A photograph of a large, sculpted iceberg in the Antarctic, illuminated by the warm, golden light of a sunset. The iceberg's surface is textured with shadows and highlights, and its reflection is clearly visible in the dark water. Smaller icebergs are scattered in the foreground. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and dark blue.

QUIXOTE EXPEDITIONS

# INTIMATE ANTARCTICA

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*Our mission is to provide a platform for the curious traveler who wants to spend quality time in Antarctica away from the crowds, surrounded only by a very reduced group of travel mates, wildlife, and glaciers.*

What we offer on these trips are: long landings, exploration time away from the crowds enjoying the remoteness of Antarctica, flexibility to take advantage of whatever Antarctica has to offer at any given time. We don't have a set-in stone schedule and we have the



flexibility to adjust our plans based on the conditions, or wildlife or the sunset lights. It is an expedition.

We create photo opportunities constantly -we are always "chasing the light", and all of this on a very relaxed family style environment whereby the end of the expedition we all become friends and have lifelong stories to share.

Hans Hansson is a great yacht because you are literally feet away from the water and

all of its wildlife. We don't need to jump into the zodiacs at the site of a whale – its right there, so this gives you a lot of flexibility. You can also go from one side of the ship to the other in seconds, which is great when whales and orcas are swimming next to you and go under the ship. At the same time, Hans Hansson feels like a mini cruise ship, but with only 12 guests onboard.

Hans Hansson has two zodiacs, and all our





guests can go at the same time, so no need to wait for a zodiac to go for a tour or do a landing.

This trip is 14 days in Antarctica. We not only explore the Antarctica peninsula but also all the South Shetland Islands.

On our yachts we include a science component, so you come to Antarctica to enjoy and discover but also you are helping on science projects giving back to the community and adding to the body of science data.

We are the biggest small boat operator in Antarctica doing the fly cruise experience. We have been doing this since 2015, and we have a great deal of experienc



