

POLAREXPLORERS

SOUTH POLE FLIGHT & OVERNIGHT AT THE POLE



Where All The Lines Of Latitude Converge

An intrepid traveler's dream come true. You'll witness Antarctica like few others have, from the stunning peaks that surround the Union Glacier Basecamp to your bird's eye view as you fly into the heart of the White Continent. Coveted by history's greatest explorers, the South Pole rests atop nearly two miles of ice. The sub zero temperatures and thin air will give you a taste of the challenges faced by Amundsen and Scott on their celebrated race to the Pole in 1911-1912. This is a place where old world exploration meets modern science. A look into the ceremonial globe will reflect more than your cold rosy cheeks. You'll also see the high tech Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station where leading atmospheric and astrophysics scientists are hard at work solving the most complex mysteries of the universe.



While not at the South Pole you'll be residing at the Union Glacier Basecamp, your Antarctic home away from home. While there you can take a guided hike, listen to a lecture or read a book in the heated dining tent. A welcoming staff, delicious meals, and comfortable sleeping accommodations make this a perfect Antarctic oasis. We offer two South Pole Flight options. Stay at the Pole for a few hours or spend the night in an expedition base camp. The dates are different so you'll need to decide which option you prefer early on.

Skill level:



No outdoor experience is necessary. An eager spirit and sense of adventure will get you through! You will be required to climb several stairs into and out of aircraft and you will need to walk across the uneven terrain of the ice. Portions of this expedition are at altitude. Contact us with any questions regarding your participation.

Duration: 6 nights on the ice. 8 nights all-in.

Daily Itinerary

Pre-expedition: Upon arriving at your hotel in Punta Arenas your guide will set up a time to check your gear and answer any questions about the expedition.

Day 1: More time to prepare for the expedition and see some sights around Punta Arenas. An evening welcome reception officially kicks off the expedition.

Day 2: All personal luggage will be weighed and transferred to the airport for the charter flight. A pre-flight briefing will prepare you for the flight to Antarctica and provide the latest weather reports and estimated departure times. If poor weather is forecasted for the coming days we may depart for Antarctica today.

Day 3: Once the flight time is confirmed we will transfer to the Punta Arenas airport, clear security and board the plane for our 4.5 hour charter flight to the Union Glacier basecamp. A short transfer takes us to the camp where you'll have time to settle in and meet the staff.

Day 4: Prepare for another exciting day! An orientation to Union Glacier basecamp will help you decide how to spend this acclimatization day. Relax in camp or explore the beautiful surroundings with optional easy activities.



Day 5-6: South Pole Flight. Weather permitting we will board a Twin Otter or Bassler aircraft for the 4-5 hour flight to the South Pole. This incredible flight takes us past the Thiel Mountains and across the Antarctic Plateau. As we approach the South Pole you may see in the distance the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station, named after the first polar explorers to reach the South Pole.

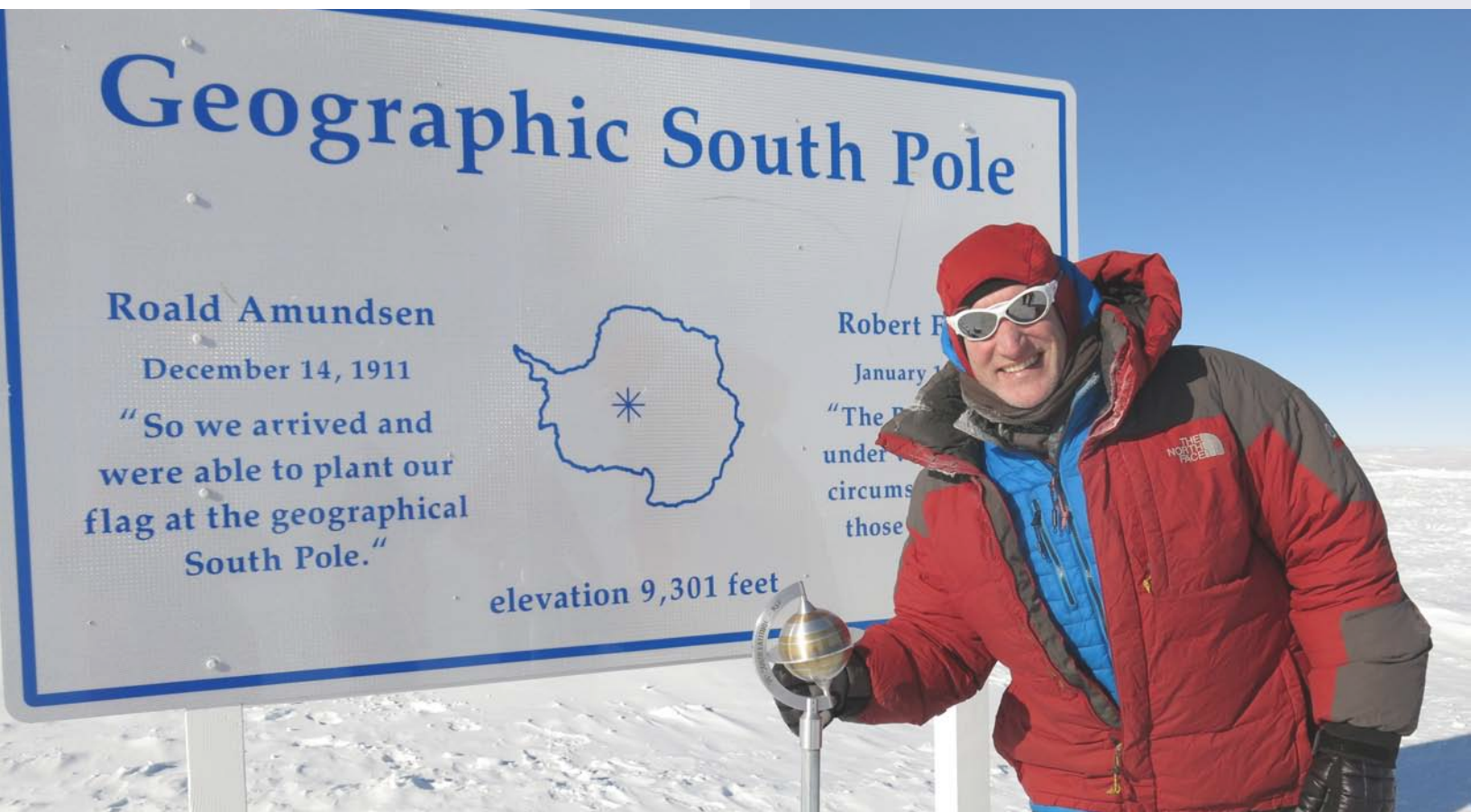
The South Pole: Standing at the bottom of the world, where everything on Earth lies north of your location we will visit both the “Ceremonial” South Pole and the “Geographic” South Pole which are in close proximity to each other. Don’t forget any banners, flags and signs for your photo session. We may also have a chance to go inside the station to see what it is like to live and work at the South Pole. No two visits are ever alike. Depending on weather, the goings-on of the station and timing (the station runs on New Zealand time) our visit will be crafted to maximize our time. Participants on our Overnight Flight will spend the night at a base camp approximately 1 kilometer from the South Pole Station, providing ample time to experience the Pole and its surroundings. A celebratory meal, either at Union Glacier or at the South Pole camp, complete this exciting day.

