 12 guests in 7 staterooms and comes fully staffed with a captain, chef, and crew. The vessel features elegant interiors, indoor and outdoor lounge and dining areas, and an onboard sauna. The ship also comes with sea kayaks and Zodiacs for up-close access to the incredible landscapes and wildlife of the polar region.

Shortly after your departure, you will embark on your first zodiac excursion around the South Shetland Islands. There, get a glimpse of penguins at their breeding sites, playful fur seals, and perhaps even a whale or two. You will then continue south towards the Weddell Sea, passing by enormous stretches of icebergs on your way to the Emperor Penguin rookery at Snow Hill Island. The following day, take your first steps on the mainland of Antarctica when you land at Brown Bluff, a jagged expanse of volcanic rock. Next, stop at Port Lockroy, where you may pay a visit to Palmer Station to see where current scientists and researchers work and live. The following day, zip through Lemaire Channel on zodiacs, searching for marine life such as humpback whales, orcas, and sea lions before landing on Petermann Island to visit a thriving penguin colony. In the evening, enjoy a visit to Ukraine's Antarctic base - Verdansky Scientific Research Station.

On the sixth day of your cruise, you will cross the Antarctic Polar Circle, where you will have the opportunity to mark the occasion with a true "polar plunge" - not for the faint of heart! That night, those that wish will have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to set up camp on Antarctica, sleeping under the midnight sun in one of the most remote areas on Earth. After a day spent exploring the jaw-dropping landscapes south of the Antarctic Polar Circle, you will return northward through the Gullet, a stunning landscape that consists of winding channels filled with icebergs. After stopping at an eerily abandoned British Survey Base, continue northward through the Gerlache Strait, a common area for whale sightings. The expedition ends with a final stop at Deception Point in the South Shetland Islands, where you will cruise into the caldera of an active volcano. Upon disembarking the boat, fly back to Punta Arenas on a private plane.



### **ABOUT BLUE PARALLEL**

### Blue Parallel is a bespoke luxury travel boutique.



Our mission is to take discerning, time-constrained travelers to the most spectacular natural and cultural wonders of Latin America, the Mediterranean, and the Polar Regions.



We create private, tailor-made journeys that focus on UNESCO World Heritage Sites, insider access experiences, and extraordinary outdoor adventures.



Since launching in 2003, we have become the go-to service for luxury travelers searching for top-of-the-line experiential journeys. We have been selected as an A-list Top Travel Advisor by Travel + Leisure every year since 2009, and are proudly part of the leading luxury travel network Virtuoso and their Ultraluxe Community (a by-invitation-only membership for the industry's most exclusive services and providers). We have hosted numerous eminent travelers since our inception and are frequently featured in prestigious international publications.



Blue Parallel journeys feature breathtaking outdoor adventures led by expert guides or accomplished athletes. Scuba diving in the Belize Reef, biking through Berber villages in the Atlas Mountains, ice-trekking on the Perito Moreno Glacier, dog sledding in Lapland, rafting on the Pacuare River in Costa Rica, and hiking the fjords of Norway are only a few examples of the extraordinary outdoor adventures we incorporate in our tailor-made itineraries. We take great satisfaction in designing custom-made adventures of a lifetime.



At Blue Parallel, we open doors to unique opportunities that match our travelers' interests. Our team travels year-round, seeking out the most intriguing insider experiences. Over the years, we have developed invaluable relationships with esteemed scholars, acclaimed artists, Olympic athletes, renowned chefs, directors of historical and natural landmarks, as well as with local leaders in politics and business, to name just a few examples.



Privacy has always been a top priority in all aspects of a Blue Parallel journey. Exclusive accommodations range from remote, fully-serviced villas in Iceland, a lighthouse on a private island in Norway, or a luxury private camp in the Sahara Desert. Examples of private custom experiences include an after-hours tour of the Alhambra in Andalucia, chartering a luxury yacht in the Galapagos Islands, or taking a private train ride to Machu Picchu. We can provide all these ultimate exclusive experiences and more so that our travelers can have the option to enjoy some of the world's most spectacular sights without the crowds.



Blue Parallel travelers are assigned a dedicated team comprised of:

- A personal travel expert
- A personal host in each destination
- Expert on-site guides and scholars
- Behind-the-scenes logistical experts to monitor every step of the journey
   We are on call for our travelers 24-hours a day during their trip, ensuring a smooth and stress-free experience. Whatever happens, our team is one step ahead, and we provide the flexibility to change the program during the journey, if need be.

