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ski adventures to the wildest place on earth
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Descending the Cloué Icecap, Isla Hoste. Photo: Phil Wickens

Patagonian Fjords

Explore by Ski and Kayak

20 September to 9 October 2023

Duration: 20 days

Start: Ushuaia

Finish: Ushuaia

Join us on a truly exploratory ski adventure into one of the wildest and least visited mountain wildernesses on earth.

Between the Chilean town of Punta Arenas and the Argentine town of Ushuaia is a labyrinth of deep fjords, lined with virgin beech forest, that cut deep into the mountains of the Cordillera Darwin and the islands of Tierra del Fuego. Devoid of roads and villages, the only way to reach this area is by boat. The Patagonian Fjords have it all... mountains, glaciers, icebergs, fjords and wildlife.

Following several reconnaissance and kayaking trips into these fjords in summer we knew we had to return during the snowy season. The area receives a lot of snowfall and there endless opportunities for amazing ski exploration and descents – and no-one ever skis there!

Day Itinerary*

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| 1 | Arrive in Punta Arenas. Night in hotel. | 11 | Exploration of the Chilean Fjords |
| 2 | Sail to Fiordo Marinelli. | 12 | Exploration of the Chilean Fjords |
| 3-4 | Ski adventures above the Glaciar Marinelli | 13 | Exploration of the Chilean Fjords |
| 5 | Sail to Fjordo Brookes | 14 | Exploration of the Chilean Fjords |
| 6 | Ski exploration above the Fjordo Brookes | 15 | Exploration of the Chilean Fjords |
| 7 | Exploration of the Chilean Fjords | 16 | Exploration of the Chilean Fjords |
| 8 | Exploration of the Chilean Fjords | 17 | Exploration of the Chilean Fjords |
| 9 | Exploration of the Chilean Fjords | 18 | Sail to Puerto Williams (Isla Navarino) |
| 10 | Exploration of the Chilean Fjords | 19 | Arrival in Ushuaia. Night in hotel |
| | | 20 | Departure |

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Descending the Cloue Icecap, Isla Hoste. Photo: Phil Wickens

Patagonian Fjords

a wilderness adventure

18 October to 5 November 2023

Duration: 19 days

Start: Ushuaia

Finish: Ushuaia

A true adventure into one of the wildest and least visited wildernesses on earth.

To the west of the Argentine town of Ushuaia is a labyrinth of deep fjords, lined with virgin beech forest, that cut deep into the mountains of the Cordillera Darwin and the islands of Tierra del Fuego. Devoid of roads and villages, the only way to reach this area is by boat. The Patagonian Fjords have it all... mountains, glaciers, icebergs, fjords and wildlife.

While we intend to use skis for some forays into the interior, we will just as often use kayaks and hiking boots. The skiing feels exploratory, the hiking is exhilarating, and the sea kayaking is spectacular.

Flexibility is key. Expect the unexpected!

<u>Day</u>	<u>Itinerary*</u>		
1	Arrive in Ushuaia. Night in hotel.	10	Kayak along the Fiordo Garibaldi
2	Kit check & glacier skills practice.	11	Sail to Estero Coloane (Isla Hoste)
3	Sail to Puerto Williams (Isla Navarino) – registration & hike up Cerro Bandero	12	Ski to the Cloue Ice Sheet
4	Sail to Caleta Olla	13	Kayak to Isla Gordon (10km)
5	Hike above the Holanda Glacier	14	Hiking above Cabo El Gorro
6	Sail to Fjordo Pia, kayak to Kalv Glacier	15	Sail to Fiordo Fouque
7	Hike up the Glaciar Sinus	16	Skiing above Fjordo Fouque
8	Sea Kayak to the Porter Glacier	17	Sail to Puerto Williams (Isla Navarino)
9	Hike to Pta Hamburgo (Fiordo Garibaldi)	18	Arrival in Ushuaia. Night in hotel
		19	Departure

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Antarctic Peninsula

classic ski descents

14 November to 16 December 2023

Skiing the stunning peaks above Cierva Cove . Photo: Phil Wickens

Duration: 31 days

Start: Ushuaia

Finish: Ushuaia

Aimed at competent ski mountaineers who would like a unique ski adventure, our focus will be the ski mountaineering classics of the Antarctic Peninsula.

