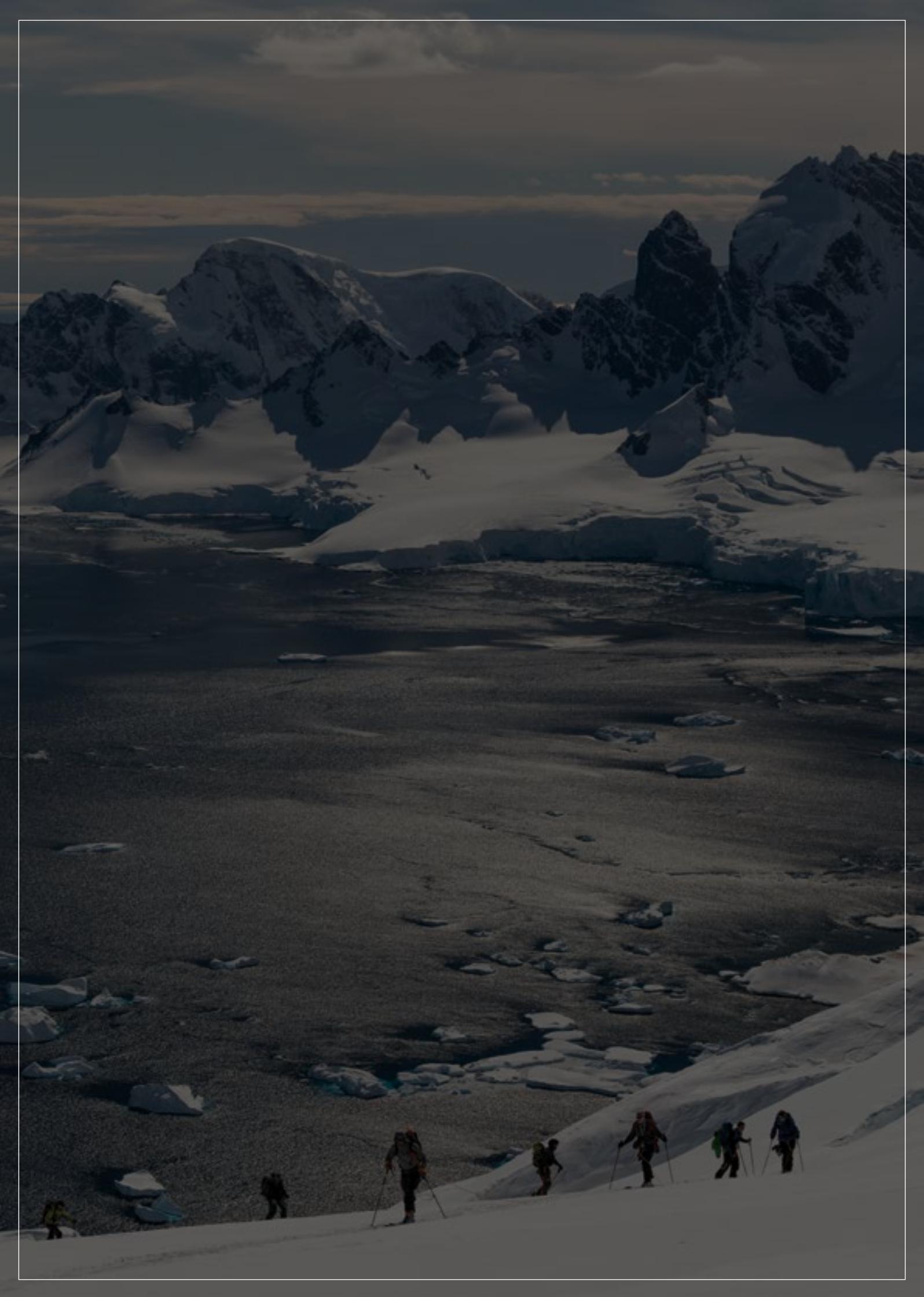




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Dates: November 3–15, 2021

Duration: 13 days

Departure: ex Ushuaia, Argentina

Price: From US\$14,495 per person

▲ The Antarctic Peninsula generates exceptional snow conditions. *Photo: Ice Axe Expeditions*

Designed for those with an adventurous spirit, this journey takes you to explore one of the world's last frontiers. Aboard the Ocean Adventurer expedition ship, you will sail across the Drake Passage to join an exclusive group of travellers with the opportunity to ski and snowboard several of the White Continent's untamed peaks.

