



NEW LUXURY EXPEDITION CRUISES

Antarctica & the Solar Eclipse Expedition 2021

15 days from **\$18,995** per person *was* \$22,495

Limited to 199 guests

OFFER

Save \$3,500 per person on on all stateroom categories and suites.

Embark on the ultimate adventure to Antarctica, where towering icebergs and massive glaciers set the stage for a once-in-a-lifetime phenomenon: a total solar eclipse. Discover rare yet abundant wildlife on a voyage timed with the peak of the austral summer; explore the Antarctic Peninsula with action-packed daily excursions; and enjoy an immersive pre-cruise stay in Santiago, Chile, complete with expert-led tours of the artistic city.

Included With This Luxury Expedition Cruise

- An Exclusively Chartered, All-Inclusive Voyage Led by A&K's Expedition Team
- Pre- and/or Post-Cruise Stays at Stylish, Ideally Located Hotels and A&K-Led City Tours
- Airport Meet and Greet and Transfers
- Private Balcony with Every Onboard Accommodation and Butler Service with Every Suite
- Maximum Personnel-to-Guest Ratio of 1 to 1.3
- Culinary Program Featuring French-Inspired Cuisine, Including House Drinks, Afternoon Tea and Pastries
- 24-Hour Room Service and Breakfast in Bed
- Complimentary Expedition Parka, Backpack and Water Bottle, and Use of Waterproof Pants, Boots and Trekking Poles
- Zodiac Excursions Led by Expert Naturalist Driver-Guides
- Traveller's Valet® Laundry Service
- All Gratuities, Port Charges and Taxes
- Complimentary Wi-Fi on Board and in Hotels
- Onboard Service from an English-Speaking Staff, Including an Accredited Physician
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support

A&K Advantages

- Cruise for 12 nights on a voyage to Antarctica timed to view a rare total solar eclipse (conditions permitting) during the peak austral summer
- Learn about the incredible science behind a total eclipse from a rocket scientist, award-winning astronomer and former NASA astronaut
- Enjoy an immersive pre-cruise stay in Santiago, Chile, complete with expert-led tours of the artistic city and a welcome stargazing event at a local observatory
- Observe incredible wildlife throughout the vast Southern Ocean and Antarctic Peninsula, from humpback whales to colonies of penguins and seals
- Sharpen your skills with enhanced photography opportunities provided by dedicated A&K photo coaches, including complimentary lectures and workshops

Featured Experts



DR DAVID CRAIN

Scientist and NewSpace Entrepreneur

David holds a Ph.D. in atmospheric and space physics and has co-founded several commercial space start-ups. He will provide guests with expert intel on changing weather patterns, astronomy and the solar eclipse during this journey.



DR KATHY SULLIVAN

Astronaut, Scientist

As an astronaut with NASA, Kathy served on the Hubble Space Telescope mission and was the first American woman to walk in space, experiences she shares in stimulating talks with guests on this voyage.



DR MASSIMO TARENGHI

Scientist, Professor and Photographer

Massimo has spent 17 years working with the Paranal Observatory in the Atacama Desert, and lends his expertise to assist guests on this voyage with photographing the rare solar eclipse.

Itinerary

NOV 28 ARRIVE SANTIAGO, CHILE

Arrive this morning in Chile's capital and transfer to your hotel, the Mandarin Oriental, located in Santiago's Las Condas district. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at your leisure. Tonight, gather with your fellow adventurers and the A&K team for a welcome event at the Observatorio Astronómico Andino, located in the outskirts of Santiago. Chile boasts some of the clearest skies in the world, making the country a natural habitat for astronomical observations. Join one of A&K's solar and space experts, Dr. David Crain, who discusses the exciting itinerary of this once-in-a-lifetime solar eclipse voyage.