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# HANS HANSSON

## SHIP ESPECIFICATIONS

### Ship details:

Crew 7

Guests 12

Length 87 feet, 26.5 meters

Breadth 23 feet, 7.1 meters

Draft 11 feet, 3.4 meters

Propulsion Diesel Engine, 525 horsepower

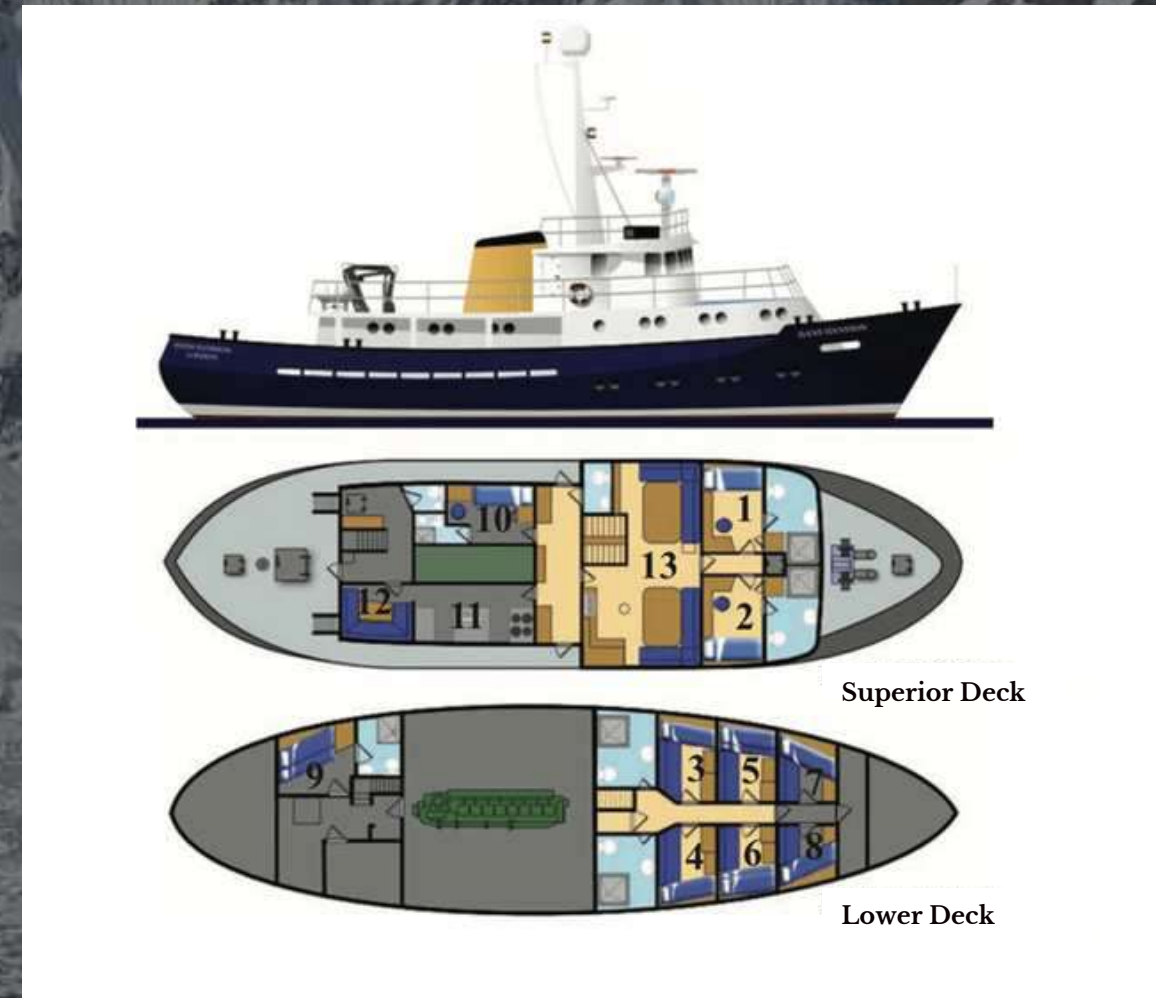
Ice Class Built to ICE-C

Cruising speed 8 knots cruising

Registered SVG

Life rafts 2 x 20 persons ea.

## MAP OF DECKS AND CABINS



1 and 2: Superior double cabins with private shower toilet.

3 and 4: Center double cabins with private washbasin with shared bathrooms/showers

4 and 5: Forward double cabins with shared bathrooms/showers.

7 and 10: Crew cabins

11: Food

12: Crew Lounge

13: Restaurant, living room, bar





## INTIMATE ANTARCTICA

Punta Arenas

Ushuaia

Puerto Williams

*Description*

King George Island

Antartic Peninsula

## FLY BOTH WAYS

DEC 21ST 2023 TO JAN 3RD 2024

JAN 29TH TO FEB 11TH 2024

FEB 11TH TO FEB 24TH 2024

Our voyage starts in King George Island, in the South Shetland Islands, where the charter flight lands. From there we sail down to the South of the Antarctica peninsula. Based on weather and ice conditions, the captain will be making our daily plan to take full advantage of what Antarctica has to offer. Since all landings and sites are weather and Ice dependent, no one can guarantee a landing at a given site, but given that our trips are 14 days long in Antarctica, we have very high chances of visiting many good places. We not only visit Antarctica landing sites, but also the South Shetland Islands.

Pricing, on first sight, our prices seem higher than other similar expeditions, although if you consider the cost per day in Antarctica, you'll see that our pricing is very competitive, mostly considering that you'll fly across the Drake in 2 hours, as opposed to sail across, which takes 2 days each way -these are days that you spend exploring! Plus, it will be just you and 11 other travel companions.



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# SAMPLE ITINERARY

<i>Day</i>	<i>Description</i>
Before flight	Meet at our office at 5 pm (Actual time TBC), for a Safety Pre-Flight Briefing.
1	We'll pick you up from your hotel and transport you to the airport. Depart from Punta Arenas and fly across the Drake Passage. Join the Expedition Yacht Hans Hansson at King George Island and start your Antarctic Adventure.
2 to 13	Explore Antarctica on an Expedition Yacht. Each day will be different and can include zodiac tours, landings at penguin colonies, exploring historic scientific bases and whaling sites, kayaking. The flexibility allows you to take full advantage of whatever Antarctica gives to us – be it an incredible southern sunset or a breaching whale. We can stop and enjoy – not just once, but every time.
14	Return to King George Island and board your flight to Punta Arenas. Look out your window and get a last glimpse at the white continent. As you return back to Punta Arenas join your fellow passengers for a celebration dinner.





# IS THIS EXPEDITION FOR ME?

Sailing to remote areas means that we are away from everything! That also means that if we need medical assistance it can be days away. It also means that we have no access to emails, phone, facebook, etc, for the duration of the trip.

Sailing on an Expedition Yacht means that the cabins and common places are small and we all the crew and passengers share pretty much everything. It can be considered as an Adventure in its true meaning!

Having said that, we operate one of the most comfortable yachts in the area, with private double cabins, some with ensuite bathrooms and hot showers 24/7.

## Am I in good shape for participating on these expeditions?

If your answer to the questions below are YES, then yes! You are fit to join us!

Any questions, Please ask us, happy to have a chat on the phone or put you in contact with past guests.