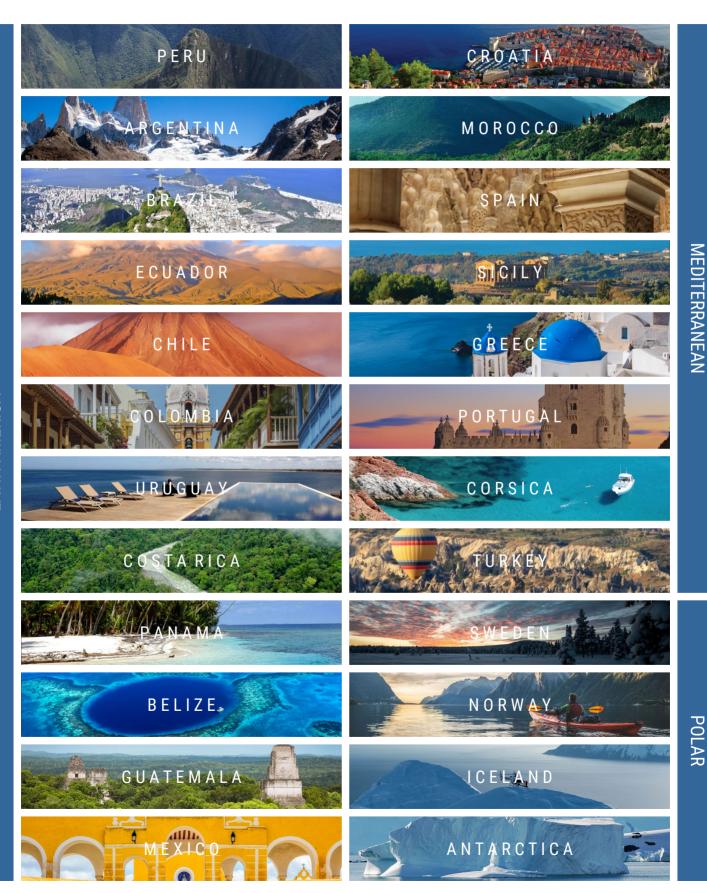
#### **CERTAINTY IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD**

Blue Parallel's expertise and our obsession with details offer certainty in an uncertain world. We have almost 2 decades of experience handling unforeseen circumstances, and the recent pandemic has only increased the significant value of having our dedicated teams offer limitless support to our travelers before, during, and after their journeys.

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### **BLUE PARALLEL IN THE MEDIA**

Bloomberg CENTURION **Traveler** 

elite*traveler* Forbes DEPARTURES

FOOD&WINE

LUXURY

Robb Report

TRAVEL+ VOGUE

### START PLANNING

We are experts in creating inspiring tailor-made itineraries. We will take your vision, try to enhance it, and then make your dream trip a reality. You can call us at 1-301-263-6670 Monday-Friday | 9 AM -5PM ET, or send us an email to info@blueparallel.com.

#### How it all works

### Contact us

Give us a call or send us an email in order to connect with one of our expert travel advisors.

### **Initial Consultation**

We will ask you questions about your dream trip, make recommendations, and answer any questions you may have.

## **Summary Itinerary Outline**

We will check availability for your preferred travel dates with our favorite accommodations and then provide you with a recommended summary trip outline.

## **Detailed Itinerary Proposal**

Upon your approval of the summary outline, we will make tentative reservations and create a detailed custom-made itinerary with pricing documentation for your review.

## **Booking Procedures**

If you would like Blue Parallel to secure your itinerary, we will email you our booking procedures and kindly request a deposit payment.

#### **Pre-Trip Support** 6

Closer to your travel dates, we will mail you a personalized travel package to ensure you are fully prepared for your journey.

## **During the Trip**

While you are traveling, our team will be available to assist you with anything you may need at any time.

## **Post-Trip Debrief**

After your journey, we would kindly ask to schedule a "debriefing call" to hear your feedback. Alternatively, you could fill in an online survey.

We will do our very best to surpass your expectations every step of the way. Most of our travelers are repeat travelers - we take great pride in forging long-term relationships with our savvy guests.