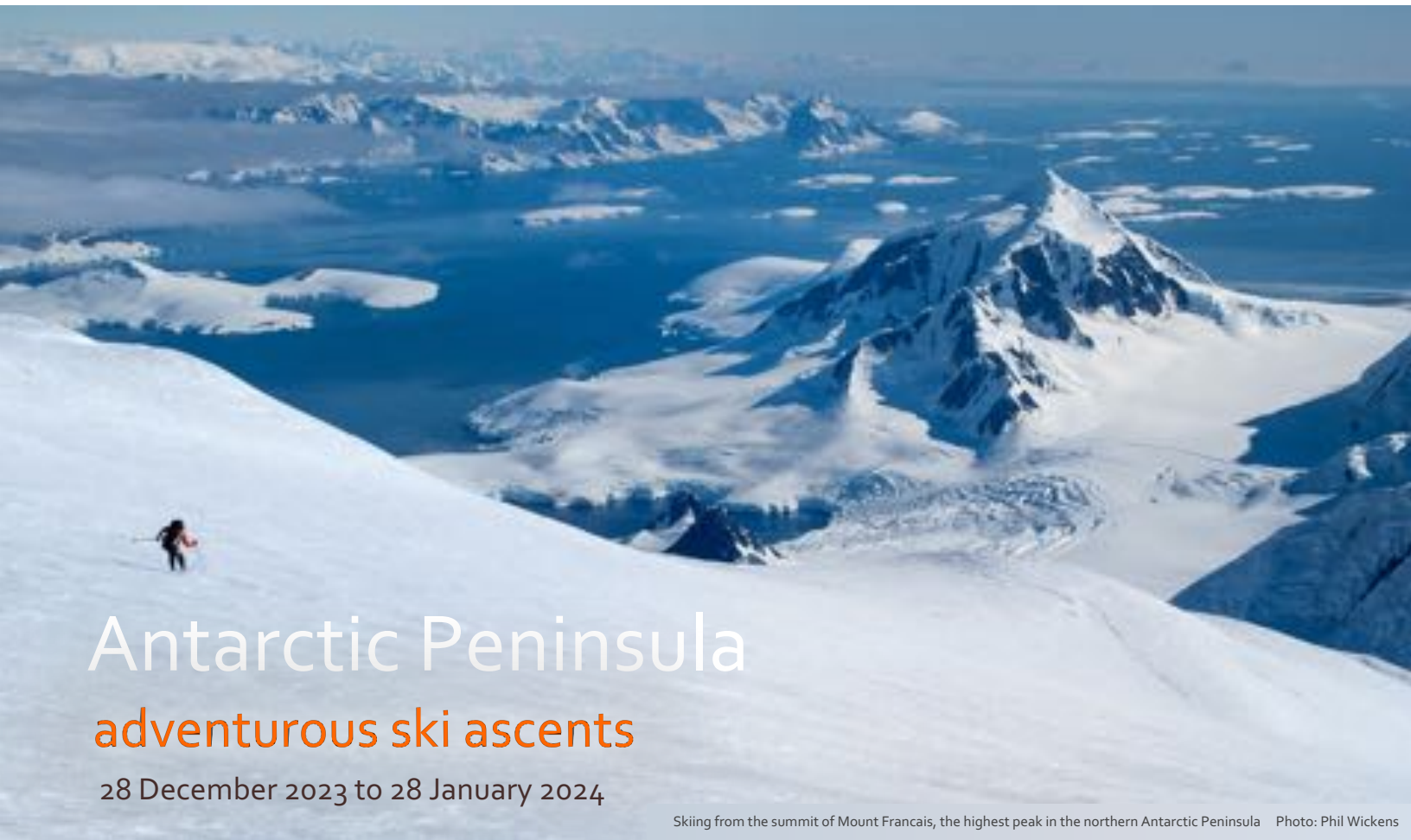
Using the yacht "Icebird" as a mobile base-camp for single-day ski ascents, we also aim to undertake at least one multi-day trip, establishing a high glacier camp from where we can attempt a number of ski summits away from the coast, and to access the higher quality snow that is found inland.

Day Itinerary*

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| 1 | Arrive in Ushuaia. Night in Hotel or Cabana. | 17 | Ascent of Mt Guterch |
| 2 | Kit check, glacier skills practice in the Fuegian Andes. Night in Hotel or Cabana. | 18 | Sail to Paradise Harbour, sea kayaking |
| 3 | Pack yacht, set sail towards Cape Horn | 19 | Ascent of Mount Banck. |
| 4-6 | Crossing the Drake Passage. | 20 | Ski on Bruce Island; sail to Port Lockroy |
| 7 | Arrival in Antarctica. | 21 | Ascent of Jabet Peak. |
| 8 | Ski tour on Two Hummock Island. | 22 | Ascent of The Minaret / Shewry Col. |
| 9 | Sail to Cierva Cove. | 23 | Ascent of Billie Peak and Copper Col. |
| 10 | Ski ascent of Amundsen Peak. | 24 | Sail and kayak through Lemaire Channel. |
| 11 | Sail to Portal Point, afternoon ski nearby slopes. | 25 | Skiing on Pleneau Island / Port Charcot. |
| 12 | Ski ascent of Harris Peak.
Sail to Enterprise Island. | 26 | Ascent of Mt Scott. |
| 13 | Relaxed skiing, kayak around Enterprise Island. | 27 | Skiing on Mt Mill and Edge Hill. |
| 14 | Sail to Cuverville island and ski ascent. | 28 | Visit Vernadskiy base, kayak and pack. |
| 15 | Ascent of Mt Tennant. | 29-31 | Crossing the Drake Passage |
| 16 | Sail to Waterboat Point; ascent of Rojas Peak. | 32 | Arrival in Ushuaia. Night in Hotel or Cabana. |
| | | 33 | Departure. |

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Antarctic Peninsula

adventurous ski ascents

28 December 2023 to 28 January 2024

Skiing from the summit of Mount Francais, the highest peak in the northern Antarctic Peninsula Photo: Phil Wickens

Duration: 32 days

Start: Ushuaia

Finish: Ushuaia

This expedition will appeal to more experienced ski mountaineers who would like something even more strenuous & adventurous. In addition to day ascents of a handful of the lower coastal classics, we will also aim to establish an inland camp to attempt one of the higher and more demanding mountains.