ABOUT THE CRUISE

Experience modern exploration as you travel through alleys of icebergs to a land covered by glaciers, docking at harbours and bays surrounded by clouds of seabirds. Our 13-day Antarctic Peninsula Backcountry Ski Cruise departs from Ushuaia, Argentina, to ski and explore the wildest continent on the planet. After crossing the infamous Drake Passage from South America, your first views of Antarctica will be its towering 3,000m/10,000ft peaks which rise from the vast ice sheets before dropping into the frozen ocean below.

The Antarctic Peninsula receives the most snow of anywhere on the continent and due to the cold temperatures, dry fluffy powder forms which is exceptional for skiing. Paired with near constant sunlight during summer, the Antarctic Peninsula is the perfect adventure playground.

Skiing the rugged and beautiful fjords, glaciers and peaks of Antarctica is made possible by a fleet of Zodiac boats which provide easy and fast access to the backcountry. You will have the opportunity to see leopard seals prowling the edge of the sea ice while you ski past penguins resting on icebergs. Some of the most unforgettable ski runs of your life are only minutes away from a warm bed and cocktails on deck.

TRIP OVERVIEW

The group meets in Ushuaia, Argentina, at the tip of South America, where we begin our adventure with briefings and gear checks prior to departure. From Ushuaia, we set sail on the Ocean Adventurer, our home for the next two weeks, for an unforgettable three-day journey through the Drake Passage. During the days at sea, we'll enjoy lectures and workshops presented by our Expedition Team and spend time on deck looking out for ocean birds and cetaceans.



▲ Explore pristine peaks and Antarctic bases. Photo: Ice Axe Expeditions

Once we have arrived in Antarctica, we will begin to explore this remote wilderness with its profound beauty. As we sail, we'll hear glaciers calve and observe with wonder minke whales, black-browed albatross, snow petrels, penguins and seals.

Our first point of arrival into Antarctica will be Neko Harbour, from where we will sail around the coastline, dropping anchor in various beautiful inlets and bays. From here we can experience Zodiac cruises to penguin rookeries and shore landings for hiking. We can indulge in ski objectives at Anvers and Wenke Islands, visit the lonely bases of Port Lockroy, Almirante Brown Station and Vernadsky Scientific Station and tackle the stunning slopes of Rongé Island, amongst other adventures. We can expect to see local wildlife, including orcas and leopard seals, soaking in the wonder of the White Continent before farewelling this incredible land of ice to embark on our journey north again.

ITINERARY

DAY 1

Arrive in Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Participate at an orientation meeting with our guide before a welcome dinner. Overnight in a hotel in Ushuaia.

DAY 2

Board the Ocean Adventurer and set sail through the Beagle Channel before veering south towards the Southern Ocean.

DAYS 3–4

Cross the Drake Passage, with skies of seabirds accompanying our journey and sperm, fin and humpback whales alongside.

DAY 5

Arrive at the Antarctic Peninsula and enjoy ski or trekking objectives at Neko Harbour, join Zodiac cruises to penguin rookeries or shore landings for hiking.

DAY 6

Take on ski objectives on Anvers and Wenke Islands, visit the Port Lockroy scientific base and museum or experience gentoo and Adélie penguin habitats.

DAY 7

Options include a trip to Rongé Island for top notch ski touring on Mount Britannia or visiting the penguin rookery at Georges Point.

DAY 8

Revel in ski objectives in Paradise Bay, aptly named by the early 20th-century whalers operating here, or undertake Zodiac excursions to the penguin rookery and Almirante Brown Station.



▲The Ocean Adventurer is a fine host for the expedition. *Photo: Ice Axe Expeditions*

DAY 9

Explore the Lemaire Channel, with opportunities to ski Mount Scott, Mount Demaria and Mount Mill. Visit the Ukrainian Vernadsky scientific station, possible orca and leopard seal sightings.

DAY 10

Tackle new ski descents and nature cruises around Charlotte Bay, reputed to be one of the most beautiful bays on the peninsula. Begin the journey back north in the evening.

