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"This was the coolest trip I have ever done, in my entire life. The wildlife was fantastic, and the landscapes were breathtaking."
- Abby, Pennsylvania (Antarctica 2023)

ANTARCTICA:
Fly the Drake Passage



January 12-22, 2027 (11 days)
with Carleton faculty leader Sarah Fortner
7 nights aboard the expedition ship *Douglas Mawson*







This program is co-sponsored.

Carleton College Faculty Leader



Sarah Fortner is the Director of Sustainability at Carleton College. She is dedicated to advancing the Sustainable Futures Framework, Carleton's shared vision for climate action across campus operations, education, and community partnerships. With a Ph.D. in Earth Sciences, Sarah's passion for sustainability is rooted in decades of hands-on, field-based research. She is a veteran glaciologist whose work on the sources and fates of chemistry in glacial systems has taken her to all latitudes, including the Peruvian Andes, the Oregon Cascades, and the Juneau Icefield (where she still mentors students each summer). Antarctica is a place she knows well, having participated in the McMurdo Dry Valleys Long Term Ecological Research Program. Sarah loves connecting on-the-ground understanding of climate research with the applied sustainability solutions she champions every day. Working with students is her favorite part of being at Carleton.





Dear Carleton College alumni,

Carleton Alumni Adventures is returning to Antarctica, this time **flying across the Drake Passage** to and from the Peninsula, rather than cruising the mercurial Passage (which takes approximately four days round-trip). Without weather delays, flights to/from King George Island are under two hours each way, and then we hope to **enjoy up to six full days exploring the White Continent**. We will view fantastically shaped icebergs, turquoise glaciers, and towering mountains, plus have opportunities to see abundant seals and sea birds, breaching whales, and hillsides teeming with bustling penguin rookeries.

January provides stable weather windows, making flights to King George Island the most feasible. And, **January is considered a peak month for visiting Antarctica**, with above-freezing temperatures, maximal daylight (close to 24 hours), and the opportunity to see penguin chicks, nesting seabirds, seal pups, and whales.

Carleton's Director of Sustainability, Dr. Sarah Fortner, will lecture aboard ship and host our group. Also aboard ship will be an **expedition team of naturalists**, who will provide a series of **enriching lectures and presentations** as well as drive the **sturdy Zodiac landing craft** for excursions ashore. We will retrace sea lanes navigated by storied explorers Amundsen, Scott, and Shackleton, not to mention former Carleton President and celebrated Antarctic explorer Laurence McKinley Gould, who was chief scientist and second-in-command on the first Byrd Antarctic Expedition (1928-30).

Cruise aboard the **new, luxurious, state-of-the-art ship *Douglas Mawson*, accommodating a maximum of 130 passengers**, featuring the revolutionary Ulstein X-BOW®, and purpose-built with enhanced sustainability features. The ship's limited guest capacity; superb accommodations and public spaces, facilities, and services; advanced technical and mechanical systems; and complement of experienced officers and crew make the *Douglas Mawson* the ship of choice for exploring Antarctica in safety and comfort.

I hope you will join fellow alumni on this once-in-a-lifetime travel opportunity to the "Seventh Continent." This program is not an exclusive Carleton Alumni Adventure, and you will travel with passengers from around the world. There are few "fly/fly" Antarctica programs offered, so I encourage you to contact the Alumni Adventures office now at **800-811-7244** or **carleton@studytours.org** to reserve your preferred cabin.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Ditsch '93
President, Carleton Alumni Council

For questions, and to reserve your space: 800-811-7244 or carleton@studytours.org

"It was an amazing trip."

- Andrew, Iowa (Antarctica 2023)



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(B)=Breakfast, (L)=Lunch, (R)=Reception, (D)=Dinner

Tuesday, January 12, 2027: Depart home

Depart home on independent flights to Punta Arenas, Chile.

Wednesday, January 13: Arrive Punta Arenas, CHILE

Please book your flight to arrive by 2:00 pm local time (1:00 pm ET) at Punta Arenas' Presidente Carlos Ibáñez International Airport (PUQ), where you will be met and transferred to our hotel. A hospitality desk will be open in the lobby between 2:00 and 6:00 pm.

