



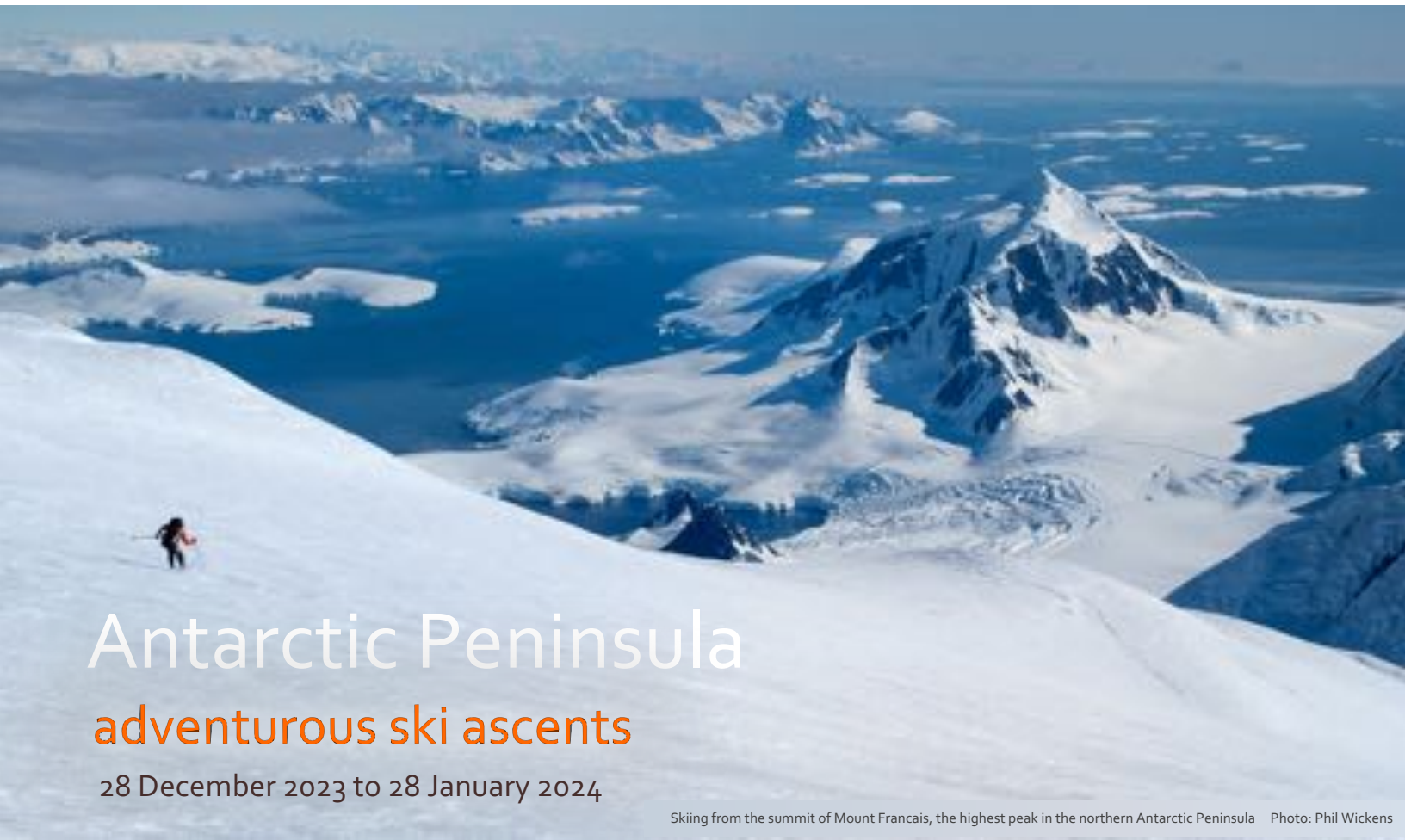
Antarctic Peninsula

ADVENTUROUS SKI ASCENTS

28 December 2023 to 28 January 2024



ski adventures to the wildest place on earth
www.ski-antarctica.com



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

- | | | | |
|-------|--|-------|---|
| 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 Skontorp 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). | | |

* A sample itinerary is given for illustration only. The actual itinerary will vary depending on conditions and the abilities / aspirations of the group members.



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

phil@ski-antarctica.com

www.ski-antarctica.com

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!