

South Pole Expedition ITINERARY:

Arrive in Punta Arenas, 3 to 5 days before departure for Antarctica

- You are responsible for your own flights to Punta Arenas, hotel and food while in town.
- Meet the other expedition members and NorthWinds guide.
- Review program itinerary, check clothing systems, put skins on skis, pack individual snacks & drinks, practice setting up tents, test stoves, etc.
- Make finalize preparations for departure to the Antarctic continent.
- While waiting for good weather to depart for Antarctica we will practice being ready to go and being patient and drink lots of Pisco Sours.

Day 1

- Fly to Antarctica (weather dependent). We land on the blue ice runway by the Patriot Hills. A short walk brings us to the ALE Patriot Hills base camp.

Day 2 - 5

- We pack up our pulks, pick up fuel and take the 20 min. flight, by Twin Otter (bush plane) to Hercules Inlet on the edge of the Ronne Ice Shelf, at latitude 80° south. From here we travel 4 days back to Patriot Hills. This is our shake-down trip to further test equipment & clothing, develop our travel style and camp efficiency.

Day 6

- Lay-over day at Patriot Hills to finalize food & equipment.

Day 7 to 30 (24 days) First Half of Expedition

- Depart Patriot Hills ski to Thiels Mountains, at latitude 85°.
- After skiing around the Patriot Hills we pass the end of the beautiful Ellsworth Mountain range. From there till the Thiels Mountains we see only Nunatuqs (the tips of mountains poking up through the glacier) on the far horizon to the west.
- We will have a re-supply half way between Patriot Hills and the Thiels Mountains, so that we will only carry 12 days of food plus 3 emergency days.
- Another 12 days ski to the Thiels Mountains, our half way point, to pick up our second re-supply

Day 31

- Lay-over day at Thiels, our half way point to the pole

Day 32 to 56 (24 days)

- The second half of the expedition is the climb onto the polar plateau to the Scott-Amundsen scientific base at the South Pole.
- We will again have a re-supply on the second half, so that we will only carry 12 days of food plus 3 emergency days.

Day 57

- Arrive at the South Pole!!!

Day 58

- Flight to Patriot Hills, weather dependent.

Day 61

- Flight to Punta Arenas, weather dependent.
- Celebration banquet, drink for Pisco Sours

