

South Pole Kiting Expedition

ITINERARY:

- Day 1 -Arrive in Punta Arenas, Chile. Transfer to hotel.
- Day 2 & 3 -Meet Paul & Eric. Review program itinerary, clothing and equipment. Finalize preparations for departure to the Antarctic continent: clothing & equipment modifications, sorting & organizing food, adjusting and testing kiting equipment. (If we are delayed by weather in Punta Arenas we will pack our expedition food)
- Day 4 -Fly to Antarctica (weather dependent). We land on the blue ice runway at the Patriot Hills. A short walk brings us to the ALE (Antarctic Logistics & Expedition) Patriot Hills base camp.
- Day 4 to 10 -The seven day training session will consist of perfecting kite-skiing skills, kiting with pulks, developing efficient kite launch & recovery systems, practicing camp procedures, learning crevasse rescue, modifying personal clothing & equipment, packing food for the expedition, team building and acclimatizing to the cold Antarctic environment.
- Day 10 -Flight to the Geographical South Pole, stopping at Thiels Mountains for re-fueling. After pictures at the pole and a tour of the Scott/Amundsen scientific base, we head north across the polar plateau. The expedition has begun.
- Day 10 to 40 -With 30 days of food and fuel, we plan to cover the 600 nautical miles (nm) at an average of 20 nm per day. When the wind and the snow conditions are perfect, we will travel longer days. On windless days we will rest (if ahead of schedule) or ski pulling our pulks. Once at Hercules Inlet, we will call for a plane pickup or kite back to the Patriot Hills camp, a distance of 27 nm.
- Day 41 -45 -Celebration banquet at Patriot Hills. Wait for flight to Punta Arenas.