Overlooking the Straits of Magellan, Punta Arenas sits astride one of the world's most historic trade routes. Today, the city reflects a great blend of cultural backgrounds, from English sheep ranchers to Portuguese sailors, and remains an utterly fascinating testament to Chile's rich history. At 7:00 pm, gather with your fellow expeditioners for a voyage briefing and reception, where we will reconfirm your transfer times for tomorrow, explain the procedures for your flight to King George Island, and outline important International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO) regulations for visitors to Antarctica. *Overnight at the 4-star Hotel Cabo de Hornos (or similar).* (R)


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Thursday, January 14: Fly to King George Island, ANTARCTICA | Embarkation

This morning, we will be transferred to the airport for our charter flight* to King George Island, Antarctica (weather permitting). The flight will take approximately one hour and forty-five minutes. On arrival to King George Island, our expedition team will be on hand to greet us and to prepare us for our Zodiac transfer to our vessel. We will have time to settle into our cabins before our important safety briefings. *Seven nights aboard the Douglas Mawson.* (B,L,D)


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***Note**: King George Island is located at the northern part of the Antarctic Peninsula, in the South Shetland Islands, and is one of the most remote places on Earth. A clear sky with perfect visibility is required for safe take-off and landing. A contingency plan will be applied to our itinerary should our flight not proceed today. Your safety is our utmost priority. We apologize in advance for any delays caused due to this unpredictable situation. Please refer to our ship operator's terms and conditions for a more detailed explanation.

Friday through Wednesday, January 15 through 20: Antarctic Peninsula

It is almost impossible to describe the feeling of arriving in Antarctica. Spotting your first iceberg and taking a deep breath of some of the most fresh, crisp air on Earth is an experience that will stay with you forever. Once we arrive, the western side of the Antarctic Peninsula and the South Shetland Islands are ours to explore, and we have a host of choices available to us. Because we are so far south, we will experience approximately 18 to 24 hours of daylight each day, and the days can be as busy as you wish.

Our expedition team will use their expertise to design our voyage from day to day, choosing the best options based on the prevailing weather, ice conditions, and wildlife opportunities. We generally make landings or Zodiac excursions twice a day. You will


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want to bundle up before joining Zodiac cruises along spectacular ice cliffs or among grounded icebergs, keeping watch for whales, seals, and porpoising penguins. Zodiacs will also transport you from the ship to land, where you can visit penguin rookeries, perhaps see historic huts, and explore some of the expedition team's favorite spots along the peninsula.

While ashore we aim to stretch our legs, wandering along pebbly beaches or perhaps up snow-covered ridgelines to vantage points with mountains towering overhead and ice-speckled oceans below. If you have chosen an optional activity, it will take place whenever conditions allow and, of course, keen polar plungers will have the chance to fully immerse themselves in polar waters - conditions permitting!

In addition to Zodiac cruises and shore excursions, we may cruise some of the narrow, dramatic straits separating offshore islands from the mainland, or linger in scenic bays to watch whales travelling or feeding. Keep an ear out for the creak and deep rumble of glaciers as they carve their way from summit to sea. Take a quiet moment to experience the wonder of this incredible white continent. Gather for a farewell reception our last night aboard. (B,L,D daily; R January 20th)

Thursday, January 21: Disembarkation | Fly from King George Island to Punta Arenas, CHILE

As we approach Frei Base on King George Island, it is time to say "farewell" to Antarctica and our amazing adventure, and board our return charter flight* to Punta Arenas. There is time for reflection and discussion about what we have seen and experienced. We hope you become ambassadors for Antarctica, advocating for its conservation and preservation so that your family, friends, and colleagues might one day visit the region to experience what you have been fortunate to see and do here. From Punta Arenas airport, you will be transferred to our hotel. *Overnight at the 4-star Hotel Cabo de Hornos (or similar).* (B,L,D)

Friday, January 22: Fly home

After breakfast, transfer to Punta Arenas' Presidente Carlos Ibáñez International Airport (PUQ) for flights homeward. (B)







SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL INTERNATIONAL | Member

Offset Your Carbon Footprint

In addition to traveling on the *Douglas Mawson* with "enhanced sustainablility features," Sustainable Travel International will calculate the cost to offset emissions for this program. Your voluntary contribution supports certified carbon reduction initiatives through Sustainable Travel International. More information will be provided.