DAY 11–12

Sail the Drake Passage north, back towards South America, passing the dramatic cliffs of Cape Horn.

DAY 13

Return to land and disembark the Ocean Adventurer in Ushuaia, Argentina.

NOTE: Flexibility is necessary for all Antarctic travel. This program is subject to change throughout the journey depending on ice, weather and local conditions.

THE VESSEL

This voyage is conducted aboard the Ocean Adventurer. Built in 1976, the ship underwent extensive upgrades in 2017 and each cabin now has private bathroom facilities as well as an exterior view. During your voyage you may be given access to the bridge, from where you can observe how the captain and officers sail and navigate the ship. The ship also incorporates a gym, small library, observation decks and a medical clinic.

THE ADVANTAGES OF JOINING AN ADVENTURE CONSULTANTS EXPEDITION

Adventure Consultants is renowned for the quality of its service and strategy applied to their expeditions and treks. Our reputation is attributed to meticulous planning and experienced logistics coordination. We have a philosophy of investing in every trip to offer our team members the best possible experience.

We employ strong and specialised expedition leaders and support staff, who are some of the most pre-

eminent in the industry. We pride ourselves on operating with small teams and the best backup and support available. This includes nutritious and ample quantities of food, comfortable facilities, reliable communications systems and the necessary medical backup.

Many of our expedition members come to us because they have seen us in action on a previous trip and decide to opt for our level of service and proven experience. Others return because they know we do our very best to make expeditions safe and successful.

FOOD

Food will be of the highest standard possible, given the remoteness of the situation. All meals, including snacks, are provided onboard. Breakfasts and lunches are normally served buffet-style, while dinners are served plated. We are able to cater to most special dietary requests, as long as you clearly indicate your needs at the time of booking.

EQUIPMENT LIST

A full clothing and equipment checklist will be sent to all expedition members once their booking is confirmed.

Members will be expected to provide equipment for activities such as backcountry skiing. We do offer free rental of rubber boots with a good walking profile.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Expedition members will be provided with pre-trip medical advice and a medical questionnaire. Some medical conditions will require a form to be completed by your family physician and may require a full medical examination. This information will be sighted only by the expedition leader and our medical adviser and treated with full confidentiality.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

Generally, entry visas are not required for visits to Argentina of less than three months. However, please check the latest travel information for your specific passport prior to your departure.

THE EXPEDITION FEE

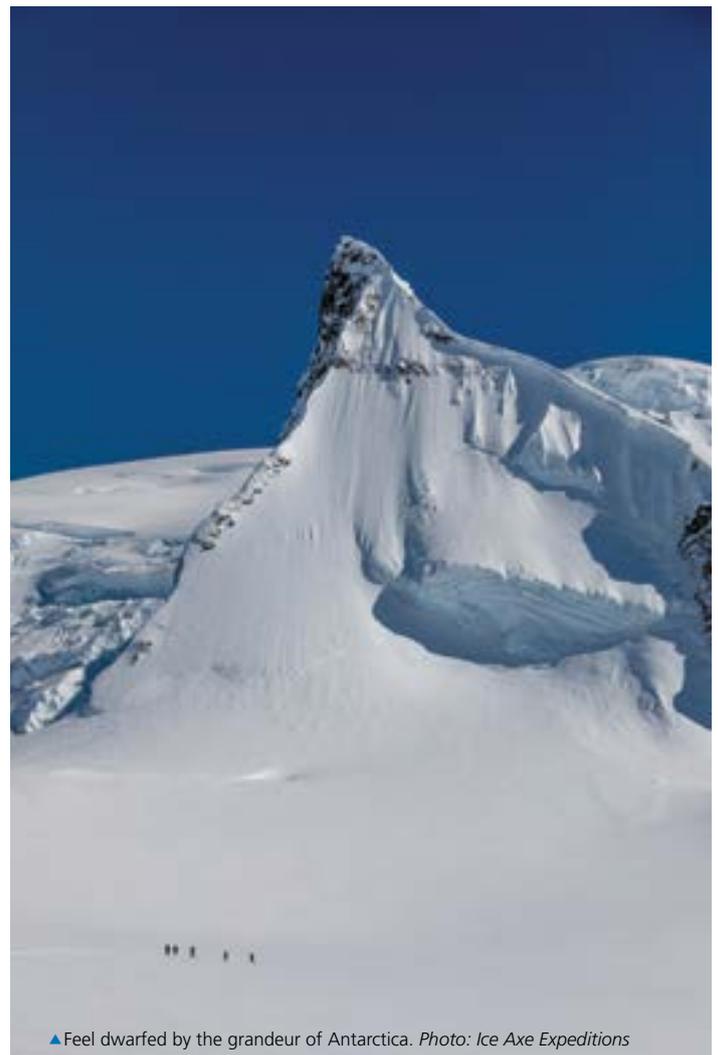
The cost of the expedition per person ex Ushuaia, Argentina is:



▲ Ski touring at its finest. Photo: Ice Axe Expeditions



▲ Boat life. Photo: Ice Axe Expeditions



▲ Feel dwarfed by the grandeur of Antarctica. Photo: Ice Axe Expeditions

Lower Deck Twin	US\$14,495 per guest
Main Deck Twin (Porthole)	US\$15,995 per guest
Main Deck Twin (Window)	US\$17,995 per guest
Main Deck Twin Single	US\$24,995 per guest
Upper Deck Superior	US\$19,995 per guest
Captain's Deck Deluxe	US\$20,995 per guest
Captain's Deck Suites	US\$22,995 per guest
Owner's Suite	US\$24,995 per guest

This is an inclusive cost and covers the following:

- Comprehensive pre-departure information package
- Pre-expedition shared hotel accommodation in Ushuaia, Argentina (1 night)
- Group dinner in Ushuaia
- Group transfers from the hotel to the ship on embarkation
- Group transfers from the ship to the airport on disembarkation
- Miscellaneous service taxes and port charges
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board the Ocean Adventurer
- Shore landings and Zodiac excursions as permitted by weather and local conditions
- Use of rubber expedition boots on loan for shore landings
- Backcountry skiing in Antarctica
- Presentations by the Expedition Team and guest speakers
- Expedition certificate
- Photographic DVD chronicling the voyage

The expedition fee does not include:

- Airfares to or from your home city
- Passport and visa expenses
- Any government arrival and departure airport taxes
- Ski or trekking equipment
- Any meals ashore (except breakfast at the host hotel and welcome dinner on the evening prior to departure)
- Baggage, cancellation and travel insurance (emergency medical and evacuation insurance is mandatory)
- Excess baggage charges
- Laundry, bar, beverage and other personal charges onboard the ship or at the hotel
- Telecommunications charges
- Customary gratuity at the end of the voyage for stewards, guides, and other service personnel
- Tips for guides and hospitality staff

PAYMENT DETAILS

All payments should be made by bank transfer to the following bank and account:



▲ A skier passes some of the local wildlife. Photo: Ice Axe Expeditions



▲ Wildlife abounds across the Peninsula. Photo: Guy Cotter



▲ Leopard seals greet us. Photo: Ice Axe Expeditions



▲ A fleet of Zodiacs allow easy access to the shores. Photo: Ice Axe Expeditions



▲ The pristine bays and inlets on the Antarctic Peninsula call out to be skied. Photo: Ice Axe Expeditions

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For the account of Adventure Consultants Limited

Account Number: 1000-594771-0000
Account Type: US Dollars
Swift Address: BKNZNZ22

NOTE: All bank transfer charges are for the remitter's account.

We can also accept your deposit and balance payment by credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Amex) plus a 3% credit card fee.

DEPOSIT

A deposit of 50% of the total trip fee is payable to secure a place on the expedition.

BALANCE

The balance is payable 95 days prior to the expedition start date.

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

An expedition member may cancel their participation on the following basis:

- Cancellations outside of 120 days will result in the loss of the trip deposit.

- For cancellations made within 120 days of the trip commencement date we reserve the right to retain 50% of the balance payment fee.
- For cancellations within 90 days of the departure date a cancellation fee of 100% of the full fee applies.

We strongly recommend you take out trip cancellation insurance via your travel agent if you wish to be covered against cancellation due to medical or personal reasons.

HOW TO JOIN THIS EXPEDITION

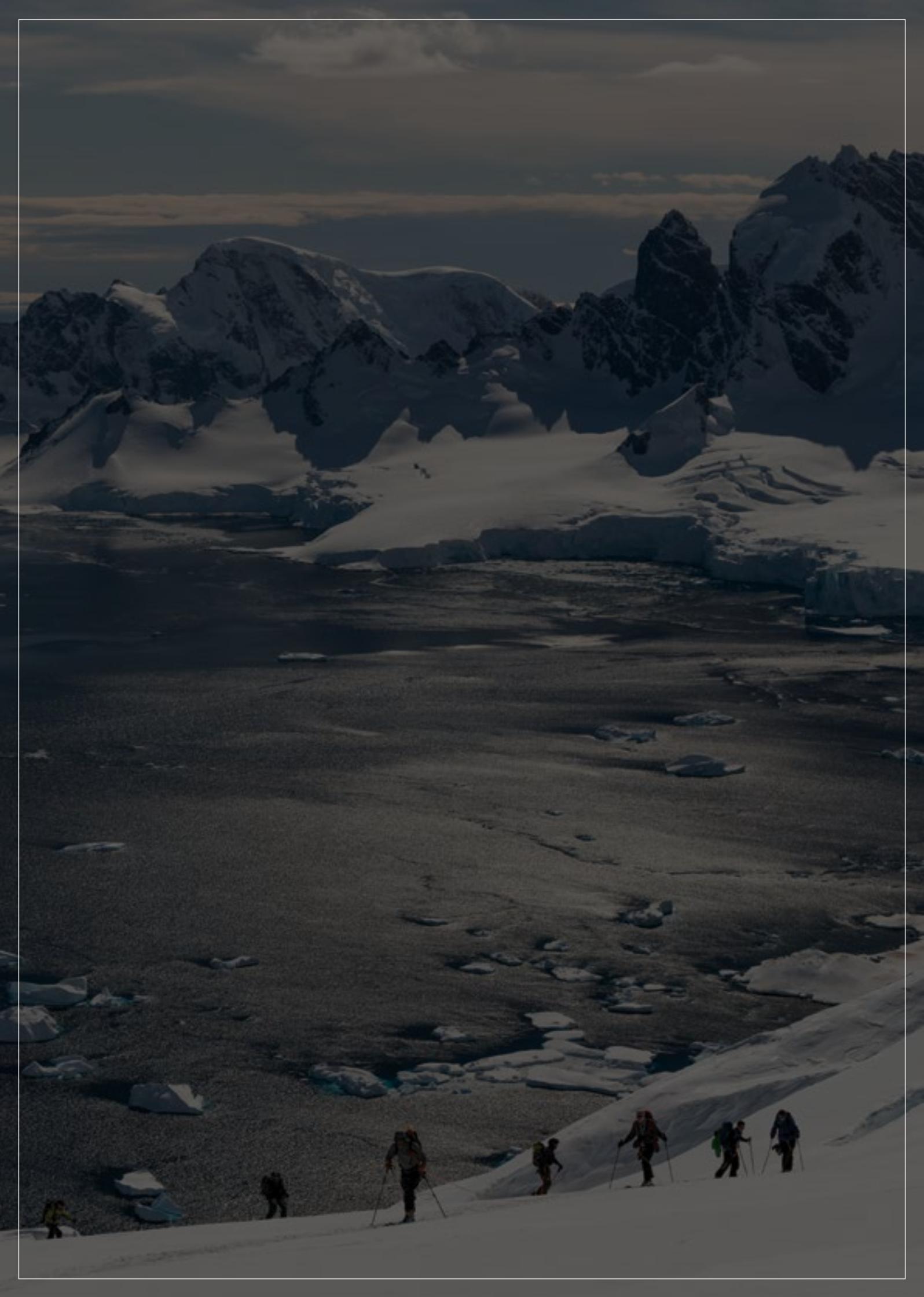
If you would like to join the expedition please feel free to book using our online booking form at <https://www.adventureconsultants.com/expeditions/antarctica/antarctic-peninsula-backcountry-ski-cruise/book-now> and return your completed application to us with a deposit for the trip.

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▲ Long days of the Antarctic Summer. Photo: Ice Axe Expeditions



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