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ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION

INCLUDED EXCURSIONS

This itinerary embraces the unexpected nature and excitement of expedition travel. When traveling in extremely remote regions, your expedition team must consider the sea, ice and weather to navigate the route and guide you along the journey. The team will use their knowledge and experience to seek wildlife in known habitats; however, specific excursions or wildlife sightings cannot be guaranteed.

FLIGHTSEEING

Helicopter flights take you to places where the ship and Zodiacs cannot reach.

Soar over the polar landscape and enjoy stunning aerial views of the Antarctic Ocean, snow-capped ice ridges, massive crevices and melt pools ranging from pale cerulean to deep, spectacular turquoise.

- Accommodates 7 to 9 passengers
- No experience required

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HIKING

Organized hikes vary from short walks to scenic lookouts or wildlife-viewing sites, to longer treks covering several kilometers over ice, rock and snow. Options are tailored to a variety of interests and abilities, from those who want quiet contemplation of the landscape to photographers seeking the perfect shot, and active travelers eager to summit a peak for wildlife viewing opportunities.

May last 2 to 3 hours

Stops for photography included

No prior experience needed, but participants must be able to enter/exit a Zodiac and walk on uneven terrain

Provided Equipment

- Trekking poles available upon request
- Quark parka and collapsible water bottle (provided at embarkation)
- Muck boots

Recommended Gear/Clothing

- Base and mid-layer clothing
- Waterproof, breathable pants
- Wool or synthetic hiking socks
- Warm hat
- Brimmed sun hat
- Sunglasses
- Waterproof sunscreen and lip balm (minimum SPF 30)
- Water-resistant backpack (or backpack with a rain cover)
- Warm gloves
- Camera and accessories

POLAR PLUNGE

Your expedition leader and captain monitor conditions throughout the journey to determine the safest time and location for the Polar Plunge, which is offered once per voyage.

The plunge may take place onshore, from a Zodiac or directly from the ship's gangway. The onboard physician is always present, and guides in survival gear stand by in Zodiacs as Guests take turns jumping — or cannonballing — into the icy waters.

All participants wear tethered harnesses

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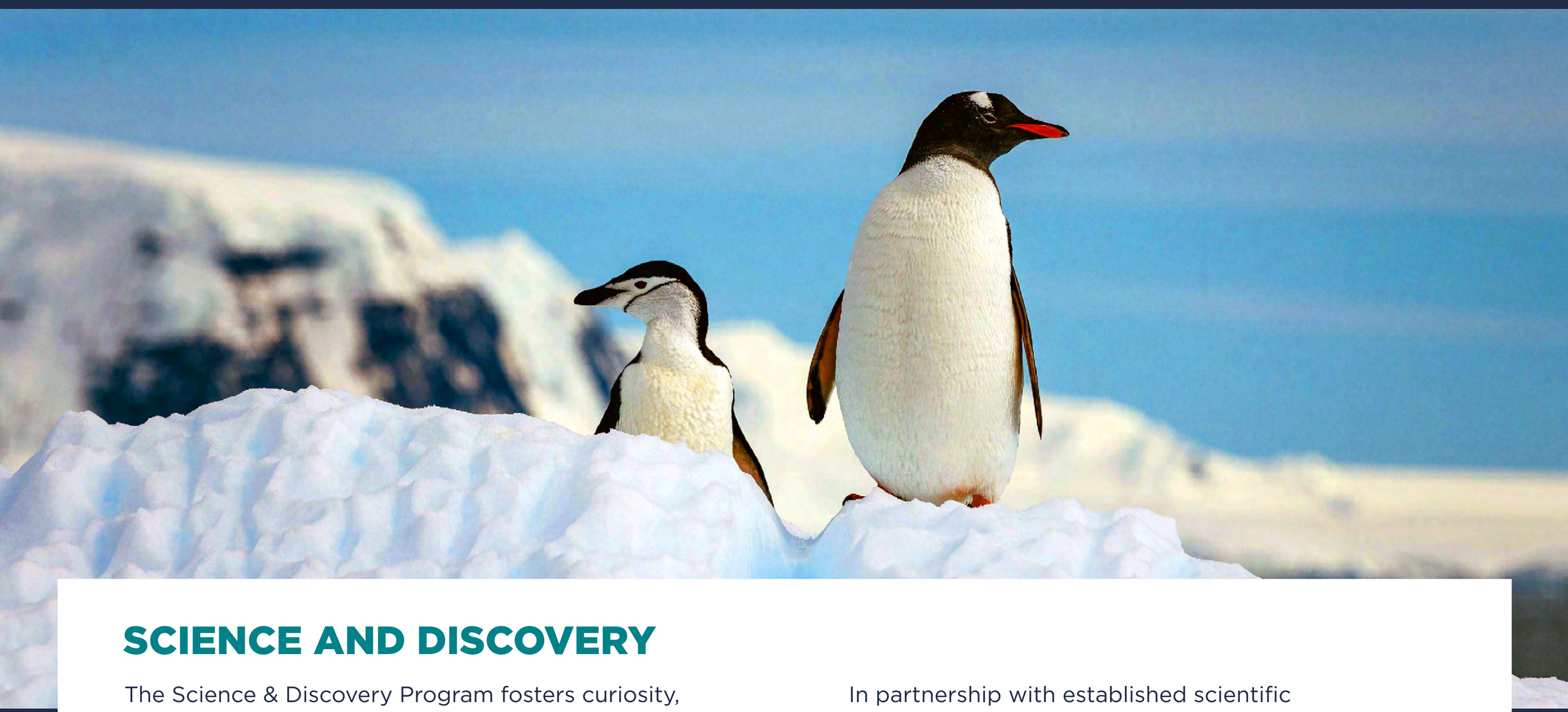

SCIENCE AND DISCOVERY

The Science & Discovery Program fosters curiosity, community and a deeper understanding of the polar environment. Through research-led sessions, interactive learning and field experiences, the expedition team helps Guests gain meaningful insight into the region.