Alumni Adventures is a proud member of Sustainable Travel International, a globally recognized organization dedicated to promoting sustainable tourism practices. This partnership highlights our commitment to responsible travel.

For more information about Sustainable Travel International, visit their website at *Sustainabletravel.org/our-work/carbon-offsets/projects/*



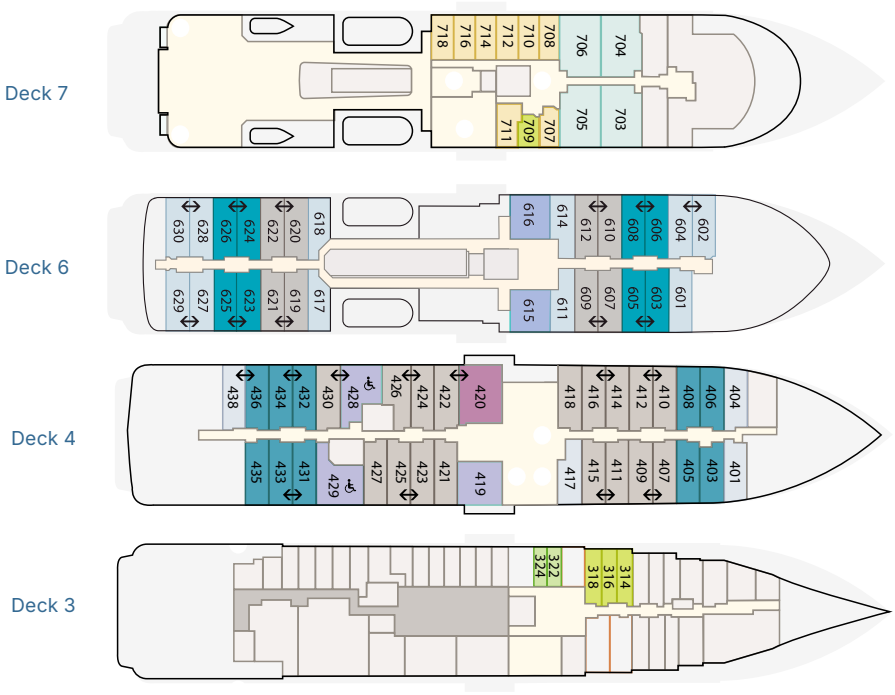
Douglas Mawson

Cabin Prices

Per person, double occupancy (unless noted as a dedicated single)

Dedicated Single Cabins

- Aurora Stateroom *Single* $28,210
- Aurora Stateroom Superior *Single* $30,965
- Aurora Stateroom Superior $20,364
- Balcony Stateroom - C $20,896
- Balcony Stateroom - B $22,036
- Balcony Stateroom - A $23,708
- Balcony Stateroom Superior $25,836
- Junior Suite $30,852
- Captain's Suite $35,184



↔ Connecting staterooms and suites

The *Douglas Mawson* is a new ship that is launching in 2025. The images below and right are renderings of the ship.



About our ship

Launching in 2025, the *Douglas Mawson* is designed for global discovery. It accommodates up to 130 passengers on expedition cruises and features the innovative *Ulstein X-BOW®* for smoother travel, reduced emissions, and lower fuel consumption.

Luxurious amenities include two restaurants, a gym, sauna, heated outdoor pool, jacuzzis, and observation lounges with panoramic views.

Staterooms range from singles to spacious suites, with 79% offering private balconies.

Purpose-built for adventure, the ship includes Zodiac embarkation areas, a Citizen Science Centre, and free Starlink Wi-Fi, making it the ultimate basecamp for exploration.


Balcony Stateroom


Dining Room


Sun Deck/Pool

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Online reservations: https://www.carleton.edu/alumni/adventures/caa-reservation-form/

Name 1 _____ Carleton Class of: _____
(as it appears on passport)
Name 2 _____ Carleton Class of: _____
(as it appears on passport)
Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home) _____

Phone (cell) _____

Email(s) _____ | _____

❑ **I/We have read the 'What to Expect' section and am/are physically able to participate fully on the program.**

❑ **I/We agree to purchase, and provide proof of purchase of, the mandatory travel/evacuation insurance.**

Are you traveling with any other parties on this program?
Yes, _____

How did you hear about this tour?
❑ eNewsletter ❑ mailing ❑ website ❑ friends/family ❑ other _____

ACCOMMODATIONS: (Accommodation preferences are not guaranteed.)

Cabin Category Preference: #1_____ #2_____
Bed Preference ❑ Queen (one bed) ❑ Twin (two beds)

❑ Single (limited availability)
❑ Sharing
❑ I will be sharing with:_____
❑ Please assign a roommate (not guaranteed)
❑ Please share my contact information with potential roommate(s).

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT:

A deposit of $2,500 per person is required to confirm a reservation. Final payment is due October 14, 2026. Please note that credit cards are accepted for final payment but are subject to a processing fee. All prices and payments are in U.S. dollars.

DEPOSIT TYPE (PLEASE CHECK ONE):

❑ Check payable to: Eos Study Tours with "CAA-AntarcticaAUR1/27" written on the memo line.
❑ Visa ❑ Master Card ❑ Amex ❑ Discover ❑ Paid by phone

CC# _____

Exp. Date _____ 3- or 4-Digit Code _____

Name on Card _____

Please complete this reservation form, choose/enclose your method of deposit, and sign the release statement below. Submit via email, mail, or fax to:

Carleton Alumni Adventures - P.O. Box 938, Walpole, NH 03608
Fax: 603-756-2922 • Email: carleton@studytours.org

By signing this form, you are bound to the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure, at aurora-expeditions.com/terms-and-conditions, and elsewhere published.

Signature (participant #1) _____ Date _____

Signature (participant #2) _____ Date _____



WHAT TO EXPECT:

This is a moderately active trip for travelers who can handle the vagaries of travel with good humor, a sense of adventure, and flexibility for itinerary changes due to weather and ice conditions. Outings and shore visits will be via Zodiac inflatables and participants must be agile to climb into and out of the Zodiacs with the assistance of experienced guides and crew. Kayaking and snorkeling opportunities will be subject to weather and are at additional cost. This program is weather dependent for the round-trip flights over the Drake Passage. All participants need to be aware that if weather delays any included flight, alternative excursions will be substituted at no additional charge. See details online at aurora-expeditions.com/contingency-plans.

All participants are expected to be physically active, not be an impediment to others on excursions, and enjoy traveling as part of a group. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Participants who are not able to stand or walk unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand, and discuss whether or not the program is appropriate for you.

Each participant will be given a parka onboard, which is theirs to keep after the expedition, and loaned complimentary boots for use on excursions. Walking poles and waterproof packs are not provided, and participants will be encouraged to bring their own.

In Punta Arenas you can expect moderate temperatures ranging from the high 50s to the low 40s F. Our voyage will take place during the austral summer, with long days stretching to midnight and temperatures on the Antarctic Peninsula ranging from 30-40 degrees F.

The ship has a doctor as well as a small hospital for minor ailments. There is a fee for onboard medical consultations. **All participants will be required to purchase and show proof of mandatory travel/evacuation insurance to participate on this program.** (See section 12 of terms and conditions)**.** *Complete pre-departure details and what to pack will be sent to participants.*

This is not an exclusive
Carleton Alumni Adventures program.


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Program Rates Include (9 nights):

- Leadership of Carleton College faculty leader Sarah Fortner plus expert guides and naturalists aboard ship
- Two nights at the 4-star *Hotel Cabo de Hornos* (or similar) in Punta Arenas
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions
- Comprehensive, 7-night cruise aboard the deluxe expedition ship the *Douglas Mawson*. All accommodations are outside staterooms or suites, and feature a picture window or balcony
- Airport/hotel/pier transfers and handling of luggage on program arrival and departure days
- In-program charter flights, round-trip between Punta Arenas and King George Island, in economy class
- Complete program of expedition activities led by expert guides and naturalists, and an onboard program of lectures and presentations
- All meals, snacks, tea, and coffee during the voyage. House wine and/or beer are served with dinners
- Access to Wi-Fi (as available via satellite), in public areas and cabins, aboard the ship
- Expedition 3-in-1 waterproof polar expedition jacket, yours to keep when you return home; and complimentary use of Muck Boots during the voyage
- Gratuities to all guides, waitstaff for included meals, porters, and drivers
- A $150 per person onboard ship credit
- Local taxes and service charges
- Comprehensive pre-departure information, including a suggested reading/media guide

Flights & Transfers

Airfare to/from Presidente Carlos Ibáñez International Airport (PUQ) in Punta Arenas, Chile, is not included. Round-trip, in-program, charter flights* between Punta Arenas and King George Island are included in the tour price and will be booked for you. Airport/hotel/pier transfers and handling of luggage on program arrival and departure days are included. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights from/to home. If you are considering booking non-refundable airline tickets before this time, please contact our office first. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc. can assist with flight arrangements for this tour. You may contact them directly at 866-200-6172 or email studytours@vwti.com. Alternatively, you are welcome to book your flights independently. Your flight itinerary must be provided to Alumni Adventures prior to departure. *We do not accept any liability for cancellation penalties related to your domestic or international airline tickets.*

Program Rates Do Not Include:
Flights between home and Chile • Passport/visa expenses • Shipboard personnel gratuities ($15 per participant, per day, is suggested) • Medical expenses and immunizations • Travel, evacuation, trip cancellation or baggage insurance • Private airport transfers • Airline baggage charges • Meals, dishes, and beverages not specified • Laundry or dry cleaning • Personal expenses such as personal tips, internet, telephone, fax, or email charges • Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour and anything not expressly included

Schedule of Participant Payments: A deposit of $2,500 per person is necessary to make a reservation. A deposit of $250 for each additional, not included activity (kayaking, snorkeling) will be due upon request to guarantee participation: a sign-up sheet will be sent with confirmation or upon request. All optional activities are subject to availability. Checks will be made payable to "Eos Study Tours" with "CAA-AntarcticaAUR1/27" written on the memo line. Final payment is due October 14, 2026 and must be made by check, ACH transfer, or wire transfer. Credit cards will be accepted for final payment but will be subject to a processing fee. By submitting your deposit, you are bound to the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure and elsewhere published.

Participant Cancellation Fees: All requests by participants for cancellations must be received in writing by Alumni Adventures. Cancellations received within 13 days of deposit will be refunded less a fee of $500 per person. Payments received 14 days or more after receipt of initial deposit are 100% non-refundable. All participants will be required to purchase and show proof of travel insurance with evacuation coverage of $250,000 per person. Details will be sent to confirmed participants.

Note: Rates are based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect at the time of publication and are subject to change prior to departure. Substantial changes in tariffs, exchange rates, the price of fuel, services, and labor may increase the cost of arrangements significantly, and we reserve the right to alter our rates.

Rates, itinerary, accommodations, and leader are subject to change. Rates quoted are based on group participation and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which you choose not to participate, for any aircraft or vessel for which entry is denied, or for any program itinerary changes due to weather.* It is understood that refunds cannot be made to participants who do not complete the tour for whatever reason.

Due to space limitations this is abbreviated information. Complete terms and conditions will be sent upon confirmation, upon request, and are available online at carleton.edu/alumni/adventures and aurora-expeditions.com/terms-and-conditions.

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- Julia, North Carolina (Iceland 2023)

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