Day 7-8: Compared to the South Pole you will appreciate the relative warmth and mild weather of Union Glacier’s “northern” location, where sunny days are common and the wind is usually mild. Take advantage of the beautiful surroundings by going on a hike or burrowing a pair of cross country skis or taking a tour in an enclosed Snowcat. Let one of Union Glacier’s experienced staff teach you some Antarctic skills or take your camera out to capture the mountain peaks from the vicinity of the camp. You can always relax in the comfort of your sleeping tent or the dining tent where snacks and beverages are available 24 hours a day and the camaraderie is top notch.

Day 9: Weather permitting we will return to Punta Arenas, usually arriving in the late afternoon. Most people spend at least one night in town prior to their homeward journey.

This itinerary is highly dependent on a number of factors and it is subject to change.

Looking for luxury? This itinerary is also available with accommodations at the exclusive Three Glaciers Retreat. Contact us for more details.





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Ask us for references!

We have guided hundreds of people to the polar regions. Ask us for references from your city or country and we will put you in contact with someone who has done this expedition and can give you the “inside scoop”. References can be the BEST way to learn about the expedition.

Getting there:

LAN Chile is the most common commercial carrier serving Punta Arenas (Sky Airlines and Aerolinas del Sur also offer flights). Connections are typically made via Santiago, Chile. Need help booking a flight? Contact us for our recommended travel agent. Trip cancellation insurance is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED for this expedition and medical evacuation insurance is required. Contact us for a quote or for assistance. be high as you may encounter adverse conditions th

Additional information:

Please contact us for links to our expedition videos, expedition reviews, equipment checklist, dates and rates and FAQ.

Meet us!

We are always free to meet you, check your gear, or discuss your expedition via Skype or Google. Give us a shout!

WANT TO JOIN? HERE'S HOW:



- 1 Complete and return our application.**

To join one of our expeditions you'll need to complete and return our [online application](#). You can also request an application by emailing annie@polarexplorers.com.
- 2 Reserve your space with a deposit.**

A 25% deposit will reserve your space on any expedition. Contact us at annie@polarexplorers.com to request an invoice for your deposit. Deposits can be paid by wire transfer, credit card or USD check. Currency exchange fees and credit card processing fees may apply.
- 3 Review your eConfirmation Kit.**

Upon receipt of your completed application and deposit we will send you a comprehensive eConfirmation Kit that includes all the information you need to prepare for your expedition including what to expect, what to pack and how to prepare. From this point on we are always available answer any questions and to offer assistance during your preparations.
- 4 Get ready!**

All of our expeditions require varying degrees of preparations. There will be forms to complete and travel insurance to purchase. We can assist you with any of these requirements. Some of our expeditions also require physical and mental preparations or participation on our [Polar Shakedown Training](#). We are always available to talk with you about training regimens and to help you prepare as best as possible.
- 5 Let the adventure begin!**

As the expedition approaches we will be in touch on more regular basis. We will meet you at the expedition's starting location and check your kit to ensure you have everything you need. With your preparations behind you now is the time to let the adventure begin. We will be right beside you to help you make the most of the expedition!



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