In collaboration with Polar Collective, projects may include:

- Conducting seabird surveys from the deck while crossing the Drake Passage
- Documenting whale sightings through photographs for Happywhale

In partnership with established scientific organizations, activities may include:

- Measuring water salinity
- Deploying phytoplankton tow nets from a dedicated Science Zodiac

ZODIAC CRUISING

Zodiacs — large, heavy-duty inflatable vessels — are used to transfer Guests ashore (and luggage when necessary) and provide ocean-level cruising among icebergs, whales and seabirds. Your expedition will take you to remote landing sites accessible only by Zodiac.

Zodiacs are purpose-built for polar expeditions:

- Multiple air compartments maintain buoyancy even if damaged
- Flat-bottom design allows direct landing on cobble or ice-strewn beaches

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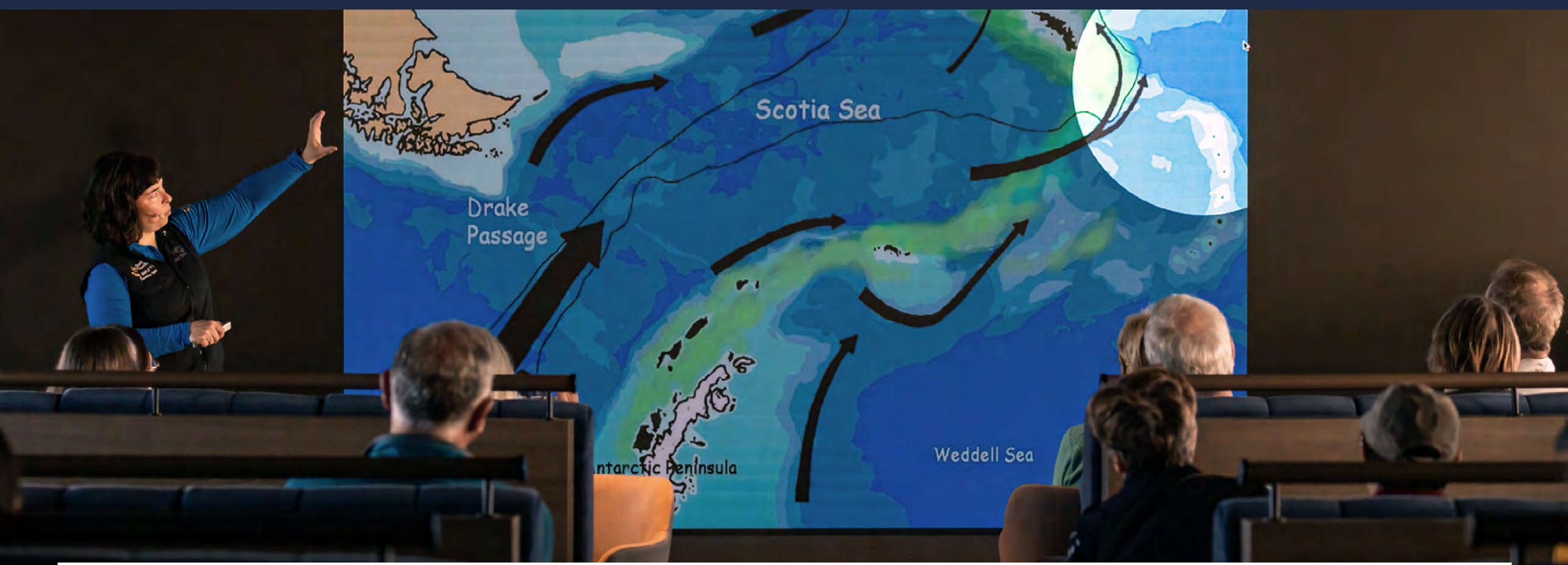

PRESENTATIONS

Enjoy daily presentations by world-class polar experts, including guides, subject-matter specialists, photographers and special guests. Topics may include history, biology, ornithology, glaciology, geology and more — offering fascinating insights into the region.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography guides are available to help you hone your skills and capture the remarkable beauty of the polar landscapes and wildlife.

AVAILABLE ADD-ON EXCURSIONS

Additional fees apply.

STAND-UP PADDLEBOARDING

A blend of surfing and kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding offers a unique and tranquil way to experience Antarctica from the water's surface.

- Operated in small groups in calm bays and harbors under good weather conditions
- Accompanied by a safety Zodiac

SEA KAYAKING

Glide across the serene bays surrounded by icebergs and glaciers. This excursion depends heavily on the weather and is conducted only in calm conditions.

- Operated in small groups
- Offered multiple times per voyage as an alternative to shore landing or Zodiac cruise
- Prior kayaking experience required
- Must be able to perform a wet exit

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PADDLING EXCURSIONS

These excursions use stable sit-on-top kayaks, ideal for Guests with little or no kayaking experience. Offered only during calm weather conditions.

- One-time paddling experience
- Operates in small groups
- Expert guides provide instructions and guidance throughout

HELI-LANDING

The *Ultramarine,* a polar expedition ship, is equipped with two twin-engine helicopters, allowing you to reach remote areas of Antarctica accessible only by air. With fellow travelers and an expert guide, you can expect stunning bird's-eye views during your flight.

Once on the ground, relax and absorb the vast beauty of glacial amphitheaters, dramatic summits and pristine wilderness. You'll have free time to take in the beauty of your polar surroundings, and your helicopter will pick you up in the same location to return you to the ship.

Heli-landings are subject to weather conditions, safety regulations and location capacity.

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