With the prospect of skiing the best snow on the Antarctic Peninsula, and with descents up to 2000 vertical metres, it will certainly be worth the extra effort!

Day Itinerary

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| 1 | Arrive in Ushuaia. Night in Hotel or Cabana. | 22 | Visit Port Lockroy. |
| 2 | Kit check, glacier skills practice in the Fuegian Andes. Night in Hotel or Cabana. | 23 | Sea Kayaking around Skontorpe Cove. |
| 3 | Pack yacht, set sail towards Cape Horn. | 24 | Climb & ski Mt Banck. |
| 4-6 | Crossing the Drake Passage. | 25 | Ski ascent of Mt Tennant. |
| 7 | Arrival in Antarctica. | 26 | Sail to Melchior Islands; whale spotting in Schollaert Channel. |
| 8 | Skiing / Paddling on Hovgaard Island. | 27 | Sea kayaking, final ski on Omega Island and packing yacht. |
| 9 | Skiing on Mt Mill and Edge Hill. | 28-30 | Crossing the Drake Passage. |
| 10 | Sail to Lippmann Island. | 31 | Arrival in Ushuaia. Night in Hotel or Cabana. |
| 11 | Ski ascent of Lahille Island. | 32 | Departure. |
| 12 | Kayaking around Pitt Islands. | | |
| 13 | Visit Vernadskiy Base, kayaking. | | |
| 14 | Ascent of Mt Cloos Mt Scott. | | |
| 15 | Sail and kayak through Lemaire Channel. | | |
| 16-21 | Mt Francais (multi-day ascent). | | |



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About Ski Antarctica

Ski Antarctica was borne from a joint passion for exploration and adventure in remote and wild places

An expedition is more than just a holiday. It is part of a much larger journey of self-development and learning.

Utilising our wealth of polar expedition experience, our aim is to create strong teams from the individuals and groups who join us, to embark together on an adventure of a lifetime, and to come away with a greater level of competence and self-responsibility on the oceans and in the mountains.



Phil Wickens (Expedition Leader)

Phil organises and leads our ski mountaineering trips, sea kayaking and backcountry operations. With over 2 decades of leading skiing and mountaineering expeditions in Antarctica, including 3 years as a field guide for the British Antarctic Survey, his Antarctic experience is unrivalled.

To date, Phil has made more than 20 yacht-based expeditions to Antarctica, reaching the summits of over 140 different Antarctic mountains, including over 50 first ascents, and totalled more than 800 days of skiing in Antarctica.



Cath (Icebird Owner and Skipper)

Cath is the owner and skipper of Icebird. Having skippered charter yachts to Antarctica for almost two decades, plus a wealth of other impressive sailing adventures, she is one of the most experienced and respected skippers operating in Antarctica.

Cath has been sailing all her life, racing dinghies from the age of 4 (!), offshore ocean racing yachts as a teenager and adult, sailing around the world with her children in a yacht she built herself, and expedition sailing at high latitudes. Cath brings a wealth of experience in seamanship & remote area operations.



Oly Grant (Skipper / First Mate)

Expedition sailor, sailing instructor, experienced kayaker, and a climber and mountain rescue team member, Oly brings a vast amount of experience, knowledge and skills to the Ski Antarctica team.



“ICEBIRD”

Our expedition yacht

Designed and constructed specifically for polar expeditions, Icebird is an extremely strong, heavy-duty 60ft aluminium expedition yacht that was custom-built by the highly-respected Trintella Shipyard in the Netherlands

With a reinforced hull, central heating and retractable keel, she is well suited to exploratory sailing in polar waters.



Icebird's unique heated and double-glazed pilot-house gives spectacular 360-degree views, as well as comfort and shelter from the elements while sailing across the Drake Passage. As members of an expedition team, all guests are encouraged to assist with the sailing and watch duties – this is an expedition after all!



Comfort on board is enhanced with Icebird's 2 bathrooms (with showers), a comfortable lounge area, a well-provisioned galley, laundry facilities, and a large-capacity water-maker. Accommodation is in three shared cabins, with duvets and towels provided.



Transport ashore is provided by our inflatable rigid-hulled power boat. In addition, we carry a number of sea kayaks for complimentary use by our guests, providing a fantastic way of experiencing the wildlife and landscape of Antarctica.

How to Book

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To book a place on one of our expeditions please contact us by email at phil@ski-antarctica.com or via www.ski-antarctica.com

To ensure that we assemble our teams with expedition members who will get along and have similar levels of skiing ability, we like to get to know you a bit first. If you wish to join one of our expeditions please email us at phil@ski-antarctica.com, or use the contact form at www.ski-antarctica.com so that we can discuss the expedition in more detail, answer any questions that you may have, and send you an application form.

We look forward to hearing from you!