Mandarin Oriental, Santiago | Meals: Dinner

NOV 29 SANTIAGO | MOUNTAINSIDE METROPOLIS

Ringed by the Andes Mountains and shaped by the contributions of a dozen different European cultures, Santiago is one of South America's most interesting cities. The city was founded in 1541 by Spanish captain Pedro de Valdivia and is nestled some 2,000 feet above sea level in Chile's great central valley. Today, choose from a number of included excursion options, such as an active walking or bicycle tour of the city, an insider art walk with a visit to an artist's studio, a visit to Santa Rita Winery located in the Maipo Valley, or a stroll through the city's famed graffiti street art district. This evening, relax and enjoy the amenities of your hotel and prepare for tomorrow's charter flight to Ushuaia.

Mandarin Oriental, Santiago | Meals: Breakfast

NOV 30 USHUAIA | GATEWAY TO ANTARCTICA

Fly to the charming port town of Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. On arrival, enjoy lunch at the Arakur resort and, time and weather permitting, take a guided trek in the Cerro Alarcken Nature Reserve. This afternoon, arrive at your ship and settle in for your first night on board. Stylish and comfortable, 'Le Lyrial' features all-balcony staterooms and suites only on A&K journeys to Antarctica. Wander the decks to become acquainted with the ship or relax in the lounge and mingle with fellow guests in anticipation of your voyage. Upon departure, enjoy cruising through the beautiful Beagle Channel before heading out to sea.

'Le Lyrial' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DEC 1-3 AT SEA | SCENIC VIEWS & ONBOARD ENRICHMENT

Relax and enjoy the special touches and amenities available on board stunning 'Le Lyrial' while getting to know your fellow explorers and benefiting from the many enrichment programs offered. Weather permitting, A&K's seasoned expedition staff lead the Zodiacs towards Signy Island and the rarely visited South Orkney Islands. Typically only traversed by British and Argentine scientists, the archipelago comprises four main islands and supports a wide variety of tundra vegetation, while offering breathtaking polar scenery. Attend a special presentation from guest lecturer Dr. Kathy Sullivan, who shares what it was like to be the first American woman to walk in space and how the world looked from the space shuttle 'Challenger' — 140 miles above the earth. Later, your Expedition Leader confirms the plan for the total eclipse viewing.

'Le Lyrial' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DEC 4 SOUTHERN OCEAN | THE SOLAR ECLIPSE

Weather, sea and ice conditions permitting, your Captain navigates 'Le Lyrial' to the center of the eclipse's path of totality, the very narrow track on the surface of the earth where the radiating "circle of light" is best seen. This is caused by turbulence and refraction in the atmosphere, which results in shimmering bands of light and shadow. The proposed positioning of 'Le Lyrial' allows for a remarkable viewing time of approximately one minute and 40 seconds. The next total eclipse in this part of the world isn't until 2061, which makes this a truly once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for many travellers.

'Le Lyrial' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DEC 5-9 ANTARCTICA | THE WHITE CONTINENT