- Can you stay without external medical assistance for the duration of the Expedition?  
-it could be up to 20 days
- Can you swim or float?
- Do you have good balance: Can you stay standing on a bus/metro/train with little to minimum holding in normal conditions?
- Can you embark/disembark from a zodiac to a beach with little swell?
- Can you walk 10 blocks/1 mile/ 2 km, without getting exhausted?
- Can you climb a 6ft / 2m vertical ladder?
- Are you aware that you are going to a remote area, with nophone/email/contact/ etc with external people/family/etc for the length of your trip? (note: we have a satellite coms and we can send out Facebook updates to family and friends)



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ME?

# FAQ'S

## I'M NOT A SAILOR – IS THAT OK?

YES! Please join us. Anyone with a sense of adventure and a desire to spend quality time in Antarctica will find our trips enjoyable. We teach you everything you need to know. Sailors and non-sailors alike both have incredible experiences.

## I'M A PHOTOGRAPHER – IS THIS TRIP FOR ME?

This is a great trip for photographers, especially those looking to get the perfect shot and light. Our size offers us incredible flexibility. We can help you get some great shots and we can take advantage of the weather and the light! Being on a small boat means the deck is very close to wildlife -no need to jump into the zodiacs!

Also, our landings are for several hours so you can wait for the perfect shot and light.



## HOW WILL I KNOW WHAT TO BRING?

We will send you a list of gear you will need. If you have winter clothes, most of it you will already have. We'll provide you with Antarctic Insulated boots and a warm hat!

## WHAT ARE THE CABINS LIKE?

Our cabins are some of the most comfortable available for yachts of our size. We have private double

cabins, and even some with a private bathroom and shower.

Each cabin has a door that can be closed, they are fitted with warm and cozy duvets and storage space for your things. A luxury suite it is not, however each cabin gives you a place to call your own for the duration of the journey.



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## HOW WILL WE EXPLORE ANTARCTICA?

When we are in Antarctica our yacht will act like a base camp. Some days we will travel other days we will stay put, it will be based on weather and our own interest -if we love the place, we stay an extra day! This is the beauty of exploring on a small yacht.

Once we are anchored, we will launch the zodiacs to explore. On shore we will be able to freely move around, explore and hike and enjoy long landings and feel the remoteness of Antarctica. Again, being only a little bunch of friends, we can take advantage of whatever Antarctica has to offer us!

We also bring kayaks and can use them to explore at eye level, free of extra charge!

## WILL I GET SEASICK?

Everyone is a little different, but we highly recommend bringing some seasickness pills with you. We generally take them a preventive measure.

In Antarctica things will be calmer and most of our days will be anchored and exploring on shore.

## Food

On-board you will eat hearty well-made delicious home cooked food. Lunch is often warm soups and sandwiches, while dinner is the big meal of the day and can be a wide ranging based on the cook and crews' favorites. The food might be described as healthy, comforting fare. We also always have snacks available during the day and water ready for coffee or tea. If you do have any special snacks or teas that you can't live without, we recommend bringing some with you.

The goal of this expedition is to provide excellent quality time in Antarctica, taking full advantage of the "Fly Cruise" program, with long and exclusive landings and limited number of passengers onshore. This is a True Expedition style trip and not a "culinary" cruise.

Passengers with dietary needs: Our cook will make his/her best effort to meet your needs, but some flexibility and understanding is also asked.

## IS IT DANGEROUS TO GO TO ANTARCTICA IN A YACHT?

Yachts in the Antarctic Peninsula have a very good track record. This is due to vessels taking a very high regard to safety. Safety is a core element of our business. Every decision we make is based on a risk analysis. Crossing the Drake could indeed be dangerous. Sailing in Antarctica could be dangerous. Then again crossing the street could also be dangerous – cars whiz by at 60 miles an hour. However just like you taking precautions when crossing the street, we take extreme cautions when sailing.

We continuously watch the weather, we are a surveyed vessel, which means we MUST comply with all safety regulations.

We have strict requirements for lifejacket use. That being said, each person onboard must also use good judgement. If you follow what the Captain says you will be in good hands.



### **WHAT IS INCLUDED?**

We include the transfers from your hotel in Punta Arenas to the airport, and the same on the way back. And once you are onboard everything is included. – port fees, meals, wine with meals, IAATO passenger fees. We also provide your basic safety equipment including life jackets.

What is not included – flights to/from your home to Punta Arenas/Ushuaia, airport transfers, and REQUIRED evacuation insurance. Accommodation before and after the trip is not included.

### **DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A MEDICAL FORM?**

Yes. The places we go are quite remote and while what we do is safe, it does require some physical activity. Once you sign up for a trip we will require you to give us a medical form that is signed by a doctor.

### **WHEN DO I NEED TO ARRIVE TO PUNTA ARENAS TO BOARD THE FLIGHT TO ANTACTICA?**

You need to arrive at Punta Arenas 36 hours prior to the date of the flight to Antarctica. The reason is that this flight could be advanced due to adverse

weather approaching. Also, it could happen that one of your bags doesn't make it and gets delayed somewhere along the way, so by arriving earlier you have time to wait for it. Finally, the night before the flight, we will all meet at our office for a Safety Briefing where we will explain how the Charter Flight to Antarctica will work, at what time it will depart (there is no fixed timing, as it's weather dependent) and what to expect the day on the day of the flight.

### **WILL WE HAVE INTERNET ONBOARD?**

We have satellite communications for basic email check once a day. Although one of the wonderful aspects of this trip is it allows you to unplug and get away from emails, phone calls, etc. We encourage everyone to tell their friends and families to subscribe to our blog and like us on facebook. Then they can get updates while you are here with us. Our guests and their families have appreciated these "news" updates in the past. They can also follow our track on a google map in our website, as we have a tracking system that plots our position every few hours. Also, keep in mind that satellite coms are subject to break down, so we can't guaranty that you will have access to your emails.

### **IS ALCOHOL ALLOWED ONBOARD?**

Yes! If we are underway sailing in potentially rough weather, then we do not drink, as it is not in the interest of safety for crew and guests. If we are having a smooth sailing or we are comfortably in a cove for the night then indeed, we all enjoy a nice glass of Argentine Malbec or Chilean Cabernet Sauvignon wine with our meal. We also have beers and Gin & Tonics with glacier ice for happy hour! Alcohol consumption is at the discretion of the captain and inebriation will not be tolerated.

### **I HAVE SEEN OTHER YACHTS / CRUISE SHIPS FOR CHEAPER:**

Correct – Although this trip is 14 days long in Antarctica, with virtually zero time wasted crossing the Drake passage (your regular cruise ship will take 2 days each way to cross the Drake). If you consider the cost per day in Antarctica, you'll see that this trip has pretty much the same cost per day of any other similar expedition on larger cruises, although with the benefit on only being 8 or 12 guests, flying across the Drake in just 2 hours, and having 2 weeks to explore, meaning you'll get the most chances of visiting most of the places, even if weather is not great.







Also, We pride ourselves on being one of the most professional small vessels operators. Our Yachts have full insurance for the transportation of passengers and they are certified by its flag to operate commercially. Our crew is also certified for crewing commercial vessels. We have all required safety gear and we fly down an inspector from the USA (to Ushuaia or the Falklands) to check and certify it. Our boats are maintained to a high standard, and we conduct a good amount of Preventive Maintenance - this is replacing parts before they break. All the above is expensive, very expensive! But we know you are looking for the experience of a lifetime and the last thing we want is a broken part to ruin or end an expedition of our clients. Our goal is to do our best for not waste your time and money and deliver the best Antarctic Experience you can get! We believe the investment on our side (and on yours) leads to a much safer and ultimately better experience in Antarctica!



# GUESTS COMMENTS

*The boat crew was incredible, from the Captain to the Chef, they took such good care of us from safety and comfort to making sure we were happy and having fun. They were always ready, always kind and smiling. I miss them already. Grace D.*

*The special thing was the crew and well they took care of us. Our happiness was as important as physical needs. They treated us all as individuals and got to know each of us and what we liked. They also made us laugh for the entire trip. Laura M.*

*The trip far exceed my expectation, great boat, amazing crew, and Antarctica is stunning, so many whales, so many kinds of seals, penguins, everywhere! Vanesa S.*

*This trip exceeded my expectations and in the seventh continent, plus 60+ countries I have travelled, this ranks as the best experience, or if not, in the top 5, which are difficult to compare because really change my perspective on the planet, the environment and humankind. Fred M.*

*Large variety of landings. By far this trip exceeded my expectations. Susan L.*





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## IAATO Member

*We are proud to be a member of IAATO – a community of Antarctic Tour Operators that works together to protect Antarctica and give the best possible experience to each and every visitor*



## Quixote Expeditions

*We like to look at our trips as grand adventures, but with some fun thrown in; We hope they are personal journeys, but also a time to share with a special group of people in an amazing place. Together we share the experience, share ideas and conversations, making the trip not just about the place, but the people we've shared it with.*



## Leave No Trace Partner

*We are proud to be a partner with Leave No Trace and support the seven Leave No Trace Principles on our trips.*