



*G Adventures*

# **G Adventures Antarctica Camping Package**





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This form will be completed on board the MS Expedition prior to your camping excursion.



## **G ADVENTURES INC. Camping Brochure Outline**

G Adventures Inc. ("G Adventures") offers an overnight camping excursion in the MS Expedition's Antarctic season. The overnight camping option is NOT available for the Arctic season. This adventure requires an extra payment to participate.

Overnight camping is an opportunity for passengers to participate in a unique adventure while on their Antarctic trip without needing any prior experience. The adventure is spending one night sleeping onshore with a group of up to 60 fellow campers to experience the sights and sounds, cold and isolation of the coldest, driest, windiest continent on the planet.

Passengers will pre-register for this activity upon booking of their trip. Once onboard passengers will attend an orientation meeting to give them the necessary information to participate.

**A mandatory waiver will have to be signed by participants, indicating that they are aware of, and accept the increased risks that are associated with being off the ship overnight.**

Participants will receive an introduction to the equipment they will use, the duration of the outing, the clothing they will need to bring, how to sleep warm, the use of the camping equipment (yes, you get to help set-up camp!), and any necessary safety or camping procedures they will need to observe to safely enjoy their night's stay. Radio communications as well as additional safety gear will be brought to shore by the Expedition staff accompanying participants on their overnight stay.

After dinner onboard, you will go to your campsite (weather allowing) by zodiac and after setting up your cozy home for the evening, have time to explore the nearby area and enjoy the Antarctic evening. A minimum of two Expedition Staff members will accompany you as well as your fellow campers (60 maximum). Your comfort will be enhanced by the equipment G Adventures will supply you with like comfortable 2-person tents, insulating mats, minus 12°C sleeping bags, and the best view ever from your portable toilet! Your night out will be coordinated by the onboard staff to coincide with an overnight ship stay in the area. In the morning you'll be woken up early to break camp and to return to the ship for a warm shower and a hearty breakfast. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to experience the Antarctic environment in a truly unique and memorable setting.

As with all other landings and activities during our expedition, weather and ice conditions may force cancellation of this activity.



## PREPARATION NOTES

### Camping in Antarctica

#### The Experience

Previous camping experience is not necessary to participate in this activity. However, as we are in an ecologically sensitive environment, we ask that members of the group, follow closely the instructions of the expedition leader in respect of our interaction with our surroundings, in order to minimize impacts, and ensure that we at all times, meet and exceed IAATO regulations. In order to ensure that the logistics of the excursion are smooth and efficient, members of the group will be asked to pitch in and help organize the campsite for the evening.

After transiting the Drake Passage to the Antarctic peninsula, the Captain and Expedition Leader will confer and decide on an appropriate site to carry out the overnight camping activity. At an opportune time, the group will come together for a briefing by the Expedition Leader, and the Staff members who will accompany the group onshore. A comprehensive review of the proposed activity will include an overview of IAATO rules and regulations, site familiarization, safety orientation, and detailed instructions on logistics of setting up camp. We do not guarantee a camping excursion on the continent itself. The meeting will also serve to review the risks inherent in the activity.

**At this time passengers will also have to submit a signed Liability Waiver Form, that is a requirement for participation.**

**Camping is restricted to those persons age 18 years and over.**

**Camping and kayaking are only available to book prior to your departure. Spaces are limited.**

Dinner will be served onboard, eat heartily as there will be no personal snacks allowed onshore as per IAATO regulations. We of course will have emergency rations in the event that our schedule becomes extended as a result of weather conditions.

After dinner you will go to your campsite (weather allowing) by zodiac. After setting up camp for the evening, you will have time to explore the nearby area and enjoy the Antarctic evening. A minimum of two Expedition Staff members will accompany you as well as your fellow campers. G Adventures will supply you with comfortable 2-person tents, insulating mats, minus 12° C sleeping bags, and portable toilet facilities. If you are single, we will make every effort to pair-up people of like sexes. Your night out will be coordinated by the onboard staff to coincide with an overnight ship stay in the area. Communication with the ship will be maintained throughout the excursion, safety is always our primary objective.

Wake up time (if you can sleep!) will be about an hour before breakfast, allowing time to collect and stow our equipment before journeying back to the ship by zodiac. As with all other programs onboard, our primary goal is to experience nature, and leave our site with the minimum of evidence of our adventure under the stars.



Toilet facilities will be rustic at best. We will provide a portable toilet, which participants must use if they feel the call of nature. We must bring all waste - human or otherwise - generated back to the ship for proper disposal, as per our responsibilities as stewards of this pristine environment. We will endeavor to provide a certain level of privacy, to the best of our ability. We encourage participants to make full use of the restrooms onboard prior to disembarking the ship.

Participants will be expected to participate for the duration of the activity. There will be no shuttle in the night to return to the ship, except in emergencies.

### **What to Bring**

Preparation for this excursion is as you would prepare for a zodiac excursion. We recommend that you prepare for potentially adverse conditions. As you will be in the open air for a good part of the evening, an extra fleece would be handy to have. A hat, gloves or mittens, and extra thick socks are a necessity for a chilly evening, and a good windproof, waterproof parka and pants will keep you extra warm and comfortable for the evening.

As water will NOT be provided - you must fill up your water bottle prior to heading ashore. As per IAATO regulations we will not provide food service onshore. We will however have emergency food rations in the event that conditions delay our scheduled return to the ship.

If you have medication that you need or use, please ensure that you have sufficient quantity to last for at least 36 hours onshore. Passengers must be in good health for this excursion.

### **What we Supply**

We will provide all tents, sleeping bags, and sleeping mats. Additionally, we will have at our disposal a full suite of emergency supplies should the need arise.

Furthermore, we supply an outstanding opportunity to experience the quiet majesty of a cool, open air experience of a lifetime, the sounds, the vistas, the weather, will all be intensified by the crucible of the excursion, not to be missed.



## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **Camping in Antarctica**

#### **Your Camping Experience**

Your camping excursion will take place in one of the roughest and toughest environments in a remote part of the world. We cannot guarantee any location because our ability to do so very much depends on the weather and ice conditions, which can be changeable, and over which we have no control.

The descriptions in the voyage brochure and preparation notes are made in the belief and with care that they are accurate, but due to the camping excursion being very much dependent on the natural environment, we cannot guarantee that it will take place as described. If we are unable to provide you with a full camping excursion due to medical emergency, weather and ice conditions, or any circumstance beyond our control, no refund of money paid will be made.

#### **Equipment and Safety**

To take part in the camping excursion you must be appropriately dressed. Details of the recommended clothing are listed in our attached "Preparation Notes Camping in Antarctica". You are reminded that in the Polar Regions, the weather conditions can change rapidly, with little or no warning. It is therefore important that you are adequately dressed for the worst possible conditions.

In the interests of your safety and comfort, and that of the other participants, it is very important that you must listen to, understand, and comply with all and any instructions given. Instructions will be given in English. If you do not understand any of the instructions, we reserve the right to refuse you participation based on safety concerns communicating during an emergency situation.

#### **Your Health**

You must declare: (1) when you book this camping excursion and (2) immediately prior to starting your camping excursions, any pre-existing medical condition or illness, or poor state of health. You should, before starting your expedition, visit a doctor for a personal medical examination to ensure that you are fully able to participate in the camping excursion, and we shall assume that you have done so. If you are recovering from or had recently any major illness or surgery, then by participating in the camping excursion, you may be placing yourself and others at risk. If so, we would strongly advise you not to take part. Participants will be ashore for approximately 10-12 hours in potentially adverse weather conditions. In an emergency, medical treatment and availability may be delayed by weather, ice conditions beyond our control. There is always a risk that time onshore could be extended as a result of circumstances beyond our control, passengers must have the health stamina to handle such a situation. The Expedition Leader onboard may refuse to allow a passenger to participate in this excursion if there are evident health concerns.



## **Waiver**

**\*Please note the Liability Waiver Form will be completed on board prior to your camping excursion.**

As you will be camping in cold and icy conditions, there will be the constant risk of personal injury. You must accept that element of risk. You will be required to have medical and travel insurance and to sign a separate Liability Waiver Form expressly assuming the risks associated with the camping excursion and releasing G Adventures Inc., The Expedition Shipping Company Limited, (and all other related, affiliated, associated or otherwise connected corporations, partnerships, individuals and other entities and all of their respective officers, directors, employees, contractors, agents, successors and assigned, from all liability (including but not limited to injury, loss or death) and waiving all claims. You will not be permitted to participate in the camping program unless you execute this form.

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