As the Antarctic Peninsula and its offshore islands appear on the horizon, a sense of excitement begins to build. Dependent on weather, sea, ice and wildlife conditions, Antarctic expeditions demand spontaneity and no two are ever the same. With that in mind, your Captain and Expedition Team carefully plan your active, curated itinerary and daily excursions that may include the following areas: **Danco Coast:** Bordering the South Shetland Islands along the Antarctic continent, the Danco Coast is famed for its scenic, jaw-dropping waterways. From the comfort of 'Le Lyrial,' you may sail through some of its most stunning and photogenic channels, straits and bays. **Elephant Island:** Located in the outer reaches of the South Shetland Islands, Elephant Island is a mountainous and ice-covered islet. The island gained fame after British explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton rescued himself and 22 of his crew from the remote island after his ship, 'Endurance,' was stranded by ice. Now, only the luckiest get to land on Elephant Island due to challenging currents and weather. **Antarctic Sound:** At the northernmost tip of the Antarctic mainland, this body of water features some of the best sightseeing on the peninsula and a proliferation of giant icebergs. Noted for its vast numbers of bird species, the sound is home to the largest breeding colonies of Adélie penguins in Antarctica. Look forward to opportunities to land on remote, wildlife-laden islands as well as possible opportunities to experience a continental landing on the northwest tip of the Antarctic peninsula. **South Shetland Islands:** Antarctic research stations, remarkable history, amazing geological features and abundant wildlife define these islands off the shore of the Antarctic Peninsula. Our expedition team looks for opportunities to visit a wide range of sites: working research stations, volcanic islands, and historic sites as well as gentoo, Adélie and chinstrap penguin rookeries. Each cruise day begins with an early breakfast followed by a morning excursion on swift Zodiacs. Piloted by expert A&K drivers, each excursion is accompanied by lecturers and joined by groups of no more than 10 guests. After mornings discovering native species and striking terrain, return to 'Le Lyrial' for lunch and time to relax and observe the wildlife. The rich waters surrounding you allow for excellent viewing of everything from fin whales, humpback whales and orcas to Antarctic and imperial shags. By afternoon, set out for the day's second excursion, which may include visiting a scientific research station, hiking on a sheltered beach packed with basking southern elephant seals, or circumnavigating colossal icebergs that serve as floating homes to seals and penguins. After full days of adventure, evenings aboard your luxury cruiser invite you to unwind over cocktails in the cozy lounge before dinner in the elegant dining room. At night, choose to recap the day's discoveries with your naturalist guides, chat on deck with fellow guests, or seize the opportunity to capture



photos in the stunning low light characteristic of Antarctica's long, ethereal twilight.

'Le Lyrial' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DEC 10-11 DRAKE PASSAGE | A MEMORABLE RETURN

The ship's return through the Drake Passage is an interlude for recap and reflection, offering time to compare notes with your expert lecturers on the wildlife, history and geology of the White Continent. Spend time on board with newfound friends in the comfortable common spaces of 'Le Lyrial,' enjoy quiet relaxation on your own private balcony or absorb more fascinating lectures by your captivating Expedition Team. While cruising through this historic passage, you may spot various species of whales and seabirds. The immense albatross is an especially stunning sight to behold: These wandering birds boast a wingspan approaching 12 feet and are capable of gliding through the air for hours at a time in search of food.

'Le Lyrial' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DEC 12 DEPART USHUAIA

'Le Lyrial' docks at Ushuaia this morning. Enjoy breakfast and then say goodbye to your Expedition Team and ship's crew before disembarking by 9:00 a.m. You are transferred to the airport for your return flight to Buenos Aires, where you connect to your international flight home.

Note: Itinerary is for guidance purposes only and may be adjusted due to unforeseen circumstances including weather, wildlife, ice, medical emergencies and other conditions beyond A&K's control at the sole discretion of the Captain.

Extensions



Atacama Pre-Tour Extension

Explore Chile's Atacama Desert with active explorations, from hikes to see the flamingos in Laguna Chaxa to horseback rides through the lunar landscapes of the Moon Valley. In addition, enjoy a tour of the Paranal Observatory with founder and astronomical photographer Dr. Massimo Tarengi.

6 days from \$5,795 per person
Single Supplement from \$1,195 per person

Available to add to select departure dates.

[See Dates & Prices For Details >](#)

Day 1

Arrive in Santiago. Transfer to the distinctive Hotel Santiago in the city's bustling Región Metropolitana. Meet up with your A&K local guide, along with special guest Dr. Massimo Tarengi, who joins you on your journey.

Mandarin Oriental, Santiago

Day 2

Fly to Antofagasta, a port city and the regional capital of northern Chile's Atacama Desert. Travel to the Paranal Observatory — which Dr. Tarengi founded — and receive an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour, including a look at the world's most advanced optical instrument, the Very Large Telescope (VLT).

Hotel Del Desierto | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3

Today, travel to one of the driest places in the world, the Atacama Desert. The town of San Pedro de Atacama boasts a pleasant artistic, bohemian vibe and the dramatic surroundings beckon for activities and exploration under the vivid blue skies. Check into your beautiful hotel with décor inspired by the nature and culture of the area.

Explora Atacama Lodge | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4-5

Enjoy what the brilliant and expansive Atacama Desert has to offer with two days at leisure. Take advantage of all-inclusive activities provided by your hotel, including cycling trips, horseback rides and hikes to spectacular sites such as Laguna Chaxa, the Moon Valley or the El Tatio geyser field. Experience a group horseback riding excursion to Cucuter, an oasis in the middle of the desert. Afterward, leave on a hike to Guatín, a small sheepherding village with a breathtaking hot spring nearby. In the evening, Dr. Tarengi offers stargazing sessions in the Explora Lodge's observatory, utilizing its Meade 16-inch telescope. On the last evening, join your new friends for a farewell dinner and watch the excitement build for your upcoming eclipse voyage to Antarctica.

Explora Atacama Lodge | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6

Fly to Santiago and begin your main program.



Iguazu Falls Post-Tour Extension

Discover Iguazu Falls, visiting the Argentine and Brazilian sides of one of South America's greatest natural wonders.

4 days from \$2,995 per person



Single Supplement from \$995 per person
 Internal air from \$685
 ✈ (Buenos Aires/Iguazu/Buenos Aires)

Available to add to select departure dates.
[See Dates & Prices For Details >](#)

Day 1

Arrive in Buenos Aires. You are transferred to your historic hotel in the heart of the city where you meet your A&K local guide, who joins your journey.

Palacio Duhau — Park Hyatt Buenos Aires

Day 2

Fly to Iguazu Falls, and experience the Argentine side of the park, walking the trails above and along the falls. Choose to venture out on a suspended platform that extends 1,300 yards over the lush tropical basin at the very brink of the 'Garganta do Diablo' (Devil's Throat).

Belmond Hotel das Cataratas | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3

Today, explore the Brazilian side, with its cascading waterfalls along a gulf. Join your guide on a tour through the national park to a catwalk within arm's reach of the falls.

Belmond Hotel das Cataratas | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4

Transfer to airport for your flight home.

Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Nov 28 - Dec 12, 2021				
Classic Stateroom - Category 1	\$18,995 (was \$22,495)	\$16,795	\$895	Available
Deluxe Stateroom - Category 2	\$20,995 (was \$24,495)	\$17,995	\$895	Available
Premier Stateroom - Category 3	\$21,995 (was \$25,495)	\$18,995	\$895	Limited Availability
Prestige Suite - Category 4	\$29,995 (was \$33,495)	\$28,495	\$895	Waitlist - Call A&K
Premier Two-Room Suite - Category 5	\$33,995 (was \$37,495)	\$32,295	\$895	Limited Availability
Privilege Two-Room Suite - Category 6	\$36,995 (was \$40,495)	\$35,195	\$895	Waitlist - Call A&K
Grand Deluxe Two-Room Suite - Category 7	\$41,995 (was \$45,495)	\$39,895	\$895	Waitlist - Call A&K
Grand Privilege Three-Room Suite - Category 8	\$46,995 (was \$50,495)	\$44,695	\$895	Waitlist - Call A&K
Owner's Suite - Category 9	\$51,995 (was \$55,495)	\$49,395	\$895	Waitlist - Call A&K

Optional [pre-tour and post-tour extensions](#) available on this departure.

Journey Details

Economy class from \$895
 Santiago/Ushuaia/Buenos Aires

This journey contains some active elements, including Zodiac boat excursions, walks over uneven terrain and optional, challenging hikes.

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Minimum age is 7 years.

Categories 4-9 include room upgrade at the hotel and butler service aboard the ship.

First group event: welcome reception at 6:15 p.m. on Nov 28.

Last group event: disembarkation at 9:00 a.m. on Dec 12.

Special Offer Terms & Conditions

Offer subject to availability and may be withdrawn at any time.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).