

## **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, pack individual snacks and final test of equipment.
- Make finalize preparations for departure to the Antarctic continent.
- Drink lots of Pisco Sours while waiting for good weather to depart for Antarctica

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

- A short flight 20 min. flight takes us 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.

Day 6

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

Day 7 to 30 (24 days)

- Depart Patriot Hills, ski to the re-supply at Thiels Mountains, latitude 85°.
- We will have a re-supply on the first leg so that we will only carry 12 days of food plus 3 emergency days of food.

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